



Hello everyone!



We are really pleased to be able to invite you to the [COMPASS coffee morning](#) next week on [Tuesday at 8.45am](#) for ALL parents and carers. COMPASS provide mental health support within school for children and their families. Please come along to find out from the COMPASS Team how they can help support you and your child. Thank you.

Please scan the QR code to find out more about the great work COMPASS do...

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the **Parents' Evening** meetings over the past 2 weeks, and also for providing your **feedback**. Please read on to find out what you told us about Thornton in the questionnaire you completed. Thank you.



Here are some important dates coming up:

**Wednesday 14 October - 4TW & 4NG Ward End Library visit**

**Monday 19 October 9-10am - West Midlands Speech & Language coffee morning for invited parents**

**Wednesday 21 October 9-9.30am - Y6 Harvest Assembly for Y6 Parents/Carers**

**Wednesday 21 October - 4GJ & 4AA Ward End Library visit**

**Half Term Holiday – 26-30 October (ONE WEEK)**

**Monday 9 November 9-9.30am - Y5 Diwali Assembly for Y5 Parents/Carers**

**Monday 16 November 9-10am – Year 4 Multiplication Check Meeting for Y4 Parents/Carers**

**Monday 23 November 9-9.30am – Y4 Buddhism Assembly for Y4 Parent/Carers**

**Monday 14 December 9-10am – Y3 Nativity Assembly for Y3 Parents/Carers**

**Christmas Holidays – 21 December 2026 – 4 January 2027 (TWO WEEKS AND ONE DAY)**

**Tuesday 5 January 8.30am – ALL children return to school**

And finally, a reminder that we are now running a **FREE breakfast club** that is open to ALL pupils **from 8.15am on every school day** - please come to the main entrance gate on Thornton Road to access the FREE Breakfast Club, thank you!



Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

## ARTICLE OF THE WEEK



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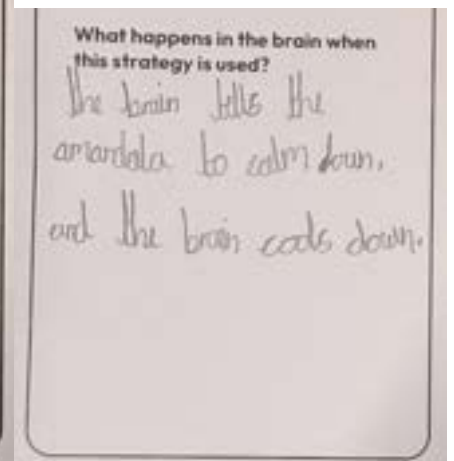
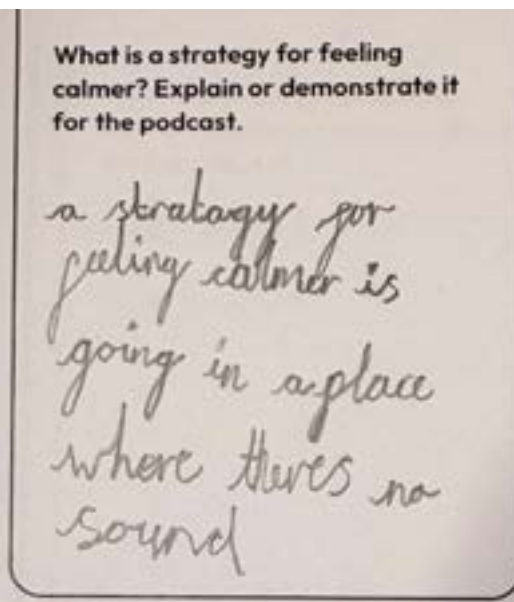
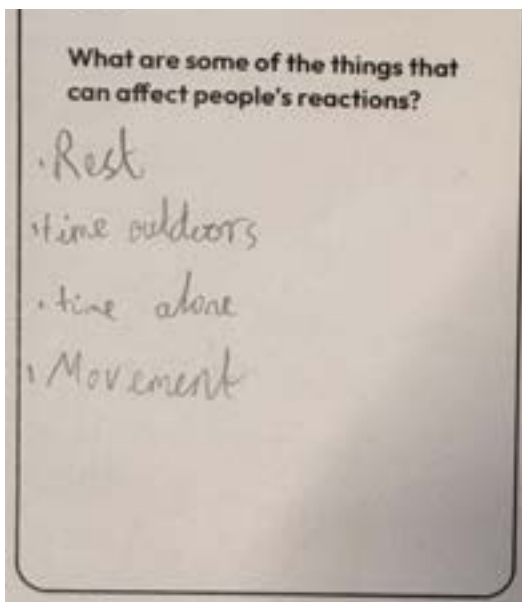
## Year 3

In our Science topic, we have been **learning about joints and how they help our bodies move**. The children explored different types of joints and investigated how they allow movement in different parts of the body. They then created a model to demonstrate how muscles work together around a joint. They showed that when the triceps contracts, it becomes shorter and tighter and pulls on the bone, while the biceps becomes longer, softer and relaxed. This hands-on activity helped the children develop a clearer understanding of how muscles and joints work together to help us move.



## Year 4

This half term in year 4, we have been learning about **how to manage emotions** in our PSHE lessons and MyHappyMind sessions. This week, we reviewed our knowledge by preparing podcast scripts, which we performed to each other in the class. We used the lesson and the resources to gather ideas to share with others about issues, strategies and the science of the brain that really interested us.



## Year 5

Year 5 children painted the intricate clay artefacts they made last week. We think they're good enough to go into the **Staffordshire Hoard!**

Here are some of the best examples from across the year group. They also completed their Anglo Saxon masterpieces this week.



On Wednesday, Year 6 had a fantastic day visiting the **Black Country Living Museum**. The children thoroughly enjoyed stepping back in time and experiencing what life was like in the Victorian era.

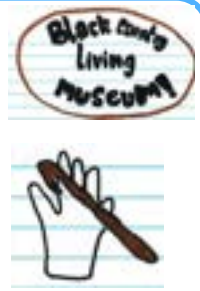
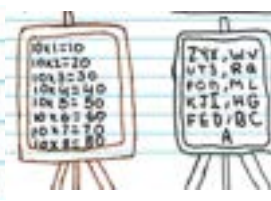
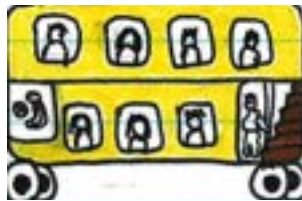
One of the highlights of the day was taking part in a **Victorian classroom experience**, where the children discovered how different school life was over 100 years ago. They impressed the museum staff with their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm as they learned about Victorian rules, routines and lessons.

The children also enjoyed a ride on a Victorian bus, giving them a glimpse into how people travelled in the past.

Throughout the day, the children were engaged, curious and eager to learn. The trip provided a wonderful opportunity to bring our history learning to life and helped the children develop a deeper understanding of the Victorian era.

We are incredibly proud of how Year 6 represented the school and would like to thank all the staff who helped make the visit such a memorable experience.

## Year 6



My favourite part was when we visited a Victorian house which belonged to the Web family. We also learnt about how small the houses were compared to today.

This week, Year 6 visited the Black Country Museum. We had lots of fun and we were amazed by the actors. The teacher was strict!

My favourite part was the Victorian school experience when Mrs Margetts and Mrs Begum got into trouble for having coloured nails! We also experienced what the children were taught



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# BONFIRE NIGHT FEAST

Celebrate the spark with our special menu!



## "BANGERS IN A BUN"

Jumbo hot dogs in  
toasted brioche  
buns with sizzling  
onions, mustard & ketchup.



## "CATHERINE WHEEL"

Puff pastry spirals  
filled with melted  
cheese & tangy  
tomato sauce.

## "ROCKET LOLLIES"

Colorful, icy &  
bursting with  
fruity flavors!



## "BOOM-BOOM BROWNIES"

Rich, fudgy  
chocolate brownies  
with popping candy!



# WHEN: 5th November

If your child normally has a packed lunch but you would like to book them the  
**'Bonfire Night Feast'**

Please contact the school office (0121 3270824) and **pay online via your ParentPay account**,  
the cost of this meal is **£2.80**

**Well Done** to **3MJ, 4TW, 4GJ, 5TR and 6HB** for achieving our school attendance target of **96%** and above for last week!

Our school attendance last week was **94.1%**



## Golden Ticket Initiative

How does the Golden Ticket Attendance Initiative work? Everyone has an opportunity to win a Golden Ticket each term and get a fun attendance treat!

**Autumn Term Bronze Award** – Pupils need to achieve 96% above to qualify.

**Spring Term Silver Award** – Pupils need to achieve 98% above to qualify.

**Summer Term Gold Award** – Pupils need to achieve 100% for the for the whole academic year to qualify. Pupils will who achieve 100% will be rewarded with a trip (more details to follow in the summer).

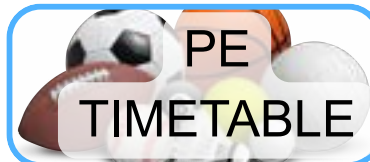
The children are much happier and settled if they attend school **every day** consistently without taking any days off. Good attendance will ensure that your child can reach their full potential. Absence disrupts the education of not only your child but the whole class. Thank you in advance for working in partnership with us to make every day count in your child's education.

The table below shows just how much a child with low attendance may miss:

| Attendance for academic year | Number of days absent | Approximate number of weeks absent | Number of lessons missed |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
|                              |                       |                                    |                          |
| <b>80%</b>                   | <b>38 days</b>        | <b>7.6 weeks</b>                   | <b>190 Lessons</b>       |
| <b>70%</b>                   | <b>57 days</b>        | <b>11.4 weeks</b>                  | <b>285 Lessons</b>       |

### Reporting absences to school

If your child is absent from school please call or leave a message on the school absence answering machine before 9am to let us know the reason. Please provide school with as much detail as possible about your child's absence. If you need to discuss your child's symptoms with a first aider please request a call back. Please ring the school office on 0121 327 0824 our lines are open from 8am. Thank you very much for your support.



Monday 12th October  
Year 4

Tuesday 13th October  
Swimming for 4TW  
and 4GJ

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October  
Year 6

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
Year 5

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October  
Year 3

### Healthy Packed Lunch

Please ensure you send your child to school with a healthy packed lunch consisting of a:

- **Healthy Sandwich**
- **Piece of Fruit**
- **Yogurt**
- **Healthy drink (not fizzy or energy types!)**

Strictly **NO NUTS** are allowed in school as we have children with severe nut allergies. Please do not send anything unhealthy in your child's packed lunch such as crisps or chocolates. **Thank you for your support.**

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