Autumn 1

October 2025

What a busy first half term we have had in school, there has been so much that has taken place in the 8 weeks since we started back on the 1st September. We have had our Year 2 children visit our local church, Year 4 walk to Blakesley Hall, some of our Year 6 children visit KES for an author talk, Year 4 children participate in a maths competition against other schools, alongside sporting events.

We have also had Phonics and Early Reading workshops for Reception and Year 1 parents which was attended by many of you, over 50 parents attended each session which was amazing! Thank you, I hope that you found the session informative. We continue to develop our partnership with Birmingham City football club where one of their coaches are in school two days a week, running clubs, supporting individual children and leading PE lessons.

Most importantly all the children have settled back into school so well, particularly our youngest children who are making super progress, in what for many of them is there first experience of life in a school.

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, Rights Ambassadors and Sports Leaders who were in school during Parents Evening, to help out. They were full of energy and very enthusiastic throughout. They do a great job at welcoming you into school.

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 3rd November.**

Mr K.Holmes
Headteacher

Reception Applications September 2026

Applications are open online for children due to start in Reception September 2026. The closing date for submitting applications is **15 January 2026**. Parent/carers that wish to defer entry for their summer born child that is due to start in Reception in September 2026 must also adhere to this same deadline and check the School Admissions website for information about the process **www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions**

Year 7 Applications September 2026

All applications for Secondary School (Year 7 September 2026) need to be submitted by **31st October 2025**. If your application is not submitted by the deadline your child may not get the school of their choice, and could be given a place at a school a distance from home.

Kingfisher Collaboration

As you are all aware we work closely with Redhill, Somerville and St Benedicts Primaries as part of a collaboration. Earlier this term we welcomed pupils and staff from the three schools to take part in an inclusive sports event organised by Mr Bate, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved. We will be completing further activities at each of the schools throughout the year. We will also complete a Peer Review in each school where leaders spend a day observing teaching, interviewing staff and pupils with a particular focus which is a supporting but challenging experience.

Peacemakers and Listen, Imagine, Compose Project

We are really excited to be participating in two projects this year. The Peacemakers Project has already started in school, where our Year 5 children are working hard to develop skills to become Peer Mediators. Later this term, our Year 4 children will have the opportunity to work with composer Amrit Sohal as part of the Listen, Imagine, Compose Project (LICP), we are one of only six schools in Birmingham to be involved providing children with the opportunity to work with a composer in school.

School Uniform, PE kit and Jewellery

We continue to have a number of children wearing looped or dangly earrings and other jewellery including bracelets and necklaces 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.

Thank you to everyone who has ensured their children are coming into school in PE kit on the days they have PE. All other days, children should be wearing their uniform including black trousers or tracksuit bottoms and black shoes/trainers. 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.

Winter Fayre

Following the success of the Summer Fayre last July, we have decided to host a Winter Fayre on the 12th December. There will be food to buy, games to play and stalls to visit. Thank you to everyone who has donated items for this already. We will have a series of non-uniform days next half term, and ask for donations or £1. We will send out more information about the fayre after half term.

Training Days

The school will be closed for Training Days on Friday 19th December and Monday 5th January. The spring term begins on Tuesday 6th January.

Attendance Update-a message from Miss Burgess

We would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to all our families who consistently ensure their children's attendance and punctuality is good. Getting these important habits established early on in your child's life will make a difference to their future. There is a proven link between attendance and achievement.

As we approach the end of the half term we currently have 338 pupils whose attendance is above 96%, with 228 of these pupils having an attendance of 100% which is amazing. Unfortunately, we also have many children whose attendance levels are below 90% which is not acceptable. If your child falls into this category then I will be contacting you to discuss their attendance individually after the half term holiday.

I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know about an exciting attendance competition that we have introduced in school this year.



Each week we are randomly matching classes against each other to compete for the best weekly attendance. Classes receive 3 points if they have better attendance than their opposition and 1 point if they draw. We are also awarding bonus points for classes with the best punctuality. As we approach the end of the first half term, things are very tight at the top of our league with classes battling it out for the school attendance trophy. The class who ends up top of the league at the end of the year will also win £50 to purchase games & books for their new classroom.

Well done to 4W who have just moved into the top position, taking over from 6A who have been top since the league started. There is still everything to play for.

(current top half of our attendance league as of 20.10.2025)

Team	wins	draws	loses	Bonus points	Total
4W	6	0	0	1.5	19.5
6A	4	0	2	6	18
3K	4	0	2	4.5	16.5
6KA	5	0	1	1	16
3D	4	1	1	3	16
4B	4	1	1	3	16
6B	4	1	1	2.5	15.5
Yellow	3	2	1	4	15
2AH	3	2	1	3	14
5W	3	1	2	2.5	12.5
4H	3	0	3	3	12
2M	3	1	2	2	12

We would appreciate your support with this new incentive, helping your child and their class to do well by ensuring that they are in school every day and that they arrive, through the playground gates, by 8.50am every day to avoid receiving a late mark. Thank you.

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

Monday 3rd November	Back to school
Tuesday 4th November	6B visit to Birmingham Cathedral
Friday 7th November	6KA class assembly
Thursday 13th November	Healthy Eating Workshop-Yellow class
Friday 14th November	Non-Uniform Day-donate a gift or £1 for the Winter Fayre
Monday 17th November	EYFS/Yr 1 police visit
Tuesday 18th November	6KA visit to Birmingham Cathedral
Friday 21st November	Flu Vaccinations-Yr1 to Y6 5W Class Assembly
Thursday 27th November	Healthy Eating Workshop-Red class
Friday 28th November	Non-Uniform Day-donate sweets/chocolate or £1 for the Winter Fayre 5A Class Assembly
Thursday 4th December	Year 3 “Be a Buddy” workshop Kingfisher Collaboration Day @ Somerville Primary
Friday 5th December	Year 4 “Be a Buddy” workshop 5J Class Assembly
Thursday 11th December	Healthy Eating Workshop-Blue class 6B Class Assembly
Friday 12th December	Winter Fayre
Monday 15th December	Shining Star Assemblies-Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6
Tuesday 16th December	Early Years Concert and Shining Stars Assembly
Wednesday 17th December	Y5/6 Theatre Visit
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Lunch Parties END OF TERM
Friday 19th December	School Closed-STAFF TRAINING DAY