



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.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 3 MAY SCHOOL CLOSED

Polling Day is Thursday 6 May and the school will be OPEN.

All Clubs are CLOSED on the 6 May - see the office if any questions.

 **INSPIRE** our children to succeed

 **CREATE** excitement for learning

 **ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE**



EXCITING ALERT!

Over the next few weeks your children will be given the opportunity to complete The Big Ask questionnaire. This is a national survey for young people that has been created by The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza.

This is the largest ever survey held with children! The survey asks children what they think is important for their future and what is holding young people back. The Children's Commissioner will use what children tell her to show the Government what they think and what they need to live happier lives. [Read more](#)

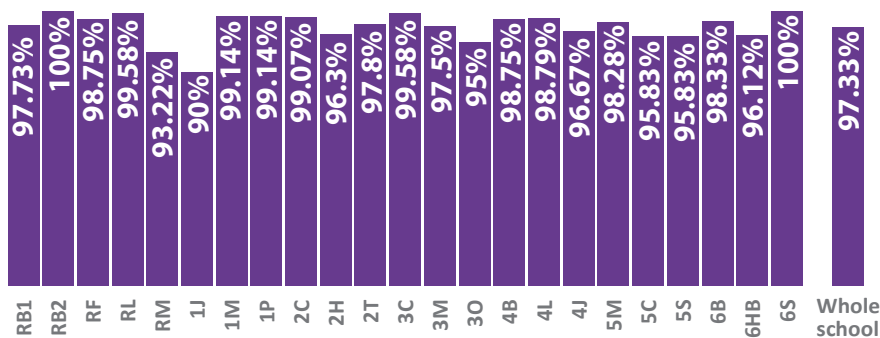
It's an exciting opportunity to help us think big and a chance for every child in England to have their voice heard.

[Click here to watch video about The Big Ask](#)

ATTENDANCE

NO DAYS LOST	10 DAYS LOST	19 DAYS LOST	29 DAYS LOST THE SAME AS HALF A TERM!	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
GOOD Best chance of success - get your child off to a flying start	WORRYING Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to progress.		SERIOUS CONCERN COURT ACTION AND FINES		

Attendance W.C. 19 APRIL 2021



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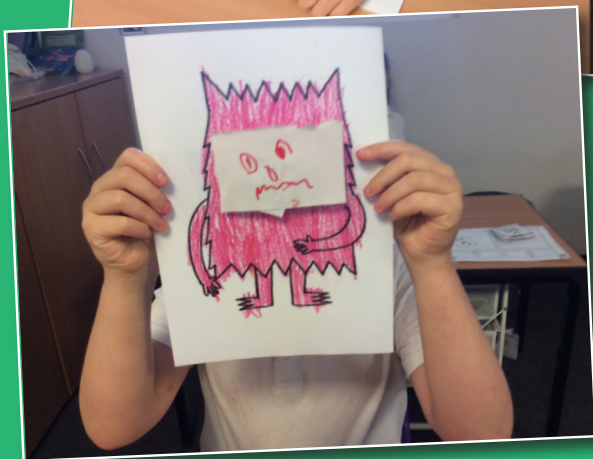
STARS OF THE TERM

Class	Name	Reason	Mathematician of the week
RF	Khizar B	Khizar has settled into RF extremely well, he is a kind and conscientious young man - who gives everything 100% and never gives up! We are so pleased to have you in RF, you truly are a star!	Leo R
RL	Eliza H	Eliza has been trying super hard in all taught sessions this week, especially Literacy lessons. She has been using adjectives and phase 3 tricky words in her writing. Eliza has also demonstrated excellent maths skills when completing missing number activities in the learning environment. Keep up the good work, Eliza.	Reem S
RM	Umar A	Umar has been a real star this week. He has sensibly explored all areas of the learning environment and has encouraged his peers to work alongside him. Umar created a wonderful 'road' with his peers in the construction area and was able to articulate his thoughts and use his problem-solving skills when his ideas didn't always go to plan. Well done, Umar!	Aidan-Jay E
1J	Fizah H	Fizah has been working really hard during maths lessons this week. She perseveres when she finds something difficult and overcomes the challenge. Keep it up, Fizah!	Hala A H
1M	Haris S	Every day this week Haris has blown his teachers away with his hard-working attitude. Haris is applying all of his phonics knowledge in his English lessons, which is enabling him to make amazing progress in his reading and writing. We are so proud of you Haris, keep it up you superstar!	Amara H
1P	Rahmaa B	Rahmaa is just incredible! She always produces fantastic, high-quality work in all of her subjects, which is great. However, this week especially, Rahmaa has shown how caring and capable she is by offering to help other children in our class with their phonics. She consistently does the right thing, without having to be reminded. We think you are amazing, Rahmaa.	Lojain S
2T	Viraj S	Viraj is such a calm and thoughtful presence in 2T. He amazes me with his positive attitude and enthusiasm for each subject. Viraj, keep working hard and trying your best. You are amazing!	Asir Y
2H	Ayesha B F	"Ayesha, what a star! Ayesha has really impressed us this week in her writing lessons. She wrote a brilliant character description and included subordination and adverbs of manner. Ayesha has also tried extremely hard in her reciprocal reading lessons and read fluently with expression. Well done Ayesha. We are all proud of you!"	Darcie M
2C	Maryam F	Maryam has only recently started at Billesley however she has settled in brilliantly! She always listens carefully in lessons and tries her best in all that she does. Due to her hard work and excellent effort she has made superb progress in her phonics and writing. Keep working hard, Maryam!	Layth U
3C	Malika H	Malika is an incredible role model for others. She is always demonstrating fantastic listening skills and she is always ready to learn. Malika is always willing to learn from her mistakes and knows that they help us learn. She encourages her peers and makes others feel better every day! It is a pleasure to have Malika in my class and it would not be the same without her.	Ismaeel I
3O	Mya K	Mya is just a superstar in every sense of the word. The thing I really admire about her is her desire to improve and get better. She will plough through her work, aiming to get to the further challenges, particularly in maths. Mya takes on board any feedback given to her and immediately makes improvements to her work. With this excellent attitude, the only way is up! Well done, Mya!	Isaac P
3M	Ibraheem Y	Wow. Ibraheem has had such a good week. He has made many positive behaviour choices and is engaged in each of his subjects. I am very impressed and know that it will contribute to him making great progress! Well done Ibraheem.	Elva Y
4J	Hanna K	Both myself and Miss Spinks are thrilled to be giving Hanna star of the week this week. Hanna is a wonderful role model to her peers. She always tries her best in all subjects, has brilliant ideas that she is confident to share and has beautiful manners. Hanna, you are a delight to teach. We are so proud of you!	Mohammed H H
4B	Salomea B	Salomea is always a model pupil and always sets a very good example in 4B. She tries her absolute best in every lesson and always produces work to be proud of. Keep up your hard work, Salomea. You are making me very proud!	Ramisha K
4L	Mohammad M	I cannot say how proud I am of how hard Masab is working and of his attitude, both in the classroom and around the school. He is a real asset to 4L. I know that the children from the class appreciate all that he contributes to our lessons.	Mohammad K
5C	Isa M	Isa has really impressed me this week. He's worked extremely hard in all of his lessons by showing great focus. He has also impressed me by taking on the challenge to be more independent. Well done Isa keep this up!	Oliver S
5S	Shanzay M	Shanzay joined Billesley last term. She has fitted in so well over the last few weeks and made lots of friends. Shanzay always shows enthusiasm for tasks and shows confidence to join in with discussions. 5S are lucky to have her in our class.	Luqman A
5M	Leroy W	Leroy has impressed me this week with his mature and positive attitude. He is working very hard and being successful in his learning. Well done Leroy, I am so proud of you.	Aleena B
6HB	Ali A	Ali is always a star in 6H! He works hard all of the time and always tries his best, especially when faced with a challenge. He is also such a kind member of 6H, who always is willing to help others! Keep it up Ali, as I am confident that you will be super successful in life.	Mehreen Y
6B	Aun N	6B would be a quieter and much more boring place without Aun in it! He is interested in everything and wants to understand all of the things we learn. I know that this passion for knowledge will lead to him doing great things in the future! Well done, Aun!	Robert T-M
6S	Sidra E	Sidra has been working hard in all of her lessons this week. Miss Altaf and I are particularly impressed with her work ethic in maths which she is also continuing in the afternoons. Keep it up, Sidra.	Eisa M
RB	Pola N	Pola has done some amazing drawings this week and has even told us all about what she has drawn! Well done Pola, we are so proud of you for your fantastic communication.	Harry L

THIS TERM IN RB1

In RB1 this term we are focussing on learning all about our bodies and different emotions. We have been using the story of The Colour Monster as our inspiration to make some amazing moving monsters showing different feelings. So far we have made red monsters with pop out angry faces and happy, excited monsters with waving arms! They look fantastic!

As part of our science, we are learning about the human body and how to keep it healthy. We have really enjoyed trying different healthy toppings on our morning toast! Our favourite was definitely scrambled egg! Each week we created a different toast treat to eat and wrote a recipe for it.



THE REP AT BILLESLEY

The REP is back at Billesley and we couldn't be more excited!

We have begun working with our new drama practitioner Rob in Year 3 to help us challenge stereotypes and.... we had the BEST time! We completed lots of different drama games with the aim of discussing the key message - Everyone is unique, special and different no matter what they look like or where they come from. We can't wait to work with him again and explore new things each week.



YEAR 2 HAD A VISITOR!

Year 2 had a visitor this week. A mysterious creature was on the prowl in the Year 2 corridor. We found claw marks and colourful feathers all over our rooms. Once we had investigated we decided it must be a Gryphon! We looked at lots of pictures of these amazing beasts and then read the story 'If I Had a Gryphon'. We thought carefully about what a Gryphon would look, sound and smell like. We also thought about what a Gryphon might like to do and what we should do if we were to see one face to face! This inspired us to write some fantastic character descriptions of these creatures using lots of adjectives and adverbs of manner to add detail and description. I wonder what amazing animal might wander into our classrooms next week?



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Years 1 - 6

Scroll through to see what your child is learning this week

Click the blue links for helpful pages to discuss with your child at home

Next week we are learning about...

Writing	Writing a character description of a wolf.	<u>Discuss wolf from the three little pigs.</u>
Maths	Lots of 5s and 10s	<u>Count in 2s, 5s, 10s.</u>
Topic	Childhood through time - Looking at what games ancient greece.	<u>Play some games from greece.</u>
Science	Plants - What plants need to grow.	<u>Discuss what plants need.</u>
Other lessons	Computing - creating art on paint program.	<u>Can you create a picture?</u>

Homework:

[Mathletics:](#)

Counting by 2,5,10s

[Spelling shed:](#)

Phase 5 -ay

[Bug club:](#)

Read a book on book club

Next week we are learning about...

WritingCharacter Description: Our text [If I Had a Gryphon](#)**Maths**Telling the time (o'clock and half past): [How to tell the time](#)**Topic**Transport Through Time: [Travel and transport - KS1 History](#)**Science**Plants [Plants](#)**Other lessons**Computing: [Debugging programmes](#)
D&T: [Exploring parts of moving vehicles](#)**Homework:****[Mathletics:](#)**

Fractions of a collection.

[Spelling shed:](#)

List 30-The suffixes ful and less.

[Bug club:](#)

Read a book on book club

Next week we are learning about...

Writing

Adventure Stories - based on Anthony Browne's 'The Tunnel'- watch story [here](#)

Maths

[Properties of shapes](#)

3M: column addition/measure

Topic

Stone Age era: Housing. [Skara Brae](#)

Science

Planning an experiment exploring soil

Other lessons

ICT: refining and publishing animations

PSHE: What makes a family?

Homework:

[Mathletics:](#)

3C/30 shapes 3M place value

[Spelling shed:](#)

long /a/ sound, spelled ey OR
The // or /u/ sound spelt 'ei'

[Bug club:](#)

Read a book on book club

Next week we are learning about...

Writing

Writing a story based on the characters from Toy Story.

[Writing a story with a beginning, middle and end](#)

Maths

Telling the time.

[Introduction to telling time](#)

Topic

Features of a river.

[Rivers](#)

Science

Identify functions of teeth.

[What are the types of teeth?](#)

Homework:

[Mathletics:](#)

Choose an activity and complete.

[Spelling shed:](#)

Log on and complete your activities.

[Bug club:](#)

Read a book on book club

Next week we are learning about...

Writing

Apostrophes for possession in formal writing

[Apostrophes](#)**Maths**

Understanding percentages

[percentages](#)**Topic**

Geography - countries & continents

[continents](#)**Science**

Introducing Forces

[Forces](#)**Other lessons**

RE - Sikhism

[Sikhism](#)

Homework:

[Mathletics:](#)

Decimal to percentage

[Spelling shed:](#)

Complete this week's assignment

[Bug club:](#)

Read a book on Bug club

Next week we are learning about...

Writing

Historical diaries

[Writing a successful diary](#)

Maths

Conversion of units of measurement

[Length Conversion](#)

Topic

Suffragettes

[The Suffragettes Intro](#)

Science

Exercise and the heart

[How our circulatory system keeps us alive](#)

Other lessons

Computing - spreadsheets

[Spreadsheets](#)

[Mathletics:](#)

Complete assigned activities

[Spelling shed:](#)

Complete assigned activities

[Bug club:](#)

Read a book on book club

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.

Meaningful May 2021

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Make a list of what matters most to you and why	2 Do something kind for someone you really care about	3 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do	4 Take a step towards an important goal, however small	5 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together	6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful	7 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why
8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today	9 Notice the beauty in nature, even if you're stuck indoors	10 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today	11 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times	12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you	13 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder	14 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture
15 Do something to contribute to your local community	16 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger	17 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better	18 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful	19 Send a handwritten note to someone you care about	20 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful	21 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable
22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about	23 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost	24 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of	25 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today	26 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why	27 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful	28 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others
29 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight	30 Today do something to care for the natural world	31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS **Happier · Kinder · Together**

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West Midlands Parent /Carer Sessions (funded by Sport Birmingham)



Resources for Autism are excited to be running FREE Parent /Carer sessions.

Sessions will be online via Zoom.

A Zoom link will be sent out to you before the session commences.

Session 1: Play and Communication

When: Tuesday 18th May, 6pm - 8pm

- New ways of engaging and connecting with your child through play
- Strategies for helping your child communicate better with you and ways you can communicate better with them
- Understanding how sensory differences could impact play and communication
- Exploring practical tools that you can take away with you and use at home with your children to help improve areas of engagements and communication.

Session 2: Promoting Positive Behaviour through Physical Activity

When: Monday 24th May, 10.30am - 12.30pm

- Understanding behaviour
- Applying theoretical and practical strategies
- Remaining objective about behaviour
- Have a better understanding of communication
- Understanding positive and negative attention
- How different activities help regulate behaviour

Session 3: Managing Anxiety

When: Thursday 10th June, 1pm - 3pm

- Sharing experiences and learning new techniques.
- What is anxiety
- Trigger situations
- Anxiety responses
- Baseline, Window of Tolerance and Emotional Regulation
- Practical strategies
- Forward planning

If you are interested in joining, please email Laky Sahota on:
lakhvir@resourcesforautism.org.uk providing:

Your Name and email address

Session details (name and date of the sessions you wish to attend)

Places are limited to 20 people, so please book early!

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.)

