



Hello everyone,

Thornton is looking wonderfully festive this week! Our Christmas tree is shining in the hall, the corridors are decorated, and our admin team has created a beautiful seasonal display in reception. Amidst all the sparkle, learning has continued at full pace.

Year 3 RE Visit: On Monday and Tuesday, our Year 3 pupils visited Burney Lane Church as part of their Religious Education curriculum. They explored what makes a Christian place of worship special and learned about the values important to Christians. This experience helps pupils deepen their understanding of a major world religion while encouraging respect for both similarities and differences across faiths.

Community Safety Talk: On Monday, we were pleased to welcome our local PCSO, Daniel Gorman, who met with parents to discuss how we can work together to keep our community safe. His talk highlighted practical ways to reduce crime locally and protect our young people.

Phonics Workshop: A big thank you to everyone who attended today's Phonics workshop. Mrs Mazar and Miss Tabassum shared how we support our early readers in school and offered guidance on how parents can play an active role at home.

Musical Word for the month of December is harmony: a series of alternative notes sung/played at the same time as the melody but at a different pitch.



Looking Ahead Next week brings more exciting events:

Monday 8 December 8.45-9.30am Year 4 Healthy Sleep Workshop for Year 4 parents/carers

Monday 8 December Year 5 Balaji Temple Trip 5BA and 5ST

Tuesday 9 December Year 5 Balaji Temple Trip 5TR and 5GJ

Thursday 11 December Christmas Jumper Day (or wear your favourite jumper!)

Tuesday 16 December Year 5 Christmas dinner (children only) Year 3 Christmas dinner with Y3 parents/carers

Wednesday 17 December Year 4 Christmas dinner (children only) Year 6 Christmas dinner (children only)

Friday 19 December 9-10am Year 3 Nativity Assembly for all Year 3 parents/carers

Friday 19 December Last day before the TWO-WEEK Christmas holidays start!

Monday 5 January 2026 Staff Training Day 3—school closed to ALL children

Tuesday 6 January 8.45am School opens for ALL children



I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend,

Mr Mason, Deputy Headteacher

Headteacher - Mrs Cathy Grace
Deputy Headteacher - Mr Mason
Assistant Headteachers - Mrs Biddle Rawbone and Mrs Mazar
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'Author of the Month' December



Fun Facts!

Celia is a passionate zinester, which means she spent years making zines (small DIY magazines) during her 20s.

Her first book, 'The First Rule of Punk' earned multiple honour awards such as the 'Tomas Rivera Mexican-American Children's Book Award.

She writes most of her books whilst she is travelling or on a long road trip.

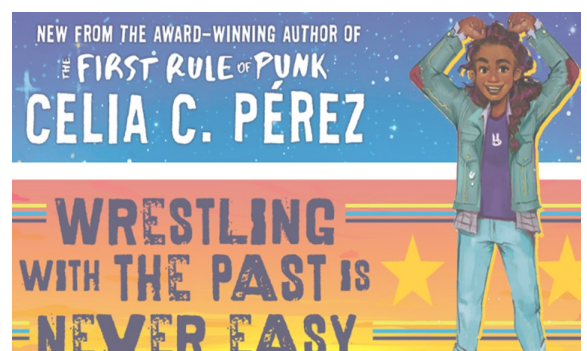
Celia Perez

Celia Perez grew up in Miami, USA and currently lives with her family in Chicago. In addition to writing books, she works as a librarian.

Her mother is from Mexico and her father is from Cuba. This dual heritage inspired her to write books about her experiences of somebody who comes from different cultures. Her debut book, 'The First Rule of Punk' was published in 2017.



Scan the QR code to watch Celia Perez talk about her book 'Tumble'.





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 Term Dates

Year 2025 to 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Term ends:
Friday 19th December 2025

Christmas Holidays-

Monday 22nd December
until Friday 2nd January
2026

Spring Term 2026

Term starts:
Monday 5th January 2026
(Teacher Training Day 3)

Pupils start: Tuesday 6th January 2026

Half-term:
Monday 16th February 2026
to Friday 20th February 2026

Term ends:
Friday 27th March 2026

Easter Holidays

Monday 30th March 2026
until Friday 10th April 2026



Mircobit Workshop

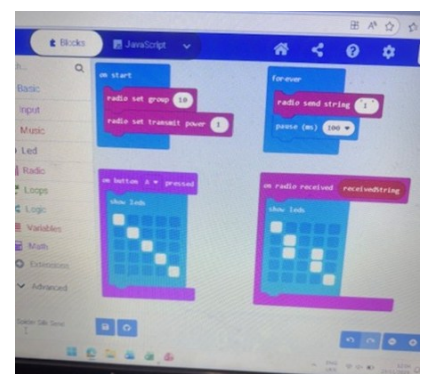
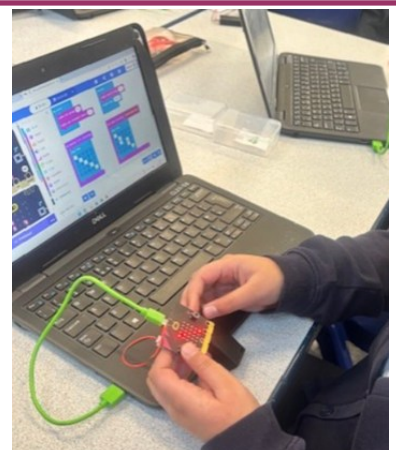
Last week, Year 5 had the pleasure of taking part in a Microbit workshop where they learnt how to program a Microbit device using computer codes. We used USB wires to connect the Microbits to our laptops and inputted commands. We also experimented with the different modes, and we created a spider web with LED lights.



Madiha W, Hashir A –5ST



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DINE

WITH MIQUILL

WEEK THREE

DINE

Main

Vegetarian

Allergy Free

Sides

DINE

Dessert
STOP



BBQ Chicken



Lasagne



Roast Sausages



Butter Chicken



Fish Fingers

Cauliflower Cheese
Pasta Bake

Veg Lasagne

Veg Sausages

Potato & Spinach
Curry

Vegetable Fingers

BBQ Chicken

Af Beef Bolognese

Af Roast Chicken
& Gravy

Af "Butter"
Chicken

Af Cheese &
Tomato Pizza

Roasties and
Sweetcorn & Peas

Garlic Slice and
Green Salad

Mash, Peas and
Gravy

Rice and Spiced
Cauliflower

Chips and Beans

Cheesy Tomato
Pasta

Cheesy Green
Pasta

Cheesy Tomato
Pasta

Cheesy Pasta

Cheesy Tomato
Pasta

Jacket Potato with choice of topping

Freshly made sandwiches and crudites are also available

Apple Flapjack

Sprinkle Sponge &
Custard

Chocolate Sponge
& Custard

Lemon Cheesecake

Ginger Cookie

WEEK COMMENCING:
17/11, 08/12, 29/12, 19/01, 09/02,
02/03, 23/03

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

MIQUILL

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 payment please contact the school office for support. Thank you.

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.

School Meals

Changing from dinners to sandwiches? or vice-versa? We are sorry but you can only change at the start of each term and not mid term. Please call the office at the beginning of the term if you wish to change your child's dinner preference so that we can make the necessary changes to our records and inform the school kitchen.



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 your child to school with unhealthy Packed lunches such as crisps and chocolates. **Thank you for your support.**





School Attendance



Class Attendance

Congratulations to classes **4TW**, **5GJ**, and **6ZB** for achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week!

Our school attendance last week was **92.9%**

The Magic 10 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project

Thank you to all Parents/Carers for raising our pupil's school attendance during the last initiative. We will be restarting the Magic 10 Project on Monday 8th December until Friday 19th December for selected pupils. Letters and emails have been sent to parents/carers, please look out for these letters in your child's book bag.



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 8th December

Year 3

Tuesday 9th December

Swimming for 4TW and 4AA.

Wednesday 10th December
Year 4

Thursday 11th December

Year 6

Friday 12th December
Year 5

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK



On 3rd December we celebrate International Day of People with Disabilities.

This global event promotes equality for people with disability and celebrates their achievements. It has been celebrated every year since 1981.

It is also a day to promote awareness of the challenges faced by over 1 billion people living with disabilities, and the role communities and societies play in breaking down barriers to inclusion.

Article 2 states: The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Article 23 states: A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families.



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