# Autumn 1

## October 2026

I am having to rewrite my newsletter following the issues we have had this week, closing the school for our younger children, I apologise for any inconvenience this has caused however we have to put the safety of the children and staff first. As you know much of the school building is old and there are many issues with the school roof, some of which can be seen from the playground. These issues have been caused by wear and tear, but some have been caused by vandalism and theft, this has led to considerable damage being caused by the rainwater that has got into the fabric of the building. There is a plan for work to be carried out next month however we now hope that this work will be fast tracked and done sooner. We will always do our best to communicate with parents through School Ping - please speak to the office staff if you have not got access to this.

We have had a busy first half term 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 3 visited Lunt Fort, Year 4 walk to Blakesley Hall, some of our Year 6 children visit KES for an author talk and visited Waverley school to watch the production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." We have also had visits from West Midlands Police and the school nurse who has led activities and meetings, a particular favourite of mine was the smoothie making in Year 2.

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 looking forward to welcoming some of you to our first Shining Star assemblies of the year on Thursday and Friday, celebrating success and children who are modelling our school values. We will rearrange the EYFS and KS1 assemblies for after half term.

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 2nd November.**

Mr K.Holmes
Headteacher

**Reception Applications September 2026**

Applications are open online for children due to start in Reception September 2027. The closing date for submitting applications is **15 January 2027**. Parent/carers that wish to defer entry for their summer born child that is due to start in Reception in September 2027 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**

All applications for Secondary School (Year 7 September 2027) need to be submitted by 31st October. 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.

**Attendance**

One of our areas of development is to improve attendance, thank you to everyone who brings their children into school each day, on time, your support with this is appreciated. We have made a really good start to the term with attendance figures being higher than this time last year, however we can still do better, especially as we enter the winter months, as colds and coughs start to become more prevalent, check the website "Is my child to ill for school" for more guidance. Punctuality is still a concern, the school day starts at 8.40am, please ensure that you arrive on time!

**Kingfisher Collaboration**

We continue to work with Redhill Primary, St Benedicts Primary and Somerville Primary as part of the Kingfisher Collaboration. This year we will be carrying out Peer Reviews in each school, a maths quiz, a Spelling Bee, Science competition and an oracy competition as well as having a joint training day for all staff in January.

**School Rules**

This academic year we have adapted our Behaviour and Relationships Policy and revamped our school rules. Our new rules are:

- We are kind and respectful to everyone
- We make good choices
- We never give up
- We are great team players
- We are role models

We have also introduced a Recognition Board into each classroom, where each week the children are recognised for modelling the school value which is the focus for that week. They can be nominated by the class teacher, Teaching Assistant or one of their peers.

Our values are: Resilience, Empathy, Self-Control, Perseverance, Equality, Courage and Teamwork.

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**Breakfast Club**

We are really pleased to see so many children at Breakfast Club each day, a reminder that the free club is available to everyone and runs from 8.10-8.40am each day and can be accessed through the top school gate. The gate will be opened between 8.05am-8.15am each day. Evidence shows that children who attend Breakfast clubs at school do better in lessons, so why not give it a try?

**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.

A number of children do come into school in their PE kits on the day they have PE, however this is not consistent across the school. Please ensure that your children are wearing kit and not uniform on PE days. If you are not sure when your child has PE, please speak to the class teacher.

Children must wear their school uniform at all other times, black shoes or black trainers **must** be 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.

**Christmas Fayre**

We will again be holding a Christmas Fayre this year on the 11th December. There will be food to buy, games to play and stalls to visit. We will have a series of non-uniform days starting this Friday, where we will be asking for donations or £1. We will send out more information about the fayre after half term.

**Training Days**

We have two Training Days remaining this academic year, they will take place on the first day of the Spring and Summer term, on the 4th January and 12th April.

**Parent Drop-In Sessions with Our School Nurse**

We are pleased to share that our school nurse will be available on Thursday mornings to offer confidential advice, support, and guidance for parents and carers.

If you have any health or wellbeing concerns regarding your child, including sleep awareness and routines, toilet training and bedwetting, fussy eating and healthy lifestyles, behaviour and emotional wellbeing - you are warmly invited to book a one-to-one appointment. Sessions will run between **10:30 AM and 11:30 AM** in our Community Hub on the following dates:

- Thursday 5th November
- Thursday 19th November
- Thursday 3rd December
- Thursday 17th December

Appointments can be arranged by speaking directly to Mrs. Radu or Mrs. Iqbal in the mornings or at home time in the playground or by email at thehub@bordsgrn.bham.sch.uk

**Bordesley Green Allotments**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the kind gardeners of Bordesley Green allotments for donating plants for our pots on the playground - they were very much appreciated. We have our own allotment too, if any parents have any spare time and would like to help us look after the allotment, please speak to Ms Clayton or Mrs Iqbal, 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), Miss Clayton (AHT for Years 3,4 and 5), Mrs Jenkins (AHT for Early Years and Year 1) Ms Burgess (Deputy Headteacher) or I.

**Dates for your diary**

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| **Monday 2nd November** | Children return to school |
| **Tuesday 3rd November** | 6B class visit to Birmingham Cathedral |
| **Thursday 5th November** | Reception School Nurse Workshop<br>6KA class visit to Birmingham Cathedral |
| **Friday 6th November** | 4H class assembly |
| **Tuesday 10th November** | 6A class visit to Birmingham Cathedral<br>9.00am-Y4 Parent workshop-Timetables |
| **Thursday 12th November** | SEND Coffee Morning in the Hub |
| **Friday 13th November** | 5W class assembly |
| **Tuesday 17th November** | West Midlands Police visit to EYFS and Year 1 |
| **Thursday 19th November** | Reception School Nurse Workshop |
| **Friday 20th November** | 5B class assembly |
| **Friday 27th November** | Year 3 Parent Workshop |
| **Wednesday 2nd December** | Kingfisher Collaboration Spelling Bee at Somerville Primary |
| **Friday 4th December** | 6KA class assembly |
| **Thursday 10th December** | 6A class assembly |
| **Friday 11th December** | Christmas Fair |
| **Wednesday 14th December** | EYFS Christmas Concert @ 9.00am and 2.15pm |
| **Friday 18th December** | School breaks up. |
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