



## EASTER HALF TERM FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

We will be emailing the Free School Meal Voucher for the Easter Period on the 26th March. If you don't receive your voucher on this date please contact the School Reception Office.  
*Thank you.*

## EASTER EGG COMPETITION

### NURSERY - YEAR 6

Children must use hard boiled eggs which they can decorate or make into a character and make into a scene. Entries can be brought into school from Monday 29 March (not before).

All entries must be in by **Wednesday 31 March at 3.20pm.**

**1st and 2nd PRIZES FOR EACH CLASS**  
**A small prize for everyone who enters**



**INSPIRE** our children to succeed

**CREATE** excitement for learning

**ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE**

## BREAKFAST CLUB AND PLAYCARE

If you require a place please book via <https://forms.gle/dK4ybuw4oxDQ6W18A>

We are asking parents to book a term in advance for both Breakfast Club and Playcare and not just turn up on the day. If last minute care is needed please call us and we will support you as best we can. These measures are now in place in order to keep Covid 19 secure and keep all pupils, families and staff safe in our Breakfast and Afterschool care.

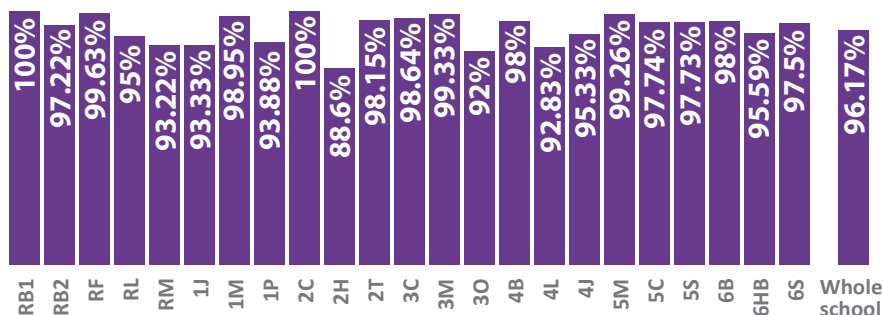
If you have any questions or queries about fees or having difficulty in making payments, please make an appointment to see Mrs Campbell ( School Business Manager).

Full terms and conditions can be found in the form.

## ATTENDANCE

NO DAYS LOST	10 DAYS LOST	19 DAYS LOST	29 DAYS LOST <small>THE SAME AS HALF A TERM!</small>	38 DAYS LOST	47 DAYS LOST
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
190 days of education	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
<b>GOOD</b> Best chance of success - get your child off to a flying start	<b>WORRYING</b> Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to progress.		<b>SERIOUS CONCERN</b> <b>COURT ACTION AND FINES</b>		

Attendance W.C. 15 MARCH 2021



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# STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason	Reader of the week
RF	<b>George K</b>	George has an infectious positive attitude towards his learning, he gives everything 100% and will persevere until he has become successful! Keep up the amazing work!	<b>Georgie K</b>
RL	<b>Dante W</b>	Dante has been a superstar this week! He impressed his teachers by utilising his phonics knowledge to aid his writing. He was able to independently write a postcard about his dream holiday. Keep up the great work Dante.	<b>Oscar C</b>
RM	<b>Nevaeh C</b>	Nevaeh has been a shining star this week. She is always so polite, helpful and kind to both her teachers and peers. During P4C this week Nevaeh offered some really interesting thoughts and ideas about the concept of 'fairness' and carefully listened to her peers' thoughts and opinions too. We are so proud of you, well done!	<b>Emmie M</b>
1J	<b>Ibrahim F</b>	Ibrahim started Billesley two weeks ago. He has settled into 1J in really well and is beginning to show us his potential. He is trying really hard to learn his phonics sounds in English and blend words together.	<b>Maryam A</b>
1M	<b>Samriti M</b>	Samriti only joined Billesley Primary School last week, but she has settled excellently! She is a confident and happy member of 1M, who has already shown Miss Morrow and Miss Rafter how hardworking she is. Keep it up Samriti, you are a star!	<b>Manas S</b>
1P	<b>Sulayman A</b>	Sulayman has been exceptionally impressive this week! He has worked extremely hard on all of his tests - making sure he does his best. Sulayman seems to have grown up a lot and speaks politely and respectfully to everyone. What a star!	<b>Rehan A</b>
2T	<b>Asir Y</b>	Asir's enthusiasm for learning and sharing knowledge is outstanding. He always has something new to teach us in 2T! Asir's love for reading also helps him to build up an incredible memory of facts! If you ever need to know something, Asir will probably have the answer! Well done Asir!	<b>Mohammed B</b>
2H	<b>Maleka E</b>	Maleka has had a fantastic week! She comes into school with a fantastic attitude every morning. Maleka tries extremely hard in all subjects, both in school and at home. She always goes above and beyond to complete all homework set. Maleka has also impressed us this week with her brilliant ideas in our oral rehearsal lesson. Well done Maleka. We are so proud of you!	<b>Archie T</b>
2C	<b>Qaim D K</b>	Qaim Din is an absolute superstar in 2C! Every day he comes to school full of enthusiasm. He shows a real keenness to learn and tries his best in every single lesson. Qaim Din is a lovely friend to all of 2C and always shows compassion and kindness towards his peers. Thank you for being such a lovely classmate Qaim Din!	<b>Juwairiyah A</b>
3C	<b>Esey A</b>	Esey has had a fantastic week! Esey has demonstrated his polite manners this week and has been arriving at school with a big smile on his face - often running through the door! Esey - I am so happy to see you working hard. Keep going!	<b>Millie-Rose T</b>
3O	<b>Eylul U</b>	Eylul has settled back into school amazingly and has thrown herself fully into everything we have been doing. I am so happy to have her in my class! Well done Eylul.	<b>Sahej K C</b>
3M	<b>Nadin M</b>	Nadin has been in school every day and has been very keen to share her knowledge and to ask questions. I am very impressed by how enthusiastic she is, particularly in our reading and topic lessons. Keep it up Nadin, we love hearing what you have to say!	<b>Maryam F-Y</b>
4J	<b>Charlie B</b>	We are so proud of Charlie this week, there has been a huge shift in his focus and attitude to his learning. His contributions have really enhanced class discussions and he is already very committed to his role as "book corner monitor" and doing a fantastic job. Well done Charlie, we love having you in 4J!	<b>Maria A</b>
4B	<b>Summer E</b>	I chose Summer this week for having such a positive attitude towards her assessments. Yes, she worked hard and really impressed me with her scores but it was her attitude that I loved the most. In fact, when I told her we had no more, she was a little sad! Well done Summer.	<b>Eman A</b>
4L	<b>Isla B</b>	What an amazing young lady Isla is. The progress she is making is amazing and this is due to her outstanding attitude. Keep working hard Isla and you will achieve all of your dreams.	<b>Mohammad M</b>
5C	<b>Shania S</b>	Shania has come back to 5C this half term and has put all of her effort and talent into her writing. She has proved that she is capable of anything she puts her mind to. Well done Shania!	<b>Anum R</b>
5S	<b>Adam K</b>	I am mega impressed with how much effort Adam has made this week with his writing and reading. He is motivated and listening well in lessons. Please keep this up!	<b>Ali-Akbar N</b>
5M	<b>Ethan S</b>	Ethan is a positive member of the class, and brings a smile to my face every day when he cheerfully says 'Good morning'. He is always enthusiastic about learning, and demonstrates resilience with tricky tasks. What a great attitude Ethan, keep it up.	<b>Amina A J</b>
6HB	<b>Shaima A</b>	Shaima has impressed me so much since coming back to school. I am so happy with the progress she is making, both in lessons and on the playground with other children. She is really growing in maturity and in turn is showing how focussed she is and how much she wants to learn! I am so impressed with Shaima and I know her future is going to be extremely bright.	<b>Tooba A</b>
6B	<b>Anna G</b>	Anna's writing this half term has been absolutely brilliant! Her letter of complaint is written in the perfect tone and I love reading her writing each day! She is also a knowledgeable and enthusiastic member of the class in science and history. Well done Anna - you are a real Billesley star!	<b>Tenson Z</b>
6S	<b>Ahmed S</b>	Ahmed has really impressed me since his return to school especially in writing. He has been working really hard to further improve his work by asking questions and responding positively to feedback. Keep up the hard work Ahmed; it is really beginning to show!	<b>Adam M</b>
RB	<b>Stanley U</b>	Stanley is our super star this week because of his amazing independent writing. He has written fantastic instructions on how to make spaghetti hoops on toast. How yummy!	<b>Kane H</b>

# SCIENCE AT BILLESLEY

We are so pleased to have all the children back in school because it means we get to do hands on science! At Billesley we love becoming scientists!

Year 3 have been rock detectives and experimenting with rocks. We tested rocks for hardness and also whether they were permeable or impermeable. Permeable means the water soaked into the rocks!

Year 4 went on an invertebrate hunt and used all their new knowledge to identify strange insects around the school grounds!

Year 5 are learning all about animal life cycles. This week they have been learning about the human life cycle.

Year 6 made blood! They are learning all about the human body and what our blood contains. They have had fun making a replica of our blood adding the different types of blood cells.



# YEAR 5

Year 5 have settled back into school so well that they want to tell you what we have been doing! Umair thinks it is lovely to be back at school because we get to see all of our friends and teachers. Hadey thinks Year 5 has been fun especially when we told jokes for Red Nose Day last week.

*"I like being in Year 5 because we get to make more choices than we did in Year 4, for example we can choose how to record our learning sometimes, like in reading we can draw to summarise what we have read"* Libby. We have enjoyed our maths lessons too, and it's great to be back with our friends - Tattiana. Lucy agrees, *"I have enjoyed being back at school because I have not seen my friends for a long time and now I feel better as I can talk to my friends."* Since Kavishnan has been back in school he has been excited to see his teachers and to learn facts easier than home learning. Sama wants Mrs Boardley to teach more PE because last week was an exciting lesson with lots of teamwork.

That is just a sample of the excellence from the amazing children we have in Year 5. We are very lucky teachers.



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# COMPUTING

As well as weaving technology into all of our lessons where appropriate, we also deliver weekly Computing lessons at Billesley where we cover strands of the curriculum including coding, online safety and digital literacy.

Here are some of the topics children will be learning this term:

- Year 1 - Digital Painting
- Year 2 - Robot Algorithms
- Year 3 - Animation
- Year 4 - The Internet
- Year 5 - Databases
- Year 6 - Creating Web Pages & Spreadsheets



# LEARNING AT HOME

- Teach computing at home with everyday objects - [Digital School House](#)
- Learn to code - [Code.org](#)
- Animation Online - [ABCya](#)

In EYFS all types of remote control and electronic toy are a great starting point for developing their early understanding of Computing.



## ACTION CALENDAR: MINDFUL MARCH 2021



### MONDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture & smell of your food

15 Stop, breathe and just notice. Repeat regularly during the day

22 Walk a different route today and see what you notice

29 Notice what is working today and be thankful that this is so

### TUESDAY

2 Notice five things that are beautiful in the world outside

9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

23 Tune in to your feelings, without judging or trying to change

30 Mentally scan down your body and notice what it is feeling

### WEDNESDAY

3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

17 Look around and spot 3 things you find unusual or pleasant

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

31 Notice the joy to be found in the simple things of life

### THURSDAY

4 Notice how you speak to yourself. Try to use kind words

11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

18 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

### FRIDAY

5 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

26 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

### SATURDAY

6 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

13 Pause to just watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

20 Celebrate the International Day of Happiness [dayofhappiness.net](http://dayofhappiness.net)

27 Have a device-free day and enjoy the space it offers

### SUNDAY

7 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that need doing

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

28 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

"Mindfulness means that we commit fully in each moment to be present" - Jon Kabat-Zinn



## ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



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

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

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**RED NOSE DAY**

**FUNNY IS POWER**  
**FRIDAY 19 MARCH**



A big thank you to our children, staff and families for a fantastic comic relief afternoon. We raised a whopping **£474**



**Thank you from the BPS TEAM**



# 7 TOP TIPS TO SUPPORT READING AT HOME

**Thursday  
1 April  
10am &  
5pm**

If you join our webinar, your child will receive a new and exciting book!



Mr Tyler, Miss Triance and Miss Lippett will be discussing:

- exciting and proven strategies to bring reading to life in your homes!
- top tips to support your child in becoming an excellent reader!
- inspiring ways to help your child become a lifelong reader!

Featuring:



Mr Tyler



Miss Triance



Miss Lippett

**BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE**



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Menu available weeks  
19/04 - 03/05 - 17/05 - 07/06  
21/06 05/07 - 19/07

## Billesley Primary - Week One

For now and with best hygiene practice in mind all food items will be served by & under the supervision of our catering staff.



Menu starts Monday 19th April	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Course</b>	<i>NEW</i> Italian Herb Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Halal Chicken Tikka Masala with Naan Bread	Pork Sausage with Creamy Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	<i>NEW</i> Tuna Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread	<i>NEW</i> Cod Stars & Chipped Potatoes
<b>Veggie Main</b>	Assorted Veggie Pizza Slices (V)	Quorn Curry with Naan (V)	Veggie Sausage with Creamy Mashed Potatoes & Gravy (V)	<i>NEW</i> Tomato & Basil Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread (V)	<i>NEW</i> Cheese Pasty (V)
<b>Vegetables</b>	Pommes Noisettes Sweetcorn Garden Peas	Vegetable Rice Potato Wedges	Green Beans Broccoli	Mixed Vegetables	Garden Peas Baked Beans
<b>Desserts</b>	<i>NEW</i> Homemade White Chocolate Cookies	Mousse & Yoghurt	<i>NEW</i> Chocolate Concrete	Homemade Sponge Cake	<i>NEW</i> Doughnuts
<b>Lighter Bites</b>	Jacket Potato with a choice of various fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of various fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of various fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of various fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of various fillings

**Daily**  
Fresh Bread  
Yoghurts  
Fresh Fruit  
Fruit Yoghurt  
Cheese & Crackers  
Mixed Salad

Speak to Lorrie our **AMAZING** chef about our fantastic **NEW** dishes.

**Dietary & Allergies**  
Please speak to a member of the catering staff if you have any special dietary or allergy requirements



Here at Billesley Primary, where possible, our menu items are homemade from locally sourced ingredients.



Menu available weeks  
26/04 - 10/05 - 24/05 - 14/06  
28/06 - 12/07

## Billesley Primary - Week Two

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Course</b>	<i>NEW</i> Halal Minted Minted Lamb Burger on a Steamed Bun	Halal Chinese Chicken Curry	<i>NEW</i> Halal Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Beef Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread	<i>NEW</i> Battered Fish & Chipped Potatoes
<b>Veggie Main</b>	<i>NEW</i> Veggie Burgers on a Steamed Bun (V)	Quorn Chinese Chicken Curry (V)	Quorn Fillet Roast with Stuffing (V)	Quorn Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread (V)	<i>NEW</i> Vegetable Fingers (V)
<b>Vegetables</b>	Herby Diced Potato Sweetcorn Coleslaw	Steamed Rice Sweetcorn Peas	Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Roast Potatoes Vegetarian Gravy (V)	Broccoli Green Beans	Garden Peas or Baked Beans
<b>Desserts</b>	<i>NEW</i> Homemade Chocolate Chip Cookies	Fruit Jelly	<i>NEW</i> Chocolate Hedgehogs	<i>NEW</i> Homemade White Chocolate Chip Shortcake	Assorted Ice-Cream Tubs
<b>Lighter Bites</b>	Jacket Potato with a choice of various fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of various fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of various fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of various fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of various fillings

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## THE BIG DIFFERENCE SCHEME

- You could receive up to 90% off the average Severn Trent water bill through the Big Difference Scheme
- Eligibility for the scheme is based on all household income (excluding housing entitlements, Disability Living Allowance, Personal independence Payments and Attendance Allowance)
- If you are eligible for income based free school meals it's likely that you will qualify for the Big Difference Scheme

### HOW TO APPLY:



APPLY ONLINE AT  
[WWW.BIGDIFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.BIGDIFF.CO.UK)



COMPLETE THE ONLINE  
APPLICATION FORM



SUBMIT YOUR  
APPLICATION

The Big Difference Scheme is funded by Severn Trent Water, which offers significantly reduced water charges to some households on a low income.

Apply now: [www.bigdiff.co.uk](http://www.bigdiff.co.uk)

