

### A message from Mrs Keogh

It is with great sadness and some excitement that I am writing to you to say good-bye. After 23 fantastic years, it is incredibly difficult to leave Billesley, but the time has come to embark on new adventures - to spend more time with my family, to learn new skills and travel to new places.

Thank you, to you all, for making my time here so enjoyable.

I am proud to have been Vice Principal at Billesley and to have been part of a team that has worked relentlessly to provide your children with the best possible education. I am proud of the inclusive ethos of the school and the determination and perseverance that the staff and children show on a daily basis. I am proud of many and varied activities and opportunities the children experience and all the things everyone has achieved. Billesley really is an incredible school at the heart of the community.

Your children are genuinely happy, caring young people, who constantly amaze me with their dedication to their learning, their ideas, their hard work and the ways they look after each other. They are welcoming and are always ready to share their news or explain their learning. It is a joy to say they always brighten my day. I am proud of them all.

Billesley will always have a place in my heart. I can honestly say I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working here. It has been a huge part of my life and I will take away many, many happy memories. Memories of children I have taught, staff I have worked with and families I have got to know. One very special memory is the enthusiasm you, your children and the staff have shown towards raising money for the RED TREE FUND. The money raised has and will continue to benefit all the children; thank you for your generosity. Other memories and highlights are many - I fear if I start listing them now, I will never stop. It has been a real pleasure!

Billesley will continue to go from strength to strength - it is full of wonderful, dedicated people, who will continue to work unceasingly to ensure your children leave Billesley with the knowledge and skills they need to be active, responsible citizens and happy, caring adults in the future.

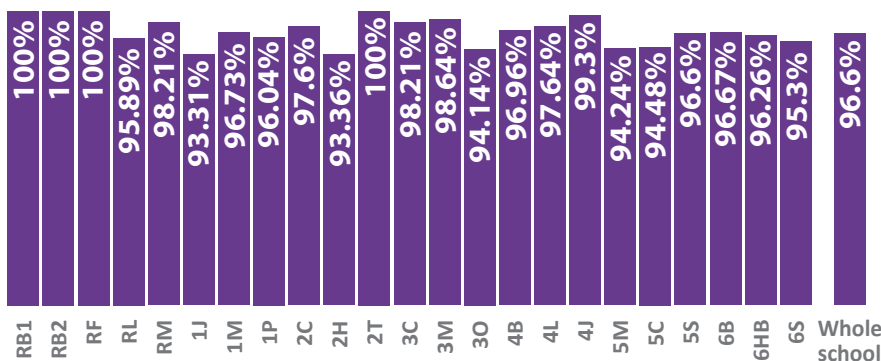
It is impossible to leave such a marvelous school without expressing my gratitude to you all and my sadness for all I am leaving behind. It has been an honour and a privilege to be part of the Billesley team.

2021 promises to be an exciting year, full of possibilities. Have a good christmas break and don't waste a minute of the year ahead.

Liz Keogh

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance W.C. 7 DECEMBER 2020



"Children love to learn. The learning environment is inspiring and relationships between staff and children are exceptionally positive" - OFSTED MAY 2019

**INSPIRE** our children to succeed

**CREATE** excitement for learning

**ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have now reached the end of term and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support.

The systems and procedures implemented to mitigate the risks of COVID 19 have worked smoothly and we are pleased to say we have had very few class closures. Your help with this has been invaluable.

It has been an amazing term. The children have worked extremely hard, their attitudes to learning have been excellent and attendance has been good. Thank you for all your help in supporting your child's learning. You should be extremely proud of your children and all they have achieved.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy and healthy time over the Christmas holiday. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Karl Rogerson

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

# STARS OF THE TERM

NUR	Imogen H	3M	Danayt A
RB	Eesa M	3O	Rayyan H
RF	Adelei C	4B	Izabela B
RL	Neave S	4L	Aaeid A
RM	Bobby-Bleu W	4J	Zareen S
1J	Aarohi P	5M	Umair B
1M	Isaac M	5C	Deen H
1P	Eden R	5S	Alesha K
2C	Slman M	6B	Andreas D
2H	Ella-May B	6HB	Drake R
2T	Mohammed M	6S	Rueben S
3C	Inaaya H		

***Wishing you all a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year  
from everyone at Billesley***

**See you all on  
Tuesday 5 January 2021**

## 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

If you require a food box and have not completed a google form please let Mrs Butler know. The food box is to support our families who need a little help so please state why you need it.

Food box is available to collect  
**Monday 28th December at 12.30**  
from the House.

Email: [s.butler@billesleyschool.co.uk](mailto:s.butler@billesleyschool.co.uk)




**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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# Birmingham

## 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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Family Action Registered as a Charity in the Isle of Man no: 1206.

# 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.