

Autumn 2

December 2024



I cannot believe we have already reached the end of the Autumn term! It has been a really busy one in school with so many activities and events taking place since September including educational visits, a wide range of parent workshops, class assemblies and sporting events culminating in a trip to the theatre for our Y5 and 6 pupils and our younger children visiting Santa.

I am sure you would like to join me in saying a big thank you to all of the staff in school who have worked so hard this term, they all do a fantastic job. We focus on building relationships with your children ensuring we know them really well and that they are happy, enthusiastic and want to come to school!

Last week we were visited by leaders from the other Kingfisher Collaboration schools to complete our Peer Review, focusing on English and our OFSTED action point-ensuring that children are able to retain and recall prior learning. It was a really positive day, and I am sharing the following feedback with you:

During learning walks, in class work scrutiny and discussions with leaders and pupils the Team found:

1.Evidence of a very strong, caring ethos with children who collaborate really well and have a positive behaviour and attitude towards learning.

2.Children can clearly articulate responses and provide justification for their thinking. They actively listen to each other and the staff who are teaching them.

3.Leaders interviewed are very confident, articulate and knowledgeable about their subject areas.

I would like to say thank you to all parents and carers for your support, working with us to ensure that your children receive the best possible experience in school! I hope that you all have a good holiday, Merry Christmas to everyone who is celebrating and a Happy New Year. We will see you all on **Tuesday 7th January**.

Mr K.Holmes

Headteacher



Food Allergies

A reminder that we are a “No nuts” school. If you are sending chocolates into school for your child’s birthday please ensure that you only send in chocolates that do not contain nuts. For example-Celebrations contain Snickers, these are not allowed. Children’s packed lunches must not contain chocolate spread sandwiches or nuts. Thank you.



A challenge for 2025

I would really like your help to improve punctuality at the start of the school day. We are having too many children arrive late each day and miss valuable learning. I am challenging you all to set your alarm clocks five minutes earlier each day, pack school bags the night before and arrive in school on time! Let’s see if we can reduce the number of children arriving late from the first day back in school in 2025!

Reminder – Reception 2025

If you have a child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 they will be due to start Reception in September 2025 -please ensure that you apply online before the closing date of 15th January 2025:- <http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions> If you submit a late application, you may not get a place at your preferred school.

Nursery September 2025

If you have a child born between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022 they would be due to start nursery in September 2025. If you wish to apply for a place would you please come to the school office to complete an application form. We would need to see your child’s birth certificate and proof of address (council tax bill or child benefit letter).

ASDA money for school

Thank you to everyone who shopped at Asda and raised money for school in the process. Because of your efforts we will be receiving £267.00.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Leadership team, Mrs Jenkins (AHT for EYFS and Year 1), Miss Dovey (SEND/CO and AHT for Years 2 and 3), Miss Clayton (AHT for Years 4,5 and 6), Ms Burgess (Deputy Headteacher) or I.

Dates for your diary

Lots happening in the new year!

Tuesday 7th January	All children return to school
Wednesday 8th January 2.30pm	Y6 Parents SATS Meeting
Friday 10th January	3K first Swimming lesson
Tuesday 14th January	Y6 class 1 visit to the Cathedral
Friday 17th January	Severn Trent Water Assemblies
Monday 20th January	Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight checks
Thursday 23rd January	Y6 class 2 visit to the Cathedral
Friday 24th January	5W Class Assembly
Tuesday 28th January	Y6 class 3 visit to the Cathedral
Thursday 30th January	Y4 Parents Workshop
Monday 3rd February	2M and 2A Parent Workshop
Tuesday 4th February	2D Parent Workshop PC Leon working with Years 5 and 6 2A educational visit to the Back to Back houses
Tuesday 11th February	45 Year 3 children visit to the Gurdwara 2D educational visit to the Back to Back houses
Thursday 13th February	45 Year 3 children visit to the Gurdwara
Friday 14th February	Shining Star Assemblies