



# Westminster Primary Newsletter

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13th September 2024

## Welcome back!

We would like to wish a big welcome back to school to all our families! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the time with your family friends. Please note the school timings for our KS1 and KS2 children. The first bell will ring at 8.35am; this is the time children should start to line up in their classes ready to come into school. Staff will bring the children into school at 8.40am. The school gates on Westminster Road will close at 8.50am and access will only be available via Stamford Road after this time. The school day will finish at 3.30pm.

Please ensure you arrive on time to collect your children; if you are running late then please telephone the school office to notify us of any delays. Thank you.

## Secondary School Applications

If your child is in Year 6, you will need to make sure you make an application for a secondary school place by **31st October 2024**. You can do this by going online at:

<https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/>

If you would like any support in accessing and using the online application service, please come and see a member of the school office staff. We will be holding a series of workshops in school for parents who require support with the online applications. Workshops will be held on the following dates at **9.00am** in the ICT suite:

Friday 4th October

Monday 7th October

Friday 11th October

Friday 18th October

Monday 21st October

We would like to wish good luck to all of our children who will be taking the grammar test. If your child has taken a grammar school test, please wait for your child's test results before naming a grammar school as one of your six preferences on your online application. Results for the grammar school tests will be sent to parents by Friday 18th October.



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## Parent Courses and Information

For those of you interested, we have a number of courses for parents that will be taking place in the Autumn term. All courses, apart from the computer skills course will take place in the community room. The computer skills course will take place in our ICT suite.

Subject	Day	Start date	Time
Ladies exercise class	Wednesday	11-09-2024	9.00—10.00am
Maths functional skills	Thursday	19-09-2024	9.15—11.15am
Creative Art	Tuesday	24-09-2024	9.15—11.15am
Computer skills	Tuesday	24-09-2024	9.30—11.30am
ESOL (All levels)	Tuesday	24-09-2024	1.00—3.00pm

Shelter will be holding a housing advice surgery on Monday 23rd September 2024 from 10.00am—12.30pm. If you wish to speak with the Shelter team, please book a slot with Mrs Khan in the school office.

## Milk Money

If you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and you would like for them to have milk for the Autumn term in school, please can you bring in £16.52 in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly written on the envelope. The closing date for milk money is Thursday 19th September. Milk will be given out week commencing 23rd September.

## Welcome Meetings

Thank you to all those parents who attended our welcome meetings for pupils in Year 2—Year 6. We have a few welcome meetings next week: Monday 16th Sept (Year 1), Tuesday 17th Sept (Reception), Wednesday 18th Sept (Nursery). The meetings start at 9.00am for Year 1, Rec and Nursery AM parents and 3.00pm for Nursery PM parents.



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## Uniform

Thank you to all the parents who have purchased their children's new uniform and redeemed the vouchers for the blazer and tie. We are proud of how smart the children look in their new uniforms. Please do ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform according to their year group. We have highlighted the uniform below:

### Nursery and Reception:



### Years 1 to 6:



A few kind reminders to remember: all children from years 1 to 6 need to wear a collared shirt (not a polo shirt). Polo shirts are to be worn by Nursery and Reception children only please.

Please ensure that children do not wear trainers with their uniform and that they wear black school shoes to school.

P.E kit consists of either the P.E kit from Gogna Schoolwear or a plain, white t-shirt and plain black joggers.

Please can we kindly remind parents to **label all items** of uniform with their child's name. Thank you.



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## Earrings/Jewellery

Please can you ensure your children do not wear jewellery to school, especially neck chains and hooped earrings. There is the possibility that these items can snag on equipment and occasionally on other people and as such are a health hazard. If your child has pierced ears, please ensure they do not wear hooped earrings; they are only allowed to wear studs. If a child comes into school with hooped earrings, we will have to remove them for safe-keeping.

## Nut-free school

Please remember we are a **nut-free school**. Please ensure you do not send in any food products containing nuts. This is necessary to protect our children that have allergies.



## Dates for your diary: 2024-25

Wed 4th Sept:	Start of Autumn term for pupils
Fri 25th Oct:	Break up for Autumn half-term holiday
Mon 28th Oct– Fri 1st Nov:	Autumn half-term holiday
Mon 4th Nov:	Return to school
Fri 20th Dec:	Break up for Christmas holidays
Mon 23rd Dec—Fri 3rd Jan:	Christmas holidays
Mon 6th Jan:	Start of Spring term 2025