

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday we met with colleagues from across E-ACT for a day of professional development, collaboration, and inspiration. Our Early Years team, SENDCo and Y5/6 took part in networking events across the country, as well as the INSET day that took place at the academy.

We are very proud of our pupils and the progress they are making. Pupils have been completing the mid year PiXL tests which give us further insight into any areas pupils need to work on, and help to inform our interventions across the school. You will be receiving your child's second report before the end of term.

Reading continues to be a high priority for the school, and we are excited about World book day next week where we can promote the love of reading. Children should be bringing home two books each week. One of these is matched to their phonic/reading ability, and the other is one they are choosing themselves to read for pleasure. We are going to discuss strategies for how we can choose books next week.

We ask that the books are returned each week, and that they are taken care of when they are at home. Please be careful that pages are not ripped or drawn on. Books are very expensive to replace, and we want to make sure we can all enjoy the stories at home.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs M Lathbury-Cox
Executive Headteacher



Safeguarding - Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing national housing crisis, demand for accommodation in the city has never been higher. There are currently over 22,000 households on the Housing Register in Birmingham - this includes nearly 5,000 households who are homeless and living in temporary accommodation.

Homelessness services in Birmingham are available 24/7 over the telephone.

Speak to a housing adviser. You can call on [0121 303 7410](tel:01213037410). Select option 3. Phone lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. Outside office hours. If you are aged 18 or older, and you need support outside office hours or over the weekend, call on [0121 303 2296](tel:01213032296). If you are under the age of 18, call us on [0121 675 4806](tel:01216754806). Advice for people aged over 25 years

Cranstoun - [Cranstoun](https://www.cranstoun.org.uk) offers floating support to people in need. We can help you with the referral process. Please see Miss Patterson Email: birminghamadmin@cranstoun.org.uk / Telephone: 0121 633 1750.

Domestic Abuse Housing Solution and Support Service. This service is a partnership between [Cranstoun](https://www.cranstoun.org.uk) and Birmingham City Council's housing solutions team. The [service](#) provides homelessness support to all victims of domestic abuse. It also provides a separate safe space only for women and their children at risk of homelessness, or being homeless due to domestic abuse. You can access the service by dropping into the hub. You can also make an appointment by calling: 0121 272 8905 or by emailing: BHMHousingSolutions@cranstoun.org.uk

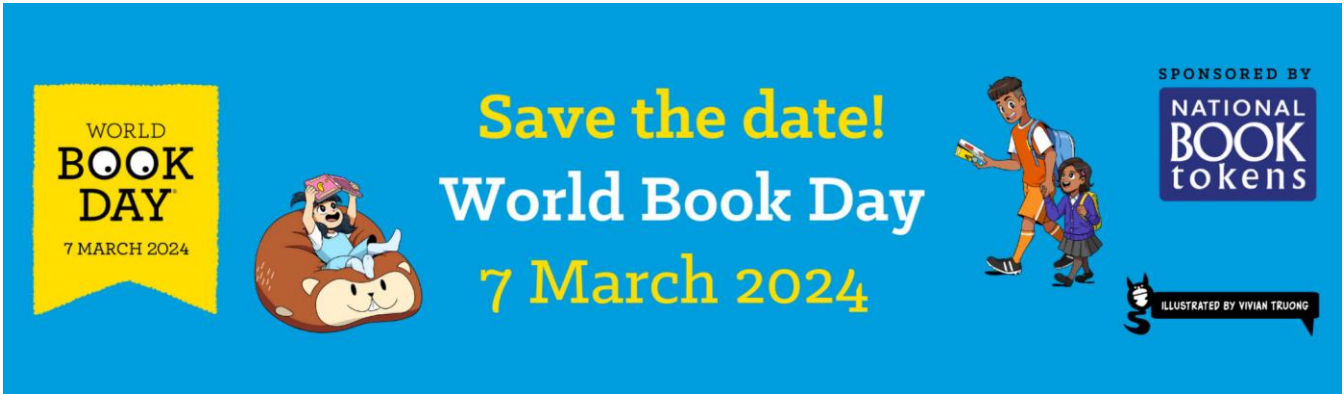
Domestic Abuse Safety and Wellbeing Hub - [The Domestic Abuse Safety and Wellbeing Hub](#) is commissioned by the council's Adult Social Care and Health directorate. The hub provides a holistic approach to supporting women suffering from abuse. It offers a range of prevention and crisis support services. Women can access the service by dropping into the hub. They can also make an appointment by calling: 0808 800 0028.

The Waiting Room - [The Waiting Room](#) provides links to housing and homelessness support services. They are approved by Birmingham Public Health and the NHS for Birmingham and Solihull. Their services can be used by people of all ages across Birmingham.

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March 2024 - 2.15 - 3.15pm

A 'book bistro' is a fun way to help children to choose and explore new books, while giving them strategies that will help them choose. Pupils will be looking at this through the day. Pupils take home one book that is matched to their reading level and they also have a second book they can choose to read for pleasure. You can explore ways to help choose books for your children in this session, as well as how you can help your child read at home.



Thursday 7th March (non-uniform day)

Celebrating favourite characters and books

We want to make sure no child is left out of World Book Day, and understand that families may be under significant financial and time pressures. Pupils are welcome to dress as their favourite character, but we aim to ensure that every child can participate in World Book Day, and can celebrate the stories they love, without an expectation for families to provide a costume.

Mother's Day Coffee Morning

On

Friday 8th March 2024

from

9:00 - 10:00 am

Join us for some activities, cake and coffee!

Please sign in at the main office



SEND Parent Coffee Morning

Does your child have additional needs?

Are you searching for answers to your child's behaviour / needs?

We will be hosting a series of SEND coffee mornings throughout the Summer Term where you will get chance to speak to other parents who have children with additional needs.

In each session we will be looking at some strategies that may be able to support your child and you will be able to share experiences that you have had.

The sessions will take place on the following days;

Monday 22nd April 2024 - 9am - 10am

Monday 29th April 2024 - 9am - 10am

Monday 13th May 2024 - 9am - 10am

Monday 20th May 2024 - 9am - 10am

For any further information please speak to Miss O'Brien (SENDCO)



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Attendance challenge

If you have 35 days 100% attendance your names will be put into a hat and the winner drawn will receive a prize.

The challenge will start on Monday 8th January 2024.



Term dates

Teacher training	Monday 26 th February 2024
Term ends	Friday 22 nd March 2024
Easter holidays	Monday 25 th March to Friday 5 th April 2024
Term starts	Monday 8 th April 2024
Teacher training	Wednesday 10 th April 2024
Half term	Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May 2024
Term ends	Friday 19 th July 2024

We are a Silver UNICEF Rights Respecting School

Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.

The Convention has 54 articles in total. Articles 43–54 are about how adults and governments must work together to make sure all children can enjoy all their rights, including:

ARTICLE 23 (children with a disability) A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families.



Sports Clubs

Monday – Year 3 & Year 4 – Teams Games Club

Tuesday – Year 6 – Multi Sports Club

Wednesday – Year 1 & Year 2 – Multi Skills Club

Thursday – Year 5 – Dodgeball Club

TERMLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

RSP – 95.5%

RNP – 95.5%

1AK – 90.6%

1LS – 91.7%

2PH – 89.6%

2YK – 95%

3SA – 95%

3CW – 96.1%

4SB – 98.7%

4MO – 97.8%

5ES – 84.9%

5JC – 85%

6AL – 88.3%

6TD – 99.2%

Well done to 6TD for achieving 99.2% attendance!



Overall attendance

93.06%



Newsletter

Spring Term 2 Week 2

Week ending

1st March 2024

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