

# Autumn 1

## October 2024



We have reached the end of the first half term, and what a busy 8 weeks it has been! We have had a number of educational visits including Year 3 going to the Roman fort at Lunt, Year 4 going to Blakesley Hall museum and Year 2 visiting the local church. We have also had class assemblies start this half term, a number of sporting competitions and parent workshops too, including Phonics, Early Reading and Maths for our families in Reception and Year 1. We continue to work with the School Nurse and the local community police officers who have led activities and events with the children in school too.

A big thank you to all parents who attended Parents Evening this week, it is always a highlight for me as Headteacher to speak to parents on the night and get so much positive feedback from you. Again, it was a really well attended night. If you were unable to attend, but would like to speak to your child's class teacher please speak to them at the end of the school day, when you collect your children from school.

I am so proud of the school's prefects and the job they do on the night, a number of parents commented on how polite they are and what a good job they do. I am happy to see their confidence grow as they complete the task, by the end of the evening they were tired, but were enthusiastically asking if they can help at the next Parents Evening in the Spring Term.

If you do have any concerns regarding your child, in the first instance, please speak to their class teacher at the end of the school day, if you do not feel that this resolves the issue, please follow our policy of speaking to the Assistant Headteacher responsible for your child's year group.

I am looking forward to welcoming some of you to our first Shining Star assemblies of the year on Friday, celebrating success and children who are modelling our school values.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support to me as Headteacher, and to the school. I hope that you all have a good half term break, we will see you all on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**.

Mr K.Holmes  
Headteacher

### Reception Applications September 2025

Applications are open online for children due to start in Reception September 2025. The closing date for submitting applications is **15 January 2025**. Parent/carers that wish to defer entry for their summer born child that is due to start in Reception in September 2025 must also adhere to this same deadline and check the School Admissions website for information about the process [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

### Kingfisher Collaboration

This year we will continue to work with St Benedict's Primary, Somerville Primary and Redhill Primary. I am really pleased that we continue to work in partnership with these local schools. We will be participating in Peer Reviews in each of our schools, Curriculum days and sports events. I will share more information with you about this as we move through the year.

## UNICEF Rights

Following our successful reapplication for the UNICEF Rights Respecting Silver Award last year, we are now moving on to apply for the Gold Award. I hope that many of you got to speak to our UNICEF ambassadors who did a great job in sharing information about the rights during Parents Evening.

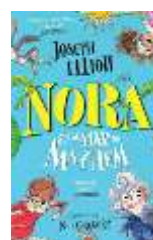
## Harvest Festival donations

Thank you to everyone for your kind contributions. We had a phenomenal response and many families have made use of food and hygiene items. These items will be shared between our food bank and a local foodbank. If you know of a family who may benefit from this service, please contact the office or one of the Leadership Team.



## Author Visit

Earlier this half term some of our Year 6 children went to meet the author Joseph Elliott, one of the stars of CBBC's Swashbuckle and writer for programmes such as Horrible Histories. The children really enjoyed the reading from the book "The Good Hawk" and had an opportunity to ask Joseph questions too. We can recommend the "The Good Hawk" for older readers (Year 6+) and his new book "Nora and the Map of Mayhem" which is suitable for children aged 8 and over.



## ASDA Cashpot for schools.

So far we have £177.18 in our Asda Cashpot which is fantastic. If you have not already done so, please download and sign in to the Asda APP and select Bordesley Green Primary School as your chosen school, each time you shop at Asda, they will donate money to our cashpot. Thank you.



### **School Uniform and Jewellery**

We continue to have a number of children wearing looped or dangly earrings and other jewellery including bracelets in school. For Health and Safety reasons we request that children do not wear these. If your child's ears are pierced, please ensure only studs are worn.

If you have any school uniform at home that is now too small for your children or unwanted and is still in good condition, we are very happy to receive this uniform which we will then keep in our Community Hub. This will then be donated to families who need our support. Thank you.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

We continue to have a high number of children arriving late into school each day. Lessons start at 8.50am each morning and if your child is arriving late each day they are missing out on valuable learning. Please set those alarm clocks five minutes earlier to ensure that you are arriving in school on time.

### **Training Days**

The school will be closed for a Training Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January. The spring term begins on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

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

### **Dates for your diary**

<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Closing date for Year 7 applications
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Back to school
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Sergeant Leon working with Year 1
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Reception Healthy Eating Workshop
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	5J Class Assembly
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Seasonal Childhood Flu
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	5B Class Assembly
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	HSBC My Money Days
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	4W Class Assembly Year 5 Performance at The Rep Theatre
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Blue Class Wider Curriculum parent workshop
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Yellow Class Wider Curriculum parent workshop
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Red Class Wider Curriculum parent workshop
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	5W Class Assembly
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception Healthy Eating Workshop
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	4B Class Assembly
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Y5/6 Choir to Heartlands Hospital
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception and Nursery Christmas Concerts
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	6A Class Assembly
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Crescent Theatre Visit
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School Closed-STAFF TRAINING DAY