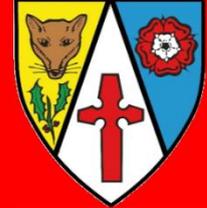


# NEWSLETTER

[www.deanery.bham.sch.uk](http://www.deanery.bham.sch.uk)

19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024



Welcome back to the New Year.

It was lovely to welcome all of our children back to school after the Christmas holidays. We thank you for the generosity and kindness shown to staff, for the gifts that they received and hope that the time away from school provided the opportunities for families and friends to be together.

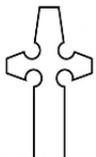
As we return, the weather has certainly taken a turn, with many frosty mornings experienced this week. Although the temperature is cold, the sunshine provides a glimmer of hope of warmer days ahead. Please ensure children are wearing winter coats as they will still be going outside at break and lunchtimes. Hats and scarfs always find their way to lost property, we therefore encourage that all items worn into school are labelled with your child's name.

I have had a number of conversations with parents regarding concerns over how cars are parked before and after school with some cars blocking pavements and neighbours drives. Parking in this way is putting the safety of children and families at risk, as they negotiate the roads, unseen by motorists. Please consider where you leave your vehicle, being courteous to our neighbours and demonstrating safety to your child as well as respect to other members of our school community.

On Wednesday, we held our nursery open sessions for parents of children who would like to attend Little Hollies nursery in September 2024. The closing date for applications is 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

Swimming gala trials were conducted this week and I was very impressed with the standard of swimming, but also the excitement and enthusiasm for swimming. The children were a delight. More information regarding the gala will be shared next week.

It is so fabulous to be able to share this success with you, please see the attached letter from Damian Hinds, Minister for Schools. A big thank you to all Deanery staff and children!



TO THE  
Greater Glory  
OF  
God





**Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP**  
Minister for Schools

Sanctuary Buildings 20 Great Smith Street Westminster London SW1P 3BT  
tel: 0370 000 2288 [www.education.gov.uk/contactus/dfe](http://www.education.gov.uk/contactus/dfe)

Jayne Lockett  
The Deanery Church of England Primary School  
West Midlands  
Fox Hollies Road  
Sutton Coldfield  
B76 2RD

08 January 2024

*Dear Ms Lockett,*

I am writing to congratulate you on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2023 Phonics Screening Check.

We want to ensure every child develops a firm grasp of phonics as the basis on which to improve standards of reading. As such I was delighted to see your results.

With 98 per cent of pupils in Year 1 at The Deanery Church of England Primary School meeting the expected standard in the check, your school is in the top 2 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

The latest figures show that 83 per cent of pupils who met the expected standard in the check went on to achieve at least the expected standard in reading at key stage 2 in 2023, which underlines the importance of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your particular success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading.

I would like to thank you for your commitment and success in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulate you, your staff and pupils again on all you have achieved.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Hinds".

**Damian Hinds**  
Minister for Schools

**GRACE**

Kaiden - 2R

Ottillie - 3T

Darcy - 5MC

Nylah - 1BM

Izzy-May -

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**LOVE**

**FAITH**

Naomi - RHM

**Deanery  
Values**

Archie S - 5H

**HOPE**

**JOY**

Max J - 6W

Scarlett - 6A

Zachary G - 5H

Amelia B - 6W

**PEACE**

## Phase News

Nursery have a new topic of animals and pets. Children have been making animal masks and using their jungle for role play.

Reception have been reading 'Stick Man' and 'Rosie's Hat' as part of their new topic of 'Julia Donaldson'. They have been considering who is in their family tree and have been exploring how the wind makes things move outside. In Maths they have been noticing the pattern of one more and how to build towers using a given number and then adding one more.

Year 1 are learning how the high street has changed over time. They are using the story of 'The Queen's hat' in their English lessons and are identifying missing numbers on numberlines.

Year 2 and 3 have been working really hard in maths. Year 2 have been working with money and finding different amounts with notes and coins. Year 3 have been exploring multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number using dienes and their understanding of known facts to help them. Well done all!

In Years 4,5 and 6 we have been busy writing postcards ready to go on our postcard walks next week to deliver them to the local community. If you live near school, look out for our postcards that might be coming to you!

## Pupil Voice

Gabriella RHM – “We read a book called 'Rosie's Hat'. Rosie lost her hat and then she got it back. I drew a witch's hat using chalk”.

Sarah 3T – “I really liked enrichment last week because I got to have fun and do acting in Musical Theatre with Miss Rondet”.

Joshua 3T – “I liked enrichment because I liked making my model car in Car Making and next week we are going to race our cars. I am really excited to do the racing part.”

Eve and Jai 5MC – “In cricket this week, Jay from the Warwickshire cricket board led our session. We started by playing a really fun cone game that tested our quick responses. We went onto play a match of continuous cricket where we got to practise fielding and throwing from a distance, which we enjoyed.

Amelia R 6A – “I'm really enjoying our Art project taking a boring space and making it better through colour. We are redesigning the courtyard.”

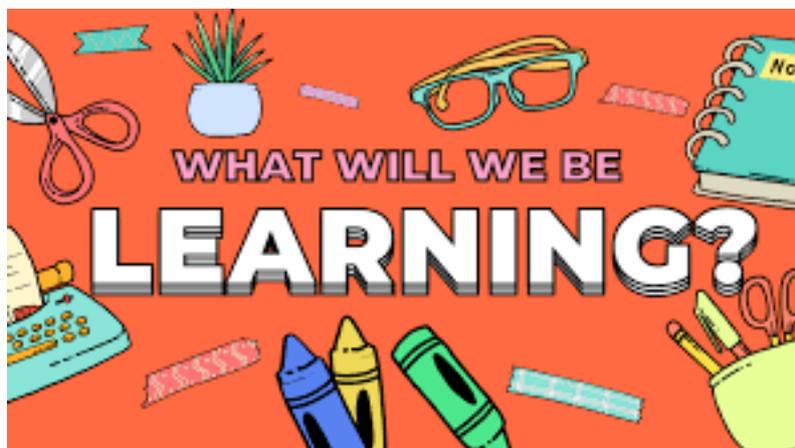
Yiorgos 6W – “I am looking forward to making a colourful space in a shoebox in Art this week.”

Matthew B 6W – “I like doing algebra and replacing letters with numbers like cracking a code. It's cool!”

## Programmes of Study for Spring Term

Our Programmes of Study, which outline all of the exciting things that we will be learning this term are now available on our website

<https://deanery.bham.sch.uk/curriculum/p-o-s>.



## School Dinners

Please can we remind you that we require notice of half a term if you would like your child to swap from school dinners to packed lunches.

If you would like to make any changes please email the school office [enquiry@deanery.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@deanery.bham.sch.uk) by 9<sup>th</sup> February to swap to packed lunches for the Summer term (commencing 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024).

## 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 2 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.

Please reply by Monday 22nd January.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=y4FijlNeEygFgtjlf3WwWv09RIC8ZpPmBKDdOdmLxUOVM0TzVPVFM2RkZXNUNYWUIOWFQxT0c3Ni4u>

## 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>

## PE Kits

As it is the start of a new year, we just wanted to remind everyone of the correct PE kits required for indoor and outdoor lessons.

### Indoor PE kits:

White round neck t-shirt (with or without logo)

Black PE shorts

White socks with pumps (or barefoot)

### Outdoor PE kits:

Trainers

Black jogging trousers

A red school sweatshirt hoodie



Jewellery – All jewellery must be removed for PE. Earrings must be covered with tape, if they cannot be removed (when ears have recently been pierced).

Please can we ask that all items are clearly named.

Thank you for your support.

## Apply for a Blue Peter Book Badge!



Do you love reading? Are you a bookworm? Did you know that Blue Peter have an exciting new book badge? The badge is designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! You can earn this badge by following the link to the Blue Peter website and completing the questions about a book you have read on the application form. So, what are you waiting for? Pick up a book, explore your school library, or become a member of your local library and you could be on your way to earning your very own Book badge!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

## Illness

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell.

Follow this advice on when to keep your child home:

[#BackToSchool](#)



<http://nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

## Behaviour Fundraising

Thank you so much to all of our children for their wonderful behaviour and for going above and beyond to earn tokens and for choosing which charity to donate them to.

Thank you also to all parents for supporting our fundraising events, your generous donations all go to supporting the charities that our children have chosen #charity #democracy



As you know we are also supporting the St Giles March of the Elephants this year your generous donations mean that we have so far raised an additional £500 for this great cause.

## Behaviour Fundraising cont.

This term our Head Boys, Head Girls and House Captains have decided to support one local, one national and one international charity:

### LOCAL



The Jericho foundation is based in Birmingham and gives support and work opportunities to people who are facing real and significant challenges in getting a job. Some of the work they do is in Sutton Coldfield, if you've ever been to the tip/dump and seen the Re-users shop or the wood shack – Jericho gives people jobs here and sells second hand items to raise money to help people in Birmingham.



### NATIONAL



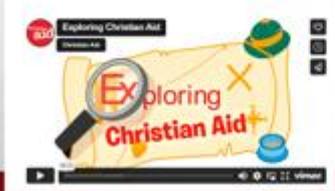
St Mungo's is a leading UK homelessness charity supporting over 3150 people every night. They help to end homelessness and rebuild lives.



What can "homelessness" mean?

- **Sleeping rough**  
Sleeping rough is when someone is sleeping on the streets. It is the most visible form of homelessness.
- **Being Homeless**  
Being homeless is not necessarily sleeping rough, but being in unstable accommodation such as a hostel, B&B, or another type of temporary home.
- **Sofa surfing**  
Sofa surfing is staying between friends' or relatives' houses. It can also be known as "hidden homelessness".

### INTERNATIONAL



**Christian Aid** are a global movement of people, churches and local organisations. They are the changemakers, the peacemakers, the mighty of heart. The charity exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. - 3.3m. people benefited from our interventions -

## Junior Duke

We hope those children enrolled on the Junior Duke scheme are still enjoying completing their tasks.

We will have a KS2 meeting on Wed 24th Jan at lunchtime in the KS1 Hall to sign off any new tasks and a KS1 meeting on Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Jan.

Don't forget to bring your books! Don't worry, you still have plenty of time (in fact until July!) to complete 7 tasks !

**JUNIOR DUKE™**

**KS2  
JUNIOR  
DUKE**

Wed 24th Jan 12.15-1.00 in KS1 Hall

If you have completed any tasks, bring your books in to show us and we can sign off your tasks

**JUNIOR DUKE™**

**KS1  
JUNIOR  
DUKE**

Wed 31st Jan 12.00-12.45 in KS1 Hall

If you have completed any tasks, bring your books in to show us and we can sign off your tasks



## 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 and coffee!

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 like to come along to a 'taster session' please complete the slip below and return it to school.

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  
Deputy Headteacher

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## PARENT READING GROUPS

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent helper \_\_\_\_\_

Dates available (please circle) -:

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Jan

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Feb

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Feb

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Mar

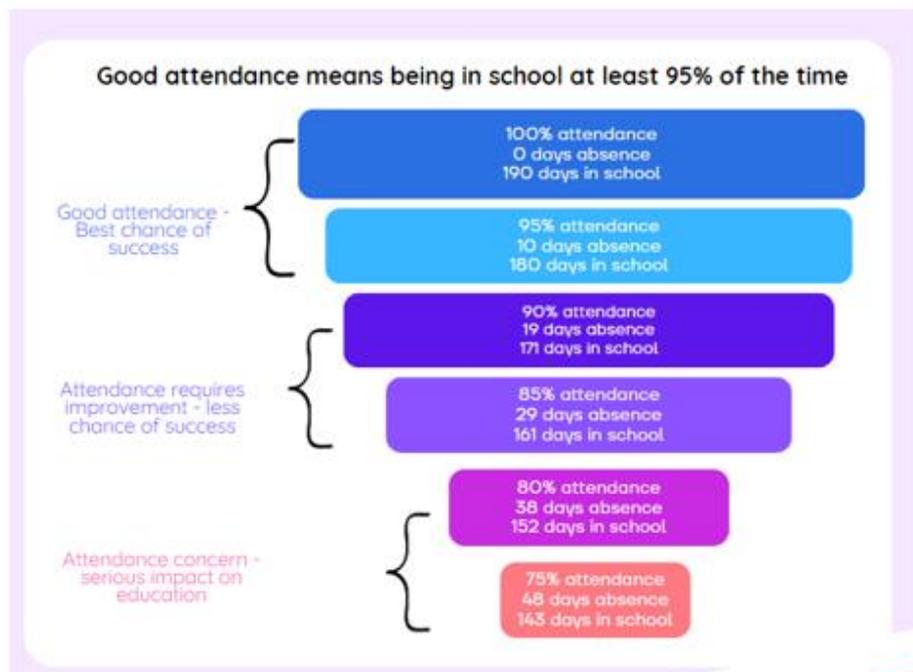
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Mar

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Mar

## Attendance at Deanery

Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential. Going to school is directly linked to improved exam performance which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities and better job prospects. As well as this, going to school helps to develop:

- friendships
- social skills
- team values
- life skills
- cultural awareness
- career pathways



Our current whole school attendance is 96.9%

## 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](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](#)

# 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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ACTIVITIES

DEANERY DO NOT PROMOTE  
ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES

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Supporting Families Through Loss

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10-11.30 am

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*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](mailto:hello@cherisheduk.org)

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WEDNESDAY 5.30 - 6.30PM

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Tangmere Drive, Castle Vale. B35 7PX

FRIDAY 5.30 - 6.30PM

To register text: child name / class location

t: 07730 899722

e: [info@kombatkids.com](mailto:info@kombatkids.com)

w: [www.kombatkids.com](http://www.kombatkids.com)

f: [www.facebook.com/kombatkids](http://www.facebook.com/kombatkids)



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**NOW AVAILABLE AT COLESHILL ROAD STADIUM  
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Has your child found a team yet or not get many minutes in their current team? If not we are starting just play sessions where your child can come and play a football match each week with a referee plus half time, full time and penalty shoot outs. These sessions are designed to get them into the beautiful game in a fun and safe environment. The sessions are open to everyone

## **Mondays**

Year 2 & 3 5pm - 6pm

## **Thursdays**

Year 4 & 5 4:30pm - 5:30pm

**\*ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST WEAR MOULDED BOOTS\***  
**FIRST WEEK FREE TASTER SESSION THEN**  
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Or book online at  
[www.sutton-united-football-club.classforkids.io](http://www.sutton-united-football-club.classforkids.io)



At our new Coleshill Road stadium:  
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We are really passionate about creating a pathway for girls and have teams throughout the age groups leading into the adults. We have sessions for 5-7 year olds and 8-10 year olds.

**FIRST SESSION IS A FREE TASTER**

Every Tuesday from November 7th 4:30pm - 5:30pm

**Book online at**  
[www.sutton-united-football-club.classforkids.io](http://www.sutton-united-football-club.classforkids.io)

**Or scan the QR  
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**SUTTON UNITED ARE  
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FORM OUR NEW UNDER  
7'S TEAMS FOR 24/25**

**EVERY SATURDAY MORNING  
8:45 - 9:45AM**

Over the coming months we will be selecting the teams from our Saturday Mini Soccer Sessions based at our brand new stadium every Saturday morning between 8:45am and 9:45am.

Start your child's football journey here at Sutton United!

If your child is currently in year 1 and you are interested in them joining a team here, please book on using the link below...

<https://sutton-united-football-club.classforkids.io/>

These sessions are also open to all children from 5-9 years of age whether wanting to join a team or not!

**CURRENT YEAR 1's**

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**PITCH LOCATED IN THE HEART OF SUTTON COLDFIELD**



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# SUTTON SOCCER COACHING CLUB



AT MERE GREEN SCHOOL  
(OPPOSITE SAINSBURY'S)  
MERE GREEN, B75 5BL  
**STARTING SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024**

## SATURDAYS

|         |                   |                        |
|---------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Group 1 | 9.00am – 10.00am  | School Year Reception  |
| Group 2 | 9.00am – 10.00am  | School Year 1          |
| Group 3 | 10.15am – 11.15am | School Year 2          |
| Group 4 | 10.15am – 11.15am | School Years 3 and 4   |
| Group 5 | 11.30am – 12.30pm | School Years 5 and 6   |
| Group 6 | 11.30am – 12.30pm | School Years 7,8 and 9 |

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of the last 30 years courses we are expanding the soccer coaching programme for 2024. The new course will start on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January** and will run for 10 weeks

Qualified F.A. coaches run the club **including Head Coach ex-Aston villa and England star Tony Morley**. Coaches are **DBS checked**.

The course is for children of all abilities, total beginners are introduced through fun and confidence building practices. We teach children not just football!!

The **NEW SAMBA GOALS** are used for all groups in shooting practices and Premier league tournaments, and a ball per player is provided for individual skill practices. The course is held on the football pitches so boots or trainers and outdoor clothing should be worn.

The cost of the course is £7.50 per week which is payable every four weeks (£30) (**HALF PRICE** £3.75) for second and subsequent brothers and sisters, payable every four weeks £15) with the first payment due on week one. The club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care, however, parents are welcome to stay and watch if they wish to.

**ALL PLAYERS RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY** at the presentation, which will be held on the final week of the term.

**TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE TEXT THE FOLLOWING TO THE NUMBER GIVEN BELOW  
SUTTON+CHILD'S NAME+GROUP NUMBER (1or2or3or4or 5or 6)**

**07518 522 809**

*Alan Bourton*  
(Club Co-ordinator)





**With pancakes!**

**At St Peter's Church Maney  
Shrove Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
2024 3-5pm**

**Come and join us for worship,  
songs, activities and pancakes too!  
All the family is welcome.**

**Contact the church office: 0121 355  
6952**

**[officestpetersmaney@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:officestpetersmaney@yahoo.co.uk)**

**Or talk to our children's team in  
church.**

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**for further info call 0121 803 5998**



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## EVERY SATURDAY

**FROM 6th JAN - 24th March 2024**

**Bishop Vesey Grammar School  
Sutton Coldfield, B74 2NH**

### 12 WEEK TRAINING PROGRAMME COSTS AND TIMINGS

|               |              |        |
|---------------|--------------|--------|
| 09:30 - 10:45 | Junior Girls | £75.00 |
| 10:45 - 12:00 | Year 3 and 4 | £75.00 |
| 12:00 - 13:15 | Year 5 and 6 | £75.00 |
| 13:15 - 14:15 | Reception    | £65.00 |
| 13:15 - 14:15 | Year 1 and 2 | £65.00 |
| 14:15 - 15:30 | Year 7 and 8 | £75.00 |
| 15:30 - 16:45 | Year 9 +     | £75.00 |



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