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Hello everyone!
A warm welcome back to everyone after the half term holidays! It was lovely to hear everyone's news from the one week break. **We are really proud of Miss Wilcox who graduated from University with a First Class Bachelor of Arts degree with Honors in Primary Education** - please join us in congratulating Miss Wilcox when you see her - what an inspirational achievement!



Well done to our **Eco Councillors** who have already taken part in two of the four **climate workshops** planned for them this term. Next week they will be announcing the competition winners from the **'switch off, save energy'** sign competition - please look out for these in next week's newsletter! Our **School Councillors** will also be holding elections in class next week so that everyone has chance to **vote for a local/national/global environmental charity** that we will be fundraising for this academic year.

We have lots of exciting things planned for this term - here are a few important dates for you:

Monday 9 November 9-9.30am - Y5 Diwali Assembly for Y5 Parents/Carers
Tuesday 10 November - Day 1 of RBC's Organ Outreach - The Science of Sound project for Year 3 in school
Friday 13 November - Children In Need Day - Wear your own clothes and try to bring a 50p donation (Children in Need merchandise will be sold in school next week for £1)
Monday 16 November - Anti-bullying Week starts!
Monday 16 November 9-10am – Year 4 Multiplication Check Meeting for Y4 Parents/Carers
Friday 20 November - UNICEF Schools sharing event at Birmingham Town Hall for invited Year 5 and Year 6 children
Monday 23 November 9-9.30am – Y4 Buddhism Assembly for Y4 Parent/Carers
Wednesday 25 November 9-9.30am - Year 3 Road Safety Workshop for Y3 Parents/carers
Thursday 26 November - Special KOrky Paul Assembly for invited pupils/parents/carers
Friday 4 December - Year 3 to visit RBC Organ Studio Birmingham
Wednesday 9 December - Year 4 and Year 6 Christmas Dinner Day!
Thursday 10 December - Year 5 and Year 3 Christmas Dinner Day - Year 3 parents/carers invited (12.30-2pm)
Friday 11 December - Christmas Jumper Day
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

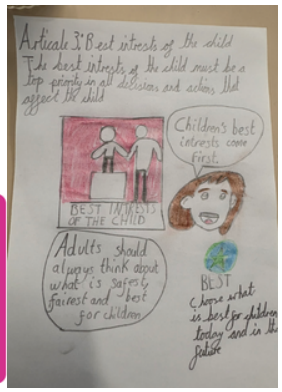
Have a great weekend everyone and stay warm!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Article 3: Best Interests of the Child

This week, children have been learning about Article 3 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which states that the best interests of the child should be a top priority in all decisions that affect them.
Through class discussions children explored the many adults who help to make decisions for children, including parents, teachers, healthcare workers, and local leaders. They considered how these adults work to keep children safe, healthy, happy, and able to learn.
Children also reflected on who they can turn to for support, thought about what it means to be treated respect, and discussed how their own voices can be heard when decisions are made.





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School Attendance



Best Class Attendance for Autumn Term 1

Congratulations to **4GJ** for winning the best class attendance award for exceeding the school target by achieving 96.7% Autumn Term 1.
Mr Mason surprised the class with a £50 voucher which can be spent on new class resources.

Class Attendance

Well Done to **3ST, 4TW, 4NG, 4GJ, 5BA, 5TR, 6NI and 6ZB** for achieving our school attendance target of 96% and above for last week before the half term holidays.

The school's attendance for week ending 23rd October was 95.1 %

Golden Ticket Initiative

Autumn Term Bronze Award – Pupils need to achieve 96% above to qualify. Mr Mason will be announcing exciting details of the reward later on this term…

Reporting Absences to school

If your child is absent from school please call 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' 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. We are proud to work with you to fully support your child's attendance. Remember...everyday counts!

Parent Pay

Thank you to all parents who continue to pay regularly into Parentpay for their child's meals and club payments. Regular payments can prevent unmanageable debts being created.
The office will be sending text reminders, letters and making phone calls to help parents keep their accounts up to date. Please remember to inform the school office if your child's lunchtime arrangement changes - we don't want to charge you for meals your child did not receive! Please call the office to let us know of any changes 0121 327 0824. Dinner money and Club money must be paid in advance via Parent Pay, thank you for your support.

Dinner money is £2.80 per day and £14.00 per week.
Breakfast Club is £2.00 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.
Remeber Free Breakfast Club starts daily at 8:15am.



Monday 9th November
Year 3

Tuesday 10th November
Swimming for 4TW and 4GJ

Wednesday 11th November
Year 5

Thursday 12th November
Year 6

Friday 13th November
Year 4

School Term Dates - Year 2026 to 2027

Autumn Term 2026
Term ends:
Friday 18 December
Christmas Holidays-
Monday 21st December-
Friday 1st January 2027
Spring Term 2027
Term starts:
Teacher Training
Monday 4th January 2027-
Pupils start:
Tuesday 5th January 2027

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