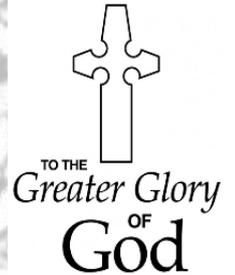
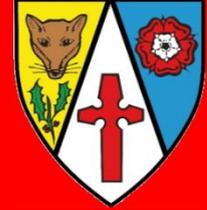


# NEWSLETTER



## Attendance Focus

It is really important that children attend school every day, when they are well and that we work together to do all we can to prioritise our children's attendance at school, so that they can enjoy their learning and socialising with their friends.

As you know, at Deanery, children who miss time from school due to holidays or trips and visits, will not have this time off school authorised. More importantly, the lessons and learning they miss really put them at a disadvantage. The curriculum builds successively on prior learning and children who are absent from school will have gaps in their knowledge and skills and will not be able to build on, or apply this sequential knowledge. Statistics show that children with good attendance have higher attainment in school and studies show that children with attendance above 96% make better progress socially and academically.

Our current whole school attendance is 95.3%.

When children have 19 days off school, this could be due to a holiday accompanied by an illness, they will be classed as a persistent absentee for the whole academic year as they will be unable to increase their attendance to above 90%.

Our aim is to improve whole school attendance to above 97% and request that all families endeavour to support us.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Every day counts!

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is....	over 13 years schooling
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years



**GRACE**

Riya - 2R  
Nick - 6A

Aarav C - 3T

Bara - 5MC

Grace M - 6W

Rosalie C - 2MS

**LOVE**

**FAITH**

Ottillie R - 3T

**Deanery  
Values**

Nate N-S - 5H

**HOPE**

**JOY**

Noah A - RHM

Grace - 1BM

Leo B - 5H

Jacob T - 6W

Elon T - 1W

**PEACE**

### Phase News

Nursery have been creating butterflies and looking at how their wings are symmetrical. Children have also been creating under the sea worlds as part of their art project this half term.

Reception have been learning how to read longer words in phonics. They have been reading the Julia Donaldson story, 'The Snail and the Whale' looking at the different environments and being introduced to different vocabulary. They had an excellent walk through Jones' wood last week after reading 'The Gruffalo'. Luckily we didn't meet the Gruffalo on our walk.

Year 1 have been spotting patterns in numbers, and identifying odd and even numbers. In Science they have been classifying animals and discussing their features.

Year 2 have been producing some super sentences in writing including powerful verbs to describe the weather.

Year 3 have been working hard using their understanding of times tables to help them with division.

Years 4, 5 and 6 - Over the last week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed going out into the community to deliver handwritten postcards to people's homes. The children thought carefully about the positive messages and well wishes they wanted to share with our neighbours to hopefully bring smiles and joy to others. It has been wonderful receiving such positive feedback from members of the community, so thank you and we are glad we brought happiness and joy to your days!

## Pupil Voice

Charlie M RHM – “I built a walkie talkie for me and Mrs Maskell and we played outside with them together.”

Simon 1W – “I enjoyed art because I painted ducks and chicks using watercolour”

Heidi 1W – “I enjoyed art because I got to be creative and do painting”

Sofia C 3T – “I have enjoyed writing my adventure story about the Bronze Age.”

Naraya A 3T – “I enjoyed music last week as we are learning to play the recorder.”

Matilda L 5H – “I have loved learning about the Maya and their civilisation is history. I can't wait to learn more!”

Amiaya C 5H – “I've been really enjoying writing poetry in writing lessons.”

Abbey and Maisy 5MC – “Last week we went out of school and onto Walmley Road to deliver postcards to the community. I really enjoyed the element of making people smile when they saw the postcard. I also enjoyed being outside and had fun walking to deliver them.”

Tommy C 6W – “I have enjoyed doing Gymnastics to different music and performing it at different speeds.”

Harrison 6A – “I've really enjoyed our Decimals topic in maths, especially how I could use my understanding of column addition for whole numbers to add decimals.”

Ariana 6A – “In Gymnastics, I enjoyed putting a routine together with my friends because I find gymnastics really fun and like the different ways you can move around.”

## 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).

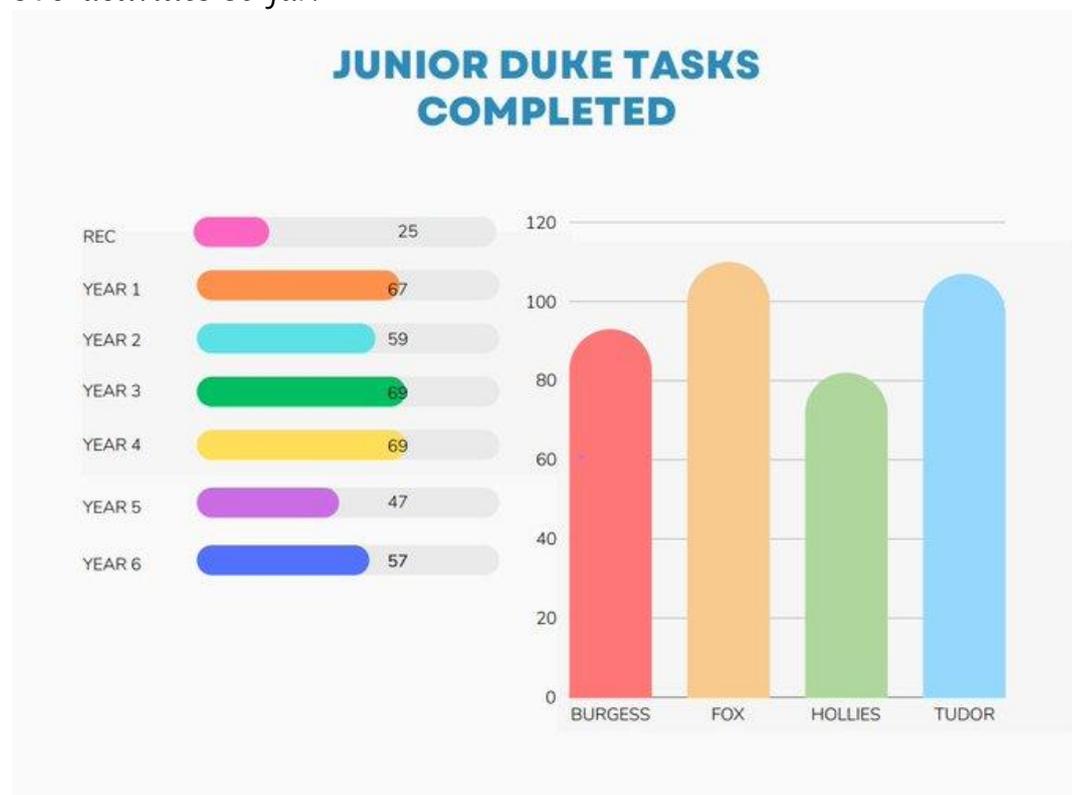
## Success at the British Schools Gymnastics Competition!!!

After months of hard work and training, the Gymnastics Squad were very excited (and a little bit nervous!) to head to Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January to compete in the West Midlands Region of the British Schools Gymnastics competitions. There were 2 competitions running alongside each other on this day and the children had to perform an individual floor routine and a vault. Some children also had to perform a group routine on the floor as well. The standard at the competition was very high but the team remained focused on enjoying their experience and we all had a great day. When the routines were all complete, it was time for the results to be announced...and they were certainly worth the wait! Our amazing girls teams came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Floor and Vault Competition and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Milano (group) Competition! Our fabulous mixed teams came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Floor and Vault and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Milano!!! Both mixed teams qualified for National Finals and the girls Milano team also qualified for Nationals! We are so proud of them all and look forward to representing the West Midlands at Nationals in March and April this year.



## Junior Duke

It's wonderful to see so many of our children engaged in and enjoying the @JuniorDukeAward programme. Children in our school have completed over 390 activities so far!



## Smart Watches

**Please can you ensure that your child does not wear a smart watch to school or any watch that has the ability to take photos or connect to a mobile device.**

**If your child would like to wear a watch, this can be an analogue or digital watch or basic watches with a step counter are also allowed.**

## Positivity Postcards

We have loved making and delivering New Year postcards to our local community. We've received some wonderful feedback too!  
Thank you to all of the parents that have come with us.



## Science Week Volunteers

Mrs Collister is organising a Science Week from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Do you, or somebody you know, have a career in science? Do you have a science related hobby that you do for pleasure outside of your day-to-day job? Are you an Engineer/Construction worker, a designer, or do you work for the NHS (nurse, doctor, dentist)? Do you work with animals or are you a personal trainer or park ranger? If you have any link to a science related job and would like to help use and share your knowledge, expertise and enthusiasm to enthral our children and to encourage them to aim high, we would love you to help us!

Ideally, we would like to invite you to share with the children your experiences of your job, how you became involved in your role and what it is you enjoy. We would also like you to be part of sharing/setting up practical tasks where the children could get some hands-on experience of what that job entails. If you feel you could help, please fill in the link below by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

<https://forms.office.com/e/1u9ucdMRzR>

## 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 Plea...

If you have any spare socks, pants, trousers or PE kit, Reception would gratefully receive them to replenish their stock.

Thank you!!!

### Dates for the diary...

Parents Consultation Evening – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February (4-6.30pm) and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February (5.30-8pm)

Break-up for half term – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Return to school – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February



## 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 means being in school at least 95% of the time

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

Good attendance -  
Best chance of  
success

Attendance requires  
improvement - less  
chance of success

Attendance concern -  
serious impact on  
education



Our current whole school  
attendance is 95.3%

## 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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## Football in the Community – February Half Term Soccer Schools 2024

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- Harborne (Lordswood Girls School)
- Sutton Coldfield (Sutton Coldfield Town FC)
- Solihull (St Peter's Catholic School)
- Tamworth (Tamworth Enterprise College)

**Ages:** 5 – 12 year olds

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# FEBRUARY HALF TERM SOCCER SCHOOLS



## 5 Days

Mon 12th - Fri 16th

Aston  
Harborne  
Sutton Coldfield

## 3 Days

Mon 12th - Wed 14th

Solihull

## 2 Days

Thu 15th - Fri 16th

Tamworth

Time:  
9:30 - 15:30

Age:  
5-12 years old



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February half term  
12th February - 16th February

**Easter**

25th March - 5th April

**May half term**

28th May - 31st May

**Summer**

23rd July - 30th August

**October half term**

28th October - 1st November

**Messy Mayhem Harry Potter Experience**

**Superhero Squad Lego Adventures**

**Creative Cooks I'm a Kid Get Me Out of Here**

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**Nerf Challenge Wacky Races Puppet Making**

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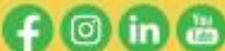




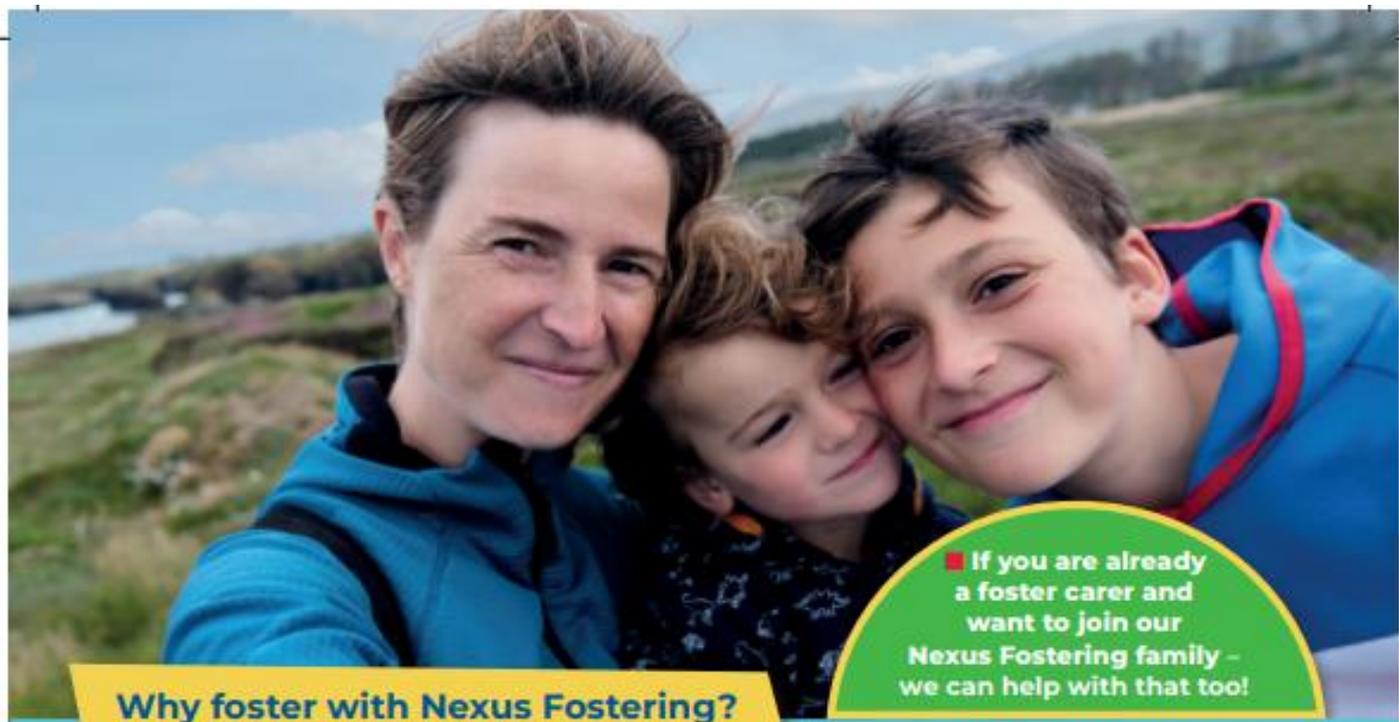
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