

Hill West Weekly Bulletin

Kindness, Compassion, and Connection at the heart of 'Our School'

Week commencing: Monday 24th February



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fun Fest holiday club in School (for bookings call 07788 309011)
Monday 24 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
Wednesday 26 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming for children in Years 4 and 5 • 3.30pm – 5.00pm - Parent Consultation taking place virtually for some families
Thursday 27 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00am – 11.00am Swallows Open Morning for Parents; My Happy Mind in the KS1 Hall followed by a school tour.
Friday 28 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.00am Year 6 arrive for their departure to France • 9.00am – 11.00am Swifts Open Morning for Parents; My Happy Mind in the KS1 Hall followed by a school tour. • 7.00pm PTFA Bingo Night in the KS2 Hall
Future Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 3rd March – 7.30pm PTFA Meeting at the Butlers Arms • Wednesday 5th March - Parent Consultation taking place virtually.

HAPPY HALF TERM



As we reach the February half-term, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support this term. The children have worked incredibly hard, and I hope they enjoy a well-earned break filled with fun and adventure—whatever the weather may bring!

Whether you're braving the outdoors or enjoying cosy moments inside, I wish you all a restful and happy week. We look forward to welcoming the children back, refreshed and ready for more exciting learning on **Monday 24th February**.



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FRANCE RESIDENTIAL

Some of our Year 6 are off to France on **Friday 28th February**.



The coach will depart from school promptly at **04.30am**.

We wish them a fun and exciting trip!
Au revoir...

YEAR 1 OPEN MORNING

Our **Year 1** open mornings will be taking place on **Thursday 27th February for Swallows** and **Friday 28th February for Swifts**. 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.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Our first virtual Parent Consultation evening will be taking place on **Wednesday 26th February** followed with an additional evening on **Wednesday 5th March**.

The first session will run from 3.30pm – 5.00pm and the second session will run from 3:45pm to 7:15pm, with appointment slots extended to 10 minutes to allow for more in-depth discussions.

If you haven't already booked your slot, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible to secure a time that suits you. If you have any difficulties accessing School Cloud or need assistance with booking, please contact the school office.



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KEEPING DATA SAFE

At school and home, we all use computers and the internet to learn and explore. However, it is important to remember that some information is private and should not be accessed without permission. Here are some key reminders:



Do:

- ✓ Tell a teacher straight away (or as soon as possible if this happens at home) if you see personal information that shouldn't be there.
- ✓ Follow school rules about using computers and online accounts.
- ✓ Keep your own log-in details private - don't share them with anyone!

Don't:

- ❖ Open, download or save files that don't belong to you
- ❖ Share someone else's personal details, like their address or phone number.
- ❖ Try to access restricted school systems or files.

If you're ever unsure, the best thing to do is ask a teacher or your parent for help! Keeping data safe is everyone's responsibility.

NEW BUILD UPDATE

The DfE have been working hard to establish a relationship with a new contractor, and meetings have been taking place on site. The DfE are doing everything possible to expedite the works and as soon as we have confirmation of re-commencement, we will let you know.



ATTENDANCE

Pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. If your child is unwell and cannot attend, please remember to call us by 9am to advise us of their absence and the reason for it. We thank you for your support with this.



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READING: WORLD BOOK DAY; ADVENTURE

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March 2025

We are excited to be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March! This is always a wonderful opportunity to promote the joy of reading and encourage a love of books across our school community.

Children should come to school in their usual uniform and bring a book from home that they would love to share with a younger pupil in school. During the day, children will be paired up with a reading buddy, giving them the chance to read and enjoy their chosen book together. To make the experience even more enjoyable, children are welcome to bring in a small pillow, blanket, or soft toy to help them get comfy while they read.

We look forward to celebrating this special day with our pupils and fostering a shared love of reading.



SAFEGUARDING

During Children's Mental Health Week, the NSPCC highlighted **anxiety** as the top mental health concern for children reaching out to Childline. With increasing pressures from social media, and daily life, many young people are struggling with anxious thoughts and emotions.

We remain committed to supporting our pupils' well-being by providing a safe space to talk, access to pastoral support, and promoting strategies to help manage anxiety. Please find below a helpful link from the NSPCC with more tips and information on dealing with Anxiety.

[Anxiety the top mental health concern for children contacting our Childline service | NSPCC](#)

SCCT UNIFORM GRANT

From 1st March 2025, all applications for SCCT School clothing grants

will be processed online using their secure portal. For details on the new process and how to apply, please go to the Trust's website, which is [School Clothing Grant | Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust](#)

The link to the Application Form will be available via the SCCT website from 1st March 2025.



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FRIDAY | 28 FEBRUARY 2025

£15 p/p
Price includes:
Bingo Game Cards
Fresh Stonebaked Pizza from Big Slice

DOBBERS AVAILABLE FOR £1 EACH

PRIZES FOR FIRST LINE AND FULL HOUSE ON EACH GAME

Come along with friends for a fun night of Bingo - there will be prizes to be won and an on-site bar.

Join us in the KS2 Hall from 7.00pm
7.00pm Bar and Pizza Truck open
7.30pm Bingo starts

Individual Tickets are available to buy on MCAS now!

This is an Adult Only Event



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Fun Fest offers children a choice about how they spend their holidays. With a menu of over 50 exciting activities for every morning and afternoon, children can plan their own individual holiday programme.



SUTTON - FOUR OAKS

Hillwest Primary, Clarence Road,
Four Oaks, Sutton, B74 4LD
Open 8.00am - 6.00pm



SUTTON - WALMLEY

Deanery School, 14 Fox Hollies Road,
Walmley, Sutton Coldfield B76 2RD
Open 8.00am - 5.30pm

- For ages 3 - 12 years
- Open every school holiday (except Christmas)
- £38 for a full day
- £35 for a sibling day
- £23 for a half day (morning or afternoon)
- £175 for a full week

See full club details and bookings at:

fun-fest.co.uk

Contact Ryan at:

suttonoffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk

Telephone: 07788 309011

Facebook: Fun Fest Sutton Instagram: funfestsuttoncoldfield Twitter: @FunFestSutton



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FEBRUARY HALF TERM WEEK FREE SESSIONS

King Edwards School of Grammar, Aston, Birmingham, B6 6DJ

DAY	TIME	TITLE & SESSION
MONDAY 17th Feb	10 am - 3pm	Wellbeing & Sport for Females (8 - 14) Affirmation & Wellbeing Sessions Flag Football
TUESDAY 18th Feb	10 am - 3pm	Wellbeing & Sport for Adults & Young People (12 - 15) Healthy Cooking & Environmental Action Workshop Physical Activity & Football Sessions
WEDNESDAY 19th Feb	10 am - 3pm	Multi Sport Activities for Young People (8 - 11) PE Sessions & Multi Sport Activities Badminton & Dynamo Cricket Sessions
THURSDAY 20th Feb	10 am - 2pm	Interactive Play for Young People with SEND (8 - 14) Play Interactive Session

FREE Lunch provided by Kerbside Cobs



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Join us for a
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Sensory
Processing with
Occupational
Therapist Alison
Hart from
Children's Choice

Thursday
13 February and
27 February 2025
6.45pm - 9pm

Four Oaks Methodist
Church,
155 Lichfield Road,
Sutton Coldfield,
West Midlands
B74 2UU

Some individuals process sensations differently, leading to sensory sensitivities, seeking behaviours, or challenges with regulation.

- ➡ Join this workshop to learn about Sensory Processing
- ➡ Practical strategies for managing sensory challenges

To book a place please visit
www.growfamilyservices.org/eveningtalks



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Nurturing ADHD Kids

This online 6 week course is free for Birmingham parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD or suspected ADHD

LED BY ADULTS WITH ADHD

Does your child have ADHD or suspected ADHD?

Are you trying to support them but find that everyone gives you different advice?

In this 6 week course, you will

- learn about ADHD
- Understand the effect on our mental health
- Understand the reasons behind behaviours
- Gain confidence in advocating for our children
- Learn new strategies
- Help our kids be confident, resilient and be their best selves

Phone: 0731 116 7485

Email: contactus@brewseducation.org



Birmingham Resilience Education and Wellbeing Services CIC CIC Business Registration: 13240865

What parents have said about this course

This course is literally game-changing for parents, caregivers, teachers and anyone living with a child (or adult) with ADHD. So much misunderstanding, frustration and worry could be prevented if everyone had access to this amazing resource.

Essential course for any parent of a child with ADHD. It changed the way I see my son and my ability to respond to his needs effectively.

Very informative, friendly, no pressure, enjoyable sessions



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NEW GROUPS STARTING SOON!

Free online 6 week course for parents and carers
Each session is 90 minutes

Next half term's courses

Tuesdays 10 - 11.30am
starting Tuesday 25th February
Register [HERE](#) or use QR code
Registration closes at 5 pm on
24th February



Wednesdays 7 - 8.30pm
starting Wednesday 26th February
Register [HERE](#) or use QR code
Registration closes at 5 pm on
26th February



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**If you have any questions,
email us**

Contactus@brewseducation.org



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