



St. Benedict's Primary School

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*We are enjoying our rights and fulfilling our dreams.
Ambition, Resilience, Respect*

Next Week

16th – 20th February - school is closed for the holiday.

23rd February – school open to all children

	Events	Clubs
Monday 23rd Feb	4A – Green Lane Mosque Trip	Composition club Recorder Club Football Club Y1/2
Tuesday 24th Feb	Year 3- Small Heath Baptist Church Trip	Multisports Y1/2 Art Y4 / 5 Drama Y6 Golf Y6 Art Y2/3
Wednesday 25th Feb		
Thursday 26th Feb		Cricket Y1/2
Friday 27th Feb		

Ramadan and Eid

Many families will begin celebrating the month of Ramadan next week.

In line with Birmingham policy, we can only support pupils in Year 5 and 6 who wish to fast. A letter will be coming home about this as you will need to give your parental consent for your child to fast.

Many school staff will be requesting the day off to celebrate Eid, which may fall on 20th March, but is not yet confirmed. Please be advised that we may need to close the school partially, or fully, as we will not have sufficient staffing. We will let you know nearer the time.

Tuesday 9th February was Internet Safety Day



Last Tuesday, we recognised **Internet Safety Day 2026**, a national event focused on helping children stay safe online. This year's theme was **"Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI."**

How Families Can Continue the Conversation

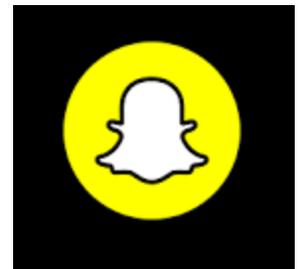
You can keep supporting safe digital habits at home by:

- Talking with your child about AI in the apps and games they use
- Encouraging them to ask, "Is this real?" or "Who made this?"
- Checking privacy settings on devices and apps
- Reminding children not to share personal details with chatbots or online tools
- Keeping communication open so they feel comfortable talking about what they see online



Snapchat – What parents need to know

Some of our children are using Snapchat even though it is designed for ages **13 and over**. Snapchat allows users to send disappearing photos and videos and share their live location, which can pose risks for younger children.



Important Risks to Talk About

- **Underage use** – Snapchat is **13+**. Children under 13 should not use it.
- **Disappearing messages aren't truly gone** – photos and videos can be screenshotted or recorded.
- **Strangers may try to connect** – children should only add people they know in real life.
- **Snapstreak pressure** – daily streaks can create stress or encourage excessive screen time.

Key Safety Features Parents Should Know about

- **Family Centre:** Lets you see who your child is friends with and who they're messaging (not the message content).
- **Privacy Settings:** Set **"Friends Only"** for who can contact your child or view their stories.
- **Ghost Mode:** Switch this on to stop the app sharing your child's live location.
- **Reporting & Blocking:** Show your child how to report or block anyone making them uncomfortable.
- **Content Controls:** Family Centre can limit inappropriate content.