

24th November 2023

## Attendance

Class	Attendance for the period 13-11-2023 to 17-11-2023 Target 97%
RA	93.00%
RB	91.30%
1A	98.00%
1H	95.30%
2K	97.70%
2Y	95.30%
3A	94.50%
3K	98.00%
4F	96.10%
4S	97.00%
5A	98.30%
5M	96.30%
6D	97.90%
6P	99.40%
Overall School	<b>96.29%</b>

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/>

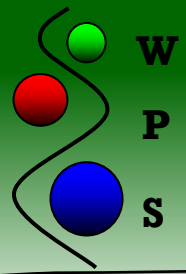
If you require help with filling in your online admission form, please come and see a member of the school office staff.

## Lunchtime Supervisor vacancies

We currently have two vacancies for lunchtime supervisors; if you are interested in the role and would like more information about the role as well as accessing the application form, please email the school to request a pack on:

[enquiry@westmnst.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@westmnst.bham.sch.uk)

Alternatively, you can check the 'Vacancies' tab on the school website. All the relevant information as well as the application form will be posted there. The closing date for application forms will be Friday 8th December at 12.00 midday.



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## Parent Information

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,

## Coffee Mornings / Parent Courses

We have a coffee morning on Friday 1st December for all the parents who have expressed interest in the SEND support group. Please do try to attend. We have a support worker and a psychologist (Anita Soni) attending the session.

The Empowering Children's course is up and running every Tuesday from 1.30—3.30pm in the community room. Please do continue to attend, if you are registered for this.

ESOL classes have started and run every Monday from 12.30—3.30pm and every Thursday from 9.30-12.00pm

## Community Trip

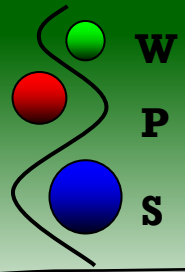
A coach for the community trip has been booked for London's Winter Wonderland on Saturday 2nd December 2023. For all those who have paid for seats, please make sure you are on Stamford Road for 7.15am promptly on 2nd December.

## Food Parcels

We are currently working with Handsworth Association who are helping to provide us with food parcels for struggling families. If you need help with accessing food parcels, please come and speak to Mrs Khan. All queries will be handled confidentially.

## Dates for your diary: 2023-24

<b>Fri 22nd Dec:</b>	Break up for Christmas holidays
<b>Mon 25th Dec—Fri 5th Jan:</b>	Christmas holidays
<b>Mon 8th Jan:</b>	Start of Spring term 2024
<b>Fri 9th Feb:</b>	Break up for Spring half term holiday
<b>Mon 12th Feb—Fri 16th Feb:</b>	Spring half-term holiday
<b>Mon 19th Feb:</b>	Return to school
<b>Fri 22 March:</b>	Break up for Easter Holidays



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## Parents' Evening

A big thanks to everyone who attended our Parent's evening this week; it really was lovely to see you all. We will be holding a number of catch-up sessions for those classes for whom we had to postpone Parent's evening; we will contact you shortly to inform you when you will be able to meet your child's class teacher.

## Library Visits

This term all our KS1 and KS2 children have visited Birchfield Library. We hope this has allowed them see the wide variety of books out there to read.

Reading is vitally important and we would like to encourage all our parents to get a library membership for their child. All parents need to do is pop into the library with proof of your name and address (driving licence, utility bill etc) and register your child for a library card. The library card will allow your child to borrow up to 20 books at a time for up to 28 days. This is a great way to get your child into reading and to explore all the wonderful and varied reading books out there!

## Children in Need

Many thanks to all of those of you who donated towards the Children in Need Appeal. Also a very big thanks for all the children who took part in the sponsored 'Bearpees' challenge.

We raised an outstanding total of £811.48!!

Well done everyone!



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## SPORTS NEWS

We have had 4 competitions over the last 2 weeks.

**Boys football:** Congratulations to the boys' year 6 football team on their exceptional performance; winning three games is a remarkable achievement against some outstanding teams!

The team fought for each other showing their dedication and commitment throughout. These results mean the team progress to the finals on the 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Well done to Suliman, Safwaan, Faiyzaan, Umayd, Munasar, Umair, Dawda and good luck for the finals!



**Basketball:** Westminster basketball team demonstrated an immense amount of effort and determination during their competition. They consistently pushed themselves to their limits in these games. Whilst the results may not have reflected their efforts, the basketball team's resilience and dedication serve as an inspiration for their future games. They have learnt valuable lessons about perseverance and the importance of never giving up, which will undoubtedly contribute to their growth as individuals and as a team.

Well done to Husna, Prince, Coyonte, Ridwan, Khyreece, Cedella & Sulayman Bah.

**Girls football:** The girls' football team displayed an incredible level of hard work, dedication, and resilience throughout their competition. Despite facing tough opposition in every match, these determined footballers never gave up, impressing as each game went on.

Well done to Husna, Areeba, Amaaya, Hibatullah, Layla & Aasiya.



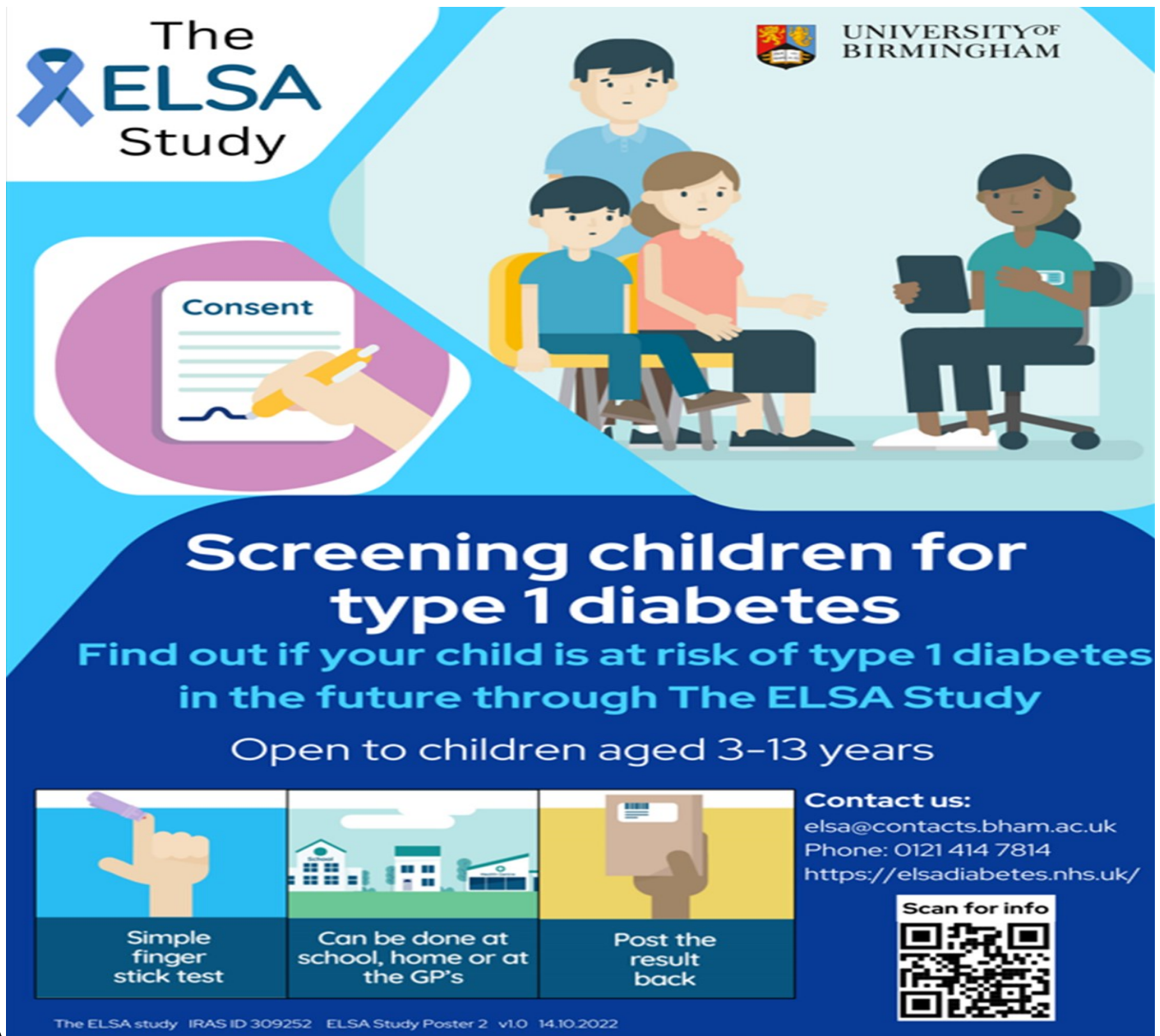
**Indoor Athletics:** Year 5 showed incredible determination and perseverance as they took part in the highly competitive athletics competition. They put in their utmost effort, giving it their all in every event. Despite facing tough competition, Year 5 never lost their spirit and fought until the very end. Their strong work ethic and commitment are a testament to their character and dedication. They can be proud of their achievement, knowing that they gave their best and left it all on the field.

Well done to Arya, Khyreece, Hanina, Maryam, Fadumo, ZamZam, Ithisaam, Muadh N, Umair, Adam, Coyonte & Muadh M.

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## ELSA STUDY

Many thanks to all the parents who consented to have their children screened for type 1 diabetes. The clinicians will be in on Wednesday 29th November to commence the screening. If you still wish for your child to be screened please see the instructions on the following page.



**The ELSA Study**

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

**Consent**

**Screening children for type 1 diabetes**

Find out if your child is at risk of type 1 diabetes in the future through The ELSA Study

Open to children aged 3-13 years

**Contact us:**  
elsa@contacts.bham.ac.uk  
Phone: 0121 414 7814  
<https://elsadiabetes.nhs.uk/>

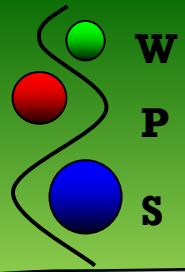
Simple finger stick test

Can be done at school, home or at the GP's

Post the result back

Scan for info

The ELSA study IRAS ID 309252 ELSA Study Poster 2 v1.0 14.10.2022



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## ELSA STUDY

### **ELSA study: EarLy Surveillance for Auto-immune diabetes**

The ELSA study is being led by the University of Birmingham, and funded by Diabetes UK and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. We have been asked to help promote the study.

#### **Parent's and Carer's information:**

Researchers at the University of Birmingham are conducting the ELSA study. They have asked to communicate with you because as a parent/carer of a child aged 3-13 years, your child is eligible to take part.

The ELSA study is screening children, aged 3-13 years to find out their risk of getting type 1 diabetes. This is a simple finger stick blood test and your child can have this test done at school, at your GP or at home.

Children at high risk can be monitored and could enter research studies aiming to delay the start of type 1 diabetes. Every family who takes part in the ELSA study is helping the study group to understand more about type 1 diabetes.

There is a parent's information leaflet for this study which you can access online at: [www.elsadiabetes.nhs.uk](http://www.elsadiabetes.nhs.uk) or scan the QR code below.

**If you would like to take part, please fill in the eligibility form:**

[https://redcap.link/The\\_ELSA\\_Study](https://redcap.link/The_ELSA_Study) or scan the QR code below, and then the study team will be in touch with you.

You can also contact the study team by email or phone for online or postal consent options. If you decide you are not interested in this study, you do not need to do anything further.

#### **ELSA Study Team:**

Website: [www.elsadiabetes.nhs.uk](http://www.elsadiabetes.nhs.uk) Phone: 0121 414 7814 (9-5pm). Email: [elsa@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:elsa@contacts.bham.ac.uk)

Address: ELSA study team, Ground Floor, Institute of Translational Medicine, Heritage Building, Mindelsohn Way, Birmingham, B15 2TH

**Scan to find out more:**



**Scan to take part in the study:**

