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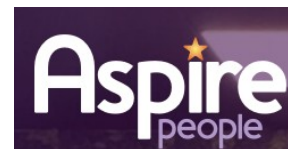
Hello everyone

We have had THE BEST end to a half-term ever this week! We are so chuffed with how brilliant the Summer Fair yesterday was; the ice creams were flowing, the children were bouncing (on the bouncy castle!) and the stalls were thronging with excited and happy customers! A very, very BIG thank you to everyone in our #thorntonfamily for their tremendous support and enthusiasm that helped make it a lovely memorable occasion. A special thank you also to the staff who helped return the school to normal afterwards ready for the special Eid assembly this morning.



This morning started with Year 3's joyful Eid assembly! The children and staff have worked incredibly hard to polish their performance and all their energy and efforts were certainly worth it. I think I can speak for everyone when I say the assembly was totally awesome and Year 3 should be VERY proud of themselves! Well done, Year 3, you gave us a perfect end to the half-term. Miquil served a special summer BBQ at lunchtime with Rocket Lollies as desert, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils due to the warm weather today!

Year 6 also had a great end to the half term as they enjoyed a 'silent disco', donated very kindly by the wonderful Emma from Aspire, and ice pops this afternoon. This was a small token of appreciation for all their hard work and resilience during their KS2 SATs week.



Important dates coming up:

**Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May — May Half Term Holiday (1 Week)**

**Monday 1st June from 8.30am and by 8.45am—ALL children return to school**

**Tuesday 9th June 2pm—Year 5 Air Quality & Sustainable Travel theatre performance**

**Wednesday 10th June 3.45-6.15pm—Parents' Evening (1 of 2) Separate letter about booking**

**Friday 12th June—Year 6 Drayton Manor trip**

**Wednesday 17th June 3.45-6.15pm—Parents' Evening (2 of 2)**

**Separate letter about booking**

And finally, it looks like we are in for a super hot, sunny week for our half-term holiday. Hooray! However, please make sure you follow the NHS guidance about how sunscreen and sun safety (the QR code here provides a link to the NHS guidance). Have a great holiday everyone!



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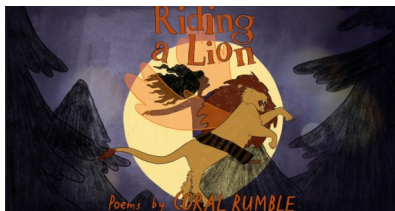
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## Year 3

Year 3 have been writing some lovely poetry this week based on Coral Rumble's 'Riding a Lion'. We wrote three stanzas, focusing on what we imagined our lion would look like, what he would be doing and where he might land. We had lots of fun coming up with imaginative vocabulary and phrases.

Wednesday 20th May 2026  
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I dreamt of riding a lion  
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 He had sharp, pointy teeth, sharper than a shark's.  
 He had a huge wild mane that was very fuzzy.  
 He also had humongous, hairy claws, like the thorns  
 He had beautiful, glittering wings, so pretty.  
 I dreamt of riding a lion  
 He was growling louder than a bear.  
 He was flying super high senselessly.  
 His glittering wings glowed gold behind him.  
 He also swooped down like an eagle.  
 I dreamt of riding a lion  
 He landed on a golden, pretty island.  
 I felt astonished!  
 I dreamt of us dancing until midnight  
 Sparkling in the moon's light.  
 It was amazing.



scan the code to hear Coral Rumble reading out her poem 'Riding a Lion'.



## Year 4

The Year 4 children have been learning about non fiction texts and have created their own travel guides about Paris. They worked carefully to gather facts, choose important landmarks, and organise their ideas so the information is easy for others to follow. Their guides show how well they are beginning to use non-fiction features such as headings, factual sentences, and clear explanations. They have shown real focus and growing independence in their writing, and they should feel proud of their work!

### PARIS

<u>Introduction</u> Bonjour Paris is a unique city in France and it is also the capital city of France. It was discovered in the 3rd century by the Romans. This unique city is famous for its designer fashion and art.	<u>Places to visit</u> Every year during holidays, millions of people visit Paris each year just to see the famous landmarks. Visit the Louvre Museum on the top of the tower by the glass light to get a view of the city from above. Walk or run to the river bank and see the beautiful Notre-Dame. Observe the magnificent stained glass windows and study the decorative metalwork. Visit the Eiffel Tower. Before heading to the Eiffel Tower, visit the Louvre Museum. It is known for its art and history. Visit the Eiffel Tower. Before heading to the Eiffel Tower, visit the Louvre Museum. It is known for its art and history.
<u>Eiffel Tower</u> Built in 1889, it is a wrought-iron lattice tower. It is one of the most recognisable structures in the world. It is a symbol of France and Paris.	<u>Notre-Dame</u> A Gothic cathedral in Paris, France. It is one of the most famous landmarks in the world. It is a symbol of France and Paris.
<u>Lebanese</u> Paris has the largest Lebanese community in France. It is known for its delicious food and culture.	<u>Boutique Shopping</u> Paris is famous for its fashion and shopping. Visit the Champs-Élysées and the Rue de la Paix for the best shopping experience.

### Paris

<u>Introduction</u> Bonjour! Paris is a major city and also the capital of France. Paris is also known as the city of love and the city of light. Thousands of people visit here each year. It is known for its fashion, art, and designers. The city has some famous landmarks.	<u>Places to visit</u> Each year millions of tourists flock to Paris to visit the Eiffel Tower, before heading to the Louvre Museum. Take a glimpse at the beautiful Notre-Dame. Visit the Eiffel Tower, before heading to the Louvre Museum. Take a glimpse at the beautiful Notre-Dame. Visit the Eiffel Tower, before heading to the Louvre Museum. Take a glimpse at the beautiful Notre-Dame.
<u>Eiffel Tower</u> A wrought-iron lattice tower built in 1889. It is one of the most recognisable structures in the world. It is a symbol of France and Paris.	<u>Glossary</u> Founded - When a place is created. Landmark - A noticeable feature in a landscape.
<u>Fun Facts</u> Large antique markets include the Marche aux Puces de Saint-Ouen. It is known for its fashion and shopping. Visit the Champs-Élysées and the Rue de la Paix for the best shopping experience.	<u>Notre-Dame</u> A Gothic cathedral in Paris, France. It is one of the most famous landmarks in the world. It is a symbol of France and Paris.



# DINE

WITH MIQUILL

WEEK TWO

## DINE

Main

Vegetarian

Sides

## DINE



Italian



**All Day Brunch**  
with Chicken  
Sausage

**Chicken Pasta**

**Spiced Roast  
Chicken**

**Mild Chicken  
Curry**

**Battered Fish**

**All Day Veg Brunch**  
with Veggie Sausage

**Margherita Pizza**

**Roast Veggie  
Sausages**

**Vegetable Roll**

**Quorn Nuggets**

Rosti and Beans

Garlic Slice and  
Salad

Roasties, Sweetcorn  
and Peas

Whole Grain Rice  
and Cauliflower

Chips and Peas

**Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta**

**Jacket Potato with choice of topping**

Freshly made sandwiches and Salad Bar are also available

**Summer Fruit &  
Yoghurt Crunch**

**Chocolate Sponge  
and Custard**

**Carrot Cake**

**Chocolate Crunch**

**Oaty Biscuit**

WEEK COMMENCING:  
20/04, 11/05, 01/06, 22/06, 13/07,  
24/08, 14/09, 05/10

Fresh Bread and Salad is available daily with a choice of Yoghurt,  
Mousse, Jelly or Fruit instead of dessert

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### Dinner and Club money payment reminders

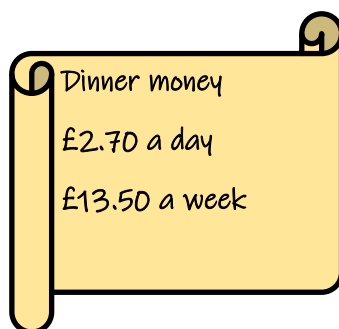
Thank you to all parents who continue to pay regularly into Parentpay for their child's meals and club payments.

The office will be sending text reminders, letters and making phone calls to remind parents to keep their accounts up to date.

Please remember to inform the school office if your child's lunchtime arrangement changes as it can often cause your child being charged for meals that they did not have due to the change.

Call the office on 0121 327 0824 to let us know of any changes.

**Dinner money and Club money must be paid in advance via Parent Pay, thank you.**



There is a late pickup charge (£4) for pupils picked up after 4pm



## School Attendance

### Class Attendance

Our school attendance last week was 95.8%

Well Done to **3ST, 3MJ, 4TW, 4NG, 4AA, 5ST, 6NI, 6ZB** and **6HB** for achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week!



### The Magic 10 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project

Thank you to all Parents/Carers for raising our pupil's school attendance during the initiative. Congratulations to all the pupil's who have successfully attended school for 10 consecutive days. They will be invited to a VIP event more information to follow next term.



### Golden Ticket Initiative

Our final Summer Term **Golden Ticket Gold Award** can be won by pupils who need to achieve 100% attendance for the whole academic year. Mrs Grace and Mr Mason have organised an exciting attendance reward. More information to follow next term



Look out for the golden ticket winners' invites that will be given out in Summer Term 2. Good luck everyone !

## PE TIMETABLE

Monday 1st June  
Year 4

Tuesday 2nd June  
Swimming for 4NG  
and 4SH

Wednesday 3rd June  
Year 3

Thursday 4th June  
Year 5

Friday 5th June  
Year 6

### A Special Invitation to the Young People of Birmingham

The Letter to Mandela Competition is here — and we want to hear from you .  
Nelson Mandela once said,

“It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it.”

Now, it's **your turn** to share your dreams, your voice, and your vision for a fairer, kinder world.

This powerful competition invites **young people across Birmingham** to write a letter directly to **Nelson Mandela** — sharing what matters most to you, your hopes for the future, and how we can build stronger, more united communities together.

Whether you care about justice, equality, the environment, or simply want to make life better for others — **your voice matters**.

Earlier this month, the Letter to Mandela Competition officially launched in Birmingham, in partnership with the Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College at the The King's Trust. Now, we're inviting you to be a part of it.

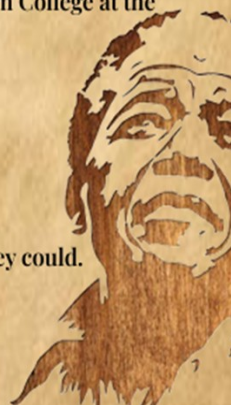
#### Join the Movement!

- Come together with other young voices from across the city
- Share your dreams and ideas in a letter to Mandela
- Celebrate unity, kindness, and the power of youth

Let Birmingham's young people shine — just as Mandela believed they could.

Will you write your letter?

Will you be a voice for change?



### Healthy Snacks

Children can bring a healthy, **nut free** snack to have at break time. For example, children can have a piece of fruit or a nut free cereal bar during break time. **Strictly NO NUTS are allowed in school as we have children with severe nut allergies**. Please do not send your child to school with unhealthy snacks such as crisps and chocolates.

**Break time snacks really help give the children a boost of energy until lunchtime!**

**Thank you for your support.**



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