



Anderton Park Newsletter – 30 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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KEY DATES - 2026.

5 Feb	Time to Talk Day
9-15 Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
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
5 March	World Book Day
6 March	APS Community Iftar
16 March	LPBG Competition - first round (1:30)
26 March	Y6 RSC Theatre visit (evening)
27 March	BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAY
13 April	Back to School

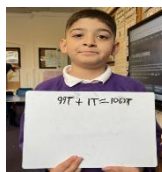
MENTAL HEALTH EVENTS

We have two important mental health events coming up next month. The first is 'Time to Talk' day (5 Feb) when we will be raising awareness of the need to communicate with people with regard to mental health issues. And the second is 'Children's Mental Health Week' (9-15 Feb) when our theme will be '*this is my place*' and we'll be helping to ensure everyone feels like they belong in our school community.

ANXIETY SUPPORT

Birmingham Communication and Autism Team (CAT) are running a workshop for any parents and carers who would like to increase their understanding of anxiety and ways to help their child. This will take place on Wednesday 4 Feb at Woodgate Primary School (B32 3PN) 9:15-10:45am. There's no need to book, just turn up.

MATHS ACHIEVEMENT



A big 'shout out' to Emmanuel in 2LE who has made exceptional progress over the last few weeks. His teachers are so proud of him - well done!

HUMANITIES CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to all these children who have been voted by their class to become Humanities Champions - Keyaan (1AM), Hussain (1AL), Bilal (3SH), Jaweria & Alexandru (3JA), Iqbal (5HE) and Aliza (5AK). They are tasked with promoting learning of Geography and History at APS and we can't wait to see what ideas they will come up with!

SPORTS NEWS



We were delighted to hear this week that Miss Corey, our PE teacher, has been awarded 'Team Member of the Year' in her other job at David Lloyd Fitness club. This means she has been recognised as an exceptional staff member who often goes above and beyond to help others. What a fantastic achievement this is!

In school Miss Corey works with all our pupils, to help develop their health, fitness and wellbeing. Not only does she run PE lessons (covering skills such as dance, gymnastics and tennis) but she also delivers targeted sessions to specific children and also an After School multi-sports club. We're very grateful for all her hard work in this important area of learning. We are lucky to have you.

ART GALLERY

Hasifah in 4MA was inspired after her art lesson, about bird migration, this week and drew these beautiful, detailed pictures at home. Aren't they fantastic!



SIGNS OF THE WEEK

'yes'



'no'



MUSIC NEWS

Our Singing Group is flourishing with many enthusiastic members coming along every Wednesday to sing and have fun together. This term they're enjoying a number of new songs including 'Lush Life' and 'Tonight you Belong to Me' which already sound great.

We're all thrilled with the new piano which has been delivered to APS and set up in our large hall. It's a beautiful, upright instrument with unrivalled sound quality and lots of digital features. We're so grateful to Mr Heffernan for securing the grant to buy this - we're sure it will give us many wonderful years of music.



WRITING COMPETITION



A Secret door! What lies behind it?

For this term's writing competition, use your imagination to write a story, poem, or other creative piece. Please submit your entries to Mrs Tuddenham by 23 March - prizes will be awarded.

ATTENDANCE

We expect ALL PUPILS to come into school each day, unless they are ill or have an appointment - in which case you must let the office know. If your child takes unauthorised leave, you are at risk of being fined; last year, Birmingham CC issued over 18,000 penalties!

If your child feels poorly with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough, the advice from NHS England is that they can still attend school, if they are well enough. If your child needs any medication, this should be brought to the school office.

School: 94%

Top Classes

Y1-Y3 - 2LE 99%

Y4-Y6 - 5HE 97.7% Fantastic!

SCHOOL DAY

A reminder that our school day is from 8:45am-3:15pm.



If your child arrives late, the morning register may have closed. Your child will be given a red 'late slip' and we have a duty to mark them as **late**.



IBRAHIM - Y5

Ibrahim is still very poorly in hospital but his family are hoping to bring him home soon. Please continue to keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL



Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.



DAILY MILE The APS Daily Mile still continues, with so much commitment and energy shown by all our pupils. Here's 1AL in action.



COMMUNITY news - Anawin is a Centre for Women on Mary Street, Balsall Heath (B12 9RJ) where women can get support to make positive changes in their lives. They offer a range of workshops on topics such as mindfulness, healthy relationships, mental health and trauma support as well as social activities such as crafts and sewing. Most are free and open to anyone who would like to attend.

Pride in Place is a Government Programme which has allocated money to Sparkbrook North for restoring parks, reviving high streets and breathing new life into community facilities. If you'd like to have a say on how the grant is spent, there is public meeting on Saturday (31st) 11am-2pm at The Muath Trust, Stratford Rd, B11 1AR.

What is the purpose of education? Or school?

Let me know on the gate, or write me a note.... So far we have some great ideas ..

'Awareness, learn lots. Learn in a way we don't at home'.

'Foundation for their futures, mostly in Primary school, by secondary they are their own person'

Learn life skills, like managing money, so they can go to the shops and make sure they have the right change.'

'Here, it's good - you learn more and more, meet new people, people with different languages'

'The purpose .. to get them to learn, then in life they will know what's right and wrong'

WEEKLY AWARDS

Families of these children, please join us on **Friday 6 February 2:45pm** to celebrate your child's impressive achievements.

	ACHIEVEMENT	LOVE OF READING	KNOWLEDGE
1AM	Leah-Selena	Hassan	Ameera
1AL	Musa	Aaila	Ruqayyah
2LE	Terteel	Rahmatullah	Ahad
2SA	Amos	Safa	Saul
3SH	Miriam	Yahya	Zara R
3JA	Eryk	Alisha	Safa
4MA	Claudia	Irham	Hasifah
4MI	Ilyane	M.Abdullah	Areeba
5HE	Yaseen	Ali	Lorena
5AK	Retaj	M Ayaan	Mohammad
6HO	Alishba	Areena	Kirubel
6SC	Eliza	Ayaan R	Aizah
6TU	Areeba	Kaamil	Nehmat
HUB	Emanuel	Nikola	

