



# The Rosary School July Newsletter



## **July Newsletter – A Joyful and Reflective End to the Year**

July has been an exciting and emotional month as we prepare to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. As they get ready for the next stage of their journey, we've shared in many special moments together.

From a beautiful Retreat Day with One Life Music to our very own Pilgrimage Day, the final weeks have been filled with meaning and celebration. We've enjoyed camping adventures, class trips, and the long-awaited SATs results. Assemblies and celebration events have given us all the chance to reflect on achievements and give thanks for the year we've shared.

Now, with hearts full and spirits high, we look forward to a well-earned summer break!

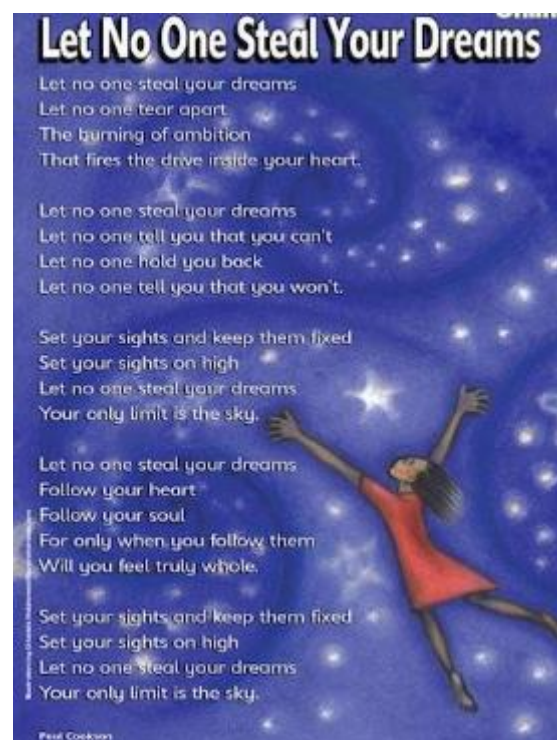
## **End of Year Message**

As we approach the end of another school year I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and governors for their efforts this year and pass on my thanks to you, the parents, for all your support.

This year has once again demonstrated how truly wonderful our children are, they have shown such resilience and have gone that extra mile and continued to flourish and shine. I am also enormously proud of the staff who have worked long hours to provide the very best education for every child at the Rosary School. It is through the dedication and commitment of staff that we have been able to provide so many extra curricular activities which have greatly benefited the children.

Always at this time there are mixed feelings – we are usually tired and looking forward to the summer holiday but are saddened by the departure of children and their families. This has never been more so than in this current year. Year 6 children are a wonderful and talented group of girls and boys and I am immensely proud of each and every one of them. They are exceptional individuals; well behaved, kind and hardworking. They are now ready for the challenge of a new school with new friends. They leave us with the Rosary in their heart, ready to be the change they want to see in the world.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and for those starting new schools in September I wish you every success and happiness.





## Our Catholic Faith - A Call to Prayer



Pope Leo has invited us all to pray during the month of July. Let us take this time to reflect deeply and ask for the grace to *discern wisely*—to choose the right paths in life and to recognise and reject anything that leads us away from Christ and the message of the Gospel.

May this month be one of prayer, guidance, and growing closer to God.

## Sunday Gospel



Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who chose to sit down in front of Jesus to listen to him. Now Martha, who was busy preparing the meal said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.” But Jesus answered, “Martha, Martha, you worry and fret about so many things, but only one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen what is good; this will not be taken away from her.”

When we reflect on the Scripture we consider the reaction of Martha and Mary. Martha spent her time busily making Jesus feel welcome and ensuring he had all he needed. It is easy to become consumed with the hectic routine of life but Jesus reminds us that it is also important to stop and quietly listen to God.

**“Before we speak, it is necessary for us to listen. God speaks in the silence of the heart.” St Teresa of Calcutta**

## Jubilee Year of Hope



### Pilgrimage Day – A Special Part of Our Jubilee Year

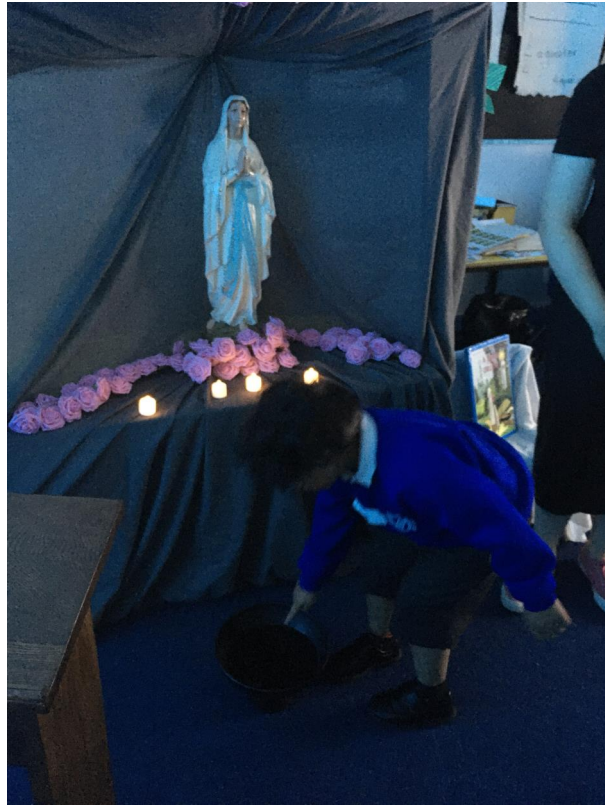
As part of our Jubilee Year celebrations, we were proud to hold our very own **Pilgrimage Day**—a beautiful day dedicated to **prayer, reflection, and community**.

Each class took time to journey through meaningful activities that encouraged spiritual growth and connection. We were especially delighted to **welcome families into school** to share in our work and witness the children's thoughtful reflections and creative responses.

It was a truly special day that brought our school community together in faith and celebration.









**RRSA Article of the Month – Article 19: The Right to be Safe and Protected from Harm**

This month, our RRSA focus is **Article 19**: *"Every child has the right to be protected from being hurt, and to be kept safe."*

We have been reflecting on the importance of **safety in our everyday lives**, especially as we head into the summer holidays. Our discussions have focused on two key areas:



**Rail Safety** – Understanding the dangers around train tracks and stations, and learning how to stay alert, aware, and safe near railway lines.



**Water Safety** – Exploring how to enjoy time near rivers, lakes, and the sea safely, and the importance of swimming in supervised areas.



By thinking about these real-life situations, we've learned how Article 19 applies to our lives and how we can help keep ourselves and others safe.



Live Simply



As a school we are committed to living simply by answering the call for us to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.

During the Summer term our focus for the Live Simply work is our collection of cans, which will be recycled and the money raised, used to support local food banks. If you have any cans



please don't throw them away, bring them into school and put in the trolley at the front of the school. Miss Liebig has kindly agreed to bring the cans to the collection point each week.

We will once again be collecting pre-loved uniform, that will be available for families at the end of term and the beginning of the new academic year. If you have any items of uniform that is in good condition, please bring to the school office. This can include coats, pumps and trainers

### The Social Impact Award



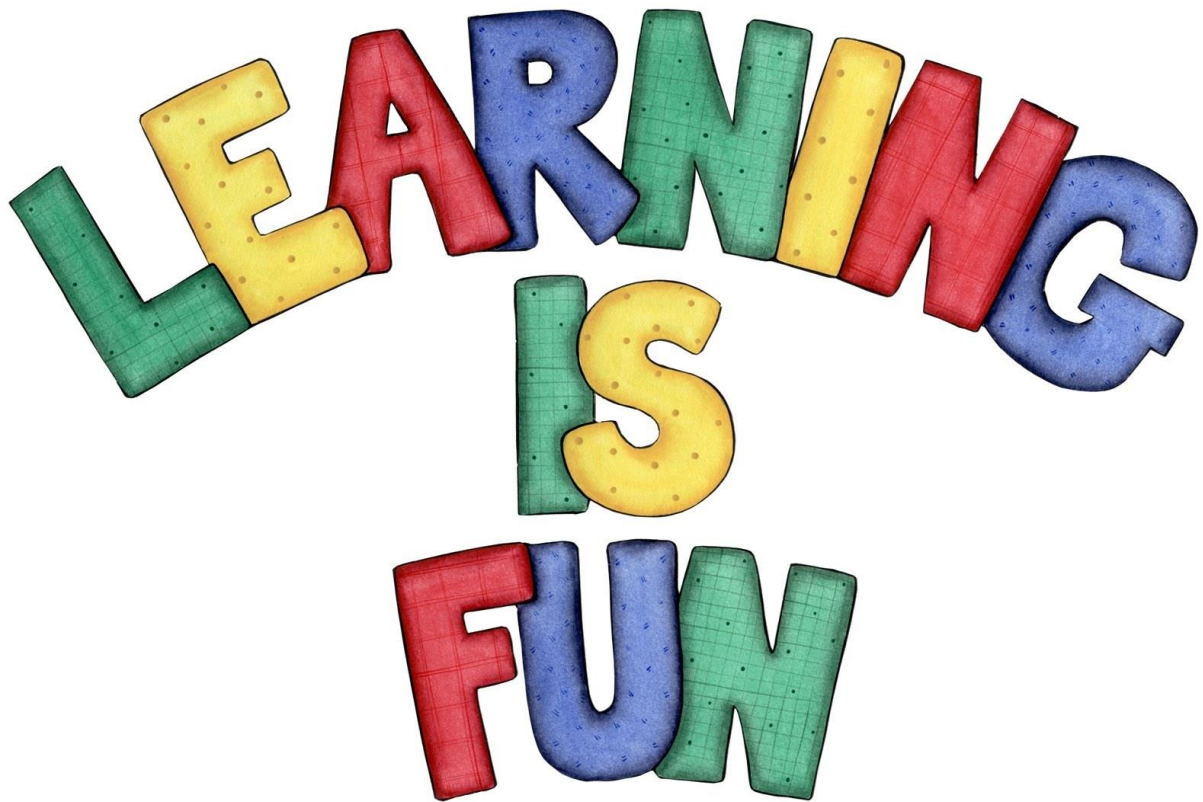
We are delighted to share that we have earned the Superkind Social Impact Schools Award this year. This is a testament to the wonderful social action work that our students have put in this year to make a positive impact on our local community and wider world.

We are thrilled to have earned this recognition and are looking forward to having even more social impact next year! #superkind #SocialImpactSchoolsAward

You can find out more about on their website: <https://superkind.org/social-impact-schools-award>

Or follow them on Instagram: @superkind\_org [https://www.instagram.com/superkind\\_org/](https://www.instagram.com/superkind_org/)

## Our Learning



### Year 3

This term, in history, Year 3, have been learning all about The Romans. To complete their learning we made a trip to The Roman Lunt Fort. The pupils were greeted by spear wielding Romans who would not let them in until their identify could be verified! It was a wonderful day exploring a range of artefacts and training to be a Roman soldier. It was wonderful to be on an actual Roman site so year 3 were walking in the footsteps of history.







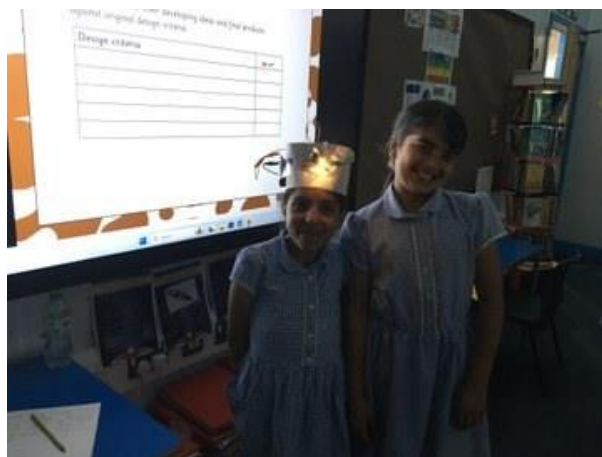
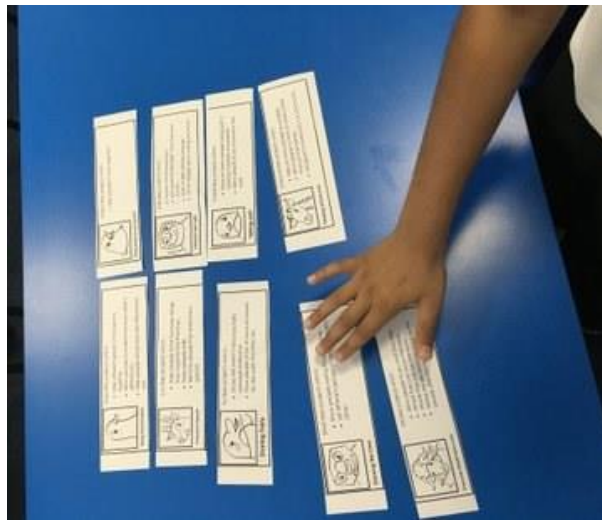
#### **Year 4 – A Month Full of Learning and Creativity**

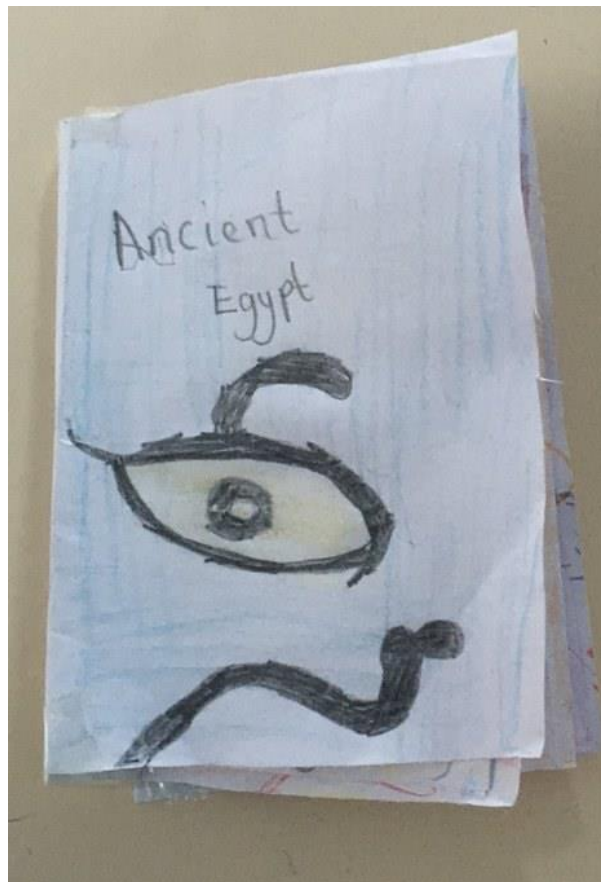
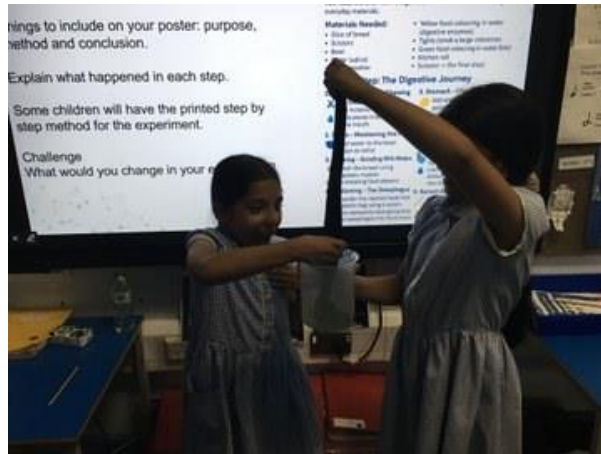
Year 4 have had a busy and exciting term, filled with hands-on learning across the curriculum. In DT, the children planned and created their very own working headlamps—combining creativity with problem-solving and practical skills.

In Science, they explored the human digestive system, even conducting the famous ‘tights experiment’ to see digestion in action! Their curiosity didn’t stop there—Art lessons took them back in time as they studied the fascinating world of Ancient Egyptian art.

We were also delighted to welcome Christine from CAFOD, who led a thought-provoking session on charitable outreach. The children reflected on how they can support our global family and live out Gospel values in everyday life.







## Year 5 – A Month Full of Confidence, Creativity and Collaboration

Year 5 have had a brilliant term, enjoying a wide range of learning experiences. They took part in the *TalkBoost* intervention, developing their communication and teamwork skills. To celebrate their progress, the children worked together to plan and make delicious pizzas— learning through collaboration (and tasty rewards!).

A special congratulations goes to one of our talented pupils for earning their **bronze music medal** with a beautifully expressive flute performance. A graceful achievement, with just the right touch of jazz!

Year 5 have truly hit the right notes this term. Bringing together everything they've learned in Music, they delivered a **fantastic final performance**. From glockenspiel grooves to stage-ready confidence, these young musicians proved themselves to be true performers.





## Year 6 – Building Brilliant Writing with LEGO Inspiration

Year 6 have been hard at work this term, planning, editing, and creating their final piece of extended writing. The theme? The fascinating **history of LEGO**!

They've combined research skills, creativity, and careful drafting to produce high-quality non-fiction texts that not only inform but also engage the reader. From the origins of the iconic bricks to their global impact today, the children have built their writing piece by piece—just like a LEGO masterpiece!



Thursday 3rd July 2025

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#### THE HISTORY OF LEGO

In 1932, an experienced carpenter named Ole Kirk Christiansen's carpentry business went bust (because of an accidental fire) and he had to sack all his staff. Shortly after that Ole's wife passed away and he had four sons to provide for. Although, he was heart broken he had to keep on providing for his family. Ole had an idea he decided to build wooden toys.



They did not sell well because nobody wanted to buy his toys until... One day a man arrived from a toy wholesaler and placed a huge order with Ole to buy his toys and got all his old workers. They had to work night and day on time for Christmas until one day disaster struck the wholesale company went bust, Ole did not give up he travelled round local villages selling toys. Shortly after he decided he needed a name for his business he chose the name 'Leg Godt' which meant 'play well' in Danish. Then in 1936, he changed the name to Lego.



Later in that year Ole went travelling round looking for new machinery until he found a wonderful piece of machinery for his business but it was expensive but he bought it. He spent days, making models out of wood and drawing plans. Disaster struck fire broke out again it destroyed all his models and plans. again

building houses and furniture but not long later, the Great Depression became an obstacle in his business, resulting in him having to rethink his business plan with the risk of his workshop having to close. Ole Kirk Christiansen began to make a variety of toys that were suitable for young children. Of course, these toys were not like the toys we have to entertain us today. These toys included wooden yoyos and hand-painted pull-along toys. However, in 1940, the use of metal and rubber was banned in toys as it was needed to contribute to the war effort.

Why is Lego called Lego?

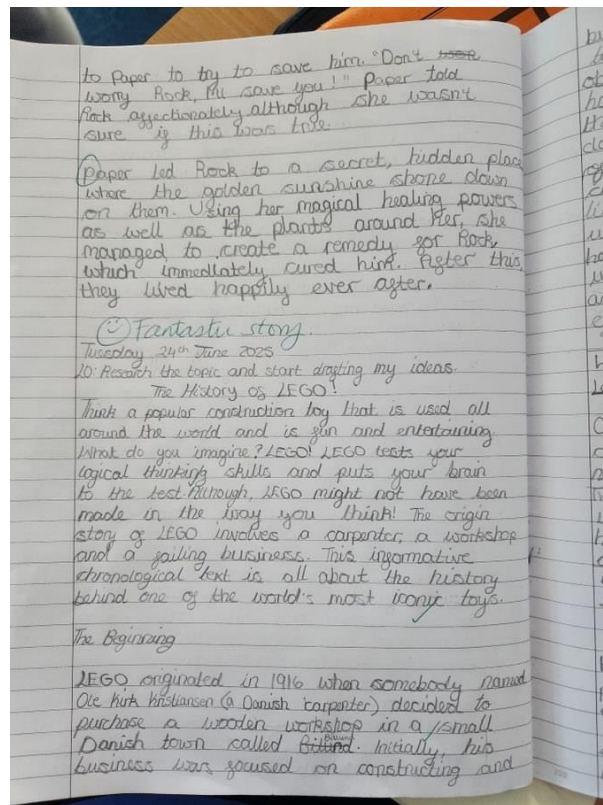
Ole Kirk Christiansen ran a competition to find a name for his company. The prize was a bottle of wine but he won it himself when he settled on the name LEGO. He was to create a toy that was fun, imaginative and allowed children to use their imagination.

The very first LEGO bricks were produced in 1949. However, they were often called Automatic binding bricks. Ole Kirk Christiansen's son (Godfred) saw that there was no system of play in the industry. His vision was to create a toy that was fun, imaginative and allowed children to use their imagination.

Fun Fact!

By 1955, the LEGO system of play had launched a range of construction sets. These entertaining sets included everything a child needed to build their own town centre.

19 billion LEGO bricks are produced worldwide every year. That's 36,000 every minute!



## Sporting News



We recently came together for a special assembly to recognise and celebrate the outstanding contributions and achievements in sport across the school this term.

🏆 Our incredible **Panathlon team** were once again crowned **Regional Champions**—a testament to their teamwork, determination, and competitive spirit.

🏏 The **cricket team** did us proud, finishing as **runners-up in the Catholic Cup**, showing great skill and perseverance throughout the tournament.

⚽ Both our **girls' and boys' football teams** have performed brilliantly this year, displaying passion, dedication, and fantastic teamwork in every match.

🍀 A special mention to our **Gaelic football team**, who competed with resilience and heart against much more experienced teams. A huge congratulations to **Ishaac**, who was named **Player of the Tournament**—an incredible individual achievement!

Well done to all our athletes—you continue to represent our school with pride, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm!

## Attendance



As a school we believe in the importance of attendance and work closely with Birmingham LA and parents to ensure that all children are in school every day. Research has shown that absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil and the whole class. Children who do not attend regularly:

- do not achieve well in exams
- find it difficult to maintain friendships
- are more likely to become involved in crime
- miss out on opportunities in further education and the world of work?

We have recently had a number of families contact us about leave in term time. As you already know a 2013 amendment to The Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations 2006, means that Head Teachers may no longer authorise leave during term time except where the circumstances are exceptional. This is in accordance with Birmingham Local Authority's 'Leave in Term Time Guidance.' If families choose to take leave in term time they may be subject to legal procedures.

**A letter has been sent out explaining attendance procedures and I would ask that you read it carefully and consider the implications if you chose to take children out of school during term time. We are aware that families have been fined by Birmingham LA and this can be a significant amount of money and we do not want to see our families in this situation. Birmingham has informed us that they have issued a fine of over £1400 to a family for taking children out of school for a holiday.**

Attendance Data for 2024 - 2025

Nursery	89%
Rec C	92%
Rec P	95%
Year 1H	93%
Year 1R	94%
Year 2L	94%
Year 2S	94%
Year 3M	95%
Year 3S	94%
Year 4P	95%
Year 4O	95%
Year 5D	95%
Year 5K	94%
Year 6C	96%
Year 6D	95%

Well done to Year 6C, the winning class for the academic year and to all the children who have attended every day this year. a special mention to Hillary in Year 6 who has not had a day absent from school since she started in Reception. What an marvellous achievement.



## E-safety tips from Mr Yasir



### **Internet Safety – Summer Holiday Advice for Parents**

As children enjoy a well-earned break over the summer, they may spend more time online—playing games, watching videos, or chatting with friends. It’s the perfect time to check in on how we can help them stay safe and happy while using the internet.

Here are some top tips for parents:

#### **Set clear boundaries**

Agree on screen time limits and make sure devices are used in shared family spaces where possible.

#### **Keep communication open**

Talk regularly with your child about what they’re doing online. Encourage them to speak up if something makes them feel uncomfortable.

#### **Use parental controls**

Set age-appropriate filters on apps, games, and websites. Most devices and internet providers offer easy-to-use safety settings.

## Safety

### **Summer Safety.**

Over the coming weeks we will think about summer safety and the simple things we can do to enjoy the good weather (when it comes). This week we will focus on sun safety.

After the long winter it is wonderful to see the weather improving at last. However care is needed in the sun.

1. Try to spend some time in the shade during the hottest part of the day (11am – 3pm). At school we open the library so children can get out of the sun at lunchtime. When at home it would be good to keep children inside during at least part of this time.
2. Use sunscreen to protect children's sensitive skin from the sun. Sunscreen should be at least SPF 30 and should be applied regularly.
3. Keep hydrated. During the hot weather it is important to drink water regularly throughout the day. Make sure you send a water bottle in your child every day and we will ensure they fill it up regularly.
4. When out and about hats and sunglasses provide extra protection from the sun. Wide brimmed hats are best as it shades the face, neck and ears. Sunglasses protect our eyes from the glare of the sun.

If you or your child do get burnt then sponging with cool water helps before applying aftersun cream. Paracetamol and ibuprofen can provide some pain relief.



### **Water Safety – Staying Safe This Summer**

As we look forward to the summer break, it's important to remind our children about staying safe around water. Whether it's a trip to the beach, a swim in the pool, or time spent near rivers or lakes, being aware of the risks helps everyone enjoy the water safely.

Here are some key water safety tips we've shared in school:

- **Always swim with an adult** – Never go into the water alone.
- **Stick to lifeguarded areas** – Especially at beaches and public pools.
- **Know your limits** – Don't go too deep or stay in for too long.
- **Look out for warning signs** – Follow safety flags, signs, and advice.
- **Be aware of cold water shock** – Even on hot days, open water can be dangerously cold.

We've encouraged all pupils to enjoy the water responsibly and to look out for themselves and others. Let's all stay safe and make happy summer memories!



### **Rail Safety – Stay Safe, Stay Back**

As part of our commitment to keeping children safe, we've been learning about **rail safety** in school. Trains travel incredibly fast and can be very quiet—being near tracks without taking proper care can be extremely dangerous.

Here are some key safety messages we've shared with pupils:

- **Never play near railway lines** – Tracks are not playgrounds.
- **Only cross at designated level crossings** – Never try to cross tracks elsewhere.
- **Stay behind the yellow line** at train stations and be alert at all times.
- **Trains can't stop quickly** – They take a long time to come to a halt, even in an emergency.
- **Electric tracks and overhead wires are deadly** – Never go near them, even if you think a line is inactive.

We encourage all families to talk about rail safety at home—especially if you live near a railway or travel by train. Let's work together to make sure everyone stays safe.

## Times Tables Rockstars



Well done to all the children who are taking part in our Times Table Rock Stars competition. A special mention to 3S with 86% of pupils playing during the last month.

Times Table Rockstars is a great app to use with the children as they learn their times tables in a fun and interactive way.

Every week we will celebrate the children who are successful – it may be that they are in the top 10 scorers, it may be most improved, it may be for certificates achieved.

If you need any further details please speak to your child's teacher.

### **Top Ten**

**1. Skip Volt**

**2. Jazzy Keeling**

**3. Johnnie J Hendrix**

**4. Strike Sulton**

**5. Jojo Jean**

**6. Jacob Delp**

**7. Omeo Meek**

**8. Travis Barrett**

**9. Jordan Farmer**

**10. Gregg Silent**

## **September 2025**

Following much consideration we are delighted to be able to share teachers for the new academic year.

Nursery teacher: Miss Cartwright

Reception teachers: Mrs Price and Mrs Parveen

Year 1 teachers: Mrs Rajbhai and Mr Costello

Year 2 teachers: Mrs Hussain and Mrs Gough

Year 3 teachers: Miss Driver and Miss Shanley

Year 4 teachers: Ms O'Shea and Miss Whitehouse



Year 5 teachers: Mrs Liebig and Mrs Maloney

Year 6 teachers: Mr Dowling and Miss Sharp

## Dates for the diary

School closes for the summer on Friday 18th July at 2.30pm. In September the children will return on Wednesday 3rd at 8.45am. Our new Reception and Nursery classes will start on Thursday 4th September.

## School Notices

### Earrings

Can I please remind parents that children are only permitted to wear a small gold stud to school and these need to be removed for PE, in line with our Health and Safety policy. Thank you to all the parents who support school with this policy.

### Contact Details

If any of your details have changed recently can we please ask that you contact the school office. This could be a change of address, or a change of phone number or perhaps a change in emergency contact details. We will then update our school records accordingly. If you wish to change the names of people on the pick-up list please contact the school office.

### School Website

Please refer to the website to find out information about the school and events that are taking place in school. It is possible to sync the school calendar to your mobile phone.

### Parking Arrangements

We have been fortunate to have secured arrangements to use the Mosque car park. The carpark will be open for parents to use from 8.30am until 9.15am each morning and from 2.45pm until 3.45pm every afternoon except Friday. Can we once again stress the importance of using this facility rather than parking on pavements, blocking gates and using the corner of roads. **DO NOT USE THE CHURCH CARPARK FOR PARKING.**

Once again we have a number of cars that are being parked in such a way that may endanger the lives of children including double parking. The police have issued a number of tickets to

drivers and will continue to monitor parking and driving on Bridge Road. If you see anyone parking or driving dangerously you can take a picture and share on the website below.

<https://nextbase.co.uk/national-dash-cam-safety-portal/>

This can be used to prosecute drivers.

### **Free School Meals**

If you feel your child is entitled to free school meals please contact Mrs Kennedy and she will do an online search. This will enable families to access HAF events free of charge during the holidays.

### **Play Equipment**

Can I please remind parents that the play equipment is not for use at the end of the day especially by young children. Please keep your children with you and don't allow them to use as we do not have adults to supervise and there is a risk of accidents happening.

### **Early Help Offer**

Please remember to visit our Early Help Offer on the school webpage where you will find information about the support we can offer as a school. If at any point you need additional support please see myself, Mrs Banks or any member of our pastoral team.

<https://www.rosaryrc.bham.sch.uk/early-help-offer/>

### **Safeguarding**

If you have any concerns about a child please contact a member of our safeguarding team. Information can be found on our webpage.

<https://www.rosaryrc.bham.sch.uk/safeguarding/>

### **My Family Coach**

There are times when we all need help with parenting. My Family Coach is a free online service with lots of videos and advice on how to support children at each stage of their development. Please take some time to view the resources available to support with the many challenges of parenting. <https://www.myfamilycoach.com/>

## Community Notices

Birmingham School Health Support Service

**NHS**  
Birmingham  
Community Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust

# SCHOOL NURSE VIRTUAL DROP-IN CLINIC

Every  
Tuesday  
and  
Thursday  
from  
4:30-5:30pm


Your School Nurse is here to help you feel healthy, happy and safe during your school years and to get the best from your education.

**Join the link and talk to a School Nurse.** We provide a confidential and friendly service.

<https://nhs.vc/BCHC/C-F/Schl-Nurse/Drop-In>

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Healthy Communities

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**NHS**  
Birmingham  
Community Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust

# ChatHealth

Do you know where I can get some health advice?

The School Health Support Service can help students with all kind of things like...

Relationships, mental health, alcohol, bullying, self-harm, smoking, drugs and healthy eating

**Text the School Nurse for confidential advice and support on 07480635485**

We do not usually inform your parents, teachers or anyone else if you contact the school nurse. We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact a member of school staff or your doctor. Our text number does not receive voice calls or NHS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). Prevent the school nurse from sending messages to you by texting STOP to our number. Please respect your school's mobile phone policy. Messages are charged at your usual rate.



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children & family centre

After school and holiday activities for 4-16 year olds

Football club

Martial arts

After school club

Holiday care and Holiday play scheme

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**Football club** Boys & girls 8-12 years

Come train and be part of a team  
**Tuesdays 6pm to 7.30pm**  
 £3 per session



**Martial arts** 5-16 years

Help your child with their coordination, respect, concentration, behaviour, fitness and direction  
**Fridays 4.30pm to 5.30pm**  
 £4 per session



**Holiday care** 4-14 years

**Week days 8.45am to 5.15pm**  
 Full day care, breakfast, evening snack. Packed lunch required.



**Holiday play scheme** 4-14 years

**Week days 10am to 3pm**  
 A range of activities including sports, creative arts, cooking, team games, workshops, off site activities, outings. Packed lunch required.

**After school club** 4-14 years

**Monday to Thursday 3pm to 6pm**  
 Play opportunities, collections from local schools, snack included.  
 £48 weekly (£46 for siblings)  
 £14 daily (£13 for siblings)  
 We accept college/university finance places



**Youth groups**  
 Boys and Girls youth groups

Contact Reece Keye or Rico Gardner-Blake... **0121 328 3043**

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