



## Anderton Park Newsletter – 09 January 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 New Year – what a great year 2026 will be!

We hope you had a relaxing holiday. Our staff would like to say thankyou for the many cards and gifts they were given at Christmas - you are so kind and we are most grateful.

#### KEY DATES – 2026.

12-16 Jan	Maths workshops (all year groups)
22 Jan	Y6 SATS Workshop (2pm)
27 Jan	4MI – Class Assembly
30 Jan	Reception – Vision Screening
11 Feb	2SA – Class Assembly (2:45pm)
11 Feb	Parents Evening (3:30pm)
16-20 Feb	Half term holiday (1 week)
23 Feb	Back to School
26 Feb	Celebrate Culture & Life Day
2 March	5AK – Class Assembly
26 March	Y6 RSC Theare visit (evening)
27 March	<b>BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAY</b>
13 April	Back to School

#### MATHS WORKSHOPS

Parents of children in Years 1- 5 will have received a letter inviting you to join your child, in school next week, for a maths workshop. These sessions are focused on 'helping your child to love maths'. Please make every effort to attend and support your child's learning:

Year 1 – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> (2:30pm)  
 Year 2 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> (9:15am)  
 Year 3 – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> (3pm)  
 Year 4 – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> (2:30pm)  
 Year 5 – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> (2:30pm)

#### Y1 'TRICKY WORDS' CONTEST

Well done to all our Y1 pupils who have been practicing their 'Tricky Words' and preparing for a contest. Tricky Words are challenging to read as they have unusual spellings and cannot be 'sounded out'; they include words such as 'are', 'sure', 'they', 'was' and 'said'.

#### READING

Do you have books in your house and do you like to read? A recent national report suggests that 67% of children DON'T read for pleasure and that 47% of parents DON'T encourage reading at home. What a shame this is! At APS, we are different – we all love to read, to visit our school library, to share books with others and to gain our reading badges. Let's make sure we keep this up.

#### LITTLE PEOPLE BIG DREAMS

Our 'Little People, Big Dreams' Competition will be back again in March. If your child would like to take part, encourage them to speak to their class teacher.

#### RECEPTION – SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If you would like your child to join our school Reception classes in September, please apply on Birmingham CC's website by next Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup>. If parents need help with the application, Mrs Anwar in our Nursery will be happy to help. [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

#### IBRAHIM – Y5

Ibrahim is still very poorly in hospital but enjoyed having visitors from school again this week. Please continue to keep him, and all his family, in your thoughts and prayers.

#### ATTENDANCE PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to Ilyane (4MI) and Anna-Maria (2SA) who have both been awarded a staggering £20 Attendance Prize! This prize was given to mark their outstanding attendance last term – over 95%. Congratulations to Omar (Y3) and Retaj (Y5) who were runners up.

#### CLASS ASEMBLIES

Please note that there have been some date changes for class assemblies this term. The assembly led by 4MI will now be on Tuesday 27 Jan – and the assembly led by 2SA will now be on Wednesday 11 Feb (both at 2:45pm)

#### YEAR 6 PARENTS

Most Y6 children will be sitting their SATS in May so Y6 parents are invited to a meeting and workshop on Thursday 22nd January at 2pm. SLT and class teachers will be sharing important information about these tests and what you can do at home to support your child. You will also be able to buy Revision books for £2.50 each. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### LOCK DOWN DRILL

We had a 'lockdown drill' in school on Wednesday to help all staff and pupils know what to do in case of an emergency. When the warning whistle sounded everyone had to take action to stay safe. Well done to everyone for being so sensible during this important practice.

#### MY HAPPY MINDS

Our 'My Happy Minds' theme this term is "Have an Attitude of Gratitude". Expressing gratitude helps everyone feel better – and can be shown by putting others first, being courteous and always saying thankyou.

#### STAFF UPDATE

A very warm welcome to Mrs Nazakat and Mrs Khan who have recently joined our fantastic team of LunchTime Supervisors. We know you will soon feel settled into your role and love working here.

## COLD WEATHER

All children should be wearing long sleeved clothing for school at the moment and have warm coats, hats and gloves for outside play. Unless there are severe conditions, we will always try and keep school open, if possible.

As the cold weather continues, we would remind you to:

- Keep hot drinks and cold/flu medicines out of reach of children and remember cough sweets can be a choking hazard
- Wear bright clothing outdoors and take extra care crossing roads
- Teach children not to play on ice
- In cars, keep anti-freeze in a safe place and avoid wearing bulky coats in car seats
- Turn off electric fires when not in use and use electric blankets or hot water bottles safely
- Keep babies warm but avoid using hoods and head coverings indoors, don't put cots next to radiators and avoid novelty sleeping bags

We are so grateful to the kind person who gave a £100 donation to our School Fund this week. We have used the money, so far, to buy around 30 pairs of gloves for our pupils! THANKYOU

## NEW MEDICAL INFORMATION



Please inform us if your child has any new medical details. This could be a new diagnosis of asthma, new allergies, an operation or short-term medication etc. If your child has been prescribed medication by a GP, please inform the office immediately & bring any any medication into school - clearly named. Our records **MUST ALWAYS** be up to date so we can keep your child safe. If you would like to talk to Mrs Hobbins about any medical needs, please ring the office - if you leave a message for her, she will contact you.

## ATTENDANCE

We appreciate it's hard to get back into school routines after a school holiday and that the cold weather this week has been a challenge. However, if school is open, we expect **EVERYONE** to make every effort to come in each day. Our attendance officer will contact you if your child is not in school to offer support, if needed.

## SIGNS OF THE WEEK

'See'



'Stand'



## ENGLISH LESSONS FOR AFGHAN FAMILIES

We are offering **FREE** English lessons for any adults from Afghanistan, who are refugees or asylum seekers. The lessons will take place every Friday morning (9-10am) in the Saffiyah Khan suite - and there will be **FREE** tea, coffee and biscuits. Please encourage anyone who qualifies to attend. If you are not a refugee or asylum seeker but wish to support, please come along to find out more.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

All Saints Church, Kings Heath are holding a **FREE** 'Epiphany Lunch' on Sunday 11 Jan (12:30-2:30pm). It will be a relaxed and welcoming lunch, open to all. Please book via [Birmingham@dialoguesociety.org](mailto:Birmingham@dialoguesociety.org)

DUJ Foodbank is open every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 12-2pm - you can 'walk-in' for **FREE** food and advice. 861 Stratford Rd, B28 8BH. Tel: 07847 661022

Sparkhill Library is only 10 minutes' walk from our school and is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. You can borrow books, magazines and CDs for **FREE**, as well as attend regular community events, storytelling sessions and workshops. Why don't you go along and check it out?

After School Arts & Crafts are available for children aged 8-12 every Wednesday (4-5pm) at Moseley Hive, B12 8DD. [www.moseleycdt.com/the-moseleyhive](http://www.moseleycdt.com/the-moseleyhive)

## WEEKLY AWARDS

We have some new categories for our pupil awards this term. Winners of awards are always announced each week in our Newsletters and then presented with their certificates, in assembly the following Friday.

Achievement Award. Given to any child who has stood out by showing determination, sparkle or positive relationships in any aspect of our school life.

Love of Reading Award. Given to any child who has shown passion - reading with understanding and attention to detail.

Knowledge Award. Given to any child showing great vocabulary or knowledge in their work or used their Note Book effectively.

## WEEKLY AWARDS

Families of these children, please join us on **Friday 16 January 2:45pm** to celebrate your child's impressive achievements.

	ACHIEVEMENT	LOVE OF READING	KNOWLEDGE
1AM	Saad	Aliza	
1AL	Sultan	Sahra	Ayaan
2LE	Kaysan	Adam	Areesha
2SA	Amyra	Sojoud	Zayyan
3SH	Myles	Ana	Maahira
3JA	Ruth	Noorullah	Hamayl
4MA	Arham	Marwa	Aahil
4MI	Ismail	Alinah	Anabia
5HE	Sadaf	Iqlas	Lorena
5AK	Anais	Maham	Rahmanullah
6HO	Mohammed	Hadeel	Zayan
6SC	Aariz	Tasnim	Ayaan A
6TU	Fatima	Haseeb	Zeeshan
HUB	Emanuel	Umar	

