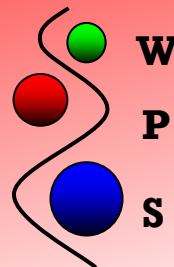


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## Attendance

Class	Attendance for the period 28-11-2022 to 02-12-2022 Target 97%	Has the class target been attained this week?
RA	92.50%	Not Attained
RB	88.33%	Not Attained
1A	91.67%	Not Attained
1M	98.33%	Attained
2K	90.83%	Not Attained
2Y	87.50%	Not Attained
3A	98.33%	Attained
3B	92.52%	Not Attained
4FS	95.16%	Not Attained
4S	87.92%	Not Attained
5D	94.58%	Not Attained
5P	91.94%	Not Attained
6A	95.97%	Not Attained
6F	93.15%	Not Attained
Overall School	92.77%	Whole school target not attained!

Our attendance target is 97%

Please can we remind parents that any leave requests during term-time will be denied. Time taken during school term time may result in fines administered by the Council and may result in court action.

## Reception Class 2023 Admission

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, they will be eligible to start our Reception class in September 2023. 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 **15th January 2023**:

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

If you require help with filling in your online admission form, please contact a member of the school office staff.

## End of Year Parties

Children will be having their end of year Christmas parties on **Thursday 15th December** in the afternoon. On that day children can come to school in their party clothes. Due to the extremely cold weather, please ensure your children are dressed up warmly and are wearing sensible shoes with socks.

Regarding party food, children can bring in packaged items which are clearly labelled with ingredients. We cannot accept home cooked food due to health and safety reasons.

## Attendance winners

A big 'Well done!' to the following pupils who won a £10 Asda voucher in the excellent attendance draw for November.

Our winners were: Mohammed-deq Absuge in 1M and Sahil Hussain in 3B.

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## Sports tournaments

Last week a number of our Junior pupils took part in two football tournaments—the Aston Primary Schools Football & Sports Association and the Power League.

The boys and the girls teams both reached the semi-finals of the Aston tournament after coming first in their group stage games. Both teams played really well and gave their best efforts. Well done to both teams!

The Power League tournament is a new competition and will be running over the next few weeks. It will give our children a much needed opportunity to compete against other schools and hopefully help improve their football skills.

## Parent Courses and information

There are a number of courses for parents starting in January 2023. Please see below for dates:

Course	Start date	Time
8 week diabetes course	10-01-2023	1.15—3.00pm
Creative Art (cooking, cake art)	10-01-2023	9.15—11.15 am
Women's Fitness (Saheli Hub)	11-01-2023	1.30—2.30 pm
Digital ICT Computing	12-01-2023	9.00—11.00 am
Wellbeing (knitting, crotchet)	13-01-2023	9.30—11.30am

For adults in receipt of benefits, there is the opportunity to access free English classes. Level 1 ESOL classes organised by BAES will run every Wednesday and Thursday from 9.00—10.30am in January 2023. If interested, please see Mrs Khan. Or if you prefer, you can call 0121 716 6206 to register.

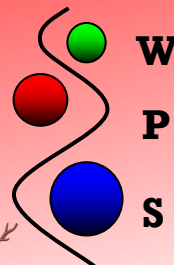
**We will also be holding a Shelter Advice surgery on Monday 16th January from 9.00—12.00am. This will take the format of one-to-one sessions for anyone experiencing housing difficulties.**

The next coffee morning session for parents is on **Friday 6th January 2023** at 9.00am in the community room,



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## Christmas Jumper Day

If you would like your child to take part in Christmas Jumper Day, we will be holding this on Friday 16th December 2022. We are asking for a donation of £1 which will be sent to the 'Save the Children' charity which works with children all over the world to provide education, food and medicine.

## Lost Property

Over the last few weeks, we have accumulated a lot of 'lost property' items. These can be found in a box in the conservatory outside the main school office.

Please can we request that parents/carers come and check the items if their child has lost or misplaced an item of school clothing. We have hats, coats, blazers, bags, water bottles as well as other items which have been found outside in the playground and inside the school building and which have been handed in to the school office.

Uncollected items will be sent to charity at the end of this term.

Please make sure that your children's uniform items are clearly labelled with their full name.

## Leavers and Starters

We will be saying a sad farewell to Miss Arif who will be leaving our Reception setting at the end of this term. We wish her the very best for the future and would like to thank her for all her hard work over the last few years. We will be welcoming Mrs Begum who will be joining our Reception team and teaching RA in the New Year.

## Dates for your diary: 2022–23

Fri 16th Dec:

Break up for Christmas holidays

Mon 20th Dec—Mon 2nd Jan:

Christmas holidays

Tues 3rd Jan:

Start of Spring term – school open for pupils

Fri 17th Feb:

Staff training day

Mon 20th Feb—Fri 24th Feb:

Spring half term holiday

Mon 27th Feb:

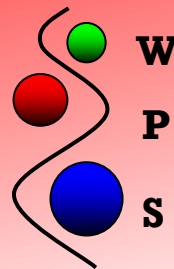
School open for pupils

Fri 31st Mar:

Break up for Easter holidays

Mon 17th Apr:

Start of Summer term—school open for pupils



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## Important information for Parents

### Scarlet Fever and Strep A infections

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reporting an increased number of cases of Group A streptococcus (Strep A) compared to normal at this time of year. There is no evidence that a new strain is circulating and the increase is most likely related to high amounts of circulating bacteria and social mixing.

### What are scarlet fever and Strep A?

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called Group A streptococci (Strep A). The bacteria usually cause a mild infection that can be easily treated with antibiotics.

In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS).

### What are the symptoms of Strep A/scarlet fever?

Strep A infections can cause a range of symptoms that parents should be aware of, including:

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fever
- A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel

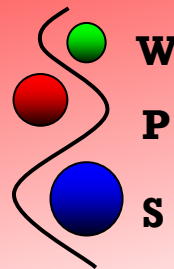
On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel.

If a child becomes unwell with these symptoms, please contact your GP practice or contact NHS 111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice.

If a child has scarlet fever, keep your child at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

If your child seems seriously unwell call 999 or go to A&E if:

- a child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when a child breathes
- a child's [skin, tongue or lips are blue](#)
- a child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake.



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## Winter Holiday Clubs

Bring it on Brum! is running FREE activity clubs in Birmingham for those aged 4-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals during the school Christmas holiday. The majority of clubs will run for 4 days during the week Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and a smaller number of clubs will run from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Each child is eligible to attend a maximum of 4 sessions during the winter school holidays.

Activities include sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. Programmes will vary depending on the type and location of each local club, but every day there will be a nutritious meal served up for **free**!

For those families who are eligible for the scheme, you will have received an email from school giving you instructions on how to access the clubs. Families can visit [www.bringitonbrum.co.uk](http://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk) from **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November** to book their children's free places, so they can take part in a local club and enjoy the mix of fun action-packed days and tasty food provided through the programme.

For an example of what you can access, please see below for one of the local clubs running a Sports Camp in our community:

### CHRISTMAS SPORTS CAMP

Venue: **Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School**  
**Earlsbury Gardens**  
**Birmingham**  
**B20 3AE**

To book, please type the link in your web browser and it will take you to an online booking page:

<https://sportsplusscheme.coordinate.cloud/project/37747>

**FREE for FSM Children**

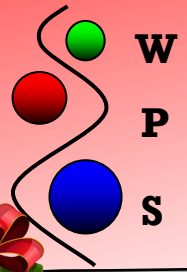
**Monday 19th December - Thursday 22nd December**





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## Christmas Holidays

We will be breaking up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 16th December at the normal time of 3.30pm. For those of you celebrating over this festive period, we would like to wish you a very 'Merry Christmas!'

We wish everyone a restful and happy holiday!

## New Age Kurling

Year 3 took part in an indoor New Age Kurling competition this week, developing their teamwork and co-operation skills. Pupils had to skilfully roll the kurling pushers, considering power and direction, to land them on targets set over 5 metres away. We will receive our results in the new year. Well done, year 3!



## Milk Money

Milk will be given out daily to our infant children the week beginning Tuesday 3rd January 2023. The cost of milk from this date for the rest of the Spring term, up until Friday 31st March 2023, is **£14.50**.

If you wish your child to have milk in school, **payment must be made to the school office by 9.00am of Wednesday 14th December 2022**. Please ensure that the money is given in a sealed, labelled envelope.