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Hello everyone,

A very BIG thank you to everyone who attended parents' evening over the past two weeks and shared in celebrating the successes of the children so far this academic year. It is always really lovely to welcome you in to school to talk about how we can work together to make sure your child gets the best support.

Here are a few important dates for your diary about events coming up in school:

Wednesday 4th February — Year 5 keeping safe workshops with PCSOs

Tuesday 10th February — Safer Internet Day online assembly for ALL children

Thursday 12th February — Year 3 workshops with our favourite illustrator K0rky Paul!

Friday 13th February 8.45-9.30am — COMPASS online safety workshop for Y5 parents/carers

Friday 13th February — Year group online safety assemblies with COMPASS

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February — February Half Term Holidays

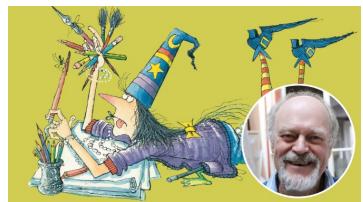
Monday 23rd February — All pupils return to school from 8.30am and by 8.45am at the latest

Thursday 26th February — Year 4 Chinese New Year Assembly for Year 4 parents/carers

Friday 6th March — World Book Day celebrations for ALL pupils (come to school dressed as your favourite book character, or in your own clothes as children are authors too!)

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher



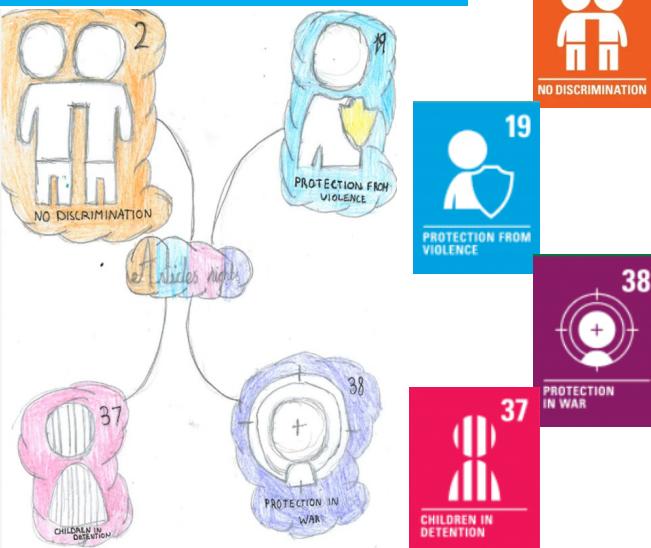
ARTICLE OF THE WEEK



HOLOCAUST



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HOLOCAUST Memorial Day

What was the Holocaust?

The Holocaust was as well the second during WW2. It was when the Nazis led by Adolf Hitler invaded Hitler's country and pledged to either murder or kill all the Jews in their country. Not just Jews but disabled people, LGBTQ+ individuals and other people.

Why is it mentioned?

It's to honour the six million Jews who have been killed and half billion to be dead. It also raises awareness about forms of new, hated and discrimination.

Linked Articles (Picture of a book)

No Discrimination: states that every being living on earth is always treated fairly and equally. So regardless of who they are or how they look.

Protection from violence: means you have the right to be kept safe from all sorts of violence, whether it's physical or mental.

Protection in war: means to promise that children have the right to be protected during war.

Children in detention: is that everybody should be treated with respect and fairly, even if they're done something wrong.

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BEAVERS

34TH BIRMINGHAM
(WARD END)

Aged 6-8 years old?

Tired of dull weekends? Want to try something exciting, have fun, go on adventures and make new friends? Come and see what we have to offer!



Can you help?

We can't do it without volunteers! Whatever time you can spare, whatever skills you can bring to the table. Find out about how you can get involved!

Volunteering?
Enter our
postcode to
find our
opportunities!



Register
your young
person
here!



Thursdays 5:00-6:15pm



34th Scouts Group, 29 Rogers
Road, Ward End, B8 2JJ



34thscoutswardend@gmail.com

Not Beavers age but
still want to join? Get
in touch as we may
have spaces available
in other Scout
sections too.



School Attendance



Class Attendance

Congratulations to classes **3MJ, 4NG, 5ST and 6NI** who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above for last week



Weekly 100% Class Attendance

Congratulations to **6MF** who excelled the school target of 97% by achieving 100% class attendance. Mr Mason surprised the class with a £25 voucher which can be spent on new class resources as a reward for their excellent attendance!



Our school attendance last week was 94.3%

Autism

Free support sessions for Parents and families awaiting a diagnosis of Autism from the NDP pathway.

Is your child currently on the Birmingham NDP Autism Assessment / Diagnosis waiting list?

Resources for Autism is a charity that supports parents and children with diagnoses of Autism. They are offering Free Autism Support Sessions for Parents/Carers of children and young people (up to 18 years) who are waiting for an autism assessment through Birmingham Neurodevelopment Pathway NDP service.

The sessions will look at what autism is and give information, advice, resources and strategies on navigating the system. They will also cover key topics such as sensory processing, behaviour, communication, sleep, wellbeing, and more!

The aim of these sessions is to help you build practical skills to support your child, gain confidence in advocating for their needs, safeguard yours and your family's wellbeing during the waiting period for diagnosis, and connect with others on a similar journey—creating a valuable community and peer support network. **If you would like to register your interest for these sessions, please do so at the following QR code.** The sessions may take place online or in person.



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 26th January

Year 4

Tuesday 27th January

Swimming for 4TW and 4AA.

Wednesday 28th January

Year 3

Thursday 29th January

Year 5

Friday 30th January

Year 6

School Term Dates - 2026

Spring Term 2026

Half-term Holidays:

Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February

Term ends: Friday 27 March 2026

Easter Holidays :

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April

Summer Term 2026

Term starts: Monday 13th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026

Teacher Training : Thursday 4th May 2026

Half-term Holidays

Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026



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