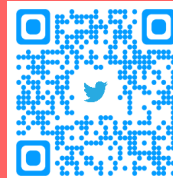




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Hello everyone



Wow! Time seems to be flying by this term!

It was lovely to welcome parents/carers into school on Monday morning to take part in **COMPASS' healthy sleep parent workshop**. Year 4 children also enjoyed **COMPASS' class workshops on resilience** — thank you, COMPASS!

Year 5 were excellent ambassadors at the start of the week during their visit to **Shri Venkateswara (Balaji) Temple** as part of their topic on Hinduism. They were extremely respectful and engaged really well with their learning — thank you, Year 5, and well done!

A **BIG thank you** to everyone for their donations to **Save the Children** yesterday as part of our **Christmas Jumper Day**! We are proud to share with you that the **#thorntonfamily** raised **£83**!

Year 3's rehearsals for the Nativity Assembly next Friday are well underway and we are all excited to see all their hard work — good luck, Year 3, we can't wait!



This month, Thornton's Musical Word of the Month is **harmony: a series of alternative notes sung/played at the same time as a melody** (a series of notes creating a distinctive and memorable sequence, often referred to as 'the tune') **but at a different pitch** (how high or low a musical note is).



We have a super exciting week next week! Important dates for you coming up are:

Tuesday 16 December

Year 5 Christmas dinner (children only)

Year 3 Christmas dinner with Y3 parents/carers 12.45pm—2pm

Wednesday 17 December

Year 4 Christmas dinner (children only)

Year 6 Christmas dinner (children only)

Friday 19 December 9-10am carers

Year 3 Nativity Assembly for all Year 3 parents/

Friday 19 December

Party clothes Day!

Last day before the TWO-WEEK Christmas holidays start!

Monday 5 January 2026

Teacher Training Day 3—school closed to ALL children

Tuesday 6 January 8.45am

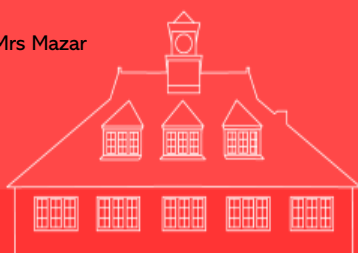
School opens for ALL children

Have a great weekend everyone and stay warm!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher



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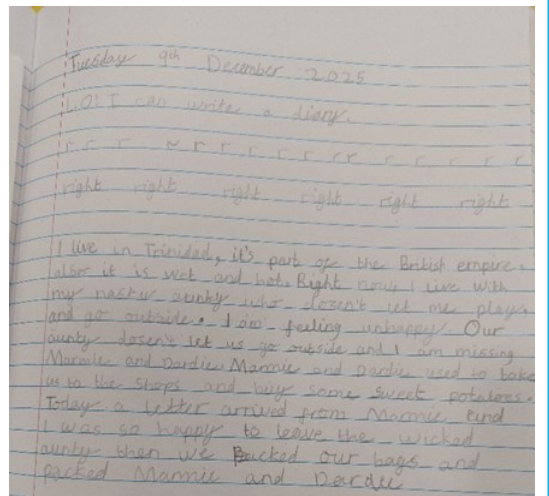
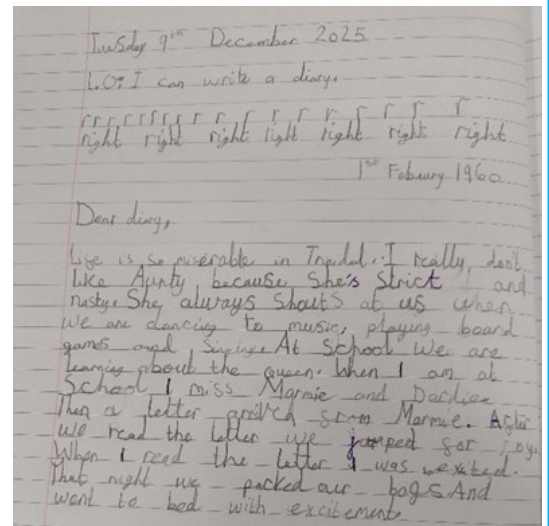
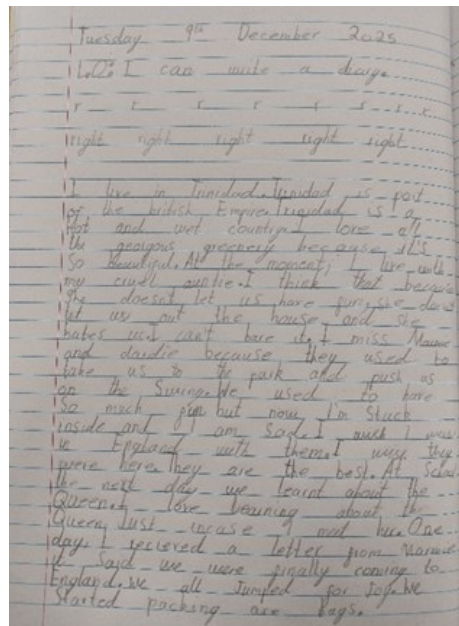


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Year 3

In our English lessons, we have been reading and exploring the text **'Coming to England'** by Floella Benjamin. The story retells Floella's experience of moving from Trinidad when she was younger, and the experiences that she had.

This week, some of the children have been writing diary entries based on Floella's experiences through the story. We have written a diary entry focused on her life in Trinidad, followed by her exciting journey to England by ship. We have also written a diary entry to express Floella's disappointment and sadness when she arrived in England and was treated differently because of the colour of her skin.



Year 4

On Monday morning, **COMPASS Birmingham** visited our Year 4 classes to deliver a workshop all about **resilience**. **Resilience is the ability to 'bounce back' when things are hard.** When you don't give up when something is tricky. When something does not go your way, but you still deal with them positively.

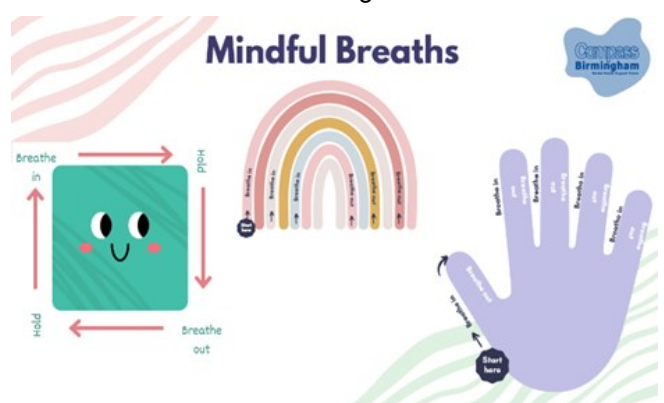


Please scan the QR code to watch the clip and discuss these questions:

- How do you think Judy is feeling?
- What challenges did Judy face?
- How was she resilient?
- Can you think of a time you have shown resilience?



Here are some examples for you of **talking positively** to yourself to build your own **resilience**. Why not try some of these **mindful breathing techniques** to help you over come difficult situations and challenges...



Year 5

To finish our work about the **Solar System** in Science, we had the opportunity to create a fantasy space image, based on the art style of **Peter Thorpe**.

We used chalk, pastels, paint, sponges, pencils, crayons, glue spreaders, bristle brushes and more to create planets, nebula, stars and spacecraft in an extended art session.

Here are some examples of our methods and our final products. We're sure you'll agree, they're out of this world!



Year 6

Year 6 have started their new topic of **WW2**.

During this week's topic lesson, pupils had the opportunity to discuss and create a timeline of events that led up to and happened during World War II.

Pupils worked in groups to create a visual timeline and wrote down key factors.



Events that led up to and happened during World War II.



In World War II, 61 countries were involved. 50 million people died and 1.7 billion were involved. Hundreds of millions were injured.

In 1918, World War I ended and Germany lost. They had to give up some land and face harsh penalties such as no army, navy or air force.

In 1929, The Great Depression started. There was a massive shortage of money and food.

WHY CAN'T YOU GIVE MY DAD A JOB?

1939 3 SEPTEMBER



Neville Chamberlain asked Germany to stop advancing. They ignored so World War II was declared.



In 1933, Adolph Hitler became Chancellor. He expelled anyone who was different.

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Human Rights Day

On **10th December** we celebrated **Human Rights Day**. On this day in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

All children have the same human rights as adults. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child sets out the additional rights that all children have until the age of 18. We can celebrate them alongside the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Children's rights are human rights.

The aim of all human rights is to make people's lives better. In the Convention there are two Articles that remind us that human rights are the responsibility of the Government who must use their laws to protect rights and that rights are the minimum standard expected.

Article 4 (implementation of the Convention)

Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

Article 41 (respect for higher national standards)

If a country has laws and standards that go further than the present Convention, then the country must keep these laws.



Parent Pay

Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool Club debts have been cleared at the start of each week. If you need any support with payments please contact the school office for support. Thank you for your support with this.

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

Dinner money is £2.70 per day and £13.50 per week.

Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day and £1.00 for any siblings.

After school club is £4.00 per day and £2.00 for any siblings.

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

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.

PE TIMETABLE



Monday 15th December
Year 4

Tuesday 16th December
Swimming for 4TW and 4AA.

Wednesday 17th December
Year 3

Thursday 18th December
Year 5

School Attendance

Class Attendance

Congratulations to class **3ZY** and **6NI** for achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week!

Golden Ticket Initiative

Autumn Term Bronze Award – Pupils need to achieve 97% and above in the Autumn Term to get a golden ticket and a treat! Mrs Grace will be announcing exciting details of the reward in next week's newsletter...

We are pleased to announce we currently have 201 pupils who are on track to achieve the Bronze Golden Ticket!

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
90%	19 days	3.8 weeks	95 lessons
80%	38 days	7.6 weeks	190 lessons
70%	57 days	11.4 weeks	285 lessons

Our school attendance last week was 91.1%



Every day COUNTS!
School success starts with attendance

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