Kindness, Compassion, and Connection at the heart of 'Our School' Week commencing: Monday 6th January



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MAY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON BRING HAPPINESS, PEACE AND JOY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY



May the joy of the angels, The eagerness of the shepherds, The perseverance of the wise men The obedience of Joseph and Mary And the peace of the Christ child be yours, this Christmas.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance	
Monday 6 th January	SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN
Tuesday 7 th January	 CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK 1.30pm - 5.30pm Year 1, 2 and 3 attending Birmingham Hippodrome for the Pantomime
Wednesday 8 th January	 Swimming for children in Years 4 and 5 3.20pm – 4.20pm Work Sharing, all parents invited
Thursday 9 th January	 9.00am – 11.00am Rabbits Open Morning for Parents; My Happy Mind in the KS1 Hall followed by a school tour. 1.30pm - 5.30pm Year 4, 5 and 6 attending Birmingham Hippodrome for the Pantomime
Friday 10 th January	 9.00am – 11.00am Rabbits Open Morning for Parents; My Happy Mind in the KS1 Hall followed by a school tour.



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WORKSHARING

We would like to welcome all children and parents into school on Wednesday 8th January at 3.20pm so



you can look through your child's workbooks, to see how their learning has progressed so far, this academic year.

Please make your way to your child's class through one of the two front doors where leadership members will be on hand to direct you.

YEAR 3 OPEN SESSIONS

Our Year 3 open mornings will be taking place on Thursday 9th January for Rabbits and Friday 10th January for Hedgehogs. We will be holding these sessions in the KS1 Hall,



and they will end with a tour around our school. The session will provide you with an introduction to **My Happy Mind,** a programme based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves. We would love it if you could attend. If you are not able to come along yourself, then grandparents, other family members or family friends can attend in your place.

PETER PAN AT THE BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME



Tuesday 7th January 2025 – Years 1, 2 & 3 Lunch at school as normal before leaving. Children will arrive back at school for 5.30pm.

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YEAR 3 WHITEMOOR LAKES

Some of our Year 3 children will be visiting Whitemoor Lakes Outdoor Adventure Centre on **Tuesday 14**th **January**. This day trip is



scheduled to run from **8:00 a.m.** to approximately **6.15 p.m**., and children will be provided with a Hot Meal at the centre.

Please could all children arrive in School P.E Kit (those who are attending and those remaining in school) and trainers with a suitable waterproof jacket, spare trousers and socks should also be packed along with a refillable water bottle. There will be no need for children to bring their school iPad. **YEAR 5 CLASS ASSEMBLIES**

Our Year 5 children will be performing their assemblies on Isaac Newton and the theory of gravity on **Wednesday 15th** and **Thursday 16th January.** We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us in the Key Stage One hall.

- Wednesday 15th
 January 9.00am:
 Hares
- Thursday 16th January 9.00am: Badgers

IPAD USE OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

As we get ready to break up for the school holidays, we wanted to provide you with some important information regarding your child's access to the internet and apps on their school-issued iPad.

- all apps will be removed from the iPad at **3pm** each day and re-instated at 9am the following morning
- There will be no browser functionality during the holiday period
- School issued iPads should not be taken abroad

If you would like to have additional controls and to be able to monitor your child's iPad usage, we recommend activating the Jamf Parent app, following the link below.

https://atlp.org.uk/about/learning-futures/jamf-parent/

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration. We believe that, by working together, we can provide a safe and enriching digital environment for your child.

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ATTENDANCE: COVID IMMUNISATION

A message from Birmingham and Solihull NHS Integrated Care

System. The Autumn/Winter immunisation campaign 2024 concludes in the next few weeks. Some children are at an increased risk of complications if they acquire Covid 19 disease. Immunisation offers these children the greatest protection against Covid 19 as we move into winter. Risk groups include those with a neuro disability and or a severe/profound learning disability. Over the next few weeks, immunisation clinics for Covid 19 are being held at Birmingham Children's Hospital.



To book an appointment please contact the bookings team either via email at <u>BSOLVaccina-tionBooking@uhb.nhs.uk</u> or via telephone on 0121 371 8445 If you have any questions or require more information, please contact the bookings team who will be happy to assist.

READING	SAFEGUARDING
"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy Tales" (Albert Einstein).	Christmas can be magical: Taking time off work, celebrating with friends and family, and enjoying wintry walks and cosy films. But with all the fun comes a bit of festive frenzy. The NSPCC Christmas parenting quiz is full of the tips and advice
	you need to make the season everything you want it to be. Please follow the link below for your guide to tackling everything from toddler tantrums and family squabbles to managing screen time. Christmas parenting quiz NSPCC



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BIRMINGHAM HOSPICE THANK YOU

We would like to thank all our wonderful Parents who have raised an amazing **£402**, for the Birmingham Hospice by donating money on our Jolly Jumper Day. Hettie the Hedgehog and John were overjoyed with the amount raised and thanked all parents for their support.





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