



Newsletter 18

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of another unique term I wanted to thank you again for the support you have given to your child and the school over the past 3 months.

The announcement of another period of school closure was surprising if not unexpected at the time. As you know this meant the vast majority of our children spent 8 weeks learning remotely from home. I would like to thank all of the school staff for their hard work (particularly over this period) and you for the time you spent working with your child. In total we loaned 145 laptops to support pupils with their learning!

We have just carried out a range of assessments and we are pleased with how the children have performed. Obviously there are areas of the curriculum and learning that have been affected by the school closure but we can see how remote learning, with your support, has enabled the children to continue learning. Working with your child at home is vital in supporting their progress so please continue to support them.

I hope you have a lovely break over the holiday and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 20th April.

Thank you

Mr K Rogerson
Principal



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>

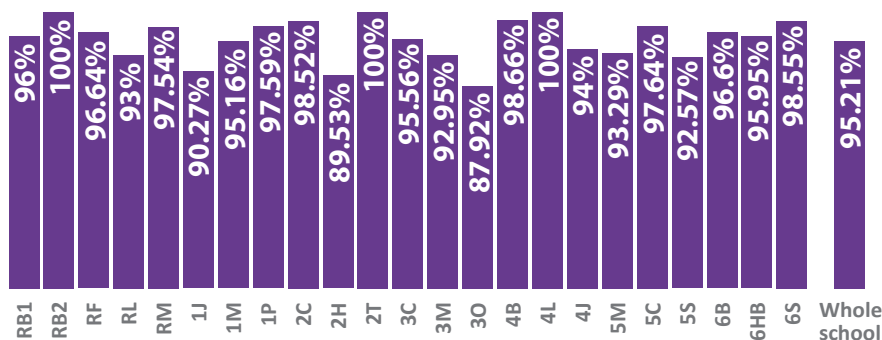
We are asking parents to book a term in advance for both Breakfast Club and Playcare and not just turn up on the day. If last minute care is needed please call us and we will support you as best we can. These measures are now in place in order to keep Covid 19 secure and keep all pupils, families and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

Attendance W.C. 22 MARCH 2021



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TERM DATES

BREAK UP	RETURN TO SCHOOL
THURSDAY 1 APR	TUESDAY 20 APR
FRIDAY 28 MAY	MONDAY 7 JUNE
WEDNESDAY 21 JULY	MONDAY 6 SEPT





STARS OF THE TERM

Class	Name	Reason
NUR	Travis C	I am so proud of Travis for all his hardwork this term, especially with his enthusiastic approach to home learning. He returned to school with great confidence and has settled straight back into life at school. Travis is kind, caring and a role model for others. He has shown an extremely positive attitude in group times but also continues this in independent time. Travis is now writing addition number sentences and has also persevered and mastered cursive letter formation. Well done Travis!
RF	Diega H	Diega has made me extremely proud since returning this term. Every day she comes in with a magnificent smile and a keen attitude to experience as much as she can to progress her learning and independence. She has grown in confidence and is attempting to use this new found confidence within the environment and her learning. As well as this, she has a lovely caring nature and is attempting to expand her friendship group with her peers. She is a real pleasure to have in RF and brightens up our day! Well done Diega you SUPERSTAR!
RL	Parwin M	Parwin has made amazing progress this term in all areas of learning and always gives 100% effort when completing activities in the learning environment. When starting at Billesley, Parwin had a quiet nature. However, she has now grown in confidence and is willing to offer answers during taught sessions. Parwin is a kind and thoughtful peer and is always willing to help both peers and her teachers. Keep up the great work Parwin!
RM	Lohit N	We are so pleased to award Lohit with star of the term. Billesley is so lucky to have Lohit! Lohit is kind, caring and hardworking. He also has impeccable manners and he greets Miss Rice and I everyday with a big smile. Lohit is a fantastic role model to all of the other pupils in RM, he is a real pleasure to teach and we are so lucky to have him in our class. Lohit, you truly deserve this award. Well done!
1J	Lujeen A	Lujeen is a fantastic member of 1J. She is a role model for behaviour and manners to her peers and is always following instructions before they are even given. Lujeen works extremely hard in everything she does even if she is finding it difficult. She has made amazing progress in her phonics and writing in Year 1. We are all very proud of her. Keep it up Lujeen!
1M	Rawan J	Rawan makes everyone in 1M proud every single day! She works incredibly hard in everything she does, and this has allowed her to make outstanding progress this term. She is a joy to have in the classroom. Rawan always has a smile on her face and is a great friend to everyone. Thank you for being a superstar Rawan!
1P	Khizar K	Khizar is an absolute joy to have in 1P! He always shows a kind and respectful attitude to everyone in our class and understands that good choices make himself and others happy. While Khizar was learning at home, he completed every assignment to the best of his ability and made all of us smile (even though his lunch selections were a little bit unusual!). We are so very happy to see you back in our classroom Khizar - your smile and caring nature makes 1P a happy place. Thank you.
2C	Jaxson J	Jaxson has had an incredible half term and has made all of his teachers very proud! He has come to school everyday with a huge smile on his face and a positive attitude towards his learning. Jaxson has thought carefully about his behaviour and has consistently made good choices during lessons and playtimes while showing care and kindness to all of his friends. Well done Jaxson, you are a superstar!
2H	Hashim H	Hashim has made me extremely proud this term! He has made fantastic progress across all subjects and has developed a love for writing. Hashim is always kind, helpful and polite! He is a real pleasure to have in 2H and is a great friend to everyone. Thank you for being so amazing Hashim! Keep up the fantastic work!
2T	Aaeysa A	If you are looking for a star then look no further than Aaeysa. This term she has been a shining example of a fantastic friend and role model to her peers in year 2. She is polite and kind and always shows respect to everyone around her. Aaeysa is also very independent and loves taking part in all elements of learning in the classroom which makes me extremely proud. Well done Aaeysa, you are amazing!
3C	Hira R	What can I say about Hira? She is just incredible. She runs into school every morning with a big smile on her face and greets me so politely. Hira is enthusiastic in every lesson and always impresses us with her willingness to learn and to improve. This was evident during remote learning when Hira engaged with all of her online work and attended Class Meets every single day- even sharing some fantastic jokes with us! Hira, it is an absolute pleasure to have you in my class. It would not be the same without you and I believe any teacher who has had the privilege of teaching you will agree! Keep being a star Hira.
3M	Elena P	Elena is an absolute delight to have in 3M. She is kind to others, tries her hardest and always arrives in school with a positive attitude. She puts maximum effort into her work and asks questions when she doesn't understand. This helps her keep learning all the time, including when we were off school. She worked incredibly hard on Google Classroom and completed extra homework too. We love that Elena is helpful and polite to every adult and tries to include a variety of children in her games at break time. Thank you for helping 3M be a lovely place to be Elena!
3O	Zain S	Zain is just a star in every sense of the word. He puts 110% effort into everything he does, whether that is writing, science or PE. Zain has returned to school from our lockdown period with renewed confidence and a lovely sense of humour! He makes Miss Trinder and I laugh every day. Zain is a kind friend to others and is popular with his peers. He is helpful and keen in the classroom too. Well done Zain, we feel very lucky to have you with us in 3O!
4B	Avneet B	Avneet is a true super star and has really started coming out of her shell. I love when Avneet puts her hands up and shares her ideas because they are always brilliant! I also think she has a great taste in movies which we often chat about at playtime! Thank you for always working hard, being a good friend and turning up every day with a smiley face. Keep it up!
4L	Cian S	I have been so proud of the attitude that Cian has shown to his learning during this very unusual time. He is so keen and enthusiastic and loves to share his ideas with all of the children and adults in the class. During lockdown, he worked so hard every single day and this effort has really paid off during our assessment week. Keep up this hard work Cian.
4J	Jacob N S	I have loved getting to know Jacob this term. His thoughtful, gentle and caring nature alongside his beautiful manners make him a model student and a real asset to 4J. His perseverance and focus is admirable and he has shown an outstanding commitment to his learning both online and in the classroom. Well done Jacob, keep being you, you're amazing!
5M	Sama R A	Sama is a delightful member of our class and I am so proud of her. She is mature, sensible and a good role model to others. She always applies 100% effort into all of her work in every lesson and makes valuable contributions - all with a smile and a giggle! Keep it up Sama - you're a star.
5C	Zohra A	I am extremely proud of Zohra for her start back to school this half term. She's really challenged herself to find her voice and as a result she now confidently talks with her classmates and enthusiastically contributes her ideas to class discussions. Thank you for challenging yourself Zohra. I've thoroughly enjoyed listening to what you have to say and watching you come into school with a smile on your face each and every day.
5S	Ayman A-H	Ayman was a complete superstar on Google Classroom. He completed all his assignments with enthusiasm and motivation; using teacher feedback to constantly improve his work. He has also returned to school this term with the same attitude. Ayman is a delight to have in the class and I am proud to be his teacher.
6B	Alisha B	Alisha is an absolute star and I just can't imagine 6B without her! Not only is she a conscientious and hard working young woman, but she also has a cheeky sense of humour and an infectious giggle. She was an absolute star in lockdown school with Miss Sadley and I am proud to be her teacher. Alisha, thank you for being you!
6HB	Daniel L	Daniel's attitude towards learning and school in general has impressed me immensely this term! He is always willing to lean and take onboard feedback to further his learning. As well as this, he is showing real maturity in the classroom and on the playground- which makes him an amazing role model to others in 6H. Keep it up Daniel because you are making me, and all the other staff in year 6, super proud of your attitude!
6S	Savannah C	Savannah has been a superstar throughout this whole term including during lockdown. Despite some technical difficulties, she persevered and completed her work to the best of her ability and it clearly shows in her performance in class too! Not only does Savannah work hard in the subjects she loves (writing!) but she also puts 100% in when she finds things a little more challenging. As a result, I have seen excellent progress across all subjects. Thank you for always working hard, making us smile and brightening up our class. I am very proud of you.
RB	Xavier F L	Xavier has been an absolute star during home learning and the return to school. He has made amazing progress in reading, writing and maths and we are very proud to see how confidently and independently he is approaching his learning. Xavier is a fabulous role model, always setting an example for his friends and has even taken on the role of playleader with RB1. We enjoy seeing Xavier's creativity in everything he does and are so very proud of him. Keep believing in yourself Xavier!

PE AT BILLESLEY

PE at Billesley has flourished since coming back from the most recent lockdown. Both children and staff have shown enthusiasm and enjoyment to be involved again in some meaningful and much needed physical activity and education. The topics taught are Gymnastics in Reception and year 4, Dance in years 1, 2 and 3, Outdoor Adventurous Activities in year 5, Tag games and Invasion in year 6 and Gross Motor skills in RB. We are excited about the summer term, the PE team have lots planned to provide more opportunities for the children to further explore physical education and activity



On Monday 29th March Shozair from the Warwickshire Cricket Board came in to provide the opportunity for a day's Cricket to our Year 1 and 2 classes. He delivered a 45 minute session to all 6 classes throughout the day and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The sessions were fun and fast paced and required the children to use personal skills such as teamwork and cooperation, plus lots of other physical skills like coordination, balance and speed.



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GAINING INDEPENDENCE TO LEARN

In Reception we empower our children to gain and use their independence, both in relation to their actions and their thinking. Your children may think it's all play play play, but what they do not realise is that everything they experience has a carefully thought outcome to help progress their learning.

Their confidence grows through opportunities to try new things in a safe and supportive environment with lots of positive reinforcement for their success and strategies to support any failures they may have along the way. Our children are very resourceful and very resilient, and when left to their own devices or given opportunities to be independent they do often surprise us.



EASTER FUN IN YEAR 4

This week, year 4 have participated into some fun Easter themed activities including making and tasting some food! We enjoyed looking into each other's cultures, finding out about different religious celebrations and even comparing to Viking times as part of our history unit. We think this contributes to us being global citizens because we have immersed ourselves into other cultures and thought about similarities and differences.



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Can you please make sure school has up to date addresses, phone numbers and contact details for your child. If you are unsure please check with the Reception Office where we will be happy to check for you. It is essential the school has up to date information.

PLAYCARE, BREAKFAST CLUB & SCHOOL MEALS

Please ensure you make payment in **ADVANCE**. Please clear any balances outstanding using Parentpay.

Thank you

To support our response to COVID 19 please remember to:

- Wear a face covering on the school site
- Adhere to social distancing guidelines
- Follow the one-way system

Thank you

REMINDER

Any children not collected by 3.30pm will be taken to After School Club. You will be charged £4 for child care.

Thank you.

Active April 2021

MONDAY



5 Eat healthy and natural food today and drink lots of water

12 Set yourself an exercise goal or sign up to an activity challenge

19 Have a 'no screens' night and take time to recharge yourself

26 Try a new online exercise, activity or dance class

TUESDAY



6 Turn a regular activity into a playful game today

13 Move as much as possible, even if you're stuck inside

20 Spend less time sitting today. Get up and move more often

27 Take an extra break in your day and walk outside for 15 minutes

WEDNESDAY



7 Do a body-scan meditation and really notice how your body feels

14 Make sleep a priority and go to bed in good time

21 Focus on 'eating a rainbow' of multi-coloured vegetables today

28 Find a fun exercise to do while waiting for the kettle to boil

THURSDAY

1 Commit to being more active this month, starting today

8 Get natural light early in the day. Dim the lights in the evening

15 Relax your body & mind with yoga, tai chi or meditation

22 Regularly pause to stretch and breathe during the day

29 Meet a friend outside for a walk and a chat

FRIDAY

2 Listen to your body and be grateful for what it can do

9 Give your body a boost by laughing or making someone laugh

16 Get active by singing today (even if you think you can't sing!)

23 Enjoy moving to your favourite music. Really go for it

30 Become an activist for a cause you really believe in

SATURDAY

3 Spend as much time as possible outdoors today

10 Turn your housework or chores into a fun form of exercise

17 Go exploring around your local area and notice new things

24 Go out and do an errand for a loved one or neighbour

SUNDAY

4 Have a day free from TV or screens and get moving instead

11 Be active outside. Dig up weeds or plant some seeds

18 Make time to run, swim, dance, cycle or stretch today

25 Get active in nature. Feed the birds or go wildlife-spotting



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



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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
Main Course	NEW Italian Herb Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Halal Chicken Tikka Masala with Naan Bread	Pork Sausage with Creamy Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	NEW Chicken Wraps	NEW Cod Stars & Chipped Potatoes
Veggie Main	Tomato & Basil Pasta (V)	Vegetable Samosa (V)	Veggie Sausage with Creamy Mashed Potatoes & Gravy (V)	NEW Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread (V)	NEW Cheese Pasty (V)
Vegetables	Pommes Noisettes Sweetcorn Garden Peas	Vegetable Rice Potato Wedges	Green Beans Broccoli	Criss Crossed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables	Garden Peas Baked Beans
Desserts	NEW Homemade White Chocolate Cookies	Mousse & Yoghurt	NEW Chocolate Concrete	Homemade Sponge Cake	NEW Doughnuts
Lighter Bites	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



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

Billesley Primary - Week Two

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Menu starts Monday 19th April	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	NEW Halal Minted Minted Lamb Burger on a Steamed Bun	Halal Chinese Chicken Curry	NEW Halal Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Pork Sausage Rolls	NEW Battered Fish & Chipped Potatoes
Veggie Main	NEW Homemade Cheese Flan (V)	Veggie Burgers with Hash Brown Nuggets (V)	Quorn Fillet Roast with Stuffing (V)	Quorn Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread (V)	NEW Vegetable Fingers (V)
Vegetables	Herby Diced Potato Sweetcorn Coleslaw	Steamed Rice Sweetcorn Peas	Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Roast Potatoes Vegetarian Gravy (V)	Potatoes Pommes Garden Peas	Garden Peas or Baked Beans
Desserts	NEW Homemade Chocolate Chip Cookies	Fruit Jelly	NEW Chocolate Hedgehogs	NEW Homemade White Chocolate Chip Shortcake	Assorted Ice-Cream Tubs
Lighter Bites	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 Birmingham Local Offer website

The Birmingham Local Offer website is now launched. It includes information about the wide range of services that are available to support all areas of a child's life (0-25 years) especially those with a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND). This includes support with education, physical and mental health, social care, leisure activities and moving towards independence and adulthood.

What is the Local Offer?

Every Local Authority in England has a duty to provide children and young people, (0-25 years) with support if they have Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities - this is known as the **Local Offer**. Every Local Authority has to publish what support is available on a website: this is called the [Local Offer Website](#).

This Local Offer website gives information about the support that the local authority expects to be available across education, health and social care. The information on the website is clear and easy to find. It says who a particular service is for, how to apply, and how decisions are made about who gets that service.

The information you should be able to find on a Local Offer Website includes:

- Sources of support, advice and information for children, young people and families including support groups and forums.
- Special educational, health and social care provision for children and young people with SEN or disabilities
- Arrangements to identify and assess children and young people with SEN, including how an assessment can be requested.
- Other educational provision, for example leisure activities, sports or arts provision,
- Information about provision to assist in preparing children and young people for adulthood including post-16 education and training provision
- Arrangements for travel to and from schools, post-16 institutions and early years providers
- Childcare, including suitable provision for disabled children and those with SEND
- Support available to young people in higher education, particularly the Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) and the process and timescales for making an application for DSA
- Arrangements for resolving disagreements and for mediation, and details about making complaints

In Birmingham, we have been updating our Local Offer website to make the information in it clearer and easier to find. We have done this with the help of the Birmingham Parent Carer Forum and the Youth Forum, but this is just the start.

We really want to keep adding to the information on the Local Offer Website in order to make it the one stop shop for young people and their families. To do this we need your views and ideas.

Please visit our new site www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk and give us your feedback using the feedback form on the site.

CHRIST CHURCH YARDLEY WOOD

Due to Covid19 lockdown at the end of last year sadly our Free 'Go Ride' programme was sadly cancelled. We are able to bring back sessions over Easter half term:

We will be holding our Basic Cycle Skills sessions, these sessions aimed for children/adults who are not confident riders or still using stabilizers and need to support.

We are also offering fortnightly Sunday afternoons 1.30-2.30pm LEARN TO RIDE - LEVEL 1 commencing 11th April the sessions will be our Improver Practice for children/adults who can ride but need a little more confidence.

Join us for our services on Facebook: 'Christ Church Yardley Wood' OR via our Youtube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEEL20H3FBETLsXiepA1IkA/videos>

Christ Church Yardley Wood
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Yardley Wood

Birmingham
B14 4EP

COMMUNITY FOOD BOX

Monday 12th April

11.30-13:00

@ The House

[Please sign the form](#) and collect from the house.



MAYPOLE FC'S
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Football
Sessions for
your little
ones Learn &
Enjoy!

STARTS: Saturday 7th November
TIME: 10.00am – 11.00am
AGE: 4-6 Years Old
£3 Per Session
@ Maypole Football Club, B144JL
Contact: maypole.fc@outlook.com

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO PAY YOUR WATER CHARGES?

If you are a Severn Trent Water customer and require assistance, apply for help today via:

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



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



Free Money Advice Services

These are difficult times financially for many individuals and families.

- Do you need advice on your entitlement to welfare benefit?
- Do you have debts & need help managing your money?

If so, please do not hesitate to seek help, advice and support from accredited organisations acting on behalf of Birmingham City Council.

Confidential advice is available over the telephone from qualified advisors and without any charge whatsoever to Birmingham residents.

Please call the advice provider for the constituency or area nearest to where you live:-



“How can I help YOU?”

North Birmingham:

Sutton, Erdington, Shard End

Spitfire Advice Services; Tel: 0121 747 5932

South Birmingham:

Edgbaston, Selly Oak, Northfield

Citizens Advice Birmingham; Tel: 0344 477 1010

East Birmingham:

Hodge Hill, Yardley, Hall Green

Citizens Advice Birmingham; Tel: 0344 477 1010

West & Central Birmingham:

Ladywood & Perry Barr

Birmingham Settlement Tel: 0121 250 0765

Alternatively, contact Birmingham City Council's Contact Centre for a range of advice (welfare benefits, council tax, housing & more) on 0121 216 3030.

DON'T WAIT FOR A SMALL PROBLEM TO BECOME A BIG ONE - CALL TODAY. *

* (Most advice providers operate between 10am & 4pm Monday to Friday and, at times, extend advice services beyond those core hours.)

