

NEWSLETTER

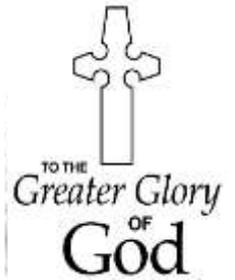


It is so wonderful, to be able to welcome our community back into school to celebrate together at this very special time of year. Rehearsals are in full swing and performances underway, the school is filled with joy!

Thank you to all of our staff who are instrumental in making these precious memories.

At this time of year we also reflect and say thank you to so many people who make such a difference to our children, people who give up their time to volunteer, whether they are visible, or work tirelessly behind the scenes. We offer our thanks and appreciation.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with love, joy and peace.



GRACE Thyago 1B
Isabel 6A

LOVE

Deanery Values

FAITH

Aubrey RHM

HOPE

JOY

Ethan 1B
Amira 3C
Arian 5MC

Brooke 2R
Poppy 3G

PEACE

Pupil Voice

Joshua RHM - "We have been doing our nativity, singing Christmas songs and learning about circles and triangles."

Willow 1B - "This week in Maths we used a number line to make jumps backwards and it helped me to understand take away."

Davian 3C - "I enjoyed building dens in Outdoor Adventure enrichment."

Amelia 5MC - "We have been practising our Christmas play and I am really enjoying it."

Scarlett 5MC - "In PSHE, we have been looking at valuing differences and we learned about Rosa Parks. I think this work is encouraging because Rosa Parks stood up to someone who was discriminating against her."

Quinn 5MC - "In Spanish we have been writing Christmas cards to children in Spain and I'm looking forward to getting my reply from a child called Angel."

Dom 6A - "This week in Creative Curriculum we learnt about the Make Do and Mend campaign that came about during the war. We have taken inspiration from this and we are looking forward to making our own stockings."

Hannah 6A - "This week in science we have learnt about circuits and we have been busy coming up with our own circuit using copper tape, a battery and an LED bulb for our design. I am having a reindeer on my card and will have an LED bulb for the nose."

Congratulations

Deanery send love and congratulations to Mrs Mills and her husband upon the safe arrival of their son Blake Vincent Mills, born 21st November at a very healthy 8lb 6oz. A gorgeous new addition to their family and a brother for Willow- a precious little bundle of joy.



Christmas JUMPER DAY



The last day of term, 16th December, will be Christmas Jumper Day!

If your child has a Christmas jumper that they would like to wear, they are more than welcome to wear it in addition to their usual school uniform. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, or does not want to wear one, please do not worry, they can wear a top of their choice.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Dear children, parents and teachers,

Thank you so much for your support of the 2022 British Legion Poppy Appeal, all the money raised will go towards supporting members of our Forces Community, past and present, who are in need of our help. Deanery CE Primary school raised £356.86.

Thank you to our Parent Readers

A huge thank you to the volunteer parent readers that have supported us this term and given our children additional opportunities to read.

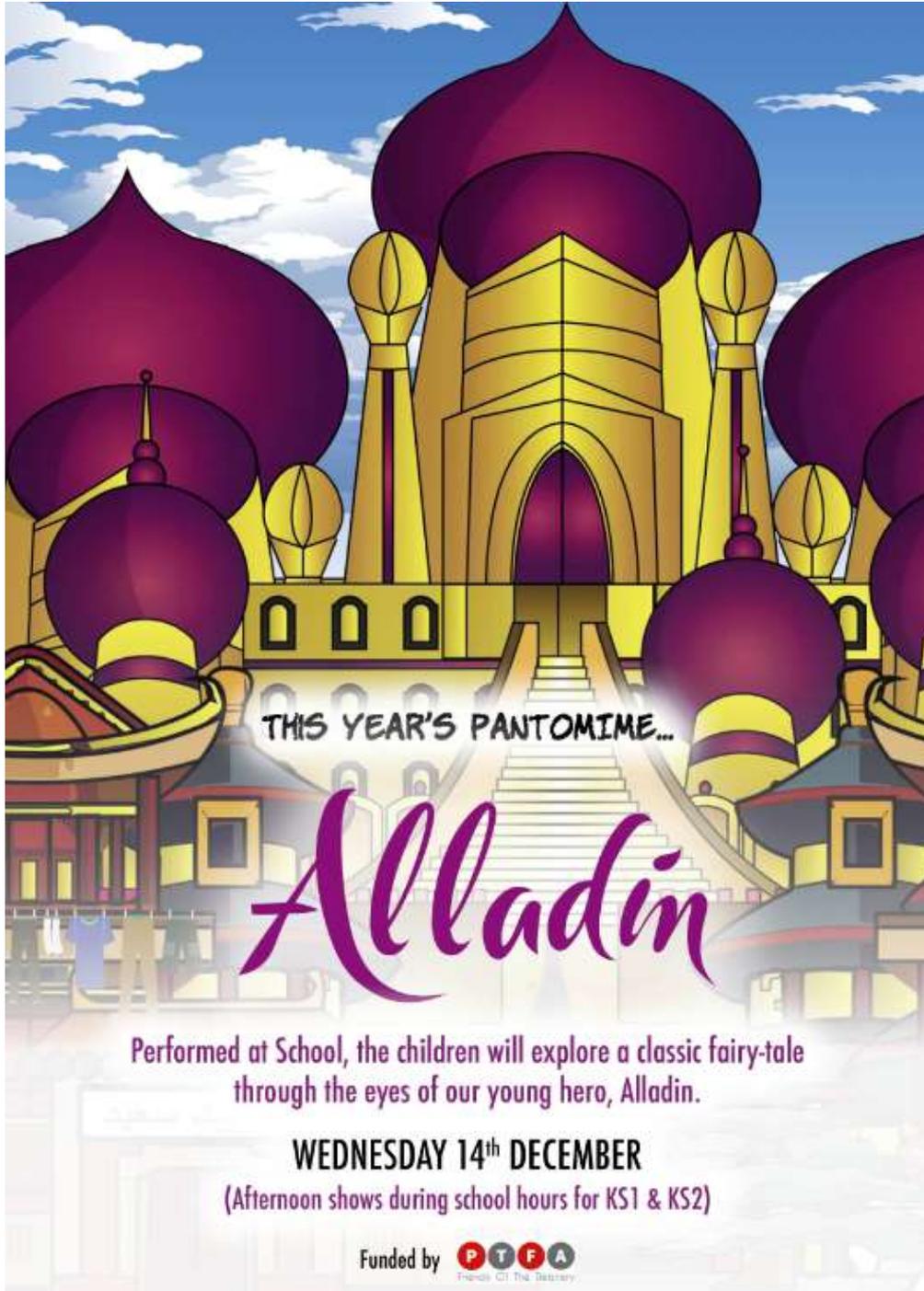
We have had a core of about 8 wonderful volunteers that have given their time every Thursday and we are very grateful!



We will be resuming Parent Readers in the New Year if you would like to join us!

Christmas Pantomime at Deanery

Wednesday 14th December



THIS YEAR'S PANTOMIME...

Alladin

Performed at School, the children will explore a classic fairy-tale through the eyes of our young hero, Alladin.

WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER

(Afternoon shows during school hours for KS1 & KS2)

Funded by **P T F A**
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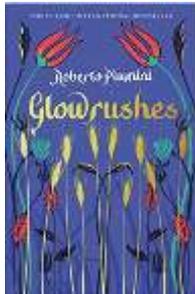
Response to Curriculum Evening Feedback

If you are looking for recommendations of books for your children to read, <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/> has recommendations for each year group. Their lists of books are carefully put together to make it easier to find high quality, engaging and interesting books to instil a reading for pleasure culture and encourage children to read at home.

It also has some great tips as to why reading is so important and how to read with your child and the kinds of questions you can ask.

December 2022

Fiction book of the month

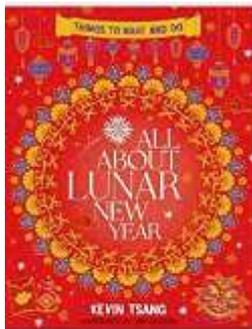


Glowrushes by Roberto Piumini

When young noble Madurer is struck down by a strange illness that leaves him unable to go outside, his father commissions an amazing artist to paint the world his son cannot experience. An amazing friendship develops.

Translated from the Italian classic, Glowrushes is unforgettable and unputdownable. Highly recommended for upper KS2

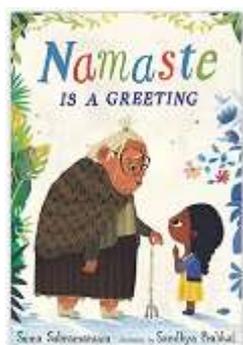
Non-fiction book of the month



All About Lunar New Year by Kevin Tsang

With true stories, facts and incredible illustrations 'All About Lunar New Year' is both vibrant and engaging. But this large-format paperback isn't just a great primary library book. There are well-thought-out and constructed activities and recipes for children, including how to construct magic lanterns and masks, and a series of traditional recipes for Korean soup and dumplings. It's perfect for 8-12-year-olds to read and share at home. The Chinese walnut cookies look divine!

Picture book of the month



Namaste Is a Greeting by Suma Subramaniam, illustrated by Sandhya Prabhat

When a young girl explores the lively and vibrant city, she finds a gift for the old lady who lives next door. But the gift of a greeting is just as important as the gift in her hand. Uplifting and moving, Namaste is a Greeting is a picture book that exudes positivity, warmth and kindness

Mental Health and Wellbeing Update

The five ways of Wellbeing have been designed to help us to live a mentally healthy life



Our whole school wellbeing focus this half term is Give!

Whoever we are, whatever we do, we can make giving part of our daily lives.
This is how we are 'giving' in school.



Thank you all so much for your generous donations to @Bham_City_Missn. These toys and presents will be delivered to over 3000 children around Birmingham to bring them some joy this Christmas 🎄🎁

Parent Readers - Deanery needs you!!!



Could you give up an hour a week to support a reading group in school?

Parent readers will run 2:15pm-3:00pm on Thursday afternoons and are concluded by tea, coffee and biscuits!

(Could the lure of a biscuit persuade you?!).

These forty-five minute sessions will involve reading with two/three children from different year groups.

They are fantastic fun and enjoyable and the children really benefit from getting one to one attention when reading.

Parents who have previously attended have all expressed how rewarding it is and as teachers, we see the benefits in enthusiasm and quality derived from the reading by the children.

If you are interested, or would just like to come along to a 'taster session' please complete the slip below and return it to school by Thursday 5th January 2023.

There is no obligation to commit to all of the sessions; any support you can offer is gratefully received!

Thanks in advance for your support

Miss Morris

PARENT READING GROUPS

Name of child _____ Class _____

Name of parent helper _____

Dates available (please circle) -:

Thurs 12th Jan

Thurs 19th Jan

Thurs 26th Jan

Thurs 2nd Feb

Thurs 9th Feb

Thurs 16th Feb



Our Head Boys, Head Girls and House Captains have been working hard to bring you news reports reporting on what has been going on around school this term.

Look out for these coming soon on the school website...

School Bells

A reminder that school is open for children in Reception to Year 6 from **8:45am** to **8:55am**. The bell will ring at 8:55am and the school classroom doors and school gates will be closed. If you arrive on or after this time, please **DO NOT** knock on classroom doors and please bring your child to the main school entrance to enter school safely.

Staff Car Park

Please **do not** park in the staff car park to collect your child from school or from an after school club. Please also do not walk across the staff car park after collecting your child from an after school club. We have had a couple of recent near misses and do not want anyone to get hurt, especially on these dark evenings. Please also pass this message on to grandparents that may collect your child.

Plea from Reception Class

Please can you put out a plea for any donations of spare school shirts, boys trousers and girls tights for reception on the next newsletter. Also for any spare plastic bags to send wet clothes home in. Please could you mention for any clothes borrowed from school to be returned clean as soon as possible.

Deanery Christmas Post Box



The Deanery Christmas Post-box is back!

If your child would like to send Christmas cards to friends across the school, please write the name and the class of the child on the envelope and they can post it in the post box, which will be in the KS1 hall from 1st Dec.

The Y6 Christmas elves will then run the Deanery postal service and deliver the cards to the children.

RNIB Stamps Appeal



As a school, we would like to support RNIB this festive season and collect stamps to make a difference to blind and partially sighted people.

If you receive cards and letters through the post, could you save the stamps and send them in to us? We will recycle them and send them on to the RNIB who will recycle them into much-needed funds for their services.

We will have a collection box in the main school entrance or just send your stamps in to us in a bag or envelope and we will pop them in the collection box for you.

Birmingham Children's Hospital Winter Pressures Plea

Birmingham Children's Hospital's Emergency Department has been under significant, sustained pressure due to high levels of respiratory infections locally and unprecedented attendances.

Across the country, Children's Emergency Departments are seeing approximately a 20% increase on previous record attendances, with a number of units reporting a lack of beds for paediatric admissions.

BWC is asking colleagues in the community, education, and other sectors to help by sharing some key advice to children, parents, and carers to ease the pressure on hard working staff.

Please share the following key messages through your channels, networks, websites and wherever you think it could help:

- The Children's Hospital Emergency Department is incredibly busy – those who are not seriously ill will face very long waits to be seen and may need to go elsewhere for help.
- Remember, the Children's Hospital Emergency Department can't help with dental or eye issues. For an eye emergency, please attend the Midland Eye Centre at Dudley Road open 9am-7pm. NHS 111 can help with finding and accessing an Emergency Dentist.
- There are things you can try before visiting, such as:
 - View our 'virtual consultations' to hear our doctors' advice on the most common reasons people come to the Emergency Department – [Click here](#)
 - Visit Healthier Together, a website recommended by our doctors, which has advice and resources for parents and young people – [Click here](#)
 - Visit [111 online](#) (for children aged 5 and over). Answer questions about your symptoms on the website and they will tell you what to do next.
- Take these simple steps to keep well this winter:
 - Wash your hands regularly just like you did during the pandemic.
 - Get your flu jab and COVID-19 booster.

Please also share/retweet our regular social media updates with video advice for parents if you are able to.

Scooter



If anyone has lost this scooter please contact the school office.



Early Help is a network of local organisations, here to ensure services are accessible for families who need support.

Use the QR code to access our **Family Connect Form**

Fill in your details and what support you're looking for, and we will be in touch.



If you need more information, or support filling out the form, contact your Community Connectors, Dawn & Danielle
communityconnectors@ourplacesupport.org



School Nurse

Please follow the link below for an updated telephone number and email address for the School Nursing Team. If you have any concerns or worries around the health and wellbeing of your child, please contact the School Nursing team. [Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust website here](#)



Follow The Star
THE GREAT
INVITATION

Celebrating Christmas at St John's



St John's
Walmley



St John's
@MINWORTH

Journey with us this Christmas...

Sunday 4th Dec

9am - Holy Communion

10:30am - Morning Worship - Toy Service
bring along a new unwrapped toy to donate to BCM

Saturday 10th Dec

10am-1pm - Christmas Coffee Morning
with stalls and free Christmas crafts for kids

Sunday 11th Dec

9am - Holy Communion

10:30am - Morning Worship

4pm - Messy Church Christmas
@ Minworth Junior & Infant School

7:30pm - Encounter Christmas Carols
a contemporary take on traditional carols

Friday 16th - Tuesday 20th Dec

Walmley Christmas Windows Trail
explore the Christmas story as you journey around Walmley

Sunday 18th Dec

9am - Holy Communion

10:30am - Morning Worship

7pm - Carols by Candlelight

Monday 19th Dec

6:30pm - Carols in Minworth

7:45pm - Carols in Walmley Village
both led by the Salvation Army

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd Dec

9pm - Evening Compline live on Facebook

Tuesday 20th Dec

4pm - Minworth Christingle Service
@ Minworth Junior & Infant School

Wednesday 21st Dec

7pm - 'A Quiet Christmas'
*a service for those who will find it difficult to celebrate
Christmas this year*

Thursday 22nd Dec

4pm - Walmley Christingle Service
@ St John's Walmley

Saturday 24th Dec

4pm - Crib Service

come along dressed as your favourite nativity character

11:30pm - Midnight Holy Communion

Sunday 25th Dec

10am - Christmas Day All-Age Holy Communion

Sunday 1st Jan

10:30am - All-Age Morning Worship



*May the joy of the angels,
The eagerness of the shepherds,
The perseverance of the wise men,
The obedience of Mary and Joseph,
And the peace of the Christ Child be yours this
Christmas.*

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Walmley



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0121 313 0413
www.stjw.org.uk



@stjwalmley

PLEASE SEE INFORMATION
BELOW FOR LOCAL
ACTIVITIES

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ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES

**Monday 19th
December
2022**

£5 pp
Pre-School
Children Free

**OVER
20
SPORTS
TO TRY**

**MORNING
SESSION
10am –
12noon**

**AFTERNOON
SESSION
1pm –
3pm**

**COMMUNITY
GAMES**
Fun and Inspiring



WINTER GAMES

BMET COLLEGE, Lichfield Road,
The Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield,
Birmingham, B74 2NW

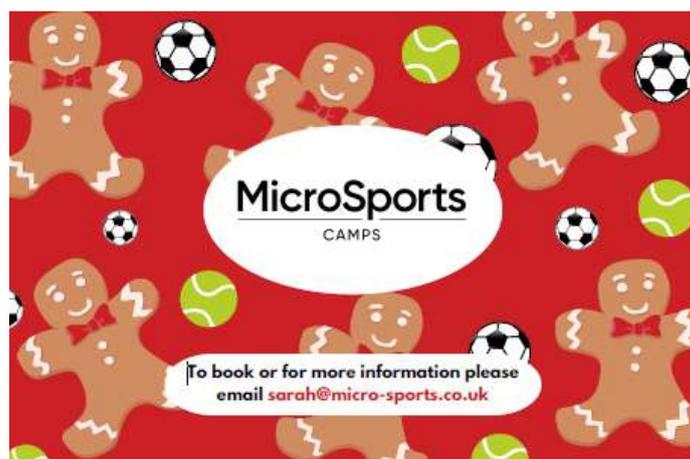


Tickets Available From – www.trybooking.co.uk/BZIA






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Bishop Walsh Christmas Football and Tennis Camp

**Tuesday 20th - Thursday 22nd December
8:00am-2:00pm**

£16 full day (9:30am - 2:00pm)

**£8 half day (9:30am-11:30am
or 12:00pm - 2:00pm)**

£5 morning wrap-around (8:00am - 9:30am)

1 FREE Session at Bishop Walsh Catholic School.
to redeem this voucher please email
Sarah@micro-sports.co.uk with the following codes
relating to the session.

Football:	Tennis:
Monday 5pm (Ages 5-8): BWMDN	Wednesday 5pm (Ages 4 - 7): BWWED
Tuesday 5pm (Ages 6 - 12 Girls): BWGIRLS	Saturday 2:30pm (Ages 7 - 9): BWSATO
Thursday 5pm (Ages 8 - 12): BWTHUR	Saturday 3:30pm (Ages 9 - 13): BWSATG
Saturday 9:10am (Ages 3 - 5): BWSATTOTS	
Saturday 10:10am (Ages 5 - 8): BWSATMICRO	
Saturday 11:15am (Ages 8 - 12): BWSATJUN	

MicroSports
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Action-packed childcare this Christmas Holiday

15% OFF
with code XMAS22SC
Valid until 5pm on Friday 18th December

Sutton Coldfield
Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

Monday 19th December - Friday 23rd December
Open from 8am - 6pm



For more info and to book your place visit activecamps.co.uk or call 0121 663 1082



Action-packed childcare this Christmas Holiday

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd December

Aspire Active Camps have a fun programme this school holiday for children aged 4-14. As we're an Ofsted registered provider, you can rest assured that all the childcare provision is safe and our coaches are suitably qualified to ensure your child's safety at all times.

Don't miss our Early Bird offer!

Book before 5pm on Friday 18th December

Standard Rate
£30 per day
8am - 4pm
Xmas Time packages available. Not for use with this offer.

Early Bird offer
£25 per day
8am - 4pm
Xmas Time packages available. Not for use with this offer.

Advanced Rate
£27 per day
8am - 4pm
Xmas Time packages available. Not for use with this offer.

Our lowest rate when you book early!

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A typical day at Aspire Active Camps

Early Drop Off 8am - 9.30am Optional free early drop off with structured games and activities.

Academy Sessions 9.30am - 4pm Choose from our range of sports activities.

Xmas Time 4pm - 6pm Collecting your child after 4pm? Xmas Time £2.75 per day

Sliding Discount Book at least 48 days in advance and each additional booking will receive a 10% discount off the booking.

Emergency 24hr Booking Discount Work for 48hrs in emergency and we'll discount 10% discount off your booking. All other discounts cannot be used together.

Limited spaces available - BOOK ONLINE TODAY

Aspire Loyalty Scheme For every £1 you spend, you will earn 10 points! New! With every £2.00 spent on our website or app you'll earn 10 points!

For more info visit aspire-sports.co.uk or call 0121 663 1082

Choose your academies



Aspire Sports Academy offers a huge range of top-personalised activities for children aged 4-14. Book your place for the holiday!



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THE GARDEN GROUP

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

From 9am
Saturday 26th
November

SUTTON COLDFIELD RUGBY CLUB
160 WALMLEY ROAD
SUTTON COLDFIELD
BIRMINGHAM
B76 2QA

Different sizes
available while
stocks last



CONTACT US ON 07572 543 517
FOR MORE DETAILS

Ask about our post Christmas,
Xmas tree collection service

Merry Christmas one and all