



Anderton Park Newsletter - 11 September 2026

'Our children will be inspirational, kind, curious human beings, literate and with a passion for knowledge. Emotionally healthy and able to build great relationships, our children will be empowered to take on the world'



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KEY DATES - AUTUMN 2026.

23 Sept 130 year celebrations
26-30 Oct Half term holiday (1 week)
18 Dec Christmas holiday begins (2 weeks)
Parents Evening Wednesday 21st October

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Mr Heffernan and Miss Tuddenham who have both been studying in their own time, and completed a range of challenging assessments, in order to achieve additional National Professional Qualifications (NPQ). We are so proud of their dedication and success!

PE TIMETABLE

Please see below for this year's PE timetable.

Monday	Years 3, 6 and 2
Tuesday	Years 1, 5 and 4
Wednesday	Years 2, 3, 4, 6 and Reception
Thursday	Year 1
Friday	Year 5

On PE days, children in Y1-Y6 can attend school wearing trainers and black sports kit. When Reception children start PE, they will keep their PE clothes in school and get changed in class as part of their learning. School sports tops can be purchased from the school office.

PUPIL INFORMATION



A reminder that if you have moved house over the holiday, have a new phone number or have new health information for your child, please let the office know as soon as possible. It is so important that we have up to date information, including 2 different phone numbers, so we can contact you in case of emergency.

If your child needs to take any medication in school, please bring this to the school office for safe storage and ensure you have signed the consent forms.



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL



We are a 'Rights Respecting School' and have achieved a silver award from UNICEF UK. This means we are a community where children's rights are learned, taught, practised, respected,

protected and promoted. Each week, in this newsletter, we will feature one of the rights which we uphold.

READING BOOKS



ALL pupils are now bringing home their reading books and yellow journals. We can't emphasise enough how important it is for ALL CHILDREN to regularly practise reading at home with an adult. Please take time to listen, to sign their books and help them achieve their reading badges.

Y6 - SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

From 1 September 2026, parents may start their applications for children who will transfer to secondary school in September 2027. The secondary school prospectus with clear links to explore the various schools, along with the online form, are available on www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you need help with this, Mr Harris is available to support on Monday mornings. Please make an appointment with the office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you to all pupils for wearing smart school uniform. Don't forget to write your child's name on their belongings (including water bottles and pencil cases) to help us return any lost items.

CLOTHES BANK

Our Clothes Bank is overflowing with beautiful clothes for children and adults as well as lots of household items. Do come along on Wednesday mornings between 9am-10am to help yourself - it's all FREE (but bring a carrier bag!)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

All children should now be in school ON TIME (by 8:45am) EVERY DAY.



Don't forget you can use the Studybugs app to keep us informed of any absences and upload any absence documentation.

Please ensure all future travel arrangements are planned during the school holidays. Children have 14 weeks holiday each year - 13 weeks plus 5 days staff training days. This is a huge amount of time for you to go on holiday or visit family abroad. You should not take any more time off.

Our school holidays this year are on the following dates:

October Half Term: 26 Oct - 30 Oct

Christmas: 21 Dec - 1 Jan

February Half Term: 15 Feb-19 Feb

Easter: 26 March - 9 April

May Half Term: 31 May - 4 June

Summer: 19 July - 1 Sept

PIZZA PARTY

On Wednesday we held a party for all the children who achieved 100% attendance by coming to school EVERY DAY last term. A big well done to all of you - we hope you enjoyed the celebrations and we hope you will achieve 100% again this term.

PLAYTIME FLAPJACK

Our kitchen team prepared freshly baked flapjack today and this went on sale at morning playtime. Flapjack will be available every Friday, for Year 3-6 pupils for 25p.

IDIOMS

Idioms are phrases, where the total meaning is different from the literal meaning - they can be great fun to use! Examples include 'cost an arm and a leg' which means to be very expensive or 'under the weather' which means to feel unwell. We will be learning lots of idioms this term, so ask your child about them.

SWIMMING POOL

Our 'pop up' pool will be returning to school this month for years Y3 and Y6. If your child is having swimming lessons, a letter will be sent home; they will need to bring their swimming kit in a bag every day - to include a swimsuit, a towel and either crocs, flip-flops or sliders.

COMMUNICATION & AUTISM SUPPORT

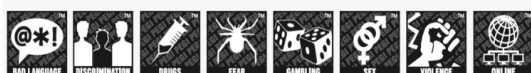
Birmingham CAT team are offering 2 FREE support sessions next week for parents and carers - these will focus on anxiety. There's no need to book - just go along on either:

Tues 15 September (9:30am-11am) at Colmers Farm Primary School, B45 9PB, or

Wed 16 September (9:30am-11:am) at Kingsthorpe Primary School, B44 0BX.

ONLINE SAFETY & GAMING REMINDER

We would like to remind ALL FAMILIES to check the age ratings of games and apps that children access at home. Some popular games, including *Fortnite*, *Call of Duty* and *Grand Theft Auto (GTA)* contain content that is not suitable for primary-aged children.



Please make use of parental controls and talk regularly with your child about safe and responsible online behaviour. By working together, we can help ensure that children enjoy technology in a safe, positive and age-appropriate way.

DENNIS ROAD Don't forget that Dennis Road is closed to traffic each morning from 8:30am so that our families

can walk to school safely. If you leave just a few minutes earlier, there will be plenty of time to park on surrounding roads and walk.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club is open to all pupils and offers a healthy breakfast and lots of engaging activities each morning from 8am. If you'd like your child to join, please contact the school office.

FIRST AID



If your child has an accident or gets injured in school, staff will always administer First Aid. A record of the incident, and the treatment given, will also be completed and sent home with your child.

If your child sustains any sort of bump or head injury (including face or eyes) we will also phone you to let you know.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Old Printworks (B12 9AH) has a mini festival tomorrow (Saturday 12th) from 11am-4pm. There will be workshops on kite making, zine making, photography and bookbinding as well as an exhibition on 'Balsall Heath in Changing Times'.

ASSEMBLIES

Each week, we will name pupils in each class who have made fantastic progress in either knowledge or reading or who have stood out for a particular achievement. Families of these pupils will be invited to the school assembly (**2:45pm each Friday**) to see their child receive their certificate. (Reception assemblies (and class assemblies) will start a little later in the term.)

WEEKLY AWARDS

Families of these children, please join us on **Friday 18 September at 2:45pm** to celebrate your child's impressive achievements.

	ACHIEVEMENT	LOVE OF READING	KNOWLEDGE
1MO	Adam	Ayaana	Anas
1AL	Aizal	Yusuf	Hamza
2MA	Hussain	Rugaya	Sahra
2SA	Vanshil	Ameera	Keyaan
3SH	Ahad	Ameera	Rania
3JA	Zayaan	Amos	Mishkat
4AK	Alexandru	Mutayam	Amber
4MI	Izzadeen	Yahya	Maahira
5HE	Abdullah	Ismail	Aiza I
5ST	Bano	Zakaria	Zainab
6HO	Rahmanullah	Haseena	Maham
6SC	Ali	Maryam	Sadaf
6TU	Munya	Lewhat	Muskaan
Hub A & B	Mohamed S & Abu Tarab		
BREAKFAST CLUB		Davut-RMA, Shayaan-1MO & Amber - 4AK	