



The Rosary School June Newsletter



Welcome to our June newsletter.

June has been another busy and exciting month, filled with trips, visitors to school and many memorable experiences for our children. We were fortunate to enjoy some beautiful sunny weather for much of the month, which allowed us to make the most of outdoor learning and events. While the heat has been lovely, I think many of us are also pleased that the weather is beginning to cool a little.

Sport has been a real highlight this month, with a variety of sporting events and activity days taking place. It has been wonderful to see our children demonstrating teamwork, determination and enthusiasm as they represented the school and challenged themselves.

For our Year 6 pupils, June has been a significant month as they begin preparing to say goodbye to primary school. They have been taking part in transition activities and looking ahead with excitement to the next stage of their education as they prepare to move on to their new secondary schools.

At the same time, we have been delighted to welcome the families of our new Reception and Nursery children. Transition meetings have provided a wonderful opportunity for children and parents to begin getting to know our school community, and we look forward to welcoming our newest learners as they begin their educational journey with us.

As we approach the final weeks of the school year, thank you for your continued support. We hope you enjoy reading about all the wonderful learning and achievements from across the school in this month's newsletter.

Our Catholic Faith - Saints Peter and Paul



On Monday we celebrated the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul, two of the greatest leaders of the early Church. Their lives remind us that God calls ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

Saint Peter teaches us about faith, trust, and forgiveness. Although he made mistakes and even denied Jesus, he repented, was forgiven, and became a courageous leader of the Church. His example encourages us to keep trusting God, learn from our mistakes, and lead others with love.

Saint Paul shows us the power of conversion and dedication. After changing from persecuting Christians to becoming one of Christ's greatest missionaries, he spread the

Gospel with courage and perseverance. His life inspires us to share God's love, serve others, and never give up, even when life is difficult.

As a school community, the feast of Saints Peter and Paul reminds us to grow in faith, support one another, show forgiveness, and be witnesses of Christ through our words and actions. Like Peter and Paul, we are all called to use our unique gifts to build a caring, faithful, and welcoming community.

Sunday Gospel



Jesus exclaimed, “I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.”

This story reminds us that we do not need to be clever, rich or popular for God to care for us. Regardless of our faults or weaknesses, Jesus always loves us and offers us his comfort and everlasting companionship.

Holy Communion



As the children in Year 3 prepare for Holy Communion we ask you to keep the children in your prayers. We celebrate Holy Communion on 12th July 2026 at the Rosary Church at 9.30am. and all members of Year 3 are welcome to attend.

Parking

We would like to remind all parents and carers about the importance of safe and considerate driving and parking around the school.

We have recently noticed an increase in vehicles stopping in the middle of the road to drop off or pick up children. This has led to some children running across the road between cars, which is extremely dangerous and creates a real risk of a serious accident.

In addition, there have been instances of cars parking on the pavement. This not only obstructs access but also makes it very difficult—and unsafe—for families with pushchairs or young children to pass. There have already been incidents, and we are concerned for everyone's safety.

Please be aware that the police have been informed and may monitor the area.

We kindly ask all members of our community to park responsibly. The community car park by the mosque is available and provides a safer alternative—please make use of it wherever possible.

Let's work together to keep all our children, families, and neighbours safe. Please take a moment to think about your actions and look out for every member of our community.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Tesco

Our application to the Tesco Stronger Starts Grants Programme has been successful, and our project – **EYFS Little Explorers Garden** – has been selected to go forward to a public vote in Tesco stores.

Voting will take place **from Tuesday 28th April until the end of July 2026**, and the outcome will determine how much funding we receive:

- 1st place: up to £1,500
- 2nd place: up to £1,000
- 3rd place: £500

This funding will make a huge difference in helping us create an exciting outdoor learning space for our youngest children.

How you can help:

If you visit any of the following Tesco stores, please take a moment to vote for our project using the blue tokens provided at checkout:

- Castle Bromwich Express (B34 7EH)
- Green Lane Castle Bromwich Express (B36 0BX)
- Erdington Six Ways Express (B23 7NR)
- Birmingham Hodge Hill Superstore (B36 8DT)

We would also really appreciate it if you could ask wider family, friends, and the wider community to support us by voting.

The more votes we receive, the more funding we can secure for our children.

Transition Days

A reminder that Year 6 will visit their new secondary school on Wednesday 1st July. Some secondary schools hold additional days; this information will be provided by your child's new school.

As a school we will hold a transition week (week beginning 6th July) where your child will meet their new teacher in their new classroom for an hour each day. This allows the children to begin to build a relationship with their new teacher and become more familiar with their expectations. For those children who require it, Mrs Banks will create a social story for use over the summer holidays.

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During June we celebrated Refugee Week and World Refugee Day when we considered the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.

During this week we considered what may cause people to become refugees and how they might feel having to leave their homes and settle in a new country. We were able to explore this through art and story. As a School Of Sanctuary, our message of hope was clear - everyone is welcome!

We also considered the articles that link to Refugee Week and in particular articles 10 and 22.

Article 10 (family reunification)

Governments must respond quickly and sympathetically if a child or their parents apply to live together in the same country. If a child's parents live apart in different countries, the child has the right to visit and keep in contact with both of them.

Article 22 (refugee children)

If a child is seeking refuge or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention. Governments must help refugee children who are separated from their parents to be reunited with them.

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COUNTRIES**

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REFUGEE CHILDREN

We're excited to continue supporting the 'We can' charity that transforms empty drinks cans into real change! By collecting and recycling aluminium cans, the organisation raises funds to support local food banks—helping provide meals for families in need.



As we are coming to the end of the school year, we will once again start our 'Pre-loved' uniform collection. If you have any uniform that is in good condition please wash and bring to school so that we can share with families. With the cost of living crisis growing, this is a small way in which we can help each other and show stewardship for our common home. Coats are also very welcome!



Our Learning

LEARNING
IS
FUN

Nursery

Nursery have had a wonderful start to Summer 2!

We have been exploring all things minibeasts. The children had great fun searching for minibeasts in the garden and creating their own using playdough.

This year's Refugee Week theme was *Courage*. We talked about times when we have needed to be brave and show courage, as well as how we can help others to do the same. The children made courage bracelets to remind themselves of this important message and to share with others. They also created special welcome cards to help everyone feel included and valued.

For History Day, Nursery became time travellers and stepped back into the Victorian era. They met a very strict Victorian teacher who taught them about life in Victorian times, showing them her home and school. The children were amazed to discover there were no interactive whiteboards, paper, or coloured felt-tip pens!

Nursery have also begun their transition to Reception by visiting once a week to become familiar with their new environment. They have thoroughly enjoyed going to "big school" and exploring the main school building in preparation for September. Graduation practice is already underway, with lots of singing and excitement. We can't wait to share this special occasion with our families!





Reception's Exciting Final Half Term!

Reception have had a wonderful and exciting few weeks together in our final half term! We have shared lots of curious moments and enjoyed learning through play, creativity and exploration.

We loved reading **The Snail and the Whale** and enjoyed exploring the exciting journey of the tiny snail and the enormous whale. The children took part in a range of creative activities inspired by the story including making snail and whale artwork, creating seaside scenes and talking about friendship, kindness and helping others.

Our imaginations have been soaring as we designed and built vehicles to travel to the moon thinking carefully about what we might need for an adventure into space!

The warm weather last week gave us the perfect opportunity to enjoy some outdoor learning. We kept cool by making our own delicious ice creams and had lots of fun exploring with water play, pouring, splashing and investigating while developing our teamwork and communication skills.

This week we stepped back in time for our fantastic History Day. We read *Cinderella* and explored how life in the past compares to our lives today. The children discovered what daily chores might have been like by washing clothes by hand, collecting water from a well and even trying some sewing. We talked about how people communicated before emails, mobile phones and computers existed and the children wrote beautiful invitations to a royal ball. They also designed magnificent ball gowns fit for a prince or princess!

We are incredibly proud of all the enthusiasm, creativity and curiosity the children have shown. It has been a wonderful half term filled with memorable learning experiences, growing confidence and lots of smiles as we prepare for the exciting transition into Year 1.







Year 1 - History Day

As historians, we took a step back in time and explored what life was like in the past. We experienced a real-life version of Cinderella's daily chores and discovered just how busy her days would have been!

We visited the sewing station, where we mended clothes, before heading to the well to collect water for all the household chores. In the kitchen, we prepared meals for the family and at the wash station, we washed the huge piles of laundry left by the mean stepsisters and stepmother.

Next, we explored the design station, where Cinderella would have designed beautiful gowns for the ladies of the house. We also sorted different clothes, deciding which outfits we would wear to the ball today and which clothes Cinderella would have worn during her own time.

We then took on important roles in the palace, designing handmade invitations for everyone in the town under the King's direct instructions.

We ended the day by taking part in a grand ball! Before the dancing could begin, we sorted a selection of music, deciding which songs we listen to today as Year 1 children and which pieces of music would have been played in the King's palace during Cinderella's time. Finally, we had the opportunity to play traditional games that Cinderella may have enjoyed. It was a fantastic way to end our exciting journey into the past.

What a busy and exciting day! Through these hands-on activities, we gained a wonderful insight into life in the past and discovered just how hard people worked in years gone by. We all had a fantastic time bringing history to life!





Year 2

What a busy month it has been so far!

In Maths, Year 2 have been learning about fractions. Over the past two weeks, we have used our understanding of how to recognise and find a half to help us recognise and find a quarter. We have also been learning about unit and non-unit fractions, exploring what they are and how they can be represented in different ways. Year 2 have worked hard to develop their understanding and have shown great enthusiasm during our fraction lessons.

In English and RE, we have been learning about refugees and the importance of showing compassion to those in need. Year 2 have developed their understanding of what it means to be a refugee and why some people are forced to leave their homes. We have explored how Jesus calls us to help others and how Christians are inspired by His teachings to support refugees.

The children have also learned about why the Holy Family had to flee to Egypt and have reflected on the challenges they may have faced on their journey. Through our discussions, Year 2 have considered why Christians help refugees today and how they can show kindness and welcome to others. To celebrate our learning, we created welcome posters to show our support for refugees— take a look at our wonderful work!

On Wednesday 17th June, Year 2 celebrated 'Women Who Have Helped Shape Our World' as part of their History Day. The children learned about two more inspiring women who faced many challenges throughout their lives but went on to achieve great things. Through a range of engaging activities, Year 2 explored their achievements, discovered how they overcame obstacles, and reflected on the positive impact they had on the world. The children were fascinated by their stories and enjoyed learning about the determination, courage, and resilience that helped these remarkable women make a difference.

Year 3

This week, Year 3 enjoyed an exciting Geography trip to Stratford-upon-Avon as part of our learning about rivers. We visited the River Avon to observe river features in real life and deepen our understanding through first-hand experiences. The children identified features including meanders, river banks, the river current and discussed where deltas form. We even carried out our own investigation by dropping sticks into the water to observe the direction and speed of the river's flow. To finish our visit, the children enjoyed feeding the ducks and swans along the riverbank.





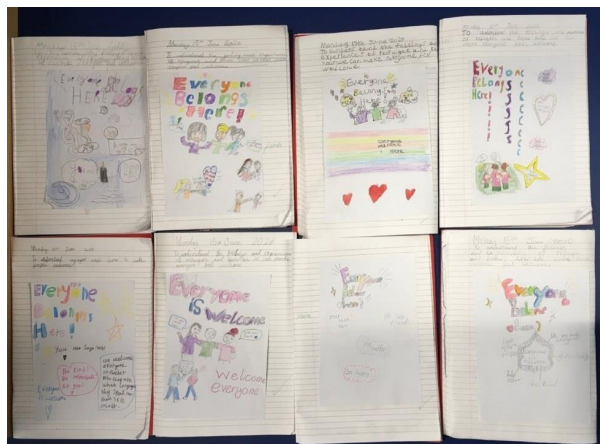
It was also History Week, and Year 3 travelled back in time to learn all about the Romans! The children explored what life was like in Roman Britain by making Roman shields and laurel crowns before taking part in some Roman army training. Through a range of fun activities, the children discovered the discipline, teamwork and determination needed to become a Roman soldier. We had a fantastic week of learning and the children represented the school brilliantly throughout.

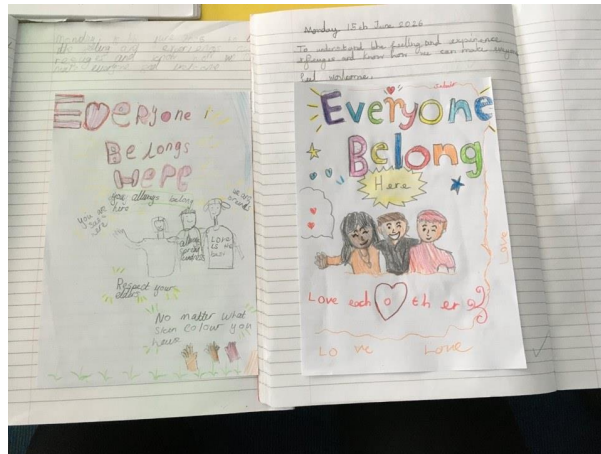




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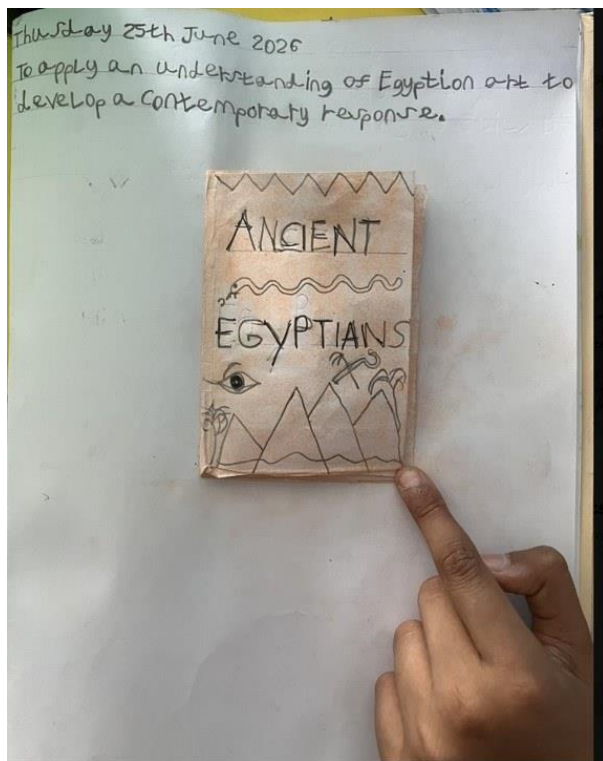
Year 4 have been very busy this month and have enjoyed lots of exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum. During the term we have been thinking about refugees and created some thoughtful work to share an important message.





Year 4 were delighted to welcome Jonesy into school for an unforgettable Ancient Egyptians workshop! There was plenty of laughter, learning and excitement throughout the day.







Year 4 have been learning about the wonderful work of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Birmingham. They discovered how the charity supports people in need through kindness and compassion.





Year 5

This half term, Year 5 have been busy exploring a range of exciting topics across the curriculum. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of negative numbers. In Science, we have studied the stages of the human life cycle and discussed the important changes, milestones and celebrations that mark each stage of life.

In Geography, we have been learning how to read and use Ordnance Survey (OS) maps, developing our map-reading skills and understanding of symbols and grid references. As part of our work in Refugee Week, we wrote thoughtful letters and reflected on ways we can help people feel welcomed and included in our community.

We also enjoyed taking part in History Day, where we immersed ourselves in Tudor life by weaving bookmarks, decorating Tudor roses and creating our own beautiful illuminated letters. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring our learning to life and develop new creative skills.

Year 6

What's been happening post SATS? Year 6 continue with their learning and have explored a range of topics and art based activities.

In **RE**, they have been looking at Our Lady and her role. The children collaborated to work on beautiful art depicting the Assumption of Mary.



The year 6 pupils have started to 'buddy up' for reading with the infants. Each week they share stories and listen to the younger pupils read. It is wonderful to see the year 6 pupils engage so well with those younger than themselves.



In the recent year 6 History day the pupils studied The Battle of Saltley Gate in 1972. The children explored what happened as a result of the miners strike, They considered the impact, both positive and negative, that arose as a result of the workers picketing the Birmingham Coke Depot.

First Aid

The children learnt important lifesaving first aid. They learnt how to deal with a range of wounds and how to seek help if needed.



Don't forget:

Afternoon Tea

Parents you are invited, Thursday 9th July to join the children in their 'Afternoon Tea' Party at 2pm.

Pupils will create the afternoon tea which will be served. They will also be able to wear their own clothes – a chance to wear their favoured outfits. It will be an opportunity to celebrate the pupils at the Rosary.

Year 6 Graduation

The Graduation will take place on Thursday 16th July at 2.30pm in the school hall. All are welcome to join.

HSBC Smart Money Award

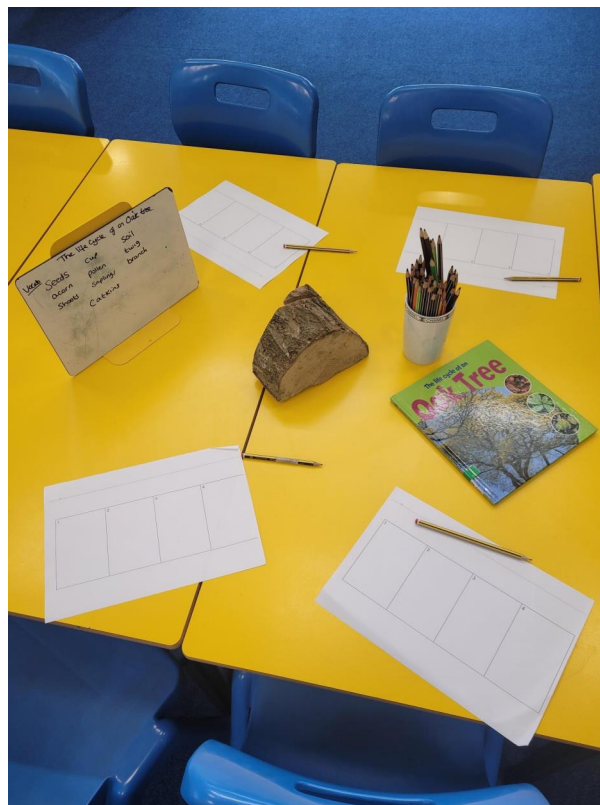
We are delighted to announce that once again The Rosary School has been awarded The HSBC Smart Money Award for our work with Sandra and the HSBC but most importantly the children's understanding of money safety and security. This is the fourth consecutive year that the school has achieved this award and we thank Sandra for her hard work with all the children.

Over the year every class has had the opportunity to work with Sandra and the HSBC with learning linked to money. The children have learnt about setting budgets, fraud and looking after money. It was wonderful to see the children share this knowledge in a very special assembly, when the award was presented to the school.



Talkboost

This term, our Talk Boost group studied *The Life Cycle of An Oak Tree*, creating beautiful work which they were all incredibly proud of. Later, Azaan attempted to count the rings on a piece of Oak Tree!(He is still counting!) Keep up the excellent work!







Year of Reading

In this Year of Reading we continue to inspire a love of books and storytelling across the school. Throughout the year, children have enjoyed exploring a wide range of texts, sharing favourite stories, and developing their confidence and enjoyment in reading.

Classes have taken part in exciting reading activities, book discussions, and opportunities to read together, helping to build imagination, vocabulary, and a lifelong love of reading. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm shown by the children as they recommend books to one another and celebrate new authors and genres.

We are extremely proud of the progress the children are making and thank families for continuing to support reading at home. Together, we are helping every child grow into a confident and enthusiastic reader.

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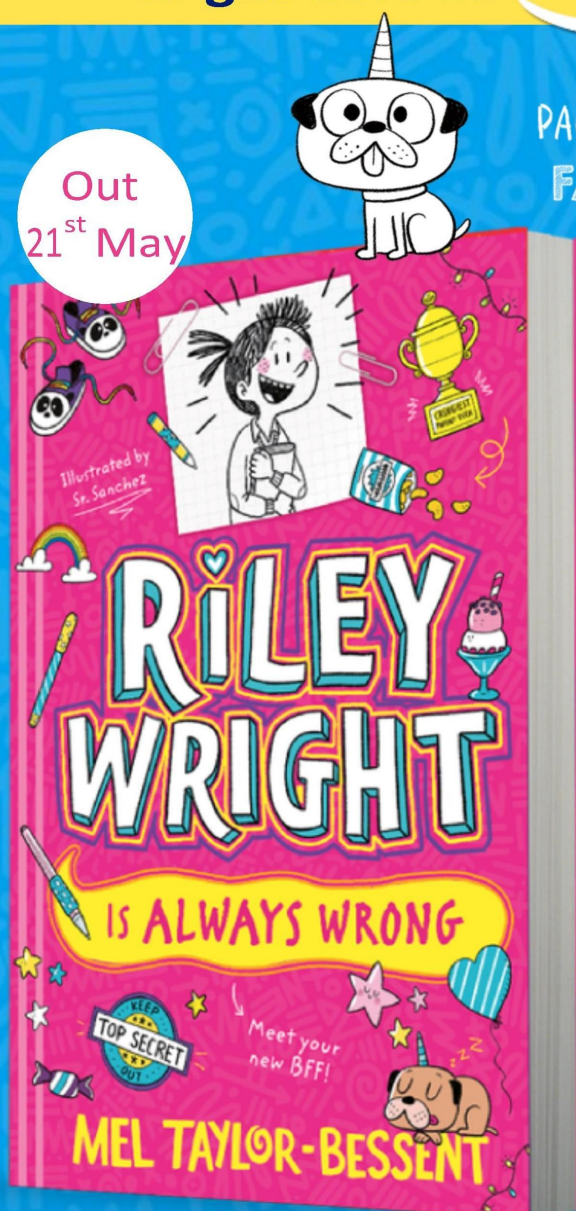
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Riley Wright is starting at Heverton Junior School with one awkward disadvantage: her **MAJORLY** embarrassing, cringe-worthy dad is the new head teacher! Riley has to figure out how to fit in, find a talent for the talent show, look out for her unpredictable new BFF Emmie and face down super mean girl Harper. As someone who gets a lot of stuff wrong, when will Riley finally get something **RIGHT**?



What inspired you to write RILEY WRIGHT?

I love diary-style books and when I realised a lot of them were for ages 9 or 10+, I thought how cool it would be to write something that 7 and 8 year olds would love too. The name 'Riley Wright' came to me on holiday last year, and once I knew she was going to be clumsy and forgetful and funny, the story came quite quickly.



Who is your favourite character?

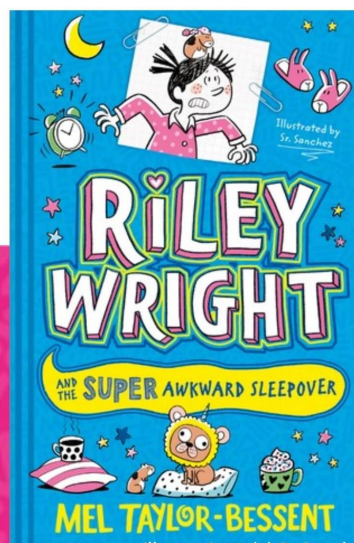
I obviously love Riley. She always tries hard and wants to do her best, but she struggles to fit in and always manages to do something wrong. She's a bit like a female Wimpy Kid in that way.

But I also love her BFF, Emmie. She's quirky, confident, loud and not afraid to be herself.



How many Riley Wright books have you written?

So far, I've written 3! Book 2 — RILEY WRIGHT AND THE SUPER AWKWARD SLEEPOVER will be out in November. **Here's the cover!**



Click here to watch Mel's video

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AN EXTRACT FROM RILEY WRIGHT IS ALWAYS WRONG

THE LAST THURSDAY OF THE HOLIDAYS

I'M NOT BEING FUNNY, but have you ever seen your head teacher take the bins out as soon as the sun comes up, in their tatty, too-small dressing gown and ugly superhero slippers? It's like seeing a giraffe skateboard into school. WEIRD ON EVERY LEVEL!!!!

It's even worse when your head teacher has overpowering coffee breath, chants a cheery, 'Good mooooorning, neighbour!' like they're permanently stuck on school-assembly mode – and they're . . . your dad.

I know, right?

CRINGE.

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DON'T GET ME WRONG, Dad's all right sometimes.



- He buys me ALL the notebooks and pens I want. All I have to do is mention the words 'new school project' and he races to his laptop like there's a flash sale at BoringShirtsAndTies.com and orders me anything with a twenty per cent off sticker. A girl can never have enough notebooks and pens, right!?
- Dad also works a lot. So I get way more TV time than he knows about.
- And at weekends, he makes the tastiest tomato pasta with three different cheeses and not a vegetable in sight. Result!

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But don't be fooled by my dad's love of dairy and a big online discount. When it comes to being a totally embarrassing, forever-annoying parent, he's the MASTER.

Just yesterday, he charged around the supermarket pretending the shopping trolley was a racing car. Every time he vroomed down an aisle or screeched round a corner, strangers would point and snigger or pull their phone out to film him, and I wanted the ground



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CHECK OUT MEL'S OTHER BOOKS...

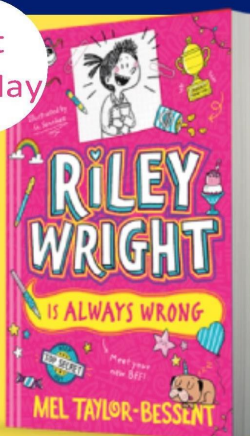
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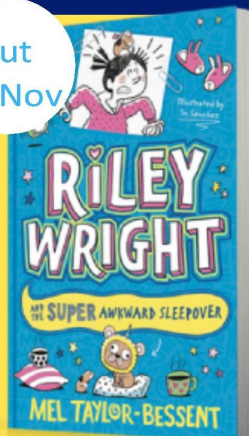
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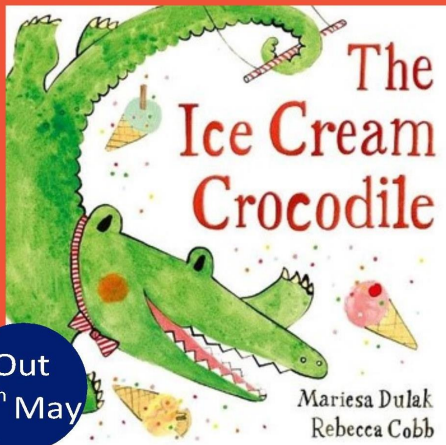


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NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

Picture Books & Early Readers



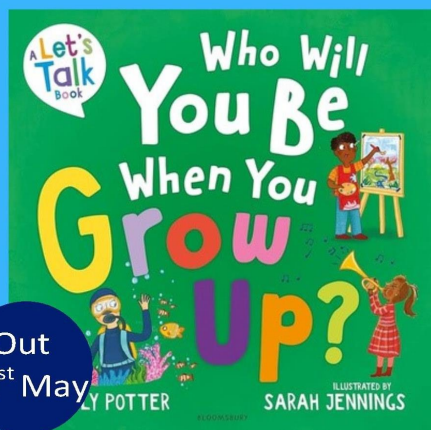
Out
7th May

A fabulously winning story about a crocodile who will not be sidelined, from the extraordinary team behind 'There's a Tiger on the Train'.



Out
7th May

This heartwarming new picture book, from the bestselling creators of 'Mavis the Bravest', reassures us there is always a way to make room for us all.



Out
21st May

From bestselling early years author, this book invites children to imagine the type of person they will be in the future. Perfect for starting conversations about hopes, values and aspirations.

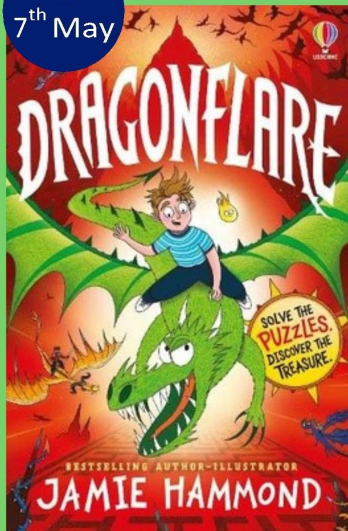


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NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

Middle Grade: ages 7+

Out
7th May



Solve the puzzles to find the gold in this thrilling and funny interactive dragon-riding adventure from the bestselling author-illustrator of 'Grumpfort'.

Packed with epic illustrations and fun puzzles

'A fiery, five-star adventure' – Jennifer Bell, author of Magicalia

Do you have what it takes to become a dragon rider?

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Out
14th May



Join football's freestyle phenomenon and record-breaking social media superstar Ben Nuttall for step-by-step guides to freestyle skills of all levels.

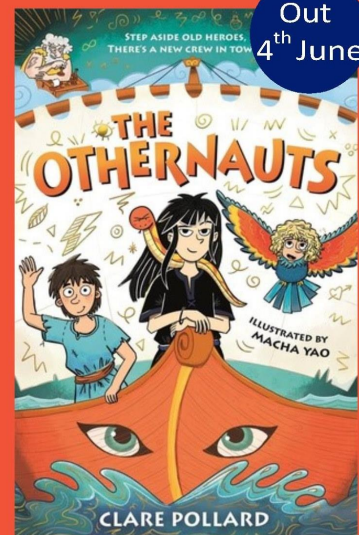
Want to learn new freestyle skills for your next game?

Or just have a laugh trying a new sport?

This is the book for you!

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Out
4th June



An original retelling of the classic Greek myth of 'Jason and the Argonauts' for young readers with a fresh and funny twist.

Laugh-out-loud funny

Fast-paced & packed with surprises & jokes

For fans of 'Who Let the Gods Out' and 'Loki'

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NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

Middle Grade: ages 9+



Jacq is the daughter of giant hunters. Corman is a young giant on his first trip above ground. Two stories, two lives and two worlds collide.

'Skandar' meets 'The BFG'

A powerful, cinematic adventure

Folklore, fantasy and adventure combine in the BIGGEST debut of the year.

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Alex is part-minotaur. You read that right – part-boy, part-bull. Instead of just battling with spots the size of Mars and the looming school musical, he also has to worry about horns and hairy toes!

A hilarious, heartwarming twist on Greek mythology

Perfect for anyone who has ever felt a little bit different

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When Christopher is unexpectedly woken by a miniature dragon chewing on his face, his heart leaps for joy. For months he's dreamed of returning to the Archipelago - the secret islands where all the creatures of myth live.

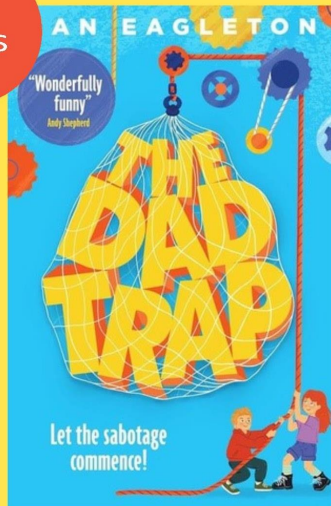
For fans of Philip Pullman, Percy Jackson and Skandar.

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BOOK REVIEWS & RECOMMENDATIONS

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9+

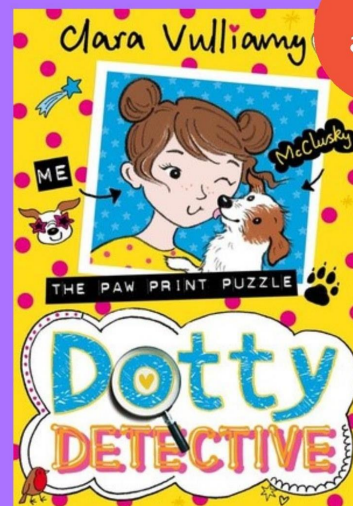


'The Dad Trap' is hilariously funny and has characters you will wish you could meet. William lives with his dad. It's just the two of them and he couldn't be happier! Their lives are bound by routine, involving grilled cheese sandwiches and murder mysteries aplenty. All is going perfectly until Ross and Florence come into their lives. Florence is a new girl at school who William has to share a desk with, and Ross is her dad. When the dads start becoming more than old friends, Florence and William unite in a bid to set a trap and break up their dads.



**Primary School
Teacher Mrs Vardy**
@escape_to_the_reading
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For
ages
7+



Dot is a clever, kind character who loves dogs. In this story, her family visit their favourite farm. At the farm, there is a black and white bunny that Dot's sibling twins adore. After a few days, the fruit at home starts disappearing and the twins start acting suspiciously. Dot has to work quickly to solve the case before it ruins her mum's birthday afternoon tea. The book is engaging and interesting. It includes funny phrases in it - an example would be 'we barked up the wrong tree' when solving a mystery about an animal.



Delilah, age 9

Reading for Pleasure

Tips from the Open University team

Making time to read together

Family reading time looks different in every home. What matters is sharing the moment together.

- Dip into poetry. Repeat favourite lines and enjoy the sound of language.
- Browse magazines & newspapers. Share something interesting or surprising.
- Feed curiosity with non-fiction. Talk about new ideas together.
- Listen to audiobooks together, at home or on the move.

For other, simple ways to support reading at home, download the poster below by [clicking here](#).

Reading for Pleasure

Open University

Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers to develop a love of reading.

Reading Aloud

Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is enjoyable, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones, too.

Family Reading Time

Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and motivation. Let them see what to read and relax together.

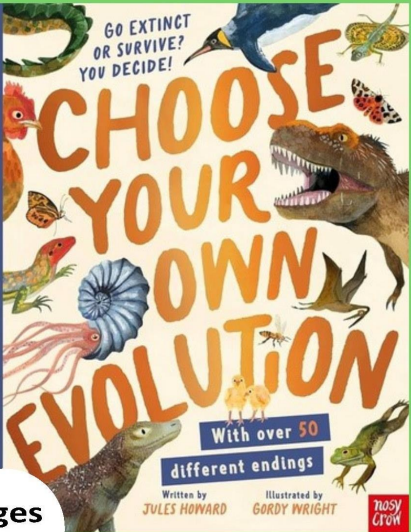
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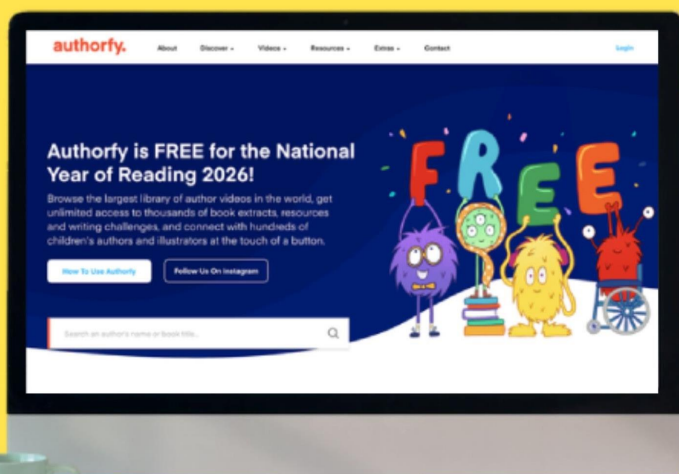
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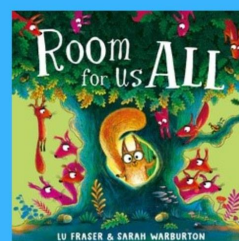
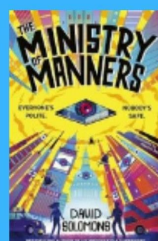
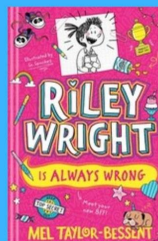
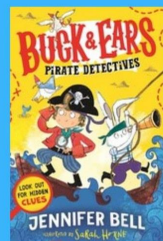
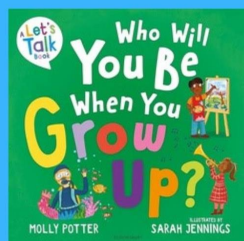
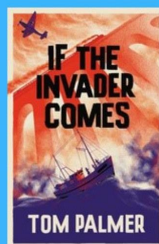
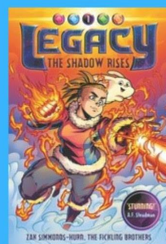
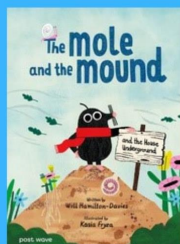


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CREATE CHARACTERS YOU CARE FOR

Give your characters strengths and weaknesses to make them feel real.



CREATE A COSY WRITING ENVIRONMENT

Relax with a blanket, a snack, fluffy socks or colourful pens as you write.



WRITE WITH YOUR EARS

Listening to music can help transport you into a setting and feel your way through a scene.



WRITE WITH A FRIEND

Writing with a friend means twice the ideas, twice the imagination and twice the fun.



PUSH THE PRESSURE AWAY

Don't worry about trying to get everything perfect straight away. Write a messy draft first.



PLAY A GAME

Go to Mel's Write for Fun YouTube account and play a fun writing game.



ADD MORE PROBLEMS

Stuck halfway through a story? Add another problem to make it more exciting, dramatic and tense.



WRITE ABOUT SOMETHING YOU ENJOY

Whether it's football, magic fairies or mutant zombies, if you enjoy what you're writing about, we'll always enjoy reading it.



NO SUCH THING AS A 'WRONG' IDEA

Your writing can be exciting, scary, magical, weird, surprising or simple. Think of one idea and see where it takes you.



WRITE LIKE AN AUTHOR

You might not be a published author, but you ARE an author. All you need to be an author is an imagination!



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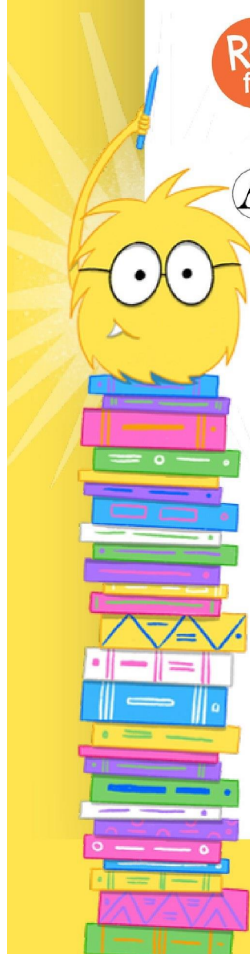
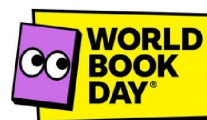


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Sporting News

Our athletics team took part in the annual St Teresa of Calcutta Athletics Competition. They competed with a fantastic attitude throughout the day, encouraged and cheered each other on, and represented our school with pride. Everyone had a wonderful day and was delighted to come home with a medal.

Well done to the whole team for your excellent effort, sportsmanship, and for representing the school so well. We are very proud of you all!





earlier in the month our gaelic football team travelled to Pairc Na hEireann in Warwickshire for the annual GAA tournament. There were some wonderful examples of gaelic skills on show from every member of the team. Well done to everyone who took part and to Mr Perkins and Miss Shanley for their coaching sessions this year.



Earlier in June, our Rosary girls' football team took part in the ESPSFA 6-a-side tournament. The girls narrowly missed out on a place in the semi-finals by just one goal, but they played exceptional football throughout the competition.

Their dedication, commitment, teamwork, and determination were evident in every match, and they were an absolute credit to the school. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented Rosary both on and off the pitch.

Well done, girls!



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:

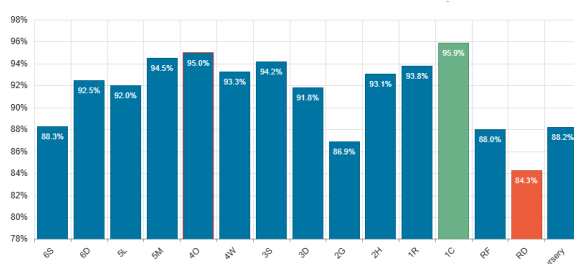
- do not achieve well in exams
- find it difficult to maintain friendships
- are more likely to become involved in crime
- miss out on opportunities in further education and the world of work?

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. Birmingham have also informed us that taking unauthorised leave on more than one occasion can lead to court action.

Attendance for June



Punctuality

Attendance & Punctuality – Every Minute Counts

Being on time for school is extremely important. Learning begins as soon as children arrive, and even small amounts of lateness can quickly add up to lost learning time. For example, just 5 minutes late each day can result in several days of missed learning across the year. We want every child to have the best possible start to their day and not miss valuable learning opportunities.

Our school offers a **Breakfast Club from 8:15am**, providing a calm and positive start to the morning. School gates open at **8:30am**, and all children should be in school and ready for **registration by 8:45am**.

Arriving on time helps children to:

Settle into their learning calmly

Build good routines and habits

Feel confident and ready for the day ahead

Avoid missing important teaching at the start of lessons

Children who attend regularly and arrive on time are more likely to achieve well, build strong friendships, and feel part of the school community.

We appreciate your support in ensuring your child arrives at school on time every day.

For further information about attendance and how it is supported across the city, please visit:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20014/schools_and_learning/1502/school_attendance_advice_for_parents

E-safety tips from Mr Yasir



Each month we look at the latest guidance and support for parents navigating a digital world. This month's topic is linked to the summer holidays and screen time.

With the summer holidays fast approaching children and young people will have more free time to spend with friends, family and online.

For some, this will be spent using the internet to keep in touch with friends, catch up with the latest apps and online trends, and playing their favourite games.

Sit down together

For parents, the summer holidays are a great chance to sit down with your children. Together you can visit their favourite sites and play their favourite games, this is a great way to stay up to date with online lives and show them that you're interested in what they are doing.

The holidays are also a good opportunity to have positive conversations about the internet, so if something ever does upset your child online they would feel more confident in confiding in you. [Our conversation starters](#) are a great tool to help encourage an open dialogue with your child.

Social media and staying in touch

During the summer holidays, young people may want to keep in touch with their friends through social networking sites or games. It's a good time to ask them about what sites they

use, and check any age requirements as many social media sites require users to be at least 13 years old

Encourage your children to use the privacy tools on the services they use, so that the content they post is only available to people they know and trust in real life. To help your children set these up, we have [a guide to the privacy settings on the different sites](#) . You can also download the UK Safer Internet Centre's [safety checklists for popular sites](#) such as Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook.

Talking about their time online

The holidays are also a good opportunity to talk to your children about their online friendships, the sites they use and encourage best practices online. Why not:

- [Watch Red and Murphy talk to Freddie and Alisha](#) about asking before they watch videos online
- [Read Digiduck's Big Decision](#) and help educate children aged 3 – 7 about how to be a good friend online
- [Take the 'Be the change' quiz](#) and help 8 – 13 year olds to explore how children and young people share images and videos online
- [Have an adventure with Kara, Winston and the SMART Crew](#) and help them to make SMART online decisions

Sharing holiday pictures

Some children may want to share photos and videos of what they are getting up to in their summer holidays online. Talk to your children about what types of photos are appropriate to share, and who they are okay to share with. Photos can hold clues that give away personal information. For example, if you share a selfie of you and friends, are there any landmarks or street signs that give away your location?

This is true for photos you might share of your children too! It's always worth asking children if they are happy with an image you want to share online. [Our Safer Internet Day research](#) found that 2 in 5 (40%) of 8-17s said that in the last year their parents or carers have posted a photo of them that embarrassed them, rising from 34% of 8-12s to 46% of 13-17s.

Make a family agreement

[A family agreement](#) is a great way to start a conversation with your whole family about how you all use the internet and discuss together how to behave in a positive way when online at home, at school or at a friend's house.

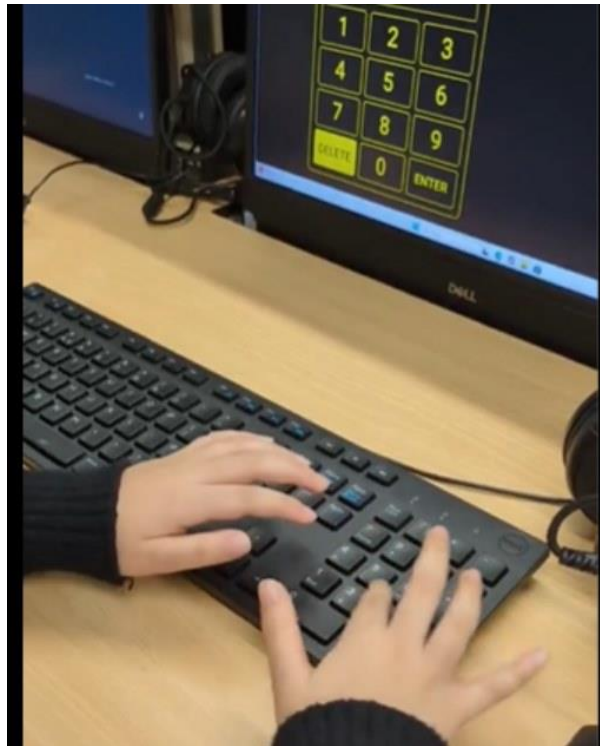
The agreement involves generating promises, these are positive statements about how your family want to look after each other online and how you should treat others online. The

summer can be one of the best times to sit down as a family and agree these promises together.

Most importantly: enjoy the summer holidays!

[Times Tables Rockstars](#)





Top Ten

- 1. Omeo Meek**
- 2. Bluebell Rush**
- 3. Tyler Baird**
- 4. Ash Slim**
- 5. Chino Raines**
- 6. Strike Sulton**
- 7. Hayley Vickrey**
- 8. Jojo Jean**
- 9. Jacob Delp**
- 10. Oscar Buckley**

Dates for the diary

Monday 12 th April	INSET	Wednesday 13 th June	6. Hagelbach working with Year 6
Tuesday 13 th April	Children return to school	Wednesday 24 th June	Year 6 trip to Arrow Valley Country Park
Wednesday 14 th April	Year 3 and 4 Football match @ Hillhouse Primary	Thursday 25 th June	Transition workshops for Year 6 and for COMFAS
Thursday 15 th April	Athletics competition at Blingley, CC	Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 6 trip to Leppworth Museum
Friday 16 th April	Coffee morning - WHF (Pupils @ 4.00pm)	Thursday 7 th July	Girls Football Tournament
Monday 20 th April	Whole School Mass for Easter	Thursday 9 th July	Year 6 Leaders Assembly
Tuesday 21 st April	Parents Workshop - Transition @ 4.00pm	Friday 10 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass
Friday 24 th April	Year 5 Mass		School closes for Summer break
Monday 25 th April	COMFAS assembly for children		Whole school mass
Tuesday 26 th April	WHF Police workshops for Y3 and 4 (Online Safety)		
Wednesday 27 th April	Year 3 Mass		
Thursday 28 th April	Good Shepherd Mass		
Friday 1 st May	May Procession		
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday		
Wednesday 6 th May	Year 2 Assembly		
Thursday 7 th May	Reception Prayer Service		
Friday 8 th May	Year 4 Prayer Service		
Monday 11 th May	Nursery Prayer Service		
Tuesday 12 th May	Year 5 GKS, Grammar and Spelling		
Wednesday 13 th May	Year 3 Prayer Service		
Thursday 14 th May	Year 5 GKS, Reading		
Friday 15 th May	WHF Workshops for Year 1 and Reception		
Monday 18 th May	Year 6 GKS, Maths (Paper 1 and 2)		
Tuesday 19 th May	Year 2 Prayer Service		
Wednesday 20 th May	Year 5 GKS, Maths (Paper 3)		
Thursday 21 st May	KSI2 Mass (Repeat of the Assessment)		
Friday 22 nd May	Year 1 Prayer Service		
Monday 25 th May	Multi-cultural Week		
Tuesday 26 th May	Year 1 trip to the Black Country Museum		
Wednesday 27 th May	Year 4 Prayer Service		
Thursday 28 th May	WHF Workshops for Year 2 and 3		
Friday 29 th May	Year 4 Mass		
Monday 31 st May	Year 3 Prayer Service		
Tuesday 1 st June	Year 1 Assembly		
Wednesday 2 nd June	Break up for half term		
Thursday 3 rd June	School re-opens after half term		
Friday 4 th June	Parent workshop led by Benson-School Support		
Monday 7 th June	WHF Police workshops with Year 3 and 4		
Tuesday 8 th June	Religious Week		
Wednesday 9 th June	Year 3 trip to Blenheim		
Thursday 10 th June	STONAC Sports Day (selected pupils)		

School closes for the Summer on Friday 17th July at 2.30pm

School re-opens on Thursday 3rd September.

Classes for 2026

For the new academic year the phase leaders will be be:

Mrs Percival for EYFS phase (Nursery and Reception)

Mrs Rajbhai for Key Stage 1 phase (Year 1 and 2)

Ms O'Shea for lower Key Stage 2 phase (Year 3 and 4)

Mrs Liebig for upper Key Stage 2 phase (Year 5 and 6)

Ms Sharp will have responsibility for all phases.

The new classes for 2026 - 2027 are:

We will have an Early Years Team made up of Mrs Percival, Mrs Price, Mrs Harris, Mrs Akhtar and Mrs Kousar.

Mrs Harris and Mrs Percival will lead in our EYFS Class 1 (Nursery)

Mrs Price and Mrs Harris will lead in our EYFS Class 2 (Reception)

Mrs Rajbhai will lead in our Year 1 class.

Mrs Parveen and Ms Ameen (Mrs Hussain in January) will lead in our Year 2 classes.

Mrs Maloney and Ms Cartwright will lead in our Year 3 classes.

Ms O'Shea and Ms Brennan will lead in our Year 4 classes.

Mrs Liebig and Ms Whitehouse will lead in our Year 5 classes.

Ms Sharp, Ms Padden and Mrs Gough will lead in our Year 6 classes.

We have a planned transition week next week, when the children will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher and work in their new classroom.

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 Mahmood 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

Free Communication and Autism Team Parent carer workshop for parent carers who would like to increase their understanding of sensory differences and ways to support their child.

Communication and Autism Team

Parent Carer Workshops - Wyndcliffe Primary School

We would like to invite you to a CAT Parent carer workshop for parent carers who would like to increase their understanding of autism and ways to support their child.

Workshops will be held over five weeks with the following themes:

- 24th February 9.15-10.45am - Language and Communication
- 3rd March 9.15-10.45am - Sensory Differences
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Sessions will take place at:

Wyndcliffe Primary School (Beeches Site)
Little Green Lane, Birmingham, B9 5BG

Parent carers from all Birmingham schools are welcome to come along.




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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 MMS 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 schools mobile phone policy. Messages are charged at your usual rate.

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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)
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