



Anderton Park Newsletter – 17 July 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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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

After an incredibly busy term for everyone, it's now time to take a break and enjoy some relaxed time, with your loved ones. We wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing pupils back in school, ready to learn with their new teachers on Wednesday 2nd September.

KEY DATES – AUTUMN 2026.

17 July	Break up for Summer Holidays (6 weeks)
1 Sept	School closed (staff training day)
Wed 2 Sept	CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL
23 Sept	130 year celebrations
26-30 Oct	Half term holiday (1 week)
18 Dec	Christmas holiday begins (2 weeks)

RECEPTION GRADUATION Our Reception parents joined us on Monday to celebrate their children's graduation. Pupils shared details of all the learning they have engaged with this year and made us all feel incredibly proud of their many achievements.



WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO Our whole school photo is a wonderful record for staff and pupils and is now available to buy from Tempest for £23.50. Have a look online and see if you can find yourself?

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PUPIL INFORMATION - A reminder that ALL parents /carers must give the office TWO current telephone numbers - so that we can always telephone you in case of emergency. If you are moving house or have a new phone number, you MUST let the office know straight away.

GOVERNORS MEETING Members of our school Governing Board met this week. They were assured to hear that our school is meeting its targets as well as delivering numerous additional, inclusive clubs and support activities, to enable all children to thrive. We have a full governing body led extremely well by Saidah Sultana, our Chair.

Y6 SATS RESULTS Our SATS results arrived yesterday and we are delighted to report that our pupils did exceptionally well. They reflected the high standards of teaching in our school and the effort and determination by our pupils to succeed. Well done to all of Y6, we are incredibly proud of you. 80% Maths, 80% Spelling & Grammar, 71% Reading 75% Writing. Fantastic

THANK YOU Our staff would like to say a huge thank you for the many gifts, cards and well wishes we have received for the end of term. We are overwhelmed by the kindness shown and really value the partnerships we share with parents which make our school such a hub for success, progress and joy.

Attendance 100% Summer term pizza party will be on 4 September! 101 children well done.

25 children are abroad on holiday this week – this is NOT GOOD. We were doing so well as a school with higher attendance and too many families have gone abroad.

FAREWELLS We are saying goodbye to our fabulous Year 6 today and feel so proud of everything they have achieved at APS. They are such a mature, kind and caring year group, with so many skills and talents. We know they will soon settle into their new secondary schools and they all have bright futures ahead of them. We will miss you all - please come and visit us and let us know how you are getting on. Their SATs results were very late due to a government mess, but all results are an improvement on last year's as we all continue to go from strength to strength. We will send some back to be remarked but it looks like .. 80% Maths, 80% Spelling & Grammar, 71% Reading 75% Writing. Fantastic

We also say a sad farewell to Miss Lenton who is leaving us to start a new teaching job in London. We'll miss her very much but know she will be an amazing teacher in her new school.

SCHOOL LUNCHES A big thankyou to all our kitchen team and lunchtime supervisors who provide tasty, healthy school meals everyday and make our lunchtime environments safe and fun for everyone. Yesterday we all enjoyed a "Seaside Day" celebration dinner, with traditional fish and chips and ice creams on the menu.



And Earlier this week, our Year 2 pupils tried their hand in the kitchen making dough and cooking up very tasty pizzas.



ANDERTON PARK WORLD CUP Musa in Y6 was crowned 'keepie-uppie' champion this week after an incredible display of ball control. And all our classes have been competing in our School Council's football competition - here are the winners - well done to all of them. (Unfortunately, just like in the real World Cup, there was no trophy for England!)

Y1 Portugal Y2 Morocco Y3 Japan
Y4 France Y5 Mexico Y6 Germany

SWIMMING All pupils have made fantastic progress learning front and back strokes and water safety as well as enjoying some well deserved free time today. Don't forget there's many local pools including Sparkhill and Cocksmoorswoods so why don't you visit over the summer?

Y6 ROBIN HOOD PRODUCTION After many weeks of rehearsals, costume changes and singing practices, Year 6 stunned us all with the most fabulous production of Robin Hood this week. The standard of acting, the singing, the props, the stage management - everything was just superb. Well done to all of you - you are such a talented year group. And thank you to all the Y6 staff who put in so much effort and energy to make the show a success.



CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Well done Year 2 for raising £32 for the World Wildlife Fund by making soft toys and donating money to take them home. The funds will be used to support vital conservation work in habitats which Y2 have been learning about this year.

SCHOOL SPORTS DAY We were delighted to go ahead with our School Sports Day this week. Pupils competed against each other in a range of physical challenges, both indoors and outdoors - all of which were overseen by Year 6 pupils who explained and managed the sports events brilliantly. Well done all of you.

APS TALENT SHOW Our much anticipated end of year Talent Show took place this week - and what a magical occasion it was for everyone. Many of the acts were taking to the stage for the very first time and each and every one of them showed creativity and sparkle, APS really does have so much talent!

BANDERTON PARK SHOWCASE In other entertainment news, our Banderton Park groups were on top form yesterday, alongside our lunchtime Singing Group. These groups get better and better every time we hear them - they get the whole school rocking!

HOLIDAY WRITING COMPETITION

Use the picture below to inspire an amazing piece of writing. This could be a story, description or poem. Please hand your entries to Miss Tuddenham by Monday 11th September. Prizes will be announced for the best entries.



Where is this - what can you see?
Where have they come from?
Why are they on the moon?
What equipment are they carrying?
Is the dog happy?
How long will they stay?
What are they doing?
Is anyone else there?

SUMMER HOLIDAY & ATTENDANCE We break up today for just over 6 weeks and expect EVERYONE to be back in school, in smart school uniform please, on WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER. Please make sure you return to school on the first day back - otherwise we will contact you and you may be fined.

ONLINE SAFETY IN THE HOLIDAYS



With the summer holidays starting, many children and parents will be using screens, including for photos to share online. Do you know how to protect your child's image from AI abuse? Do you know what your child is watching or who they are talking to?

PLEASE TAKE CARE & BEWARE. Scan the QR code for guidance on how to stay safe this summer.

BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS

Our breakfast club pupils made paper boats this week and tested them on water to see whether they would float or swim. They were impressed with the outcomes and thoroughly enjoyed the activity.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS A reminder that children moving into Year 3 may have to pay for their school dinners in September. Please check with Mrs Bi in the office. And if your child is moving to Secondary School in September, you will need to re-apply at their new school for Free School Meals and show they meet the criteria.

COMMUNITY NEWS

West Midlands Police - Family Fun Day will take place on Sunday 26th July 11-6pm at the Tally Ho Training Ground, Pershore Road, B5 7RN. There will be displays by police dogs and horses, firearms unit, drones, classic cars, cricket and football as well as food and stalls. All welcome.

Womens Health Coffee Mornings Over the summer holidays, every Monday 10-12noon at the Women's Enterprise Hub, Ladypool Rd, B12 8LF. Children are welcome and refreshments are FREE.

Morrisons / Kellogg's Breakfasts

Between 29 June and 6 September, children and adults can enjoy a FREE bowl of cereal and a piece of fruit at participating Morrisons Cafes. Just ask for a 'Kelloggs Breakfast'.

Birmingham Family Hub App - includes everything you need to know about pregnancy, childcare and health. It's in 100+ languages. Download it using these QR codes.



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