



CHRISTMAS PARENTS WORKSHOP

Come and make Christmas crafts with your child. Enjoy some festive cheer and a biscuit or two whilst helping your child create some colourful artwork, cards, calendars etc. We look forward to you joining us.

EYFS: Friday 12th (9:15 - 10:15 AM)

Y5+Y6: Monday 15th (2:30 - 3:30 PM)

Y1+Y2: Tuesday 16th (9:15 - 10:15 AM)

Y3+Y4: Thursday 18th (2:30 - 3:30 PM)



There will be a refreshment stall where snacks, drinks and sweets can be purchased. Please make sure your child has money on the day.

The disco is open to children from Rec. - Year 6.

3pm-4pm Rec. & KS1

Children will start the disco during school time and be ready to be picked up at 4pm.

(children to bring clothes to change into at school)
Children not attending the disco to be picked up at 3:30pm as usual.

Please bring your ticket on the night of the disco

Entry to and from the disco will be from the main Butlin Street gate.

4:30pm-6pm KS2 (Y3,4,5,6)

Children will go home at 3:30pm as usual and then return to school for 4:30pm

Tickets are £2, available from the office.



The Anchor News

Serving the local community in the name of Christ since 1859

5th December 2025

Our Values focus this half term is **Hope**

Hi,

My name is Ms Nelson and I'm part of the Admin team. My role is to support the teaching staff in continuing to create a wonderful school for the children to learn in.

I would like to wish all families a joyous festive season and a lovely weekend ahead.

Ms Nelson - Office Manager



Christmas Grotto
Fri 12th December

Last day to buy tickets is **TUESDAY 9th**

Children have the chance to attend the Christmas Grotto, meet a member of the Claus family and get a personalised gift. They will spend time talking to them and sharing all the good things they have done this year. To remember their magical time, they will receive a photo to take home. Tickets for this can be purchased from the school office and are open to Nursery - Year 3.

Have you had a look yet?

The school photos this year have the chalk background again and we hope you like it. There are 3 different poses to choose from so make sure to get online and check your child's photo using the card that was sent home.



Monday 8th - Friday 12th

Dec	Tues 9th	Christmas Lunch (Y4-Y6) 12pm Start ★ LAST DAY to buy GROTTO TICKETS ★
	Wed 10th	Christmas Lunch (Nur-Y3) 12pm Start
	Thurs 11th	Christmas Discos
	Fri 12th	EYFS Parent Workshop (9:15 - 10:15 AM)
		Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Grotto



We want to see your Christmas Jumpers, if you can, to help raise money for Save the Children.

Please send £1 if your child is in Christmas clothes, £2 in non-uniform. No donation required if children wear their uniform.

Monday 15th - Friday 19th

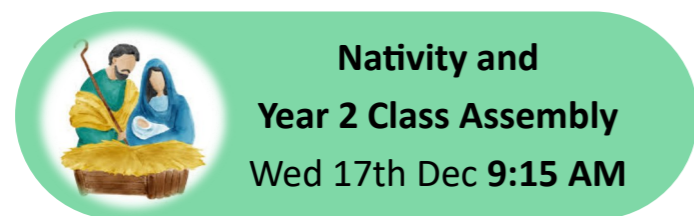
Dec	Mon 15th	Shining Stars Assembly (9:15 AM)
		Y5+Y6: Parent Workshop (2:30 - 3:30 PM)
	Tues 16th	Y1+Y2: Parent Workshop (9:15 - 10:15 AM)
	Wed 17th	Nativity and Year 2 Class Assembly (9:15 AM)
	Thurs 18th	Christmas Service at Aston Parish (10 AM)
Y3+Y4: Parent Workshop (2:30 - 3:30 PM)		
Fri 19th	KS2 Christmas Concert (9:15 AM)	
	★ LAST DAY OF TERM School will close at 1pm ★	

Attendance & Punctuality

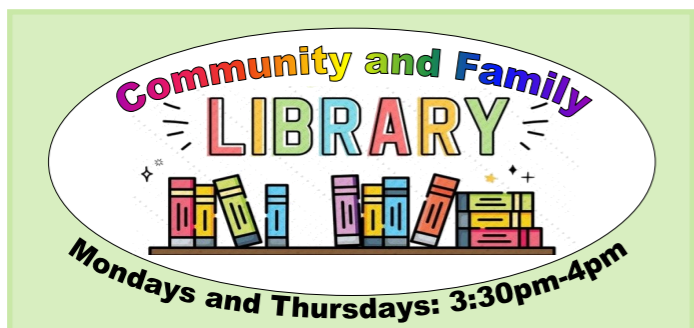
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Rec.	89%	12
Yr. 1	97%	8
Yr. 2	96%	5
Yr. 3	95%	11
Yr. 4	94%	6
Yr. 5	96%	6
Yr. 6	93%	8

KS2 Christmas Concert

Friday 19th (9:15AM)



Nativity and
Year 2 Class Assembly
Wed 17th Dec 9:15 AM



Community and Family
LIBRARY
Mondays and Thursdays: 3:30pm-4pm

Star Pupils

- Sarah
- Zade
- Tori-Lei
- M. Raheem and Ksenia
- Juwan and Kian
- Olivia and Khazaima
- Rhight and Isaiah

Lunchtime Star

Kadim (Yr. 6)



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Never stop believing in HOPE because MIRACLES happen everyday

UNICEF Rights of the Child

4 Article 4: Making rights real
Governments must do all they can to make sure that every child in their countries can enjoy all the rights in this Convention.

33 Article 6: Life survival and development
Every child has the right to be alive. Governments must make sure that children survive and develop in the best possible way.

Charity Spotlight



Birmingham City Mission
Every gift matters

Each Christmas Birmingham City Mission distributes gifts to thousands of children whose families really struggle to make ends meet.

It is a mammoth task that relies on the generosity of many people who give toys, energy and time to ensure each child referred to us receives a sack of gifts on Christmas morning.

The Toy Link project

Each year churches, schools, companies and individuals donate thousands of toys, books and puzzles to our Toy Link project. Families in need of help are referred by Social Services, shelters, churches and other agencies. Through November and December hundreds of volunteers carefully select and wrap four gifts for each child and put them in a sack with a Christmas story booklet and card ready for delivery.

Delivering the sacks around Birmingham is another colossal task, requiring complex route planning and a second army of staff and volunteers.

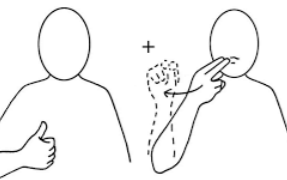
We need volunteers to deliver the gifts around Birmingham from the beginning of December.

If you have some time to spare call 0121 766 6603 or email office@birminghamcitymission.co.uk

Signs of Makaton the week



Good Morning



Good Afternoon



Good Evening

Don't forget: It is important to say the words while doing the sign.

Advent Wordsearch

c	n	a	r	d	o	s	r	e	c	p	f	o	j
b	a	d	v	e	n	t	p	r	h	r	e	e	o
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- Advent
- peace
- bells
- hope
- purple
- Christmas
- tree
- candles
- love
- saints
- joy
- wreath
- faith
- angel
- Sunday

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON.

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

- MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY**
Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.
- PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS**
The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookers and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.
- CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS**
More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.
- BEWARE OF ALLERGIES**
Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.
- PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS**
Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.
- STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD**
Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.
- MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS**
Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, toppling Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.
- SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS**
Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.
- ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE**
Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.
- DRINK RESPONSIBLY**
Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

Meet Our Expert

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