

20th October 2023

## Attendance

Class	Attendance for the period 02-10-2023 to 06-10-2023 Target 97%
RA	84.00%
RB	91.33%
1A	92.00%
1H	82.00%
2K	92.00%
2Y	97.30%
3A	96.77%
3K	97.33%
4F	83.87%
4S	96.64%
5A	89.03%
5M	90.00%
6D	94.48%
6P	100.00%
Overall School	<b>91.91%</b>

Our attendance target is  
97%

Please can we remind parents that any leave requests during term-time will be denied. Time taken during school term time may result in fines administered by the Council and may result in court action.

## Reception Class 2024 Applications

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, they will be eligible to start our Reception class in September 2024. **This applies to all our current Nursery pupils.** However, the Reception admission arrangements mean that if your child is in our Nursery you do not automatically get a place for your child in this school next year for the Reception classes. You will need to apply online for a Reception place at the following site by **15 January 2024**:

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

If you require help with filling in your online admission form, we will be holding a series of workshops in school on:

Thurs 9th November at 9.00am, Thurs 16th November at 9.00am and Thursday 23rd November at 3.45pm till 4.15pm

## Secondary School Applications

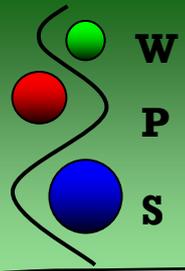
If your child is in Year 6, you will need to make sure you make an application for a secondary school place by 31st October 2023. You can do this by going online at:

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

You only have 10 days left to make your child's secondary school application. We have held a number of workshops for parents to help with the application process. If you missed these workshops and would like any support in accessing and using the online application service, please come and speak to a member of the school office next week.

## Attendance Prize Winners

Congratulations to Imran Waheed in 2Y and Kamila Ahmed in 6D for amazing attendance in September. Both children won a £10 Asda gift voucher. Well done to you both!!



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## **Macmillan coffee morning—fundraising**

On Monday 9th October we held our annual Macmillan coffee morning. Thanks to all of you who bought our sweet and savoury goods. We raised a grand total of £420.35!

All the money raised will be donated to Macmillan Cancer to support those living with cancer. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

## **Library Visits**

This term a number of our year groups have visited Birchfield Library. We are aiming for all our children in Years 1 to Year 6 to drop in to the library and we have a few more visits scheduled for after the half-term holiday. Reading is vitally important and we would like to encourage all our parents to get a library membership for their child. All parents need to do is pop into the library with proof of your name and address (driving licence, utility bill etc) and register your child for a library card. The library card will allow your child to borrow up to 20 books at a time for up to 28 days. This is a great way to get your child into reading and to explore all the wonderful and varied reading books out there!

## **Reading Workshops**

We have held a series of Reading workshops in school for parents of children in Years 1 to 6. To all the parents/carers who attended, we hope you have benefitted from the sessions. If you have any further questions or enquiries on how to support your child at home with reading, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the senior leadership team.

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## Year 3 Visit to stone age workshop

Last week, year 3 went to Sitch Wood in Telford. The children dressed up and created an interactive timeline of the Stone Age. They also explored a range of animal furs and stone age tools. Lastly, the children worked in teams to create their own shelters made from natural resources in the woods. They then tested their shelters to see if they were waterproof. Everyone had a fantastic time!



## Parent Information

We have an 'Empowering Children Course' running every Tuesday from 1.30 to 3.30pm. The course is to help enhance parenting skills. Information will be given to help improve the ability to support children's behaviour, social and life skills and improve the communication between parent and child. If you are interested in attending, please see Mrs Khan in the school office.

Creative arts sessions will start after half-term, starting Tuesday 7th November from 9.15 to 11.15am. Everyone welcome!

The next Shelter housing advice session will take place on Monday 13th November from 10.00am to 12.30pm. Please book an appointment slot with Mrs Khan,

## Dates for your diary: 2023-24

<b>Fri 27th Oct:</b>	Staff training day– school closed to pupils
<b>Mon 30th Oct– Fri 3rd Nov:</b>	Autumn half term holiday
<b>Mon 6th Nov:</b>	Return to school
<b>Fri 22nd Dec:</b>	Break up for Christmas holidays
<b>Mon 25th Dec—Fri 5th Jan:</b>	Christmas holidays
<b>Mon 8th Jan:</b>	Start of Spring term 2024

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## Parent Information

Does your child have regular *meltdowns*?

Are you worried about how they will react if a *routine* changes?

Do they struggle to understand how others are feeling, or to share their own *feelings*?

**Are you wondering whether it could be Autism, Asperger's, ADHD or something similar?**



Join us for an **Autism and More Awareness Morning**  
with Educational Psychologist, **Dr Anita Soni**  
**9-11am, Friday 10 November** in the Community Hub

Get **information**

Ask **questions**

Help create a **parent support group** ('Roadmap')

**Refreshments** will be served

No obligation to join the group

No need to book, just turn up. For more information please contact: **Mas Khan, Parent Support Advisor**

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## Sports

A big welcome to Mr Mills who recently joined us and will be working as our Director of Sports. Mr Mills will be responsible for organising and running all our sports tournaments and clubs before and after school. He will also be responsible for overseeing all the playground activities during break and lunchtimes.

Our Year 5 and 6 boys took part in the Aston Primary Schools Football League this week. We played three matches, winning two and drawing one. Well done to Azaan, Munasar, Ihtisham, Suliman, Umair, Abubakr, Ridwan, Ayan and Abuhuraira. The group performed exceptionally well. They displayed great teamwork, skill, and determination throughout the matches. Their strategic game plans and strong communication on the field allowed them to dominate their opponents. They attacked as a team, defended as a team and won as a team. This resulted in them being top of the table!

Superb contribution by all, well done!!

**St. Patrick and St. Edmund's 0 V 1 Westminster (Azaan)**

**St. Teresa's 0 V 2 Westminster (Azaan, Suliman)**

**Twickenham 1 V 1 Westminster (Suliman)**



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## ELSA STUDY

The  
**ELSA**  
Study



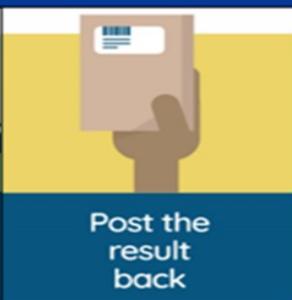
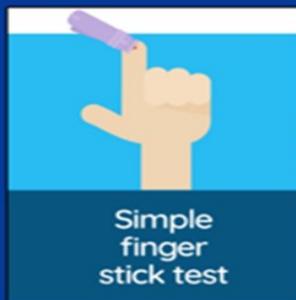
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## Screening children for type 1 diabetes

Find out if your child is at risk of type 1 diabetes  
in the future through The ELSA Study

Open to children aged 3-13 years



### Contact us:

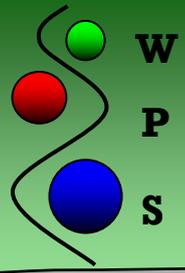
[elsa@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:elsa@contacts.bham.ac.uk)

Phone: 0121 414 7814

<https://elsadiabetes.nhs.uk/>

Scan for info





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### **ELSA study: EarLy Surveillance for Auto-immune diabetes**

The ELSA study is being led by the University of Birmingham, and funded by Diabetes UK and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. We have been asked to help promote the study.

#### **Parent's and Carer's information:**

Researchers at the University of Birmingham are conducting the ELSA study. They have asked to communicate with you because as a parent/carer of a child aged 3-13 years, your child is eligible to take part.

The ELSA study is screening children, aged 3-13 years to find out their risk of getting type 1 diabetes. This is a simple finger stick blood test and your child can have this test done at school, at your GP or at home.

Children at high risk can be monitored and could enter research studies aiming to delay the start of type 1 diabetes. Every family who takes part in the ELSA study is helping the study group to understand more about type 1 diabetes.

There is a parent's information leaflet for this study which you can access online at: [www.elsadiabetes.nhs.uk](http://www.elsadiabetes.nhs.uk) or scan the QR code below.

#### **If you would like to take part, please fill in the eligibility form:**

[https://redcap.link/The\\_ELSA\\_Study](https://redcap.link/The_ELSA_Study) or scan the QR code below, and then the study team will be in touch with you.

You can also contact the study team by email or phone for online or postal consent options. If you decide you are not interested in this study, you do not need to do anything further.

#### **ELSA Study Team:**

Website: [www.elsadiabetes.nhs.uk](http://www.elsadiabetes.nhs.uk) Phone: 0121 414 7814 (9-5pm). Email: [elsa@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:elsa@contacts.bham.ac.uk)

Address: ELSA study team, Ground Floor, Institute of Translational Medicine, Heritage Building, Mindelsohn Way, Birmingham, B15 2TH

Scan to find out more:



Scan to take part in the study:

