



2nd February 2024

## Attendance

Class	Attendance for the period  22-01-2024 to 26-01-2024  Target 97%
RA	91.80%
RB	93.40%
1A	96.70%
1H	97.60%
2K	93.10%
2Y	97.00%
3A	93.90%
3K	97.70%
4F	95.80%
4S	95.50%
5A	93.50%
5B	94.30%
6D	96.90%
6P	97.90%
Overall School	95.36%

**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.

## Measles

You may have seen in the news that there is an outbreak of measles across the country. Currently, the rate of the outbreak is the highest in the West Midlands area. Measles is a very infectious virus, which spreads quickly if people have not had the MMR vaccine. Two doses of MMR are needed for maximum protection. Measles can cause severe illness, especially in certain at-risk groups including babies and small children, pregnant women, and people with weak immunity. Complications could mean hospitalisation, permanent disability, and in rare cases, it can even cause death. If adults or children have not had the immunisation, this can be requested at your GP surgery. **You can request a vaccination that does not contain gelatine.**

### What do I do if a child has suspected measles?

Cold-like symptoms such as runny or blocked nose, sneezing and cough, red/sore watery eyes, high temperature (fever) which may reach around 40 degrees C, a non-itchy red-brown rash usually appears 3-5 days later (sometimes starts around the ears before spreading to rest of the body).

If your child has symptoms of measles which include the red-brown rash, please keep them at home and contact your GP or the agencies listed below.

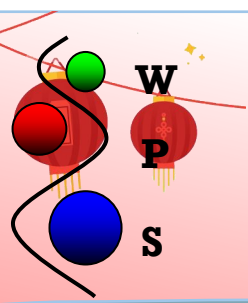
Suspected measles may cause concern. Advice is available on the NHS website, UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) webpages, NHS 111 and from the person's GP. If you suspect measles, please do NOT to go to your GP practice or any other healthcare provider – instead, you should phone for advice and say it could be measles.

If your child is confirmed to have measles, please inform the school immediately.



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## Coffee Morning—Local Councillor Visit

We will be holding a special coffee morning on **Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 9.30am**. At this session we will be joined by Councillor Mahmood Hussain. He will be here to answer questions or concerns that you may have regarding the local area, so please do attend if you have any issues you would like addressed.

## SEND/ Roadmap Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning for the SEND/Roadmap session is taking place on **Friday 9th February** at 9.00am in the community room. All parents of children with SEND are welcome to attend. There will be a creche available on site.

## Lost Property

Currently, we have a large number of lost property items in school. On Monday 5th February 2024, we will be placing all of the items on a table in the key stage 2 playground for you to claim any items that belong to your child. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity the following day.

In order to make tracing of lost items easier, please ensure that you write your child's name on their clothing labels.

## Payments

Please remember that when making any payments to the school office for dinners, trips, milk etc, all money handed in must be placed in a sealed envelope with your child's name clearly written on the front. We have envelopes available at the front desk if you do not have any. Thank you for your assistance with this.



## Chinese New Year

Next weekend sees the start of the Chinese New Year with the dragon symbolising the zodiac chart for the new year. To all of our families celebrating this occasion, we would like to wish you a very happy and prosperous new year!

## Spring half-term

Please note we will be breaking up for the Spring half-term holiday next Friday 9th February. School will be closed week beginning Monday 12th February for a week. Children will return to school on Monday 19th February.

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## Mobile Library

The mobile library visited school on Monday allowing pupils in years 5 and 6 to explore a whole range of comics, picture books and novels. Remember that reading for pleasure is one of the largest indicators of future academic success. If you have some time this half-term, head down to your local library and borrow some books for FREE!

Birchfield Library's opening times are as follows:

- **Tuesday:** 9am to 1pm, and 2pm to 5pm
- **Thursday:** 10am to 1pm, and 2pm to 6pm
- **Saturday:** 9am to 1pm, and 2pm to 5pm



## Dates for your diary: 2023-24

<b>Fri 9th Feb:</b>	Break up for Spring half term holiday
<b>Mon 12th Feb—Fri 16th Feb:</b>	Spring half-term holiday
<b>Mon 19th Feb:</b>	Return to school
<b>Fri 22nd March:</b>	Break up for Easter Holidays
<b>Mon 25th Mar—Fri 5th Apr:</b>	Easter Holidays
<b>Mon 8th April:</b>	Return to school—start of Summer term 2024
<b>Mon 6th May:</b>	Bank holiday—school closed to all

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## Sports News

### Badminton Festival

The children recently attended a badminton festival and had an amazing time as they participated in various activities and learned new skills. They were filled with excitement as some of them picked up a racket and hit the shuttlecock for the first time. They laughed and cheered each other on as they played friendly competitive games, and they were eager to learn from the coaches who were on hand to teach them new techniques and activities. The festival provided a fun and supportive environment for the children to develop their badminton skills, and they left with a sense of accomplishment.



Well done to Musa Hussain, Ruqaya Mohammed, Zayaan Hussain, Noor Fatima Kamran, Ibrahim Bayo and Muhammed Saifullah Rahman.

### Boys football

The boys attended a football competition and had an exciting experience as they triumphed in the qualifying round, earning themselves a spot in the finals on the 8th February. Their hard work and dedication on the field paid off as they played brilliantly, showcasing their skills and teamwork, and making their school proud. One of the teams victories was an outstanding 5-0 win; this will be one to remember! The success was a testament to their talent and determination, and they are now eager for the finals. The boys are filled with anticipation and excitement as they look forward to the upcoming challenge, knowing that they have what it takes to compete at the finals.



Well done to Suliman Ahmad, Safwaan Muhammed, Faiyzaan Muhammed, Azaan Muhammed, Munasar Daahir, Umair Memi and Dawda Camara.



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## Aston's Got Talent

Congratulations to the children who attended the Aston's Got Talent competition; they initially had to audition and compete against 24 other acts from Westminster. Two acts then progressed to the finals at Sutton Town Hall where they performed alongside 12 other schools.

There were some outstanding performers and our acts should be proud of their commitment and performances. Well done to Lei'Maie Richards 5B and Liya Abdullah 5B who finished joint 5th singing a Bruno Mars hit, 'Count on me'. Also well done to Amanah Khan 4F who performed an elegant gymnastics routine to Alicia Keys, 'Girl on fire'. Excellent effort all round!



## Girls Football

Well done to our girls football team who gave it their all in the recent girls football competition. They demonstrated exceptional teamwork and skill, resulting in one game where they achieved a fabulous 6-0 victory with Husna scoring 5 goals and Areeba scoring one. They worked tirelessly on the field, showing great determination and dedication to the game. Despite their impressive win, it was unfortunately not enough to secure their spot in the finals. Despite the disappointment, the girls should be proud of their efforts and the progress they made throughout the competition. Their hard work was truly commendable, and they have undoubtedly gained valuable experience and memories from their time on the field.

Well done to Aasiya Hussain, Aisha Abuklaish, Amaaya Nawaz, Layla Mahmoud, Areeba Aleas, Hibatullah Bint Azhar, Jariyah Chowdhury and Husna Talat.

## Athletics

Well done to the athletics team who put on an outstanding performance, showcasing their talent and dedication on the track and in the field events. Their hard work and commitment paid off as they finished second in the competition against some really competitive teams. This is a remarkable achievement that reflected their exceptional skills and teamwork. The team's impressive results were a testament to their relentless training and determination to succeed. They should be incredibly proud of their accomplishment.



Well done to Abdialrahman Ahmed, Maimuna Haque, Ashraf Ibrahim, Anayah Ali, Raqeeb Zahid, Ianis Tudor, Talha Khan and Noaf Al Shameri.