



15th October 2021

Attendance

Class	Attendance for the period 04-10-2021 to 08-10-2021 Target 97%	Has the class target been attained this week?
RA	93.58%	Not Attained
RB	98.66%	Attained
1A	98.00%	Attained
1S	96.00%	Not Attained
2K	90.00%	Not Attained
2Y	95.67%	Not Attained
3C	94.74%	Not Attained
3PF	87.01%	Not Attained
4A	98.71%	Attained
4SR	98.70%	Attained
5D	90.65%	Not Attained
5K	94.50%	Not Attained
5P	93.33%	Not Attained
6A	97.59%	Attained
6F	95.16%	Not Attained
Overall School	94.84%	Whole school target not attained!

Our attendance target is 97%

Please ensure you send your child to school.

Due to further easing of lockdown measures, sending your child to school is now a legal requirement. You will be fined if you do not send your child to school.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If your child is in Year 6, you will need to make sure you make an application for a secondary school place by 31st October 2021.

You can do this by going online at:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

If you would like any support in accessing and using the online application service, please come and see a member of the school office staff. We have held a number of workshops this month for parents who require assistance with the submission of their applications. **If you have missed these workshops but still require assistance, please come and see a member of the school office team by Friday 22nd October 2021.**

RECEPTION CLASS 2022 ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENTRY

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, they will be eligible to start our Reception class in September 2022. **This applies to all our current Nursery pupils.** However, the Reception admission arrangements mean that if your child is in our Nursery you do not automatically get a place for your child in this school next year for the Reception classes. You will need to apply online for a Reception place at the following site by **15 January 2022:**

<https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/>

If you require help with filling in your online admission form, we will be holding a series of workshops in school on: Tuesday 8th Nov at 9.00am, Thursday 10th Nov at 2.30pm, Tuesday 15th Nov at 9.00am and Thursday 17th Nov at 2.30pm.

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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to everyone who contributed towards Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised a grand total of £663.05 for cancer research. Well done everyone!!

HARVEST COLLECTION

We are still collecting items for our annual harvest collection for families in need. If you would like to contribute any tinned/packaged food items or toiletries towards this initiative, please can you bring the items to the school office. We have set up a table in the conservatory and we will accept contributions until the end of this month.

All items will be distributed to those less fortunate over the next few weeks.



PARENTS COFFEE MORNING

Our next Coffee Morning for Parents will be held by Mrs Khan (Parent Support Advisor) on Friday 5th November at 9.00am. We will have a guest speaker from BEEAS (Adult Education Support). All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

LOST PROPERTY

Please can we urge all parents to come and check the 'lost property box' in the main office conservatory if your child has lost an item of school clothing, as we have a large number of uniform items that we seem to have amassed over the last few weeks. The majority of items are unlabelled—we would recommend you label your child's clothing using a permanent marker or with the iron-on labels you can buy.

Dates for your diary 2021-22

Friday 22nd October:	Pupils break up for half-term
Mon 25th Oct to Fri 29th Oct:	Autumn Half-Term Holiday
Monday 1st November:	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 17th December:	Pupils break up for Christmas Holidays
Mon 21st Dec to Mon 3 Jan:	Christmas holidays
Tuesday 4th January:	Start of Spring term 2022





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MONITORING CHILDREN'S ONLINE ACTIVITY (INCLUDING WATCHING CONTENT ON YOU-TUBE & NETFLIX)

We have noticed that a number of our infant and junior children have been commenting on and discussing some of the content of a recent Netflix series. The series is rated 15; however it would appear that some of the pupils in school appear to have viewed the programme. We would urge all parents and carers to monitor their children's viewing habits and ensure that they are not watching inappropriate content. The series has a '15 rating' due to the fact that there is extremely violent subject matter in the series that is unsuitable for young people. We would advise all parents and carers to also monitor their children's online activity to ensure they are not accessing sites that are unsuitable for their age—parental controls on online devices are one way of ensuring your child only has access to materials appropriate for their age. If you would like help with setting up parental controls on your devices, please come to the school office and we will get our ICT manager to support you with this.

AFTER SCHOOL COLLECTION CLUB—'SCHOOLS OUT'

We have had a few enquiries about regular after school provision for children whose parents who are working and thus struggle with the collection of their child at 3.30pm. A number of our pupils are collected by a representative from an after school club called 'Schools Out'. The club is based in St. Clare's Catholic Primary School which is accessible via Charles Road. The club offers activities such as arts and crafts, sports and cooking and the children also receive a light snack. If you are interested in further information regarding this provision and the cost, please contact Dorothy Dixon on 07788 831874.

'Schools Out' is a private enterprise and not part of Westminster Primary School.

PUMPKIN COMPETITION

We are still accepting entries for the pumpkin decorating competition. All you have to do is decorate your pumpkin to make it look like their teacher or practitioner! Entries can be drawn on paper or using an actual pumpkin. All you need to do is send in a picture of the decorated pumpkin to your class teacher. It is 50p to enter and all money raised goes towards ADHD awareness. The closing date for the competition is 20th October 2021.

