



Westminster Primary Newsletter

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27th September 2024



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Attendance

Class	Attendance for the period 16-09-2024 to 20-09-2024 Target 97%
RG	96.30%
RS	93.70%
1A	98.70%
1M	94.50%
2F	97.00%
2Y	98.00%
3C	93.40%
3K	99.00%
4M	98.40%
4S	94.80%
5A	99.00%
5B	100.00%
6K	99.30%
6S	96.80%
Overall School	97.06%

Our attendance target
is 97%

A big well done to
classes 1A, 2Y, 3K,
4M, 5A, 5B and 6K for
reaching the target.



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

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.

Uniform labelling

Please can we request that parents/carers label their child's uniform with their child's name. We have new unidentified

blazers that have been handed into the school office but which have not been claimed. If your child has

misplaced their blazer, please come and see a member of the office team.





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Parent Courses and Information

You can still continue to enrol for courses that have started during this 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 (beginners)	Tuesday	24-09-2024	9.30—11.30am
ESOL (All levels)	Tuesday	24-09-2024	1.00—3.00pm
Health & Well-Being/ Crochet	Friday	27-09-2024	9.00– 11.00am

The Westminster SEND Roadmap support session will be held on Friday 4th October at 9.00am. The session is open to all parents who need support with any aspects of SEND.

Shelter will be holding a housing advice surgery on Monday 14th October 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.

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



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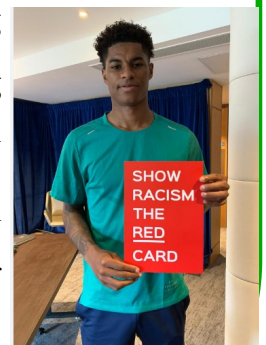
STEM Workshops

On Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th September, our children took part in exciting STEM workshops that gave them the opportunity to engage in a range of fun activities, including programming their own robots! These workshops helped to further ignite their passion for STEM, building on the fantastic opportunities we already offer throughout our curriculum. It was wonderful to see our young learners so enthusiastic, and we look forward to continuing to nurture their curiosity and love for STEM subjects.



Show Racism the Red Card

On Wednesday, our students participated in important workshops led by Show Racism the Red Card, where they learned about the significance of equality, respect, and standing against racism. These sessions were a valuable opportunity for our children to explore how they can contribute to a genuinely caring society, where everyone is supported and protected. We believe that helping our students become global citizens starts with fostering understanding and empathy, and we are committed to nurturing these values in every aspect of their learning. The workshops were a fantastic step in encouraging them to be active, compassionate members of their communities.





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Macmillan Coffee Fundraising

We will be holding a fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support on Monday 30th September 2024.

1 in 2 people will develop some form of cancer during their lifetime. In order to raise funds for Macmillan, we will be selling sweet and savoury items to staff and parents/carers throughout the day in school and also at the end of the day in the school playground. We hope you are able to support us in our endeavour to raise funds for this worthwhile cause!





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Sporting news

Dodgeball

Some of our year 5 children recently entered a dodgeball competition. Each competition we enter targets certain values. For this event the targets were teamwork, teaching children to treat everyone equally, supporting each other and working together to have fun, as well as celebrating each other's successes and being a positive team player.

The team put in fantastic effort and managed to secure a well-deserved 2nd place in the competition.

The children demonstrated excellent teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship throughout the competition. They showed great determination and skill in their dodgeball games, working together to find strategies to beat their opponents.

We would like to congratulate the year 5 children on their outstanding performance in the dodgeball competition. They have represented our school admirably and have shown that they are capable of achieving great things through teamwork, hard work and perseverance.





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Boccia league

The Year 6 children have recently engaged in an exciting boccia league, building on the success of their previous season when they clinched the championship title. The current league season has commenced, and after their initial set of fixtures, the team are in a commendable third place and two points off second place.

With this being their first competitive fixture, the boccia team have done extremely well. They were determined and supportive of each other creating a foundation of a great team.

With continued commitment and teamwork, the team are well-equipped to contend for the top spots in the upcoming matches. The next set of fixtures are 26th November and the team will have opportunities to practise before then.

The intent of this competition is to develop social connections, improve accuracy and develop self-confidence through competition.

Each school games event targets specific values, for this event the value is respect - showing respect for the referee, for the opposition, for your team mates, for yourself and for the game.

Well done to the boccia team.

Khyreece Harris (Captain), Prince Howe, Saman Islam and
Noaf Al Shamari





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P.E Uniform

Thank you for supporting us to ensure that our children look exceptionally smart, including during PE activities.

As the weather becomes colder, children can wear a uniform top, of course one option is the bespoke zip-top available from Gogna schoolwear. As an alternative, children can wear a plain, black jumper. This can be bought at a reasonable price from stores such as Asda and Argos.

Gogna 1/4 zip: <https://www.gogna.me/westminster-primary-sch>

ASDA George - Black jumper: <https://direct.asda.com/george/school/jumpers->

M&S - Black jumper: https://www.marksandspencer.com/unisex-regular-fit-sweatshirt/p/clp604color=BLACK#intid=pid_pg1pip48g4r3c3



We thank you for your continued support in keeping our children looking exceptionally smart and ready for learning.