

8th December 2023

Attendance

Class	Attendance for the period 27-11-2023 to 01-12-2023 Target 97%
RA	92.00%
RB	96.20%
1A	95.30%
1H	98.00%
2K	95.30%
2Y	90.00%
3A	94.20%
3K	97.40%
4F	99.70%
4S	97.70%
5A	91.90%
5M	97.60%
6D	95.20%
6P	97.40%
Overall School	95.56%

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 2024 Applications

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, they will be eligible to start our Reception class in September 2024. **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 2024**:

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

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

Children's Christmas Lunch

The children will be having their Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13th December. If your child has paid meals or brings in sandwiches and you wish for them to have a Christmas lunch, please can you let the office know. The cost of a school dinner is £2.60.

Christmas lunch menu:

Roast chicken or roast seasoned chicken drumsticks

Baked tempura fish

Vegetable samosa

Yorkshire pudding and gravy

Roast and cream potatoes

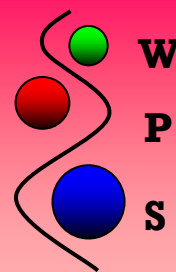
A selection of festive vegetables

Chocolate yule log

Vanilla ice cream

Fresh fruit salad





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Christmas Jumper Day

Children can come in dressed in their Christmas jumper, or their favourite jumper on Wednesday 13th December. We are asking children to bring in a donation of £1.00 which we will collect and send to the 'Save the Children' charity. We hope you are able to join in with this endeavour.



Appointments

We have noticed an increased number of appointments made during school time. Whilst we understand that emergency appointments are given as and when, if your child has a general check up, please try and book these outside of school time to minimise the impact of their learning during the school day.

Instruments/ P.E Kits/ Packed lunches

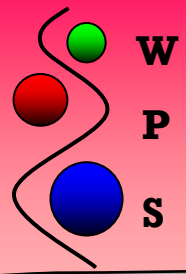
Please ensure that your child brings their belongings in with them in the morning.

Parents' Evening—Catch up sessions

Parents' evenings for 2Y, 4F, 4S and Mrs Devi's Year 6 group will take part next week on the following dates:

Class	Date	Time
2Y	Wed 13th Dec	4.00—5.30pm
	Fri 14th Dec	4.00—5.30pm
4F and 4S	Wed 13th Dec	4.00—5.30pm
	Fri 15th Dec	4.00—5.30pm
Year 6 group	Wed 13th Dec	4.00—5.30pm

Please see your child's class teacher at the end of the school day (before Wednesday 13th December) to book your time slot for the parents' evening catch-up.



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Information for Parents

The next Shelter housing advice session will take place on Monday 18th December from 10.00am to 12.30pm. Please book an appointment slot with Mrs Khan.

Supporting Autism—Parents sessions

We have a coffee morning on Friday 15th December for all the parents who have expressed their interest in the SEND support group supporting autism. Please do try to attend. We have an external support worker who will be leading this session. The session will run from 9.00am to 11.00am.

ESOL

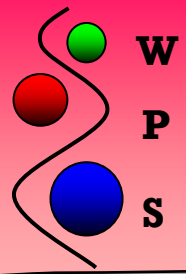
We are running pre-entry and entry 1 ESOL sessions every Monday afternoon (12.30—3.00pm) and Thursday morning (9.15—11.45am). If you are interested in attending, please pop in or see Mrs Khan.

ICT

Any parents interested in an ICT/Computing course scheduled to start in January 2024, please see Mrs Khan.

Dates for your diary: 2023-24

Fri 22nd Dec:	Break up for Christmas holidays
Mon 25th Dec—Fri 5th Jan:	Christmas holidays
Mon 8th Jan:	Return to school –start of Spring term 2024
Fri 9th Feb:	Break up for Spring half term holiday
Mon 12th Feb—Fri 16th Feb:	Spring half-term holiday
Mon 19th Feb:	Return to school
Fri 22 March:	Break up for Easter Holidays
Mon 25 Mar—Fri 5th Apr:	Easter Holidays
Mon 8th April:	Return to school—start of Summer term 2024



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Sporting news

Thursday 30th November: Year 6 Football

Our year 6 football team played in the highly competitive Aston 5-a-side finals. There were some outstanding teams participating. Our team worked tirelessly in all games; however, we were unable to progress any further. The team should be proud of their efforts and achievements of reaching the finals. Well done lads!

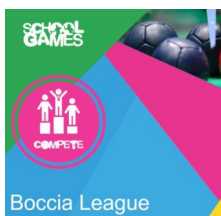
Monday 4th December: Multi skills festival

Year 2 were very excited to take part in a multi skills festival with King Edward School Sports Partnership; the children were challenged to complete various activities including throwing and catching activities, aiming, running and jumping. They participated really well and showed some outstanding skills and were a credit to the school.



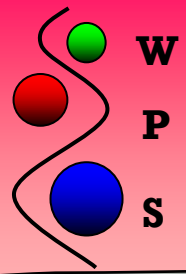
Tuesday 5th December: Boccia

Year 6 attended a Boccia league where they competed against several other schools, There were some excellent skills on show where the children had to focus and work strategically. The children won this round and are currently top of the league with 34 points. Superb performance by all!



Wednesday 6th December: Shooting Stars festival

We took a group of children to a football festival where they completed in six different football activities; these included dribbling skills, running skills and team work. All children contributed really well and worked extremely hard. All of our children left with a trophy demonstrating the efforts they put in. Excellent effort all round!



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Important Measles/MMR Update

Measles cases have been confirmed locally in Birmingham. Measles outbreaks can happen when not enough children have been vaccinated. We have been asked to pass the following information to parents and encourage you to check that your child has been vaccinated. Parents can check the personal child health record (the Red Book) or if this doesn't help, speak to their GP surgery. Parents can contact their GP surgery to catch their child up, at any age, or indeed, for themselves.

About measles

Measles is highly infectious (it can spread easily from person to person). While most people recover completely within a couple of weeks, measles can cause serious illness and in rare cases it can be fatal. Vaccination with **two doses of MMR** is the only way to give people maximum protection.

The **first signs of measles** are:

high temperature, runny or blocked nose, sneezing, cough, red/sore watery eyes, rash usually appears a few days after cold-like symptoms (sometimes starts around the ears before spreading to rest of the body)

Measles can cause complications, especially in certain at-risk groups that include babies and small children, pregnant women and people with weak immunity.

FURTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The MMR vaccine

If your child has not received **2 doses of MMR vaccination** as part of their childhood immunisation programme, you should take up the offer of the MMR vaccine for your child now. If you are not sure if your child needs an MMR vaccine, you can contact your GP to check.

The MMR vaccination is the best way to protect against measles as it is:

- effective, safe and free of charge

The vaccine provides effective protection against three diseases – measles, mumps and rubella. The first dose of MMR is given soon after the first birthday. A second dose is normally given before school entry. However, you can have the MMR vaccine at any age. If either you or your child are not fully protected against measles (two doses of MMR), you can contact your GP surgery to arrange vaccination. It is never too late to get vaccinated. Two doses of MMR are required to produce satisfactory protection against measles, mumps and rubella. If your family avoids pork, a MMR vaccine is available that does not contain any pork products.

What to do if you think your child has measles

If your child develops symptoms, you should contact your GP. You must contact the surgery by telephone before visiting and tell the reception staff that you think that your child may have measles and not attend the surgery unless you are asked to. The doctor will make special arrangements to see your child so that, if they have measles, they won't pass it to others.

People with measles will remain infectious, and so be able to pass on the disease to others **for 4 days after the start of the rash**. Therefore, it is important that anyone with measles stays away from nursery, school, group activities, gatherings or anywhere with people outside of the household during that time.

Further information on the MMR vaccine can be found on the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>