

# NEWSLETTER



'There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens' Ecclesiastes 3:1

As we come to the end of another very busy academic year – we look forward to a time to rest and relax, a time with our families and friends, a time to unwind and to be thankful for the memories we have made.

It is also a time to say goodbye – to children moving onto secondary schools or to new primary schools, we send our best wishes for a smooth transition and happy times ahead. We also say goodbye to Mrs Cullen – we wish her every happiness as she embarks on her first headship in the knowledge that her new school will benefit from the love and warmth that she has so generously shared with children, families and colleagues over the last 25 years.

Miss Follis is also leaving along with Mrs Savage, who has cared for and nurtured the children in her care over the last 7 years. We wish you all the very best in your new ventures.

It is also time to welcome Mr Holtom, Miss Rondet and Miss Wilkins to Deanery as class teachers in September.

We thank you all for your continued support and wish you a very happy holiday time.



**GRACE**

Finn RW

Erin RHM

Masha 3C

All of 6A

**LOVE**

**FAITH**

Oliver 2R

**Deanery  
Values**

**HOPE**

**JOY**

Athena 2JR  
Leonard 5MC  
Matilda 5T  
Isaac 6W  
Dexter 6W

Henry 1B

Sofia 2JR

**PEACE**

## Pupil Voice

Frankie 1B – “In English we could write about anything we wanted today. I wrote the story of The Three Little Pigs. I remembered all my fingers spaces and full stops. I was happy with myself.”

Jaxon 3C – “I have really enjoyed doing our house rounders and sports day competitions!”

Elson and Ben 5MC – “In Science, we have made our own Rube Goldberg machines. We made machines to do things like flip a coin or press a button on a calculator. We really enjoyed it!”

All of 5T – “It was really fun watching the Y6 dress rehearsal. Everybody showed their personalities on stage.”

Jacob 6A – “I have enjoyed doing a rehearsals for Matilda as it's been something different to do.”

Lily 6A – “I enjoyed sports day even though it was raining but it was still fun and it was our last sports day.”

Matilda 6W – “I enjoyed rehearsing our production because we got to try out our costumes and use our props.”

Aiyana 6W – “I like saying my part in the play to parents about the newt!”

## Sports Day 2023

Thank you to everyone for your support on our Sports Days and for braving the great British weather! The competition was great; there was lots of jumping, running, balancing and throwing but most of all super sportsmanship!



Well done to our winning house in KS2 - Tudor.

## Year 6

Year 6 enjoyed a super trip to London to see the West End performance of Matilda.



Little did they realise that the script was word for word the same as the version they were performing for their leavers show!

Y6 - you did it!!! You absolutely smashed Matilda and were truly amazing - every single one of you!! Not a dry eye in the house but lots of love and laughter too; you made parents, teachers, friends and yourselves immensely proud!!

You are indeed 'miracles' and not 'revolting children'!



## Year 6 Parents,



Walk your child to school one last time this week. Even if they don't want you to. Laugh about the sticks they used to collect or the paintings they so carefully carried. Reminisce about their sports days and how funny they were in their nativity. Tell them how proud you are of them and how excited you are to see them grow. Remember how little their hand was when you held it on the first day of reception. Hold that hand again as you walk with them one last time.

You've done a great job.

### YEAR 6

We extend our love and best wishes to our Year 6 children and families as they embark on the next step in their educational journey.

It has been our pleasure to be a part of that journey and you have all done yourselves and your families proud. You are a true credit!

Continue to reach for the stars Year 6; you can be anything you want to be and achieve anything you put your minds to. You are all truly special – never change!

### PTFA Summer Disco - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023



**P T F A**  
Friends Of The Deanery



## Summer School Disco Friday 21st July

KS1 DISCO (RECEPTION TO YEAR 2) 5.00 - 6.15 PM

KS2 DISCO (YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6) 6.30 - 8.00 PM

### BOOK YOUR TICKETS ONLINE

Book online from 24th June at  
[pta-events.co.uk/deanery](http://pta-events.co.uk/deanery)



Summer Celebration Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Non Uniform Day



The poster features a light blue background with various summer-themed illustrations: a red crab at the top left, a bright yellow sun at the top right, a blue and red striped beach umbrella on the right, a blue flip-flop on the left, a colorful beach ball on the bottom left, a yellow starfish at the bottom left, and a pair of red sunglasses at the bottom right. The text is arranged in a central white area.

# Summer Celebration

**Non Uniform Day**

Suggested donation of £1 - all proceeds will go to our chosen charities

**MON 21<sup>st</sup> July**

**YOUNGMINDS**  
fighting for young people's mental health

 **Alzheimer's Society**

**DIABETES UK**  
KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.

## Response to Curriculum Evening feedback

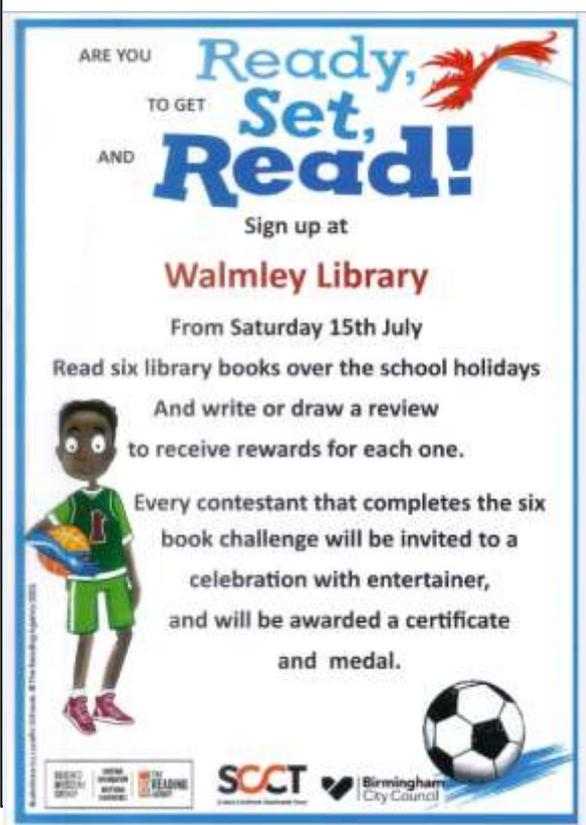
If you are looking for recommendations of books for your children to read, <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/> has recommendations for each year group. Their lists of books are carefully put together to make it easier to find high quality, engaging and interesting books to instil a reading for pleasure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

2023 School Reading List Summer Reading Challenge: Booktious!

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/resources/summer-reading-challenge/#summer-reading-challenge-2023>

Booktious! is a free-to-download printable card game for *summer reading challenges!* 'Booktious' introduces youngsters to new books and shines a light on high-quality and recently published novels for children and young adults. Booktious is infectious and uses a compelling, engaging, and addictive format with simple-to-follow gameplay to spread the reading bug. Readers will find diverse, inclusive, and lesser-known works, as well as learn interesting facts about the world of literature. It's ideal for a summer reading challenge, at home.



ARE YOU **Ready,**  
TO GET **Set,**  
AND **Read!**

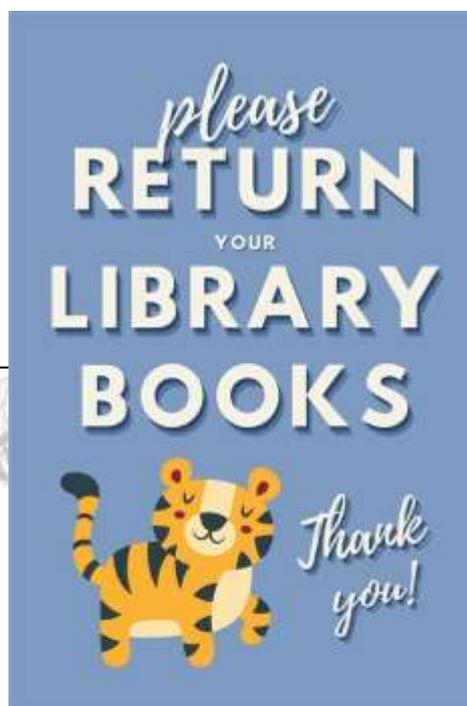
Sign up at  
**Walmley Library**  
From Saturday 15th July

Read six library books over the school holidays  
And write or draw a review  
to receive rewards for each one.

Every contestant that completes the six  
book challenge will be invited to a  
celebration with entertainer,  
and will be awarded a certificate  
and medal.

SCCT Birmingham City Council

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please  
**RETURN**  
YOUR  
**LIBRARY**  
**BOOKS**

Thank you!

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# W APP



on the App Store:  
Everyone on Google Play

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Developed in Germany, this social networking app is called 'W App' in the Apple Store and Google Play but is also branded as 'Slay' in some territories. Aimed primarily at teens and marketed as a 'zero-negativity' zone, it asks users to connect with others from their school. They are then asked a positive question (such as 'Who is the nicest person?') and shown four people from their school to choose from. All users from a school can appear in the poll: not just those a child is friends with. The app is mainly anonymous – but does offer clues to reveal who selected you for each question.

### FAKE ACCOUNTS

There is no verification when signing up to W App. Once someone joins, they can see all users at their school and add them if they wish. Users provide their name, gender, school and grade – but are also able to change these (aside from their name) as often as they like. This concerned our expert: predators could potentially keep attempting to build connections with children at different schools.

### PROFILE OVERSHARING

Young people tend to have multiple social media accounts, so it's vital their identity is protected online. By default, W App shares someone's school and grade, while users choose whether to share their full name, photo and other social accounts. Many people appear to select this – making it easier for someone to build up a picture of who they are, what they enjoy and where they go to school.

### SPAMMING CONTACTS

The app's activity feed notifies a user when they have been put forward for a poll. They're then given the option to reveal the identity of the person who nominated them, by inviting a friend to join the app. The friend doesn't have to sign up, but they will receive a 'get the app now' text, followed by a link. This process could result in texts being continually sent to a child's contacts.



### CATFISHING RISKS

As well as invented fake accounts, users could also sign up and pretend to be someone else from their school. By joining under another person's name (possibly with their photo), they can take part in polls while masquerading as that other person. Some polls hint at an attraction or crush, which – if deliberately misused by imposters – could result in misunderstandings and embarrassment for teens.

### SUBSCRIPTION COSTS

W App is free to download and use, but there is also a gold membership package (costing £4.99 per week) available. Subscribing allows users to reveal the names of people who selected them in polls (slightly defeating the point of it being an anonymous app), gives unlimited hints and offers exclusive play modes – all of which may tempt a curious young user into spending their money.

### REPEATED USE

Like most other social media platforms, W App wants users to log in regularly. Every time someone completes a set of 12 polls, they earn virtual coins. These can be cashed in for perks such as being included in random polls (so that more users will see them) or adding their name to their crush's poll. This may not seem much of an incentive currently, but that may alter as the app evolves.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### DISCUSS FRIEND REQUESTS

Talk to your child about the risk of sharing their other social accounts, especially on anonymous platforms where there is no verification – so a user could be anyone. If someone they don't normally talk to at school approaches your child via W App and suggests connecting on TikTok, Snapchat or Instagram, emphasise that it's safest to confirm it with that person face to face before accepting or replying.

### BE MINDFUL OF REJECTION

The polls in W App are designed to be complimentary rather than negative. However, never being nominated or picked by their peers could leave a child – especially a status-conscious teen – feeling ignored and isolated. If you think that W App is having this effect on your child, it might be time for a supportive reminder that social media doesn't reflect someone's true worth or popularity.

### PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

It's crucial that trusted adults regularly remind children about the importance of not sharing too much of their personal information online (and demonstrate it on their own social accounts, where possible). W App automatically displays the user's school on their profile – but if your child does want to use the app, you can advise them to only enter their first name and not to upload an image of their face.

### DO SOME 'APP ADMIN'

Before letting your child download W App, you may want to (via their device's settings) disable the option to make in-app purchases: £4.99 per week for the subscription can soon mount up. Likewise, if a friend's use of W App is causing your child to be inundated with texts inviting them to sign up too, you could suggest asking them to stop selecting your child's name from their contacts list.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

Source: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/w-app-anonymous-polls/id148858841> | <https://www.slay.com/>  
<https://teachurich.com/2023/01/19/german-teens-went-crazy-for-this-compliments-app-and-now-vas-are-backing-it-text-phase/>

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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](mailto: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](#)

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Saturday Micro Tots (5-6 years) 9:30-10:20am

Saturday Mini Micros (7-8 years) 10:30-11:20am

Saturday Junior Micros (10-12 years) 11:30-12:30pm

Sunday Micro Tots (5-6 years) 1:00-1:50pm

Sunday Mini Micros (7-8 years) 2:00-2:50pm

Sunday Junior Micros (10-12 years) 3:00-4:00pm

(Sessions have outdoor and indoor facilities available so will continue in all weather, NO STUDBS to be worn.)



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# FUTURE 11

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9.30 - 10.30am	7 - 9 Years
10.30 - 11.30am	7 - 9 Years
11.30am - 12.30pm	5 - 7 Years
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