

Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of term I wanted to tell you how proud I am of all of the children. Back in September as we welcomed the children back to school after lockdown we wondered how they would settle back into school life - we needn't have.

They settled straight back into their new classes with their new teachers and they have already caught up on the learning they lost over the school closure period. There is more to do but I know with their excellent attitude to learning they will continue to make good progress. They really are a credit to you and your family.

I would also like to thank all of the adults working in school who have adapted to the changes we have had to make to routines and structures in order to provide a stimulating but safe environment for the children. They have worked extremely hard and will hopefully get a well earned rest over the holiday period.

I also have some staff news to share with you, two long serving members of staff are retiring. Mrs Owen who has worked at the school since she was 18 years old! She has seen so many children and families come through the school and has provided care, nurture and academic support to so many children and families. Mrs Keogh who has worked at the school for over 23 years! Her skill and determination to ensure the children at Billesley receive the best education possible is unwavering. She has been key in driving the success of the school and has supported many children, parents and staff over the years. We will miss them both greatly - I wish they would stay! I am sure you will join me in wishing them the best of luck in this new stage of their lives.

Best wishes  
Karl Rogerson



**INSPIRE** our children to succeed

**CREATE** excitement for learning

**ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE**

### RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2021

Parents/Carers who have a child who was born between

**1 September 2016** and **31 August 2017** need to make an application for their child to start Reception Class in **September 2021** by no later than **15 January 2021**. The quickest and easiest way to make an

application is online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

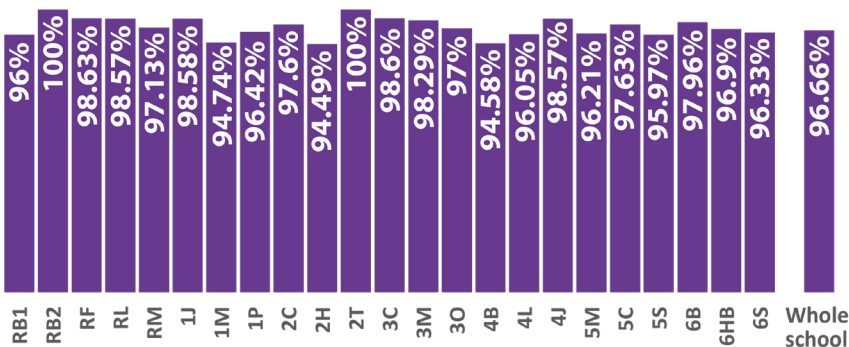
or by contacting  
0121 303 1888

Please note applications should be sent directly to the Admissions Office and NOT to school.

On Monday 14th December 2020 at 4:30pm, year 4 will be holding an online parent workshop to share information about the upcoming Multiplication Tables Check. This is a government statutory test that will take place before the end of year 4. Please reply to the invite with your preferred attendance.

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance W.C. 30 NOVEMBER 2020



#### TERM DATES

BREAK UP	RETURN TO SCHOOL
FRIDAY 18 DEC	TUESDAY 5 JAN
FRIDAY 12 FEB	MONDAY 22 FEB
THURSDAY 1 APR	TUESDAY 20 APR
FRIDAY 28 MAY	MONDAY 7 JUNE
WEDNESDAY 21 JULY	

PLEASE NOTE:	
MONDAY 4 JAN 2021 SCHOOL CLOSED	TEACHER TRAINING DAY
MONDAY 19 APR 2021 SCHOOL CLOSED	TEACHER TRAINING DAY

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## Christmas Events 2020

Here is a list of key dates and events, so that you can either take part (if applicable) or talk to your children about all of the exciting things that are taking place in school during the Christmas period. If you have any questions, please speak with your class teacher.

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 2nd December		<b>EYFS parent webinar</b> <b>Miss Maddocks 9.30</b> <b>Miss Lippett 1.30</b> <b>Mr Fortey 4.45</b> Parents, we will send you a text inviting you to the online event on Tuesday 1st December.
Monday 7th December	9.15 - 9.45	<b>3C Class Assembly</b> 3C parents, we will send you out a text inviting you to the online event
Wednesday 9th December	7:45 - 10:15	<b>Toy Sale for parents - in carpark</b> In the case of bad weather, we will send you a text and reschedule for 10th or 11th December
Thursday 10th December	11:30 - 2:00	<b>Christmas Dinner for children</b> Unfortunately, parents are unable to attend this year. YN - Y2 and 3C 10th December. An order form has been sent. Please complete if you wish your children to have a Christmas dinner
Friday 11th December	11:30 - 2:00	<b>Christmas Dinner for children</b> Unfortunately, parents are unable to attend this year. 3M, 3O and Y4 - Y6 An order form has been sent. Please complete if you wish your children to have a Christmas dinner.
Friday 11th December	All day	<b>Christmas Jumper day</b> Please send in a £1 donation for The Red Tree Fund. You may send cash or pay on parentpay.
Monday 14th December	4:30 pm	<b>Times table webinar for Y4 parents</b> Y4 parents, we will text you an online invite 11.12.20
Monday 14th December	All week	<b>Children will make Christmas cards and calendars</b>
Monday 14th December	All week	<b>Book week</b> Children will enjoy Christmas poems and take part in a range of challenges
Monday 14th December	9:15 - 9:45	<b>Reception Nativity</b> Parents, we will send you a text on 11th December

		inviting you to the online event
Tuesday 15th December	2.00 - 2.15	<b>Reception Nativity - online performance</b> Parents, we will send you a text on 14th December inviting you to the online event
Wednesday 16th December	10.30 - 10.45 1.30 - 1.45	<b>Y1 carols - online performance</b> Parents, we will send you a text on 15th December inviting you to the online event.
Thursday 17th December	9:15 - 10:00	<b>Star of the term</b> EYFS - Y6 Parents, if your child is chosen as Star of the Term you will receive a text on Tuesday 15th inviting you to the online event.
Friday 18th December	9:15 - 10.15	<b>Online Christmas celebration</b> Unfortunately, parents are unable to attend this year.
Friday 18th December	After 10.30	<b>Christmas class parties</b> <u>School will provide food, please do not send food in with your children</u> Children can come to school in their party clothes
Friday 18th December	11:45: N RF 1J 1M 1P RB 11:50: RL RM 2C 2H 3O 3M 11:55: 6H 6B 6S 5S 12:00: 4L 4J 4B 12:05: 5M 5C 2T 3C	<b>School finishes for the Christmas Break</b> Please ensure you collect your children on time.

Children return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021



# STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason	Reader of the week
RF	<b>Aminah J</b>	Aminah is a sensible and kind young lady. he eludes compassion offering her peers help whenever needed. She is confident in everything she attempts and is always 100% successful in her endeavours, producing amazing high quality work. Keep it up!	<b>Ethan M</b>
RL	<b>Eliza H</b>	Eliza is our star of the week for impressing her teachers with a fantastic piece of writing. She has been working extremely hard on remembering to include all the key features of a sentence in her writing. Well done Eliza, keep up the good work!	<b>Dante W</b>
RM	<b>Manav L G</b>	We are so lucky to have Manav in our class. Manav is always making me and Miss Rice smile as he always tries his best. He is making great progress in all areas of learning but I am especially proud of his progress in phonics. Manav, you are awesome!	<b>Kian H</b>
1J	<b>Maia-Diana G</b>	Maia has been trying really hard in lessons. She has attempted to complete all activities and has applied her knowledge to her independent work. Keep it up!	<b>Emmanuel W</b>
1M	<b>Gesyca A B</b>	Gesyca is a superstar because she has been working really hard in phonics. She now knows all of her phase 2 sounds and is even beginning to blend words! Keep up the hard work Gesyca, well done!	<b>Joanna X</b>
1P	<b>Lenny-Junior B</b>	LJ has had a transformation! He is focussed and engaged all day, and has been working so hard his peers are really proud of the work he is producing. Keep it up, LJ!	<b>Eden R</b>
2T	<b>Hussain B</b>	Hussain has worked really hard this term to improve his handwriting and spellings. He practises these skills every morning when he gets into school and also practises on spelling shed when he gets home. Well done Hussain for working so hard to get 10/10 every week !	<b>Destiny-Mai P</b>
2H	<b>Archie T</b>	Archie, what a star! Archie is my star of the week because he tries his best in every single lesson. Archie has particularly impressed me when completing his blue book narrative. He used capital letters, full stops, adjectives and conjunctions. Archie has also been trying really hard to complete his homework this week. Well done Archie, I am so proud of you!	<b>Rayyan A</b>
2C	<b>Sara-Delia G</b>	Delia has had a fantastic week and has shown an increasingly positive attitude towards her learning. She has really enjoyed her phonics lessons this week and has tried hard to join in and have a go at her writing. Well done!	<b>Kashaf K</b>
3C	<b>Layla G</b>	Layla is a star. She has made me laugh and smile a lot this week with her fantastic stories. She stood up confidently in our class assembly to say her line and to sing beautifully! She has been very engaged during her Maths and Reading lessons and is trying her very best. Keep working hard Layla! I am so proud of you!	<b>Syed M Y</b>
3O	<b>Daniel J M</b>	Josua has been an absolute 3O super star this week. He has been engaged in all of his lessons and has been an excellent role model to others by showing how he can sit sensibly and listen in the classroom. He has also impressed me with his kindness towards others. I am so proud of of you Josua!	<b>Zain S</b>
3M	<b>Aminah K</b>	Wow Aminah! You have had a fabulous few days. You have been polite and given some amazing, insightful answers in our lessons. Keep up the great learning.	<b>Ellie C</b>
4J	<b>Umarah A-A</b>	Umarah is like a mythical butterfly! She started Billesley as a quiet young lady, who was really keen to be apart of 4J. Over the last few months she is beginning to develop into such a confident young lady, full of wonderful ideas and just pure kindness!	<b>Zareen S</b>
4B	<b>Charlie M-B</b>	Charlie has been impressing all the teachers in year 4 recently with his improved behaviour. He is learning to control his emotions and is trying harder in lessons. It is lovely to see Charlie, keep it up!	<b>Catherine O</b>
4L	<b>Mohammed S A</b>	Saif works hard in so many lessons and this hard work is beginning to pay off. He is becoming more confident and happily talks about the work that he is completing. Keep it up Saif.	<b>Mehreen R</b>
5C	<b>Declan S</b>	Declan has had his business brain switched on this week and explained to the class how his very own restaurant would impact the community in a positive way. This is just one example of how Declan has shown confidence and maturity throughout this term and we are extremely proud of him. Keep it up.	<b>Umair M</b>
5S	<b>Fayza J</b>	Fayza works hard in everything she does. She is polite, impeccably well behaved and a really good friend to the others in the class. I am lucky to be Fayza's teacher as she is such a great role model. Keep up the great work.	<b>Aizah A</b>
5M	<b>Hadey J</b>	Hadey is a quiet, hard working boy, but recently he has also begun sharing his brilliant ideas and answering questions. That's great - keep it up Hadey!	<b>Yu-Han Y</b>
6HB	<b>Issabela-Florentina L</b>	We have chosen Issa as our Star of the week because she always works hard and shows her excellent manners throughout the day. She is always looking to challenge herself and improve her work, especially in her writing. Keep it us Issa because we are sure that you will go far!	<b>Daniel L</b>
6B	<b>Mutahera A</b>	Mutahera has produced some amazing writing this half term and has a consistently positive attitude to her work. She also makes me laugh! Thank you for being amazing Mutahera!	<b>Fatmh A-S</b>
6S	<b>Isabella L-P</b>	Isabella is a star every week but this week especially as she has been working extremely hard at home too! She has been using google classroom at home to enhance her learning and keep working on her group project all about Africa! Well done Isabella, you are showing great dedication to your learning!	<b>Mehrunisa A</b>
RB	<b>Taha B</b>	Taha has had such a determined and relaxed attitude to assessments this half term. This has seen him not only be incredibly successful but also remain calm and healthy - a winning combination!	<b>Stanley U</b>

# WHAT AN INCREDIBLE TERM OF GEOGRAPHY!

Year 2 have been exploring the World as Global Citizens. They have learned about the 7 different continents and some of the amazing physical features you would find there. Each week they have used their geography skills to draw maps and give directions using compass points. Alongside this, they have discovered some of the environmental disasters which are happening in these places and thought of different ways we can all help to solve them!

Year 4 had an exciting virtual journey to the Greek islands, learning about what life is like for the people that live there and the impact of the economy on people's lives.

Year 5 have explored closer to home, following on from the Industrial Revolution and finding out all about modern day Birmingham. They have mapped the local area, explored Digbeth using Google Street View and completed a high street survey in Kings Heath without leaving the classroom. The final part of their unit is celebrating the Birmingham Balti and the contribution to our city from the Bagladeshi community using the work of Bhav from the Rep and local artist Mohammed Ali and his exhibition Knight's of the Raj.

Can't wait for next term...



# LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

It's that magical time of the year where Reception dust off their jazz hands and prepare to wow our parents and the school with our theatrical talents. Together we have laughed and cried while throwing everything we have into our rendition of 'The Nativity Story'. We have been working exceptionally hard to learn new songs, some epic dance choreography and many bits of narration whilst also following the stage directions! The Reception staff could not be any prouder of all our reception children for taking on such an epic challenge, which is a testament to their resilience, courage and determination and has shown how far they have grown since September. Well done Reception!



# YEAR 2 CURRICULUM

Our lessons have been jammed packed with exciting new topics and activities this term. In art we have been exploring wallpaper design and printing. We have tried printing with plasticine by making a mould and have even used cardboard to create our own stamps to print with. Take a look at some of our work! In science we have just begun learning about living things. For our first lesson on this topic, we made our way outside to look for some living things. It was tricky but we saw some birds flying in the sky and some of us spotted wiggly worms in the soil. It was very muddy and fun!



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# THIS TERM IN YEAR 6

This term Year 6 have been learning all about the amazing continent of Africa in geography! When we started the topic we quickly realised that we held a few misconceptions about Africa - this means we had some wrong ideas! Some of us thought all of Africa was hot while others thought there were no large cities! How wrong we were! In the last few weeks, we have created a book aimed at teaching other children (and adults too) what Africa is really about! Did you know it rains in Africa? Did you know most of the world's diamonds come from Africa? Did you know there are 54 countries in Africa? If you find yourself answering no, you may want to grab a copy of our 'Understanding Amazing Africa' book. We promise you will learn a lot!


Africa is NOT hot all the time

**Landscape**

Mount Kilimanjaro is in Africa and mountains are usually cold.

Savannahs and grasslands cover 50 percent so it's not all savannah or grasslands.

Morocco is the furthest country away from the equator. Victoria Falls is in Africa.




**Climate**

In the northern hemisphere, weather is generally determined to the 4 seasons (spring summer autumn winter). The year is also divided into rainy and sunny seasons.

**FALSE**

Here are some giraffes in the snow



Mehrunisa, Adam, Musa, Jeena



## KINDNESS CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2020



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	<b>1</b> Share the Kindness Calendar with others and spread kindness	<b>2</b> Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	<b>3</b> Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	<b>4</b> Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	<b>5</b> Make a gift for someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	<b>6</b> Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about
<b>7</b> Leave a positive message for someone else to find	<b>8</b> Do something helpful for a friend or family member	<b>9</b> Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	<b>10</b> Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	<b>11</b> Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	<b>12</b> Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	<b>13</b> See how many different people you can smile at today
<b>14</b> Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	<b>15</b> Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day	<b>16</b> Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	<b>17</b> Practice gratitude. List the kind things others have done for you	<b>18</b> Give away something that you have been holding on to	<b>19</b> Buy locally and support independent shops near you	<b>20</b> Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated
<b>21</b> Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	<b>22</b> Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	<b>23</b> Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	<b>24</b> Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	<b>25</b> Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	<b>26</b> Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	<b>27</b> Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat
<b>28</b> Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	<b>29</b> Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	<b>30</b> Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	<b>31</b> Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2021	<b>Let's look beyond our differences and help each other. Every act of kindness matters</b> 		

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**

#DoGoodDecember

[www.actionforhappiness.org](http://www.actionforhappiness.org)

Learn more about this month's theme at [www.actionforhappiness.org/do-good-december](http://www.actionforhappiness.org/do-good-december)

Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

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## Strike9T Wildcats Girls Football Centres from the FA

To inspire girls aged between  
5 - 11 to be involved in  
football.

S9T Wildcats Girls Football  
Centres provide girls with  
regular opportunities to play  
football and participate in  
organised sessions in a fun and  
engaging environment.

Sessions will be based at:  
**Moseley School Sports Centre**  
Returns from Saturday 12th  
September 2020



Just £10 per month

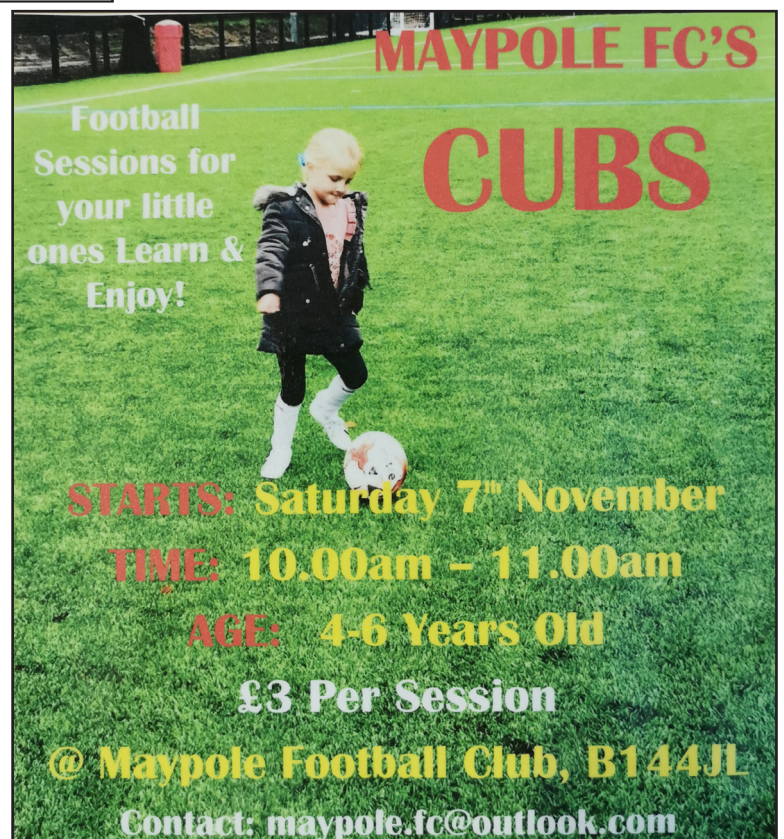
Saturdays @Moseley School  
Sports Centre  
10am- 11am  
Springfield Road B13 9NP

Reserve a place, email us at:  
[Info@strike9training.co.uk](mailto:Info@strike9training.co.uk)



## COMMUNITY FOOD BOX FRIDAY 8.30-10am @ The House

For further details ask Sarah Butler

**MAYPOLE FC'S  
CUBS**

Football  
Sessions for  
your little  
ones Learn &  
Enjoy!

**STARTS: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November**  
**TIME: 10.00am – 11.00am**  
**AGE: 4-6 Years Old**  
**£3 Per Session**  
**@ Maypole Football Club, B144JL**  
**Contact: [maypole.fc@outlook.com](mailto:maypole.fc@outlook.com)**



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## Food On Our Doorstep

### Good-quality food at a low price

Family Action has launched Food On Our Doorstep (FOOD) clubs in Birmingham to provide families with good-quality food at a low cost, while also reducing food waste.

It costs just £1 a year for your family to become a member. Once you've joined, you can purchase a bag of tasty food items every week worth approx. £15 for just £3.50!

To become a member you must live or work within 15 minutes of the club.

## Where and when

- Malachi, Billesley Ark, 725 Yardley Wood Road, Billesley, Birmingham, B13 0PT
- Time  
Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.30am  
Wednesdays 9.30am to 11.30am

## Find out more

To find out more, please email [birminghamfoodclubs@family-action.org.uk](mailto:birminghamfoodclubs@family-action.org.uk)



[www.family-action.org.uk](http://www.family-action.org.uk)

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# From Birmingham with Love



We've all been through a tough time with Covid-19 and lockdown. For many families it doesn't get easier during the summer holidays, which is why we're here to help. Here are some of our partners' most used services and support, which might make life a little bit easier...



1. **Online parenting course.** We've pre-paid for every parent in Birmingham to access a [parenting course](#). Just enter the access code "COMMUNITY" at the top of the page to claim. There are courses for parents, carers and grandparents of children from bump to 19. Learn about how your child develops, and get tips to manage their behaviour.



2. **Mental health support.** In these difficult times we have to look after our mental health. For young people aged 11-25 there are forums, guides and counselling available at [Kooth](#). If your child 0-25 needs support, get in touch with Pause by calling 0207 841 4470 or [email](#). Adults can get support from [MIND](#) by calling 0121 262 3555. Or for urgent help call [Forward Thinking Birmingham](#) on 0300 300 0099.



3. **Financial help.** If you've lost your job, or are struggling for food or rent there are services that can help. [Local welfare provision](#) can make a big difference if you are in a crisis and need food, fuel or basic white goods. [Discretionary Housing Payments](#) may be able to help with rent. And there are [food banks](#) across Birmingham that are here to help.



4. **Domestic abuse.** For women and children affected by domestic abuse please see [guidance](#) or confidentially contact [Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid](#). For Men, please contact [Respect](#).



5. **Problems with drugs or alcohol.** A new, discrete app called Staying Free is available on Android or Apple. Use the code "birmingham11" for pre-paid access. To speak to someone call [Change Grow Live](#).



6. **Bereavement support.** It's a terrible time to lose a loved one — you can get help by calling 0121 687 8010 or from [Cruse](#).



7. **Early help for families.** If anyone in your family needs more help, from public services or community groups, then please contact our [voluntary sector local leads](#). We have ten areas which can connect you to support across the city.

If you are worried about a child, please call Birmingham's Children's Advice and Support Service on 0121 303 1888. In an emergency, including child abuse, contact the Police on 999. You can also [chat](#) to the Police.