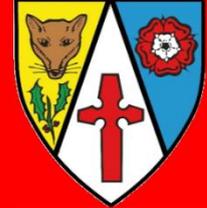


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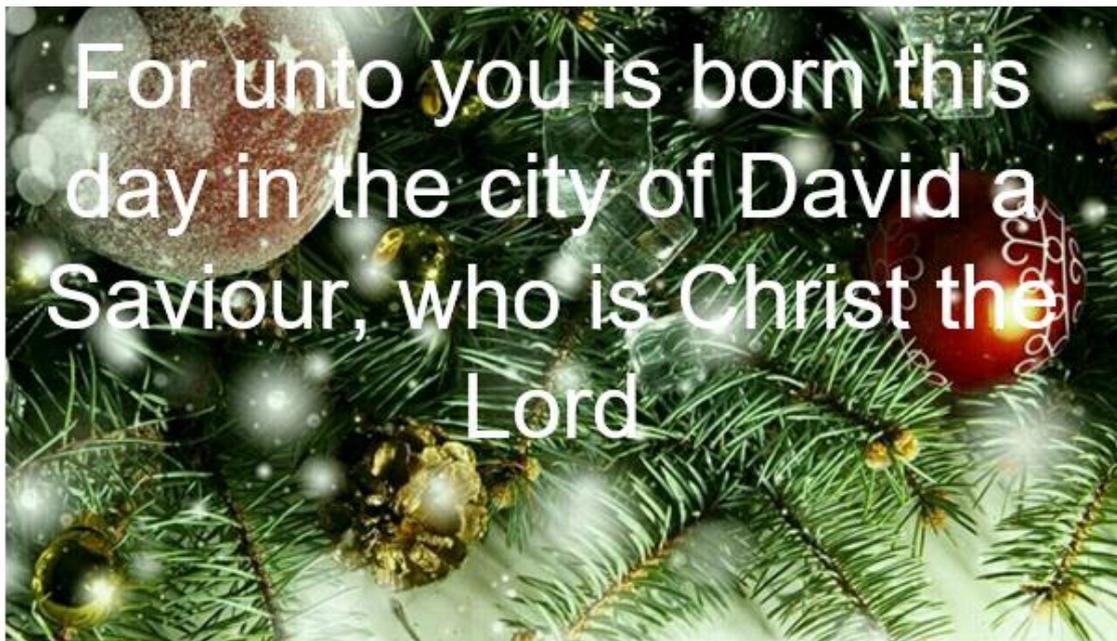
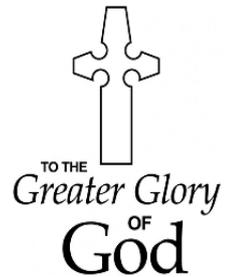


Christmas is a wonderful time in school, when memories are made from the magical moments our children experience. All year groups are involved in celebrating Christmas in their own way and sharing these special events with families. From nursery children to year 6, the joy of song has filled the classrooms and halls. A wonderful array of characters have also been spotted – some very strange looking green aliens and lots and lots of sheep!

Thank you for your support and engagement in these events, it is so lovely to be able to welcome so many members of our community into our school. Thank you also for your kind comments and thanks shared with our wonderful staff in appreciation of the hard work and commitment they demonstrate daily.

We would also like to thank St John's Church for hosting our services, the PTFA, parent prayer group, parent readers, governors and all those who give so generously of their time to support the children and staff at Deanery. We are blessed and really appreciate all that you do.

As this will be the last newsletter of 2023, may we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.



GRACE



Erin - 1BM

Leen - 2MS

Suvir - 3T

Zara - 6W

LOVE

FAITH



Joey - 2R

Ethan - 4P

**Deanery
Values**

Winston - 5MC

HOPE

JOY



Scarlett - 6A

Matthew B - 6W

Saanvi - RHM

PEACE

Phase News

We are proud of all children across Nursery, Reception and Year One as they bravely performed in their nativities, singing their hearts out, showing us their dance moves, saying their words and looking adorable in their festive costumes. Thank you again for your support from home in helping the performances go so smoothly.

As the end of the year draws to a close children are creating Christmas crafts. Reception have been identifying properties of circles and shapes and have been sequencing events. Year One have been writing letters to Father Christmas and had an exciting visit to St John's Church to experience 'Christmas through the keyhole'.

Year 2 and 3 have been busy getting ready for the Christingle and Carols by Torchlight events. They're certainly getting us in the festive mood.

Year 4 and Year 6 gave us a wonderful start to festivities yesterday with a beautiful church service. Thank you so much! Good luck to Year 5 with their evening performances next week, we can't wait to see it!

Pupil Voice

Izzy RHM – “We've have been finding circles and triangles all round.”

Harrison RHM – “We have been reading 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' he delivers letters and cards.”

Tatum RHM – “We have been drawing a story map.”

Cienna 1BM – “I liked doing the Nativity when my Mummy and Daddy came to watch.”

Lydia 1BM – “I liked doing the dances in the Nativity. My favourite dance was ‘Calypso Kings.’”

Beatrice 2MS – “I really enjoyed writing my story about the cute barn owl. I tried really hard to make my writing really exciting.”

Sienna 3T – “I like enrichment. I am doing dance and it is very fun to do because I have learnt lots of new dance moves.”

Albie 3T – “I have liked English this week because we have been writing about the story of The Bear and The Hare.”

Sofia 3T – “I have enjoyed maths because we have been learning our times tables.”

Felicity 3T – “I like science because I like learning about the new things in our lessons.”

Lizzie 4P – “This week, we did our Christmas service at the church. I really liked singing the songs in the evening.”

Faye 4P – “I liked being the angel in the Christmas service and loved performing in front of all the people.”

Noah 6A – “I have really enjoyed making a presentation on powerpoint all about a country in South America.”

Jessica B 6A – “I have enjoyed learning about Ratio. I wasn't sure I was going to get it at first but I was proud that I did.”

Aidan 6W – “I liked doing the Haka in dance. It was fun doing it against another group.”

Noah 6W – “I liked the body combat lesson with Mr Shepherd.”

Staffing Update

We would like to welcome Mrs Heaney who has joined us as a Teaching Assistant in Nursery, to cover Miss Furness as she goes on maternity leave. We wish Miss Furness and her partner every happiness.

Handwriting Pens



As part of our handwriting and presentation policy, all children in Y4 are given a school handwriting pen in January and all children in Y5 and Y6 at the start of the school year. Once that pen runs out, we do request that parents provide a new one – this could be a fountain pen containing blue, washable ink with medium sized nib or a blue roller ball ink pen. Handwriting pens can be purchased at the great price of just 50p from the PTFA.

Please contact: Ptfa.deaneryuniform@gmail.com or message via the Deanery Secondhand Uniform Facebook page.

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>

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!!!



The last day of term will be 'Christmas Jumper Day'. Jumpers are to be worn in place of the red school jumper or cardigan with school uniform. It is not a dress down day, but please do not feel you need to go out and purchase a Christmas Jumper!

Christmas Pantomime at Deanery

Wednesday 20th December



Teacher Training Days

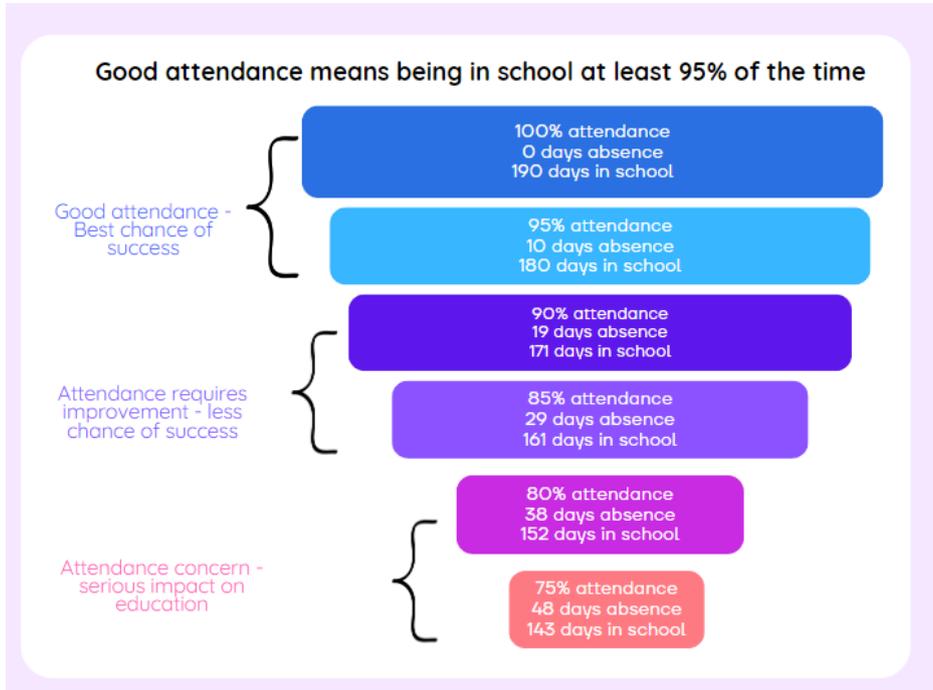
We have now added the final two teacher training days to the school calendar – they are **Monday 8th January 2024** and **Friday 24th May 2024**.

Spring Term Dates

DEANERY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL - SPRING TERM DATES 2024

Date	Time	Event
Mon 8 Jan		TEACHER TRAINING DAY
Tue 9 Jan		CHILDREN RETURN AFTER CHRISTMAS
Mon 15 Jan	2-3.45pm	Swimming Gala Trials
Tue 16 Jan	2-3.45pm	Swimming Gala Trials
Wed 17 Jan	9.30am – 11am	Little Hollies Nursery Open Sessions
Wed 17 Jan	2-3.45pm	Swimming Gala Trials
22, 23, 24 Jan		Bikeability Y5
Thu 1 Feb	5.30pm - 6.30pm	KS2 SATS Y6 Parents Meeting
Tue 6 Feb		Online Safety Day
Tue 6 Feb	Lunchtime	Themed Meal – Pancake Day
Wed 7 Feb	4 – 6.30pm	Parents Evening Consultations
Thu 8 Feb	5.30 - 8pm	
Fri 9 Feb		BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Mon 19 Feb		CHILDREN RETURN AFTER HALF TERM
Fri 23 Feb	9-9.45am 9.45-10.30am	Balanceability Reception
Sat 24 Feb		Swimming Gala, Wyndley Leisure Centre
Fri 1 Mar	9-9.45am 9.45-10.30am	Balanceability Reception
Mon 4 Mar	PM	Rec/KS1 rehearsal Mother's Day Service St John's Church
Tue 5 Mar	PM	Rec/KS1 Mother's Day Service St John's Church
Wed 6 Mar	PM	KS2 rehearsal Mother's Day Service led by Y3 St John's Church
Thu 7 Mar	PM	KS2 Mother's Day Service led by Y3 St John's Church
Thu 7 Mar	5.30pm - 6.30pm	Kings Park Residential Parents Meeting Y4 (Trip 13-14 June)
Fri 8 Mar	9-9.45am 9.45-10.30am	Balanceability Reception
Fri 8 Mar	11-12	Nursery Mother's Day
Fri 15 Mar	9-9.45am 9.45-10.30am	Balanceability Reception
Mon 18 Mar	PM	Rec/KS1 rehearsal Easter Service - St John's Church
Tue 19 Mar	AM	Rec/KS1 Easter Service - St John's Church
Tue 19 Mar	PM	KS2 rehearsal Easter - St John's Church (Y5)
Tue 19 Mar	PM	Themed Meal – Easter
Wed 20 Mar	PM	KS2 Easter Service led by Y5 - St John's Church
Fri 22 Mar		BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS
Mon 8 Apr		CHILDREN RETURN AFTER EASTER HOLIDAY

Attendance at Deanery



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 93.7%

Toy Service - Birmingham City Mission

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



Reception Request

Request for books - Reception are looking to boost our stock of reading books while the library is out of action. If you are having a clear out and think you have anything suitable for this age group please drop them to the Reception classroom or at the school office. Thank you.



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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New Loss Workshops

Supporting Families Through Loss

OUR NEW WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN & GROWN-UPS



Monthly sessions on
Saturday mornings
10-11.30 am

SUTTON BAPTIST CHURCH
METTING ROOMS, B72 1TA

Supporting children to feel safe, seen, soothed & secure

A safe space to support your child through loss. A creative and compassionate community for you and your child to engage in soothing craft and activities.

To register your interest please email: hello@cherisheduk.org

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.*



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Walmley



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NEW YEARS 2024 2 DAY SOCCER SCHOOL



Dates: Tuesday 2nd Jan
Wednesday 3rd Jan

Age: 5-12 years old

Time: 9:30 - 15:30

Location: Aston Villa Inner
City Academy, B6 7DT

Cost: £50

Goalkeeping course also available (ages 6-12)

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Nurturing ADHD Kids

This online 6 week course is free for Birmingham parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD or suspected ADHD

LED BY ADULTS WITH ADHD

Does your child have ADHD or suspected ADHD?

Are you trying to support them but find that everyone gives you different advice?

In this 6 week course, you will

- learn about ADHD
- Understand the effect on our mental health
- Understand the reasons behind behaviours
- Gain confidence in advocating for our children
- Learn new strategies
- Help our kids be confident, resilient and be their best selves

Phone: 0731 116 7485

Email: contactus@brewseducation.org

Birmingham Resilience Education and Wellbeing Services CIC. CIC Business Registration: 13240865

What parents have said about this course

This course is literally game-changing for parents, caregivers, teachers and anyone living with a child (or adult) with ADHD. So much misunderstanding, frustration and worry could be prevented if everyone had access to this amazing resource.

Essential course for any parent of a child with ADHD. It changed the way I see my son and my ability to respond to his needs effectively.

Very informative, friendly, no pressure, enjoyable sessions





NEW GROUPS STARTING SOON!

Free online 6 week course for parents and carers

We run our courses every half term.
You can choose to join one that is held in
the evening or one held in the morning.

To find out the dates and times of our next course
and to register, scan this code

or visit

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/nurturing-adhd-kids-courses-2610449>



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