



"Happiness and wonder, inspires success"

Bellfield Infant School News

Friday 9th January 2026

Tel: 0121 464 4855

Website: <https://www.bellfield-inf.bham.sch.uk/>



Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to the New Year and let's all hope it's a healthy and happy one for all of us. It has been a very chilly start to the new year and we would like to thank the site team Mr Rudge and Mr Pepall for making sure the site was well gritted this week. Also, a big thank you to Mr Rudge who came in to school in the early hours of Monday morning to fix a leak in the corridor!

Thursday 15th January 2026 at 11:59pm is when the portal closes and you will no longer be able to register your child for a school place in Reception or Year 3 for September 2026. Please note that if your child attends our Nursery it **DOES NOT** automatically entitle them to a place in school, you still have to apply. Also, Year 2 need to apply for a Year 3 place because the Junior school is still currently a separate school.

We are currently in the process of expanding our Nursery provision for 2 and 3 year olds and have places available. Please come to the school office to apply for a place for your child for the summer term (April 2026) or for September 2026.

Willow class started the week with Mystery themed day where we talked about different ways we could be kind to others. On Tuesday we arrived in the classroom to find that something had made a nest and laid some eggs. We used magnifying glasses to get a better look and drew what we thought might be in them. To our surprise, it turned out to be some dinosaur eggs! In maths this week we have been consolidating our knowledge of the numeral 1 and have started to look at the numeral 2.

Reception have had an amazing first week back! We have been so excited about the snow and have had fun exploring and making a snowman! We have also started a new topic 'Space', and the children have loved exploring space, the planets, and stars. Also, we have been learning about 1 more in maths and the children have been fantastic at this.



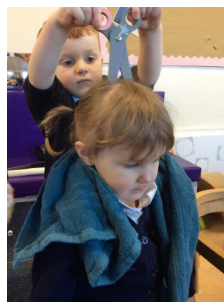
In Year 1 this week we have been on a scavenger hunt to find the giants teeth, wig and glasses. The children followed three clues which lead us to where they were. This week we also participated in orienteering, we looked at how to set a map and how to read it. We all had so much fun!

It has been a fantastic start to the term in Year 2, with pupils returning refreshed, focused, and ready to learn. Their enthusiasm has shone through in every lesson. In English, we have begun exploring *The Tiger's Child*, diving into the themes and characters that will guide our learning over the next few weeks. In Maths the children have been investigating 2-D and 3-D shapes, developing their vocabulary, and how these shapes appear in the world around us. In Geography our focus has been on the British Isles, building key knowledge in preparation for our exciting work on rivers next week. The children have shown excellent attitudes and have settled back into school life wonderfully. We are very proud of the effort and curiosity they have demonstrated throughout the week.

Blossom News

The children have settled back in very happily this term and have welcomed new friends into the Blossom team. This week the children have been having fun as they explored activities. We washed the dolls and talked about keeping ourselves clean; Why we have a bath or a shower? and naming different body parts. The children have also been building train tracks and playing in the hair salon, styling and washing each others hair.

Staff have assessed all of the children's language and understanding through the Welcomm programme and from these results we will be able to identify any areas of support.



To report your child's absence from School, please call 0121 464 4855 Option 1 between 8:15am - 9:00am or Text 07900 351 202
Please leave your Child's name, Class and Reason for absence.

Pastoral News

Hello everyone and happy new year!

I hope everyone had a great break from school over Christmas. The children have settled back into the school routine brilliantly!

Please take a look at your child's Class Story on ClassDojo. There are so many photos of the children learning, many of them very natural as they weren't aware they were being taken! It's a brilliant way of finding out what your child has been doing. You can also leave a 'like' or make a comment.



This half-term is six weeks and when we reach the end, we are halfway through the school year!

Applications for Reception and Year 3 places close on 15th January!

This week our HERO classes are Maple, Oak and Elm.

I hope you have a great weekend (in the snow?) ❄️

Beccy

SEN Sensory Processing, Inclusion and Neurodiversity Lab

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

THE VISUAL COMFORT PROJECT

AUTISTIC AND NON-AUTISTIC CHILDREN NEEDED FOR STUDY OF VISUAL COMFORT LEVELS

We are looking for children aged 6 to 14 years and their parents. We are finding out what things autistic and non-autistic children find comfortable and uncomfortable to look at.

This will help us make places (like schools) and materials more comfortable.

WHAT TO EXPECT...

Children will be asked to judge how comfortable images are to look at. This can be at the University of Birmingham OR online. Parents will fill in some questionnaires. Everything will take under 2 hours.

BENEFITS

At the University: A £10 voucher, travel costs, a certificate, and a summary of what your child finds comfortable or uncomfortable to look at.

Online: A chance to win a £25 voucher.

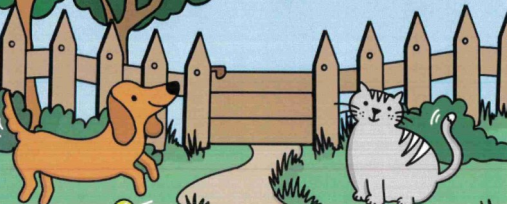
WHO CAN TAKE PART?

Children aged 6 to 14 with an autism diagnosis OR without any developmental conditions.

Only children aged 9 to 14 can take part online.

To find out more, contact Dr Sam Tyler (s.tyler@bham.ac.uk) or Dr Cathy Manning (c.manning@bham.ac.uk; 0121 4145517).

Children and parents can leave the study at any time. They can remove their information before analysis begins. Just contact the researchers.



Dates for your Diary

Thurs 5/02/26 - All Year Groups - Parent Workshop
2:15pm in Junior school hall

(Personal Safety in the Real and Digital World)

Mon 9/02/26 - Year 1 - D&T Parent Workshop 2:00pm in the Infant school hall - (Sock puppets)

February Half Term

Mon 16/02/26 - Fri 20/02/26



It is important that you choose your child's lunches on **ParentPay**. Please sit with your child during the weekend to choose their meals.



Compassion

School Values Award

Achievement

Belonging

Determination

Honesty

Archie (R)
Determination

Avaiya (Y1)
Compassion

Star of the Week

Willow:- Ivy-Rose

For making good progress in all areas.

Oak:- Toby

For engaging in our new space topic, and sharing his knowledge.

Ash:- April

For her determined attitude in phonics.

Elm:- Lorraine

For always contributing to class discussions.

Holly:- Hazel

For her fantastic fundraising ideas on mystery theme day.

Hazel:- Anabiya

For great partner work, questioning and enthusiasm.

Maple:- Kano

For engaging with mystery theme day and showing great enthusiasm.

Attendance this week

(excluding Willow)

90.49%

Class	Attendance %
Willow	89.58%
Oak	93%
Ash	91.67%
Elm	92.93%
Holly	83.75%
Hazel	81.55%
Maple	98.81%



Well Done to Maple class who achieved the highest attendance this week!