

Hello everyone

We were delighted to welcome COMPASS in to school last week on Friday as part of our whole school work about positive mental health. Each year group joined Leanne and Hassan for an informative assembly on **World Mental Health Day**. **Thank you COMPASS** for helping us to understand our own emotions better and having more strategies to help ourselves.

Here are a few important dates coming up:

**Thursday 23rd October—Year 4 Buddhism Assembly**  
**Friday 24th October—Liam Byrne MP will be visiting school to meet with the new School Councillors (elections are being held next week!) and will then join parents/carers on the St. Agatha's Road playground at home time**

**Friday 24th October — last day before the start of the ONE WEEK half-term holiday**

**Monday 3rd November — TEACHER TRAINING DAY— school closed to ALL pupils**

**Tuesday 4th November 8.30am — ALL pupils return to school**

**Wednesday 12th November—COMPASS anti-bullying parents assembly for ALL parents**

**Friday 14th November 9am —Y6 Harvest Assembly for Year 6 parents/carers**

**Friday 21st November 9am— Y3 Road Safety Workshop for Year 3 parents/carers**

And finally, well done to **Year 6** who were excellent **ambassadors to our #thorntonfamily on their visit to the Black Country Museum today!**

Have a great weekend everyone! Cathy Grace, Headteacher

Birmingham School Health Support Service



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## SCHOOL NURSE VIRTUAL DROP-IN CLINIC

Every  
Tuesday  
and  
Thursday  
from  
4:30-5:30pm



Your School Nurse is here to help you feel healthy, happy and safe during your school years and to get the best from your education.

**Join the link and talk to a School Nurse.** We provide a confidential and friendly service.

<https://nhs.uk/BCHC/C-F/Schl-Nurse/Drop-In>



## ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Introducing Article 6 (life, survival and development)

Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.

The children in 4TW discussed what they need to survive and to develop.



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We are really pleased to be working closely with **COMPASS** again this year so we can make sure our children get all the support they need in school.

We have invited **COMPASS** to run some special **parent/carer workshops**, as well as workshops for our children. Please take a moment to see what is on offer and which of the parent/carer workshops you would like to attend across the year (you are very welcome to attend them all!):



| Date                                          | Parent/carer workshop                     | Pupil only workshop                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Wednesday 12th November</b><br>8.45-9.30am | <b>Bullying</b>                           | Y5 Anti-bullying pupil workshops                          |
| <b>Monday 8th December</b><br>8.45-9.30am     | <b>Healthy Sleep</b>                      | Y4 Resilience pupil workshops                             |
| <b>Monday 19th January</b><br>8.45-9.30       | <b>Connecting with your child</b>         | Y5 self-esteem pupil workshops                            |
| <b>Friday 13th February</b><br>8.45-9.30am    | <b>Online Safety</b>                      | Online safety day workshops and assemblies for all pupils |
| <b>Tuesday 17th March</b>                     |                                           | Y3 Behaviours workshops for all pupils                    |
| <b>Friday 17th April</b><br>8.45-9.30am       | <b>Y6 SATs Anxiety</b>                    | Y6 SATs anxiety pupil workshops                           |
| <b>Monday 18th May</b><br>8.45-9.30am         | <b>Building Self-esteem</b>               | Y4 Building self-esteem pupil workshops                   |
| <b>Friday 12th June</b>                       |                                           | Y6 Transition pupil workshops                             |
| <b>Monday 22nd June</b><br>8.45-9.30am        | <b>Supporting your child with worries</b> | Y5 Worries pupil workshops                                |

## School Attendance



### Class Attendance

Well Done to **3SQ, 3ST, 3ZY, 4SH**, and **5GJ** for achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week!

**Our school attendance last week was 94.5%**

### Attention all Year 6 Parents! Secondary Transfer 2026

Applications for your child's secondary school place in September 2026 are now live on the following website: <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions> The online application is very simple and quick but if you need support completing the form please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

**The deadline for the application is 31/10/2025**



### School Term Dates -Year 2025 to 2026

#### Autumn Term 2025

Half-term: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

Teacher Training Day 2 - Monday 3 November 2025

Pupils start: Tuesday 4 November 2025

Term ends: Friday 19 December 2025

#### Spring Term 2026

Term starts: Monday 5 January 2026 (Teacher Training Day 3)

Pupils start: Tuesday 6 January 2026

Half-term: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

Term ends: Friday 27 March 2026

Summer Term starts: Monday 13 April 2026

## PE TIMETABLE

**Monday 20th October**  
Year 3

**Tuesday 21st October**  
Swimming for 4AA and 4TW.

**Wednesday 22nd October**  
Year 4

**Thursday 23rd October**  
Year 6

**Friday 24th October**  
Year 5

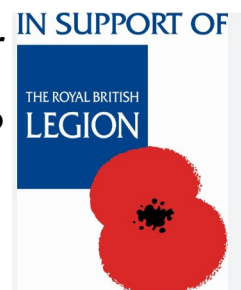
## School Meals

Changing from dinners to sandwiches? or vice-versa? We are sorry but you can only change at the start of each term and not mid term. Please call the office at the beginning of the term if you wish to change your child's dinner preference so that we can make the necessary changes to our records and inform the school kitchen.



## British Legion—Poppies on sale

This year's appeal will launch on Monday 20th October 2025. Poppies and other small items to raise funding for the British Legion will be on sale during playtimes. Please send your child in with no more than £1.00 in small change to donate to the charity. Prices for the items are as follows: **Slap bands—£1.00, Reflective poppies—50p, Bag ties—50p and poppies—20p.**



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