

School Uniform

A reminder that trainers are not part of school uniform and shoes must be worn. We discourage children from wearing jewellery to school but do allow the following:

- Pierced ears:** just one small stud in each ear lobe.
- Watches** should be of a suitable size and alarms deactivated when in school. Smart watches are classified as high-value items and should not be worn unless it has been agreed with the school.
- Hair accessories** such as bands, grips etc but these must be plain and without extensions or additional elements.
- Items worn for religious reasons.** We discourage the wearing of items around the neck as they can cause injury if they get caught on something or easily broken. If an item of this type must be worn, it should be tucked away beneath clothing.

Attendance

Our attendance figure to date this term is 97%. This is above both local and national figures and shows the importance that the school community places upon education and learning. The breakdown for individual year groups is as follows:

Reception: 96%	Year 1: 96%	Year 2: 97%	Year 3: 97%
Year 4: 98%	Year 5: 97%	Year 6: 97%	

Leave in term time is only authorised in exceptional circumstances and only when a written request has been assessed and agreed by the school in advance.

Term Dates

Please find below term dates for the rest of the academic year:

Spring 1: Monday 8th January – Friday 9th February

Spring 2: Monday 19th February – Friday 22nd March

Summer 1: Monday 8th April – Friday 24th May

Summer 2: Monday 3rd June - Thursday 18th July

School is closed on the following dates for staff training: Monday 8th April; Friday 19th July and Monday 22nd July

School is closed on the following date due to local elections: Thursday 2nd May

In addition, find below term dates for the **2024/2025 academic year**. The intention is that early notice allows families plenty of time to plan holidays without the need to withdraw their children from school:

Autumn 1: Monday 2nd September 2024 – Friday 25th October 2024

Autumn 2: Monday 4th November 2024 – Friday 20th December 2024

Spring 1: Monday 6th January 2025 – Friday 14th February 2025

Spring 2: Monday 24th February 2025 – Friday 11th April 2025

Summer 1: Monday 28th April 2025 – Friday 23rd May 2025

Summer 2: Monday 2nd June 2025 – Monday 21st July 2025

The dates for staff training for next year will be confirmed in the early part of the summer term.

Parking

West Midlands Police have received a report of obstructive parking on Wellman Croft by residents picking up children from school. They have advised the following when parking your vehicle:

- Do not park within 10 metres of a junction.
- Do not obstruct the footpath - leave enough room for a wheelchair or a double buggy to pass by.
- Do not park in a way that prevents somebody from moving their vehicle off their driveway.
- Do not park or stop on the yellow zig-zags outside school.
- Ensure there is enough space for emergency vehicles to pass through - be mindful if vehicles are parked on both sides of the road.

Parking considerably helps to keep your children safe, and maintains a good relationship between the school and local residents. **Both West Midlands Police and Birmingham City Council have powers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to vehicles causing an obstruction.**

Safeguarding

The school takes its safeguarding duty seriously. If you have any concerns about the safety or well-being of a child, then you must contact the school or the Birmingham Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) on 0121-303-1888. All calls are treated with confidence.

Thank You

This is the final newsletter of the term and staff and governors would like to wish all of our families a peaceful Christmas break when it arrives.