

NEWSLETTER



Friday 5th December 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

A huge thank you to the members of our PTA who organised the refreshments for this week's Christmas Movie Nights. With the money they raised over this year, they were able to provide the refreshments free of charge.

Next week, the Christmas festivities continue with Arts' Week, our school Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Friday. On Wednesday our Christmas lunch will be the only option on the menu for that day; sandwiches and other options will not be available. If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like a Christmas lunch instead, please order one via the school office.

Due to Fire Regulations, we must limit the number of tickets **per family** to each of our EYFS and Key Stage One's Christmas Nativity productions. Details of ticket allocations and how to obtain them are included on this newsletter.

With very best wishes

Mr Higgins



DIARY

w/c 8th December Lunch Menu:
Week One

5th, 12th, & 19th
December 2025
Christmas Jumper Days

8th December 2025
Arts' Week

10th December 2025
School Christmas Lunch

15th December 2025
Christingle Service
in school for children

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Carols on the Playground
led by KS2

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19th December 2025
Christmas Parties & Disco

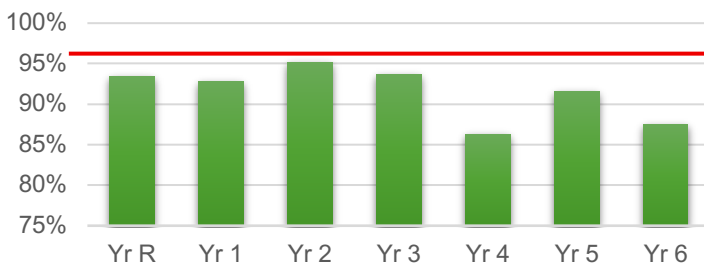
19th December 2025
Last Day of Autumn Term

22nd December 2025 –
2nd January 2026
Christmas Break

5th January 2026
Spring Term¹ starts for children

Attendance

w/c 24th November 2025



■ Percentage Attendance

96% is our
MINIMUM
expectation for
attendance.

Did your child's class
reach 96% last week?

This year's
attendance,
to date, is

92%



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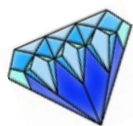
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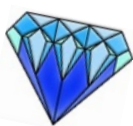
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Diamond Award

Today in our assembly Mr Higgins presented a Head Teacher Diamond Award to:



Year Six:
Willow-Mae

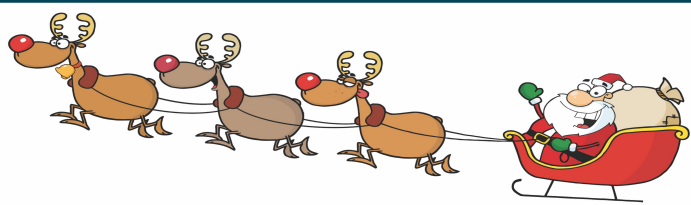


The Head Teacher's Diamond Award is presented for outstanding contribution to our school values.

Christmas Cards



Our Christmas post box is in the school's foyer. If your child would like to send cards to their friends or staff - please make sure each envelope has the name and class of the child it is being sent to. Our Christmas Elves will then deliver them to the right person and the right classroom.



Safeguarding and Child Protection

Our school's Safeguarding Policy can be accessed on our website's Policies page and our Safeguarding page.

We have also developed a Child Friendly Safeguarding policy which we will be explaining to children and giving them a copy to bring home.

Our Child Friendly Safeguarding policy along with a child friendly version of 'Working Together to Safeguard Children', are available on the Safeguarding page of our website.



Celebration Assembly

In this week's celebration assembly, we celebrated the achievements of:



Reception

Finley and Jaxon

Year One

Lilly and Mabel

Year Two

Grayson and Skanda

Year Three

Helia and Horace

Year Four

Ivanna and Leo^T

Year Five

D'Angelo and Robyn

Year Six

Linton and Willow^L



Snowy Days



In the event of heavy overnight snow, we will endeavour to make any decision about school closures as early as is possible. Sometimes, this early morning decision has to be made while the weather conditions are worsening or easing. It is always a difficult decision due to the unpredictability of our British weather. In cases of extreme weather Birmingham City Council may take the decision to close all schools.

If there has been overnight snow, please check:

- **our school website** for details of any closure. Any closure notice will be in the form of a 'pop up'; you will not have to search the website for the information.
- **your mobile phone**; we will send you a text message.
- **local radio stations** as they will broadcast a list of school closures.

Any closures that take place during the school day will be communicated to you in the same way as those listed above.

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EYFS/KS1 Nativity: Prickly Hay



This year, Reception, Year One and Year Two will be performing Prickly Hay for Christmas. Parents and family are invited to attend by ticket only. Prickly Hay will be performed on:



17th December 9.30am – This performance is for parents, grandparents and other adult family members only. **No siblings or children under 16 will be admitted to this performance even if they have tickets!**

18th December 9.30am – This performance is for all family members including younger siblings.

Ticket Information

Due to fire regulations, **each family** will be allocated a maximum of two tickets per production. Any toddler requiring a seat will require a ticket and this will count as part of your allocation. Tickets are available via our school Parent Pay system. Each ticket costs £1 - purchased tickets can be collected from the school office at **the end of the school day**.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to admit anyone without a ticket.

Christmas Wordsearch

How many Christmas words can you find?

T	R	E	E	L	V	E	S
U	R	A	T	S	N	O	W
R	U	D	O	L	P	H	A
K	S	R	Y	E	A	O	T
E	L	F	S	I	R	H	N
Y	B	D	X	G	T	O	A
N	O	E	L	H	Y	H	S

Christmas at Woodcock Hill

5th, 12th, & 19th

December 2025

Christmas Jumper Days

Children should wear school uniform but can swap their sweatshirt for a Christmas Jumper.

8th December 2025

Arts' Week

Children will carry out lots of activities related to the arts including music, dance, crafts and poetry.

10th December 2025

School Christmas Lunch

If your child usually brings a packed lunch, you can order a Christmas lunch for them via the school office.

15th December 2025

Christingle Service in school for children

*This event is **not** open to parents.*

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Carols on the Playground led by KS2

Our KS2 children will lead us in carol singing on the basketball playground. Please attend with family and friends and be ready to sing along!

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*This is a **non-uniform** day – dress to impress in your Christmas party clothes.*



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ONLINE SAFETY FOR UNDER 5s

10 Top Tips for Parents and Carers

According to Ofcom's most recent research, a significant proportion of children are already online by the time they start school, with 17% of 5-year-olds owning their own mobile phone and 50% using messaging platforms. As becoming familiar with technology is generally encouraged in younger children – and has been essential for education during the pandemic – it is crucial that trusted adults recognise both the benefits and the risks of infants and toddlers using digital devices. We've compiled our top tips to help the under-5s start their online safety journey.

1 USE DEVICES TOGETHER

This lets you monitor and control what your child is using the device for. It also provides the interaction that supports children's understanding of what they're seeing – allowing them to ask you questions, and so on.

PARENT CODE:

6 BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

If your child uses a device that's linked to a payment method (such as a bank card), use the parental controls to block buys from app stores, as well as in-app purchases. That will prevent your child from accidentally spending money while on your device.

2 ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most digital devices have built-in parental controls that can limit the type of content children have access to. If your little one uses any device (even borrowing yours), it's a good idea to explore what controls the device has and enable them whenever they have access to it.

7 CHOOSE SAFE APPS AND SITES

There are some fantastic apps and platforms that are specifically designed to be safer for children. Always check the PEGI age rating before downloading an app, and test it yourself before allowing your child to use it.

3 MANAGE SCREEN TIME

This can be tricky, especially if your child is interested in a certain video, app or game. Try to agree on some ground rules and get your child into a routine which includes certain times of the day when they go without devices.

8 INVOLVE THE FAMILY

If your toddler has older siblings, it's likely that *their* rules for device use will be different – and that they'll access content that isn't appropriate for younger ones (a particular worry if they share devices). Encourage the whole family to be good role models and help little ones stay safe online.

4 TALK ABOUT BEING SAFE ONLINE

Just like we teach children about being safe in the real world, we need to educate them about how to stay safe online. Use age-appropriate language to help them understand, and plenty of hand gestures can reinforce what you're telling them.

9 IF IN DOUBT, ASK

The easiest way to find out what your child is doing online is usually just to talk about it with them. Developing an open dialogue at an early age helps them grow up feeling able to talk to you about their digital life – providing opportunities to intervene if you're concerned.

5 SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

Children often learn by watching and copying those around them, and using digital devices is no exception. When you're around your child, try to follow the same rules that you've set for them. Let them see you balancing your time online with interacting with people in real life, too.

10 SUPPORT CREATIVE & ACTIVE PLAY

Physical and creative activities are important for a child's wellbeing, and there are plenty of ways to incorporate technology into that. For example, you could encourage games that require physical movement; dance and sing along to songs your child loves; and follow step-by-step crafting videos.

Meet Our Expert

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