

# NEWSLETTER

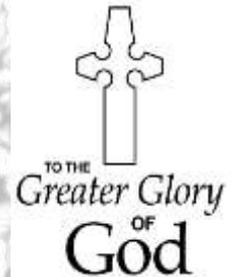


We come to the end of a very busy half term.

It won't have escaped your notice that work on the new adventure playground is underway again. This has created a lot of excitement amongst the children – and parents alike!

We hope that it will be operational when we return to school, however, we will be introducing it to the children after the final safety inspection, so request that it is not used before or after school, until then.

The school nurse support team met with me this week and provided information to support parents and offer guidance on issues of health and wellbeing concern. Please see the details below.



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.uk/BCHC/C-F/Schl-Nurse/Drop-in>

Best Care Healthy Communities attend anywhere

We hope that you have a lovely half term break, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.



**GRACE**

Anja RHM  
Antonia 2MS  
Polly 4P  
Jonny 6A

Tommy 4P  
Jude 6W

**LOVE**

**FAITH**

Aubrey 1BM  
Ottilie 3T  
Noah 5MC

**Deanery  
Values**

**HOPE**

**JOY**

Chloe 6W

Faye 4P  
Joshua 6W

**PEACE**

### **Phase News**

In Nursery the focus has been 'Our Home Sweet Home!' The children have brought in photographs of their houses and talked about them, discussing features inside and outside and things they can see out of their window! They have been building their own houses using bricks and blocks, talking about what they want them to look like and planning how they can build them.

Reception have been learning about 'maps' after reading 'Me on the map' by Joan Sweeney. They have been making maps of the classroom and outside area. Children have also been using language to compare quantities focusing on the words such as 'more than' and 'fewer than'.

In English Year 1 have started a new writing unit based on 'The Snail and the Whale.' They have been learning about how a postcard is constructed and using interesting vocabulary to describe the places the Snail and the Whale have visited. In Maths they have continued to develop our understanding of number bonds to 10 and the different ways we can represent them.

It has been a busy half term settling into our new year groups and we are proud at how well children have transitioned.

Year 2 and 3 had a wonderful week last week celebrating all things elephant in honour of St Giles Hospice. They designed their own artwork for our Deanery elephant, learnt about how animals are respected in different faiths and created their own elephant to sell at Parents' Evening.

## Pupil Voice

Beatrice RHM - "I made a map and on my map I put a road and a house. It was by the beach."

Grace 1BM – "The Naughty Bus came into our classroom and made a big mess! We had to look for clues and use our map of the classroom to find out where he had been and how he got in."

Harry 2MS – "I really enjoyed the architect visitor today, I loved finding out about different drawings of building because I really like skyscrapers!"

Spencer 3T – "My favourite part of Elephant Week was when we designed our elephants. My design had a crown with red, orange and green."

Sienna 3T – "My favourite part of Elephant Week was making a model elephant out of FIMO modelling clay."

Mason 3T – "My favourite part of Elephant Week was when we created dances about elephants in PE."

Posi 4P – "I enjoyed making things during elephant week. It was a challenge to get my elephant to stand up."

Thomas 4P – "I had loads of fun making water colour sunset pictures. It was loads of fun because I got to learn a new skill."

Tilly 4P – "Making the elephant environment dioramas was great. I loved trying to make the right environment."

Mia 5H – "I loved all the elephant work and showing my creative side."

Sebastian 5H – "It was great fun making the elephant and I enjoyed the lessons about elephants."

Xavier, Clara and Darcy 5MC – "Last week, was focused on elephants. We made dioramas of elephant habitats and we composed elephant music. We also saw Mr Peckett riding the elephant! Our favourite parts of the week were making clay elephant sculptures and colouring elephant artwork. It was all great!"

James 6A – "I really enjoyed writing a narrative linked to Kensuke's Kingdom. It was fun to express a sudden change in a story and to create our own ending. I also enjoyed completing fieldwork in Jones' Wood and comparing the physical features with the Amazon Rainforest."

Tade 6W – "I loved making pop-up books in elephant week."

Rose 6W – "I liked making wire elephants."

## **Staffing Update**

Over the next couple of weeks we say a fond farewell to Niki Hale, Teaching Assistant in Reception who leaves us after 24 years at Deanery and Helena Kennedy, Teaching Assistant in Year 3 who leaves us after 6 years. I am sure you will join us in saying a huge thank you for all they have given to Deanery over the years and we wish them both well for the future.

## **Announcing school leaders for 2023-24**

### **Head Boys and Girls**



Chloe, Barnaby, Aiden and Carmen

### **Chief Chums**



Amelia and Jacob

## Announcing House Captains for 2023-24



Tudor House Captains

Daisy and Henry



Burgess House Captains

James and Jessica



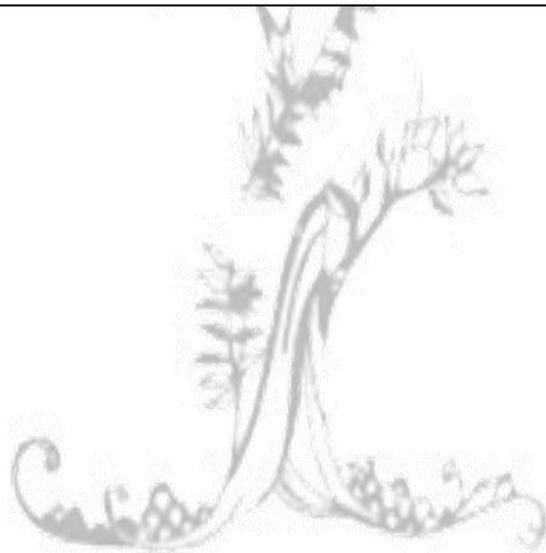
Hollis House Captains

Matt and Ella



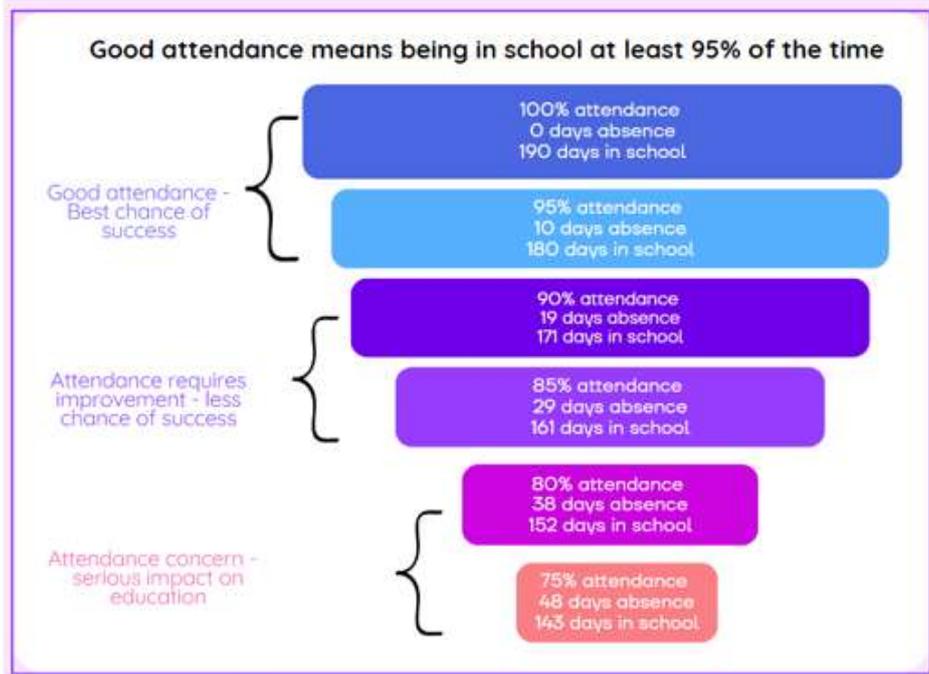
Fox House Captains

Alesha and Tommy



## Attendance at Deanery

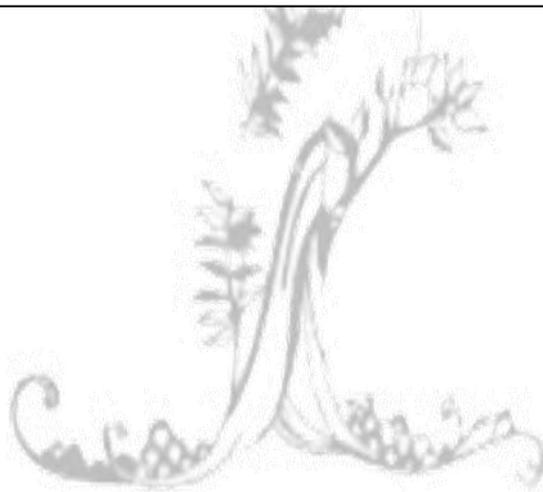
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ATTENDANCE	DAYS ABSENT	WEEKS ABSENT	KS1 LESSONS MISSED	KS2 LESSONS MISSED
95%	9	2	40 lessons	45 lessons
90%	19	4	76 lessons	95 lessons
85%	29	6	116 lessons	145 lessons
80%	38	8	152 lessons	190 lessons
75%	48	10	192 lessons	240 lessons
70%	57	11.5	228 lessons	285 lessons



Our current whole school attendance is 96.2%



## Harvest Thank You

Thank you so much for the very generous donations of food that the school community gave for the harvest appeal for Erdington foodbank. They mentioned that they are struggling to meet demand so this food will make a real difference for them and will greatly help vulnerable people in our city. Our thanks are extended to St Johns Walmley for their very warm welcome and for leading our harvest services. Many thanks also to those parents who accompanied us to church.

You may or may not know that we collect for the food bank all year round. This was something that the children on the worship council introduced back in early 2019 to support our local community. If you would like to donate food at any time, please send it into school with your child. Class teachers will ensure that it gets to the collection point within school by the reception desk. If you are able, perhaps you would like to add something to your weekly shopping for the foodbank. There are some ideas of what would be helpful on the shopping list. Erdington foodbank also has a website where it publishes items that they are particularly short of at any given time. <https://erdington.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/urgently-needed/>

## My Child's Art



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**We need your help...our elephant needs a name.**

**Please send in your name suggestion and an explanation of why you have chosen this name in an envelope with a £1 entry fee to Miss [Name] by Wed 15th Nov**

**DEADLINE EXTENDED**



### Highclare School Governors' Prize

Highclare School are offering a means-tested bursary towards the cost of school fees at Highclare School for one boy or girl joining U3 (Year 7) in September 2024.

This prize is available for one pupil with exceptional academic talent currently at any local primary school who may wish to attend Highclare School. Up to 100% of school fees can be covered by the prize.

Highclare School Governors are especially keen to award the prize to a recipient with much academic potential who would most benefit from the secondary school environment we provide. This is a smaller, coeducational, nurturing environment, where the children are happily engaged in their work and are challenged to make excellent academic progress, but also have many opportunities, via our rich extra-curricular programme, to develop their emotional and physical capacity.

In short, Highclare are keen to identify a young person who would be able to make the most of the opportunities provided.

Information about Highclare School can be found on their website: [www.highclareschool.co.uk](http://www.highclareschool.co.uk).

Interested parties are invited to contact the admissions team, on 0121 386 8218 / 0121 373 7400 or [admissions@highclareschool.co.uk](mailto:admissions@highclareschool.co.uk) in order to find out more information about the assessment and application procedure. The closing date is **Monday 13 November 2023**



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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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 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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## **U10 (YEAR 5) PLAYERS WANTED!**

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- Matches - Usually Sunday mornings
- ALL abilities welcome
- No prior experience necessary
- Boys and Girls
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- £60 annual membership
- No extra fees

### **FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:**

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Sutton Coldfield  
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**SPARTANS**  
  
**RUFC**

‘We are a friendly and informal community choir, open to new membership. We rehearse on Tuesdays 7-9pm at Sutton Coldfield Rugby Club, Walmley Road in the upstairs function room of the clubhouse.

You would be very welcome to come along and see if you like us and the music we are working on. You can join in for a couple of trial sessions, you will have a loan set of music while there. We do not hold auditions. You do not have to be able to read music either. If you are unsure about which voice group you are you can take your time to find out. You will be assigned an established member as a ‘buddy’ to guide you through things if needed. Our subs are currently £150 per year (academic calendar) with various payment options.

We organise some optional extra social events during the year, including a monthly Quiz Night, meals out and a Christmas Party.

We nominate a local charity each year, funds raised at concerts, a monthly raffle and regular Quiz Night are given to the charity.’

For anyone who decides to join there is a little bit of paperwork and a payment either £150 annually, £12.50 monthly or £50 each term. We rehearse during school terms (roughly).

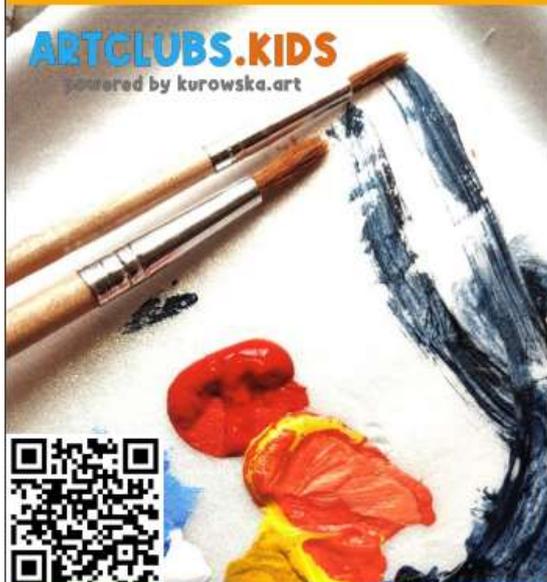
Krzys Weber our conductor hosts our monthly Quiz Night. The proceeds go to our nominated charity. The next quiz is on Friday 3rd November. It is usually held on the first Friday of each month, but occasionally changes. This is open to anyone, not just choir members. We use Sutton Town Football Club function room, Coles Lane, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1NL. It is a fun quiz including rounds such as ‘in the news this week’ ‘music’ ‘wipeout’ and ‘connections’. There are prizes plus a bonus ‘backwards bingo’ game. The fully licensed bar is open. People can come as a team or join an existing team, it cost £2 per person plus an optional extra of £1 each for backwards bingo. No need to book, just turn up anytime after 7.30pm for an 8pm start. I post reminders about this on our Facebook page.

Our charity for this year, as you probably know is Edward’s Trust. So far we have 2 Christmas concerts planned, there may be more once arrangements are finalised. We will be singing at St Peter’s Church, Drayton Bassett on Saturday 25th November, in the evening. There is no entry fee, a collection and raffle will be held. On Saturday 9th December we have our concert at St Michael’s Church, Boldmere. Tickets will be sold for this. When all arrangements are confirmed and we have publicity material I will forward copies to you.

Thank you for your support.

Rachel James

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