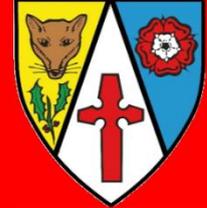


NEWSLETTER

www.deanery.bham.sch.uk

1st Dec 2023



At this time of advent, shine light in our lives with hope and peace.

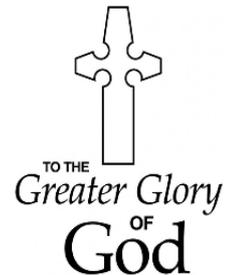
We come together today, as a whole school community for a service to celebrate Christmas, focussing on what we can do to support others at Christmas time. Thank you for your generosity by providing so many gifts this year, which have been collected by Birmingham City Mission. These gifts will make a real difference to children and families within Birmingham.

At this time of year, we are also mindful of some of the challenges faced by children and families across the world and closer to home.

We pray for children across the world – give strength to our leaders to speak with wisdom, let them be heard to bring peace to the world.

We pray for our children closer to home, help to calm their anxious thoughts and settle their troubles, for those who have loved and lost – bring peace to their lives.

We pray for those in our community, who are finding their path may not be clear – help them to see your light to bring peace at this time.



Parking reminders

I have received a couple of concerns raised by members of our school community regarding the way some parents are parking during pick up and drop off times.

Can I respectfully request that we demonstrate more care and show respect towards our neighbours. It is in breach of the Highway Code, Rule 243 to park or stop in front of an entrance to a property.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.



GRACE

LOVE

FAITH

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**Deanery
Values**

HOPE

JOY

Darcie RW
Halle RHM
Aleah 1BM
Ralphie 2R
Henry 5H
Clara 5H
Abbey 5MC
Jessica 6A
Edward 6W

Grace 6W

PEACE

Phase News

In Nursery the children have had a visit from a doctor, vet and midwife to learn how these people help others around them. The children listened carefully and were introduced to lots of new vocabulary.

Reception have been looking at the celebration of birthdays this week. We have been making cards, decorating balloons and counting candles. It has been lovely to hear all about children's experiences of birthdays.

Year 1 have been naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes. They have used their geographical skills to recognise areas around school.

All year groups have been practising their lines and singing their Nativity songs and are very excited to be performing next week!

Y2 and 3 Phase - We have enjoyed learning and understanding why we have our whole school Toy Service. We have thought about the gift we can give others and written our own prayers.

Y4, 5 and 6 are very much looking forward to the toy service on Friday. In class prayer we have been talking about not just physical gifts we can give to others, but showing love and warmth towards others through the words we use, kind gestures and prayer.

Pupil Voice

Beate RHM – “I have been making cards because we are learning about birthdays.”

Sarah 3T – “I enjoyed writing poems about winter in English.”

Aarav 3T – “I am really enjoying enrichment and I am doing paper craft with Mrs Walsham.”

Amelia 5MC – “In science we have been learning about the different planets. Did you know that Mars was nicknamed the red planet because of iron on its surface? We have also been practising the songs for our Christmas production.”

Jack 6A – “I’ve enjoyed learning about the different settlements people live in, in Brazil, South America. It’s interesting to learn about the world and how different people’s lives are.”

Milly 6A – “In maths we’ve been working on Fractions and how to add, subtract, multiply and divide.”

Tade 6W – “I have enjoyed gymnastics and creating a routine with equipment like balls and hoops.”

Christmas Performances

Below are the dates of all our Christmas performances – you will have received letters inviting you to your child’s Christmas Performance and given a link to request tickets where appropriate.

- **Rec/Y1 performance of ‘Hey Ewe’ at Deanery on Wednesday 6th December at 2.30pm or Thursday 7th December at 2.30pm**
- **Nursery Nativity ‘Fishing for Stars’ at Deanery on Friday 8th December at 10.30am**
 - **Y5 performance of ‘An out of this world Christmas’ on Monday 18th December at 6pm or Wednesday 20th December at 6pm**
 - **Y4/6 Christmas Service at St John’s Church, Walmley on Tuesday 12th December at 2pm or Wednesday 13th December at 6pm**
 - **Y2 Christingle Service at St John’s Church, Walmley on Friday 15th December at 2pm**
- **Y3 Carols by Torchlight on Thursday 21st December at 6pm in the Key Stage 2 Courtyard. Wrap up warm and bring a torch!**

We do hope you are able to attend and we look forward to meeting you and sharing our Christmas wishes with you all.



Staffing Update

We would like to congratulate Mrs McGuinnes on her new role as SEND Teaching Assistant and also welcome Miss Hall who has joined us as a Year 3 Teaching Assistant at Deanery.

March of the Elephants

Final call....elephants will only be available until next Friday (8th Dec)



MARCH OF THE ELEPHANTS

ALL OF THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN BUSY MAKING THEIR OWN ELEPHANTS WHICH WERE ON DISPLAY AND AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON PARENTS EVENINGS FOR A DONATION.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! IF YOU MISSED OUT AND WOULD STILL LIKE YOUR CHILD'S ELEPHANT, PLEASE SEND YOUR DONATION IN A NAMED ENVELOPE AND WE WILL GET THE ELEPHANT TO YOU

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE 3 LOCAL HOSPICES THAT WE ARE SUPPORTING THIS TERM

acorns
Your local children's hospice

St Giles
Hospice Care

John Taylor Hospice

Spring Term - Wednesday Roasts and Friday Feasts

If your child has packed lunches but would like to have either Wednesday Roasts, Friday Feasts or both in Spring 1 then please fill in the form below.

Friday Feasts will be pizza, sausage and breaded fish on rotation.

Meals will be added to Scopay in due course. The cost of a School meal is £2.70 per day unless your child qualifies for free school meals.

The closing date has been extended slightly so please reply on the link below by **Tuesday 5th December**.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=y4FijlNeEyqFgtjlf3WwWv09RIC8ZpPmBKDdOdmLxURVFUSDUzSjM5VEFBTExDUDVTTEIUSDFXVS4u>

Spring Term - After School Clubs

After School Clubs are available to book until Friday 1st December. Please follow the link below to see details of the clubs on offer and how to book:

<https://www.deanery.bham.sch.uk/extra-curricular/clubs>

Spring Term - Foxes

Bookings for Foxes for the Spring Term closes on **8th December**. Please log on to Scopay if you wish to book any dates for the Spring Term.

Nursery and Reception Applications for September 2024 Start

Little Hollies Applications

The application process for Little Hollies Nursery for September 2024 start **closes on 22 March 2024**. Please return application forms to the Deanery office, along with the relevant supporting documents. More information can be found on our website by following the link below.

<https://www.deanery.bham.sch.uk/parents/nursery>

Reception Applications

Applications for places in Reception for September 2024 start, need to be submitted via Birmingham City Council's Admissions Portal <https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php> by **11.59pm on Monday 15th January 2024**, we also ask that you complete our Deanery Additional Information Form and hand this in to the Deanery Office. Any additional information and the Deanery Additional Information Form can be found on our website by following the link below.

<https://www.deanery.bham.sch.uk/parents/nursery>



It's Christmas Dinner day on Wednesday 6th December!

Whether children are sandwiches or school dinners, all are invited to get into the festive spirit with a Christmas hat!

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 full 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.

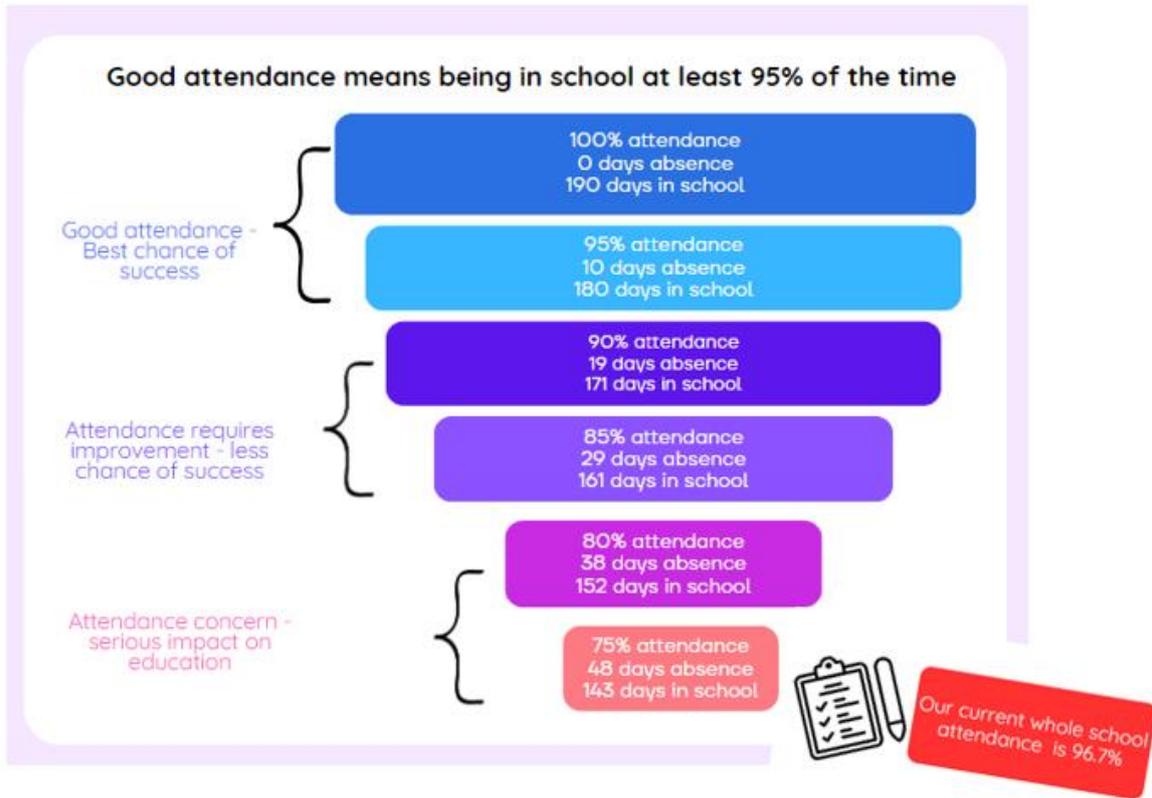
The Year 6 Christmas elves will then run the Deanery postal service and deliver the cards to the children.



Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 22nd December!!!



Attendance at Deanery



Google Classroom

Please remember to check Google Classrooms as we post timetable changes, notices, things to remember etc. If your child can't access Google Classroom, please talk to the class teacher.



Teacher Training Days

We have now added the final two teacher training days to the school calendar – they are **Monday 8th January 2024** and **Friday 24th May 2024**.

Good Samaritan's Charity - Shoe Box Appeal



Thank you so much for the very generous donations of shoe boxes.

We have had lots of shoe boxes brought into school we feel this is a lovely way for the children to show kindness and generosity for those less fortunate than themselves.

The delivery driver stated he had never collected so many boxes from a school, which is fabulous!

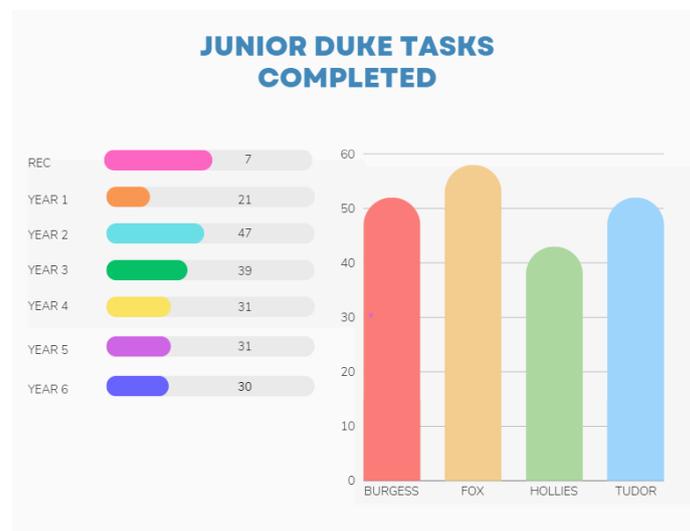
Thank you so much for your generosity.

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Junior Duke

It was lovely to see so many children at our first Junior Duke meeting & wonderful to chat with the children about what they have been doing.

Our children have completed over 200 challenges already & we have only been going for half a term- fantastic!



Thank You!!!

We had an amazing 11 volunteers for parent readers last week, meaning that 1/3 of a class could read to an adult at a time! Thank you so much to our 'new recruits' and to our loyal band of parent readers - we appreciate the time you give so much!

THANKS



For Reading

Winter Illness

We know that winter is one of the peak times for adults and children to come down with mild illnesses such as colds, coughs and sore throats. It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

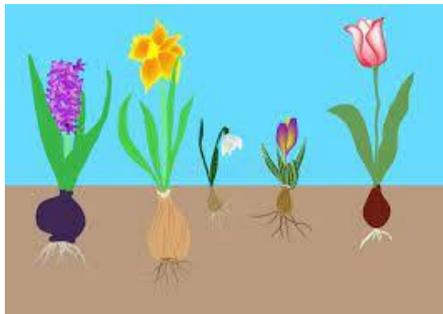
There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone school on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

Please see [NHS Guidance: Is my child too ill for school?](#)

Plea from Reception Class

Does anyone have any spare bulbs that they could donate to be planted in our garden areas around school please? If so, could you please either pass to the class teacher or bring into the Deanery Office.



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.



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Friends Of The Deanery



Christmas School Disco Friday 8th December

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

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

**PRE-BOOKED TICKETS ONLY
BOOK YOUR TICKETS ONLINE**

Book online from 16th November at
www.pta-events.co.uk/deanery



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.





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](#)

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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Invite you to our Messy Christingle

Sunday 3rd December 2023

4.00pm - 6.00pm

at St Chads Parish Church

Hollyfield Road, B75 7SN



Free event - Everyone welcome

Booking essential via QR Code

Please book for every member of your party, adults & children



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The Greatest Gift

**Explore the true meaning of
Christmas and the gift that changed
the world...**

Saturday 2nd Dec

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

Sunday 3rd Dec

9am - Holy Communion
10:30am - Morning Worship - Toy Service
bring along a new unwrapped toy to donate to BCM

Sunday 10th Dec

9am - Holy Communion
10:30am - Morning Worship
7:30pm - Encounter Christmas Carols
a contemporary take on traditional carols

Saturday 16th Dec

4pm - Christingle Service

Sunday 17th Dec

9am - Holy Communion
10:30am - Morning Worship
7pm - Carols by Candlelight

Monday 18th Dec

6:30pm - Carols in Minworth
7:45pm - Carols in Walmley Village
led by the Salvation Army

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd Dec

9pm - Evening Compline live on Facebook

Wednesday 20th Dec

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

Christmas Eve

Sunday 24th Dec

9am - Holy Communion
(please note there is no 10:30am service)
4pm - Crib Service
come along dressed as your favourite nativity character
11:30pm - Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Day

Monday 25th Dec

10am - Christmas Day All-Age Holy
Communion

Sunday 31st Dec

9am - Holy Communion
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.*



St John's
Walmley

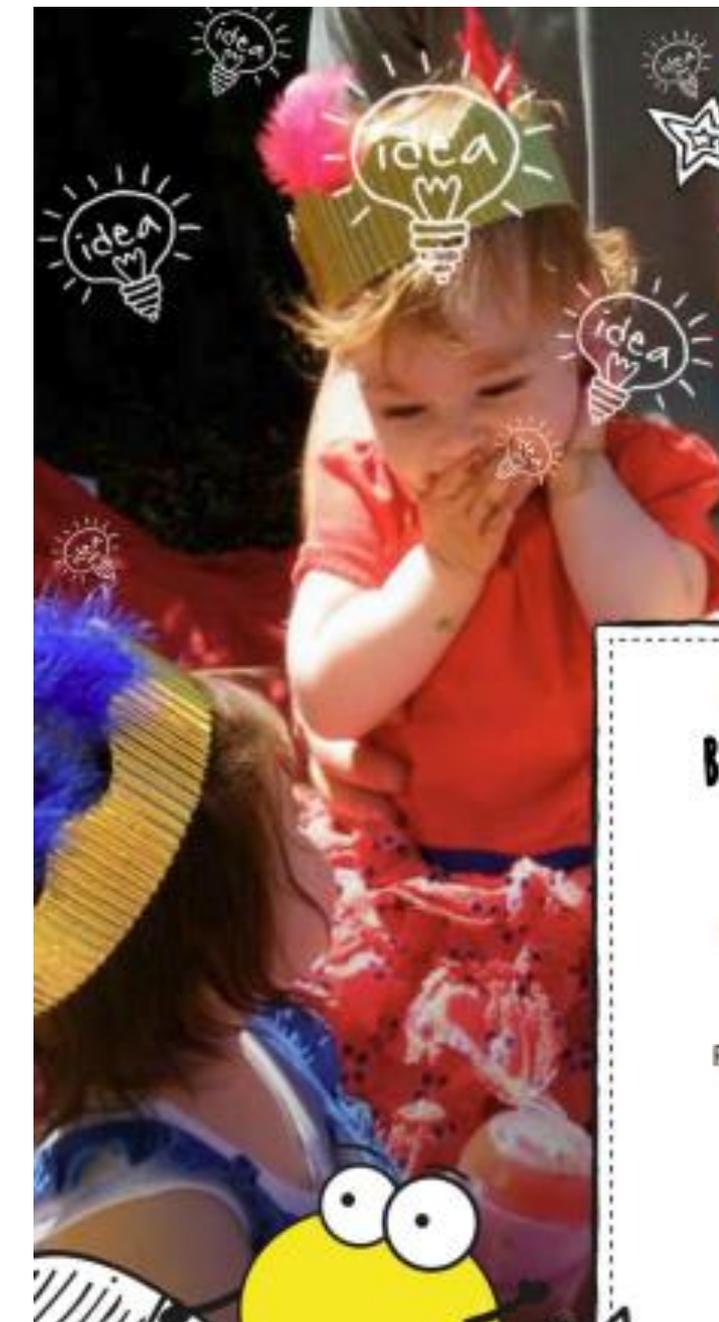


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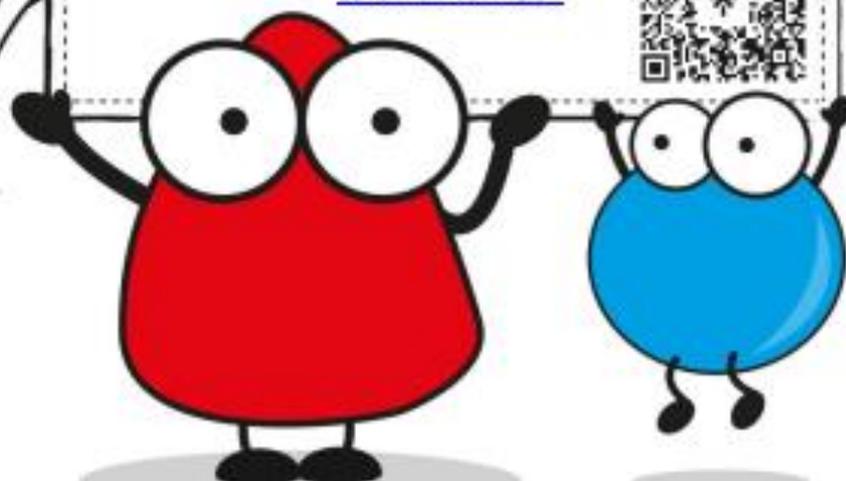
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- Sutton Coldfield (Sutton Coldfield Town FC)
- Harborne (Lordswood Girls Academy)
- Burntwood (Highfields Primary School)
- Halesowen (Halesowen College)
- Solihull (West Warwickshire Complex)
- Tamworth (Tamworth Enterprise College)
- Bartley Green (King Edwards VI Five Ways School)



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