

Hello everyone

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers attending the **Y6 Key Stage 2 SATs information session** and the **Y3 Road Safety workshop too!** Thank you to PC Smith and Mrs Biddle-Rawbone for a really informative session about how **it is illegal to not wear a seat belt**. You could risk a fine AND 3 points on your driving licence if you or anyone in your vehicle are caught not wearing a seat belt. The **driver is also responsible for all people in the car aged 14 and under. All children who are under 12 years old or under 135cm (4ft 4in) MUST also legally sit in a high-backed booster seat in the car.** A HUGE thank you to the Year 3 children for producing some brilliant posters about road safety and singing a great song about seat belt safety. Why not ask them to sing it for you at home? Next week, on **Wednesday 29th November**, the School Nurses Team will be on site to give **flu immunisations** to any children who have returned their consent form. Also, on **Friday 1st December**, Year 6 parents and carers are invited to attend the **Reading For Pleasure workshop** with their children from **9am until 10am**. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

Have a great weekend everyone!  
Cathy Grace, Headteacher

**Seat belts ON** **Youth for Brake**

Youth for Brake is a youth-led programme empowering the road users and decision-makers of the future to become powerful, creative advocates for safe and healthy mobility. We raise awareness of critical road safety issues, campaign for safer roads and call for better support for road crash victims. To find out more visit [www.brake.org.uk](http://www.brake.org.uk)

**BELT UP!**  
Wearing a seat belt will hold you in your seat if you crash.

This means... You won't hit the inside of the vehicle or be thrown out of the vehicle.

And... It will hugely increase your chances of surviving a crash.

**SEAT BELTS ARE ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE SAFETY FEATURES**

But some people still choose **NOT** to use them.

On average more than a fifth of car occupants killed in road crashes in Britain are not wearing a seat belt.

Half of young drivers aged 18-24 admit being in a car with someone who wasn't wearing a seat belt.

**IT'S THE LAW**

- Wearing a seat belt is a legal requirement for **ALL** drivers and passengers.
- Drivers are responsible for making sure children under 14 wear a seat belt.
- Passengers aged 14 and above are responsible for their own belts.
- Children **MUST** use a child car seat until they are 12 years old, or 135cm tall, whichever comes first.
- Drivers caught not wearing a seat belt can be fined up to **£500**.

**NOT JUST FOR DRIVERS**

Wearing a seat belt protects passengers and drivers.

In a crash, a back-seat passenger not wearing a seat belt can be thrown forward with enough force to kill the person in front of them.

Only 91% of back-seat passengers in England and Scotland wear seat belts, compared with 98% of drivers and 97% of passengers in the front seat.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

- Be secure**  
Always wear your seat belt in any vehicle where available.
- Protect other people**  
Make sure everyone else wears their seat belt on every journey. Children smaller than 150cm should use a child car seat.
- Spread the word**  
Explain the risks of not wearing a seat belt to friends and family.

**SEAT BELT REMINDERS**

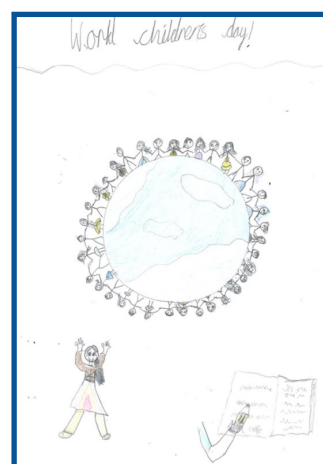
New vehicle technology can help reduce the risk of death and injury in a road crash. Seat belt reminder systems use sensors and alarms to remind drivers and passengers to fasten their seat belt. Under new European laws, these systems will soon be compulsory for all cars in new cars.



## ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

### World Children's Day and Article 45

World Children's Day is UNICEF's annual day of action for children, by children. It takes place each year on the 20th November, the date when world leaders adopted the Convention in 1989. From climate change, education and mental health, to ending racism and discrimination, children and young people are raising their voices on the issues that matter to their generation and calling for adults to create a better future.



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# Christmas at The Exchange

**Saturday 16 December**  
10am-4pm

You are invited to join us for a day of **FREE** festive fun!

Designed with families in mind, this festive extravaganza is packed with a wide range of **FREE** activities for all ages.

Perfect for all the family

# Christmas at The Exchange

**Saturday 16 December**  
10:00am-4:00pm

3 Centenary Square, Birmingham, B1 2DR

The programme includes:

- Sensory music sessions at 10am and 11am
- Storytelling workshops at 2:30pm and 3.30pm
- Drop-in craft activities and festive cinema experience
- University music students playing your festive favourites

There is really something for everyone, with no need to book.

Visit our dedicated event page using the QR code for more details,



For more details about this event  
[birmingham.ac.uk/the-exchange](http://birmingham.ac.uk/the-exchange)

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## Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget to send your child in a festive jumper on Friday 8th December as it will be a non-uniform day. We will be collecting small donations for the Edwards Trust which help children deal with loss and bereavement.

Children can come to school wearing a festive jumper or any other warm clothes. There is no need to go out and buy a new jumper any jumper will do!



## Christmas Jumper Day 2023

In aid of  
**Edward's Trust**

**Friday 8th December**

Wear a Christmas jumper  
& donate to  
Edward's Trust  
Bereavement charity

Sign up  
here



[fundraising@edwardstrust.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@edwardstrust.org.uk)

[www.edwardstrust.org.uk](http://www.edwardstrust.org.uk)

Supporting children, young people and families facing loss and surviving bereavement

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## School Attendance



### Class Attendance

Congratulations ! Well done to the following classes who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above last week:

#### Year 3

3SQ

#### Year 4

4SH

4NG



**Our school attendance last week was 94.7%**

## Ready, Respectful, Safe.

Each week we introduce a different word associated with our school's expectations to reinforce our school's ethos, which is to be ready, respectful, and safe.

This week's word of the week is: **'collaboration'**.

Collaboration is a word linked to our expectation to be ready, but what does it mean?

Collaboration is working alongside others to achieve a common goal. As a school family, Thornton is very much a team. Teamwork, whether it be in PE lessons or on any other lesson, is crucial if we are to reach our true potential as both learners and individuals.

Ready

Respectful

Safe

Mr Mason – Deputy Headteacher

### Recycle Batteries Here



Bring your old batteries to school. We have a recycle bin in reception and can recycle your batteries for you safely.

### PE TIMETABLE

Monday 27th November

Year 5

Tuesday 28th November

Year 3

Wednesday 29th November

Year 4

Thursday 30th November

Year 6

Swimming for Class 4RE

Friday 1st December

Swimming for class 4SH

### Dates to Remember

**5BA and 5TR visit to Balaji Temple**

Monday 27th November

**5ST and 5ZY visit to Balaji Temple**

Tuesday 28th November

**Year 6 Reading for Pleasure workshop for Year 6 parents and carers -9am**

Friday 1st December

**Speech and Language SEND coffee morning for all parents and carers -9am**

Thursday 7th December

**Christmas Jumper Day**

Friday 8th December

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