



# The Anchor News

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22nd May 2026

Our Value focus this half term is **Humility**

Happy Friday Everyone,

As I complete my first few weeks as Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and say what a genuine pleasure it has been to join this wonderful school community.

From my very first morning on the gates, I was struck by the warmth and kindness shown by both children and families. Seeing so many happy, smiling faces arriving at school each day has been incredibly heartwarming and I have truly appreciated the many parents and carers who have taken the time to introduce themselves and make me feel so welcome.

Inside the school, I have already been so impressed by the positive attitudes towards learning. In classrooms and around the school, I have seen children working hard, showing respect to one another and proudly living out our school values of courage, humility, dignity, compassion, hope and service.

What has stood out most to me has been the strong relationships across the school community. During conversations with pupils, it is clear that children feel supported, enjoy learning and are proud of their school. I am excited to work alongside our dedicated staff, wonderful children and supportive families as we continue to build on the school's strong foundations and celebrate all that makes this community so special.

Ms Wagenfuhrer

Assistant Headteacher

Attendance and punctuality needs to drastically improve across the school. Meetings will be held next half term and referrals made to support families **struggling to meet the legal standard of attendance**. Well done to Year 4 for outstanding punctuality this week.

**COMMUNITY FUN DAY**  
A FUN-FILLED DAY FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY!

MONDAY 25TH MAY 1PM - 6PM AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Nechells Methodist Church  
Time Out After School Club  
B7 5PR

STALLS CAN BE HIRED FOR £10 PER TABLE

STALLS & ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- BOUNCY CASTLE
- SLUSH MACHINE
- BARBECUE
- CUPCAKES
- JUDO SOAPERY
- K POP DEMON HUNTER BRAIDS
- SWEET STALL
- TABLE TOP
- CAR BOOT
- TOMBOLA

FOR ALL STALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT  
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Happy half term everyone, we hope you have a relaxing and fun filled week. See you on the June 1st at the usual time.



## Attendance & Punctuality

	Attendance	Punctuality
Rec	88%	5
Yr. 1	93%	7
Yr. 2	89%	7
Yr. 3	95%	16
Yr. 4	92%	0
Yr. 5	96%	3
Yr. 6	90%	4



To all our families celebrating next week we wish you **Eid Mubarak!**



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## Safeguarding: Aston and Nechells Foodbank

### Safeguarding

Aston and Nechells Food Bank

If you need help from our foodbank there are a few simple steps to follow.

#### 1. Get in touch with us.

If you call or email our foodbank we can talk through your situation and put you in touch with a relevant local agency.

Birmingham Settlement 0121 250 0765 and Citizens Advice 0808 208 2138.

#### 2. Arrange a visit to the referral agency.

They will discuss your situation and supply you with a foodbank voucher where appropriate. If you need help to obtain a food parcel the best point of contact is to call Birmingham Settlement telephone money advice service on 0121 250 0765.

Leave your name and contact details on their voicemail. They will ring you back. They can give advice on a wide range of monetary problems. Over the phone they can issue you with a code that can be redeemed as a voucher at any of the Trussell Trussell Foodbank distribution centres in Birmingham. Details of the Aston and Nechells distribution centres are below.

If you are in financial crisis and please call 0808 208 2138 for free (open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm) to talk confidentially with a trained Citizens Advice adviser. They can help address your crises and provide support to maximise your income, help you navigate the benefits system, and identify any additional grants you could be entitled to. If needed, they'll issue you with a voucher so you can get an emergency food parcel from your local food bank.

#### 3. Bring your foodbank voucher to your nearest foodbank centre.

• **Aston and Nechells Foodbank is available once a week only at each of the following locations:**

- **St Matthews, Nechells (Monday 12-2.30);**
- **Bethel Free Baptist Church, Ward End (Wednesday 12.30-2.30pm);**
- **The Salvation Army, Aston (Friday 12.30-2.30).**

Climate Week has been a real highlight and has beautifully reflected the curiosity, creativity and sense of responsibility shown by our children. Across the school, pupils explored important themes around sustainability, community and caring for our planet through meaningful learning experiences. Nursery and Reception enjoyed local visits to a mosque and church, helping them appreciate the communities around them and the world they belong to. Year 1 and Year 2 took action in their local area through litter-picking walks, demonstrating how small actions can contribute to positive environmental change. Year 6 explored the local canal network, reflecting on the rich history of how people and the natural environment have worked together to shape and sustain communities over time.

Another wonderful part of Climate Week has been welcoming families into school through our parent workshops. The workshops created vibrant, cheerful spaces filled with conversation, creativity and shared experiences, with children proudly explaining and showcasing their learning. The creativity on display has been exceptional — from imaginative hats created using recycled materials and nature-inspired artwork, to jewellery making and creative upcycling projects. In Year 3, families worked alongside children to design and build movable vehicles powered by balloon propulsion, exploring forces and demonstrating how stored energy can be transferred into motion. Moments like these remind us that education is at its most powerful when schools and families learn together.



Decades day 2026- Once again the children enjoyed experiencing a different decade in British history last Friday. It was great to see so many people make an effort with their costumes. Here a brief look:



If you need to access the Foodbank please ensure you come to the right place for that day. You can find a list of our local centres and opening times online. Everyone who comes to the foodbank for emergency food needs to have a valid foodbank voucher. When you arrive, our trained volunteers will chat with you about your situation. We'll also discuss any dietary needs you may have and exchange your foodbank voucher for a parcel of three days of emergency food. We'll also help to support you in any other ways that we can. At our foodbank centres our aim is to provide non-judgemental support at the point of crisis.