



# NEWSLETTER

## 21st July 2023

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Our new headteacher, Mr Whitehouse, will be starting full time in September and so this will be my final newsletter as Acting Head. It has been a real honour to be in charge of this wonderful school.

It has been great to welcome Mr Whitehouse into school regularly over the last few months. During his visits, he's got to know members of staff across the school and eaten lunch with the children at both sites. He has also attended regular governors' meetings and met and chatted with parents on the playground and at the Summer Fair.

We are very grateful to Christ Church CE Primary, Mr Whitehouse's current school, who have supported what has been a very comprehensive transition period. I am confident that Mr Whitehouse has got to know our school well and will be able to hit the ground running in September and keep the school moving forward. I know that he is very much looking forward to becoming a key part of our school community.

With the summer holidays starting next week, you will find a number of links and QR codes signposting families to activities and events taking place over the course of the next six weeks later on in the newsletter.

The children have worked hard this year and are ready for a good break. The sort of holiday work we would encourage would include lots of reading; the writing of postcards; making sandcastles or mud pies and spending quality time with friends and family. I would be very interested to receive postcards from the children's travels over the holiday period and will share any received in assembly next term.

We look forward to welcoming pupils into their new classes when the year starts afresh on Wednesday 6th September. Some will feel excited, some nervous and some a mixture of the two! It would be useful for families to go through the induction information shared last month beforehand, to remind children of the procedures that they will follow when they start in their new year groups.

Once again, we wish our current year 6 pupils all the best for the future as they move on to the next stage in their education.

Thank you to all our families for their continued support of the school. I hope you all have a great summer and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Best wishes,

Duncan Wilson (Acting Head)

## **'Sail Away in a Story' competition winner!**

*I'm delighted to announce that Rahma, in Year 6, came third in the story-writing competition for National Share a Story Month, run by the Federation of Children's Book Groups!*



*Rahma chose to use this story starter by children's author, Justin Somper:*

*'When I drew back the curtains, the last thing I expected to see in our small back garden was a boat. Or rather, it would be more accurate to say...a ship! What on earth was it doing there? Could it be Dad's latest crazy restoration project- inspired by too many episodes of The Repair Shop? Stepping barefoot across the dewy grass toward the ship, I felt a vague sense of unease. I stood, rooted to the ground in front of it, chills spreading through my body. I heard a voice calling my name. At first, I thought it was Mum, calling me back inside. Then it came again. It wasn't Mum...Or Dad...or any voice that I recognized. Nonetheless, this voice knew my name. And it was coming from inside the newly-arrived ship...'*

*Here is Rahma's continuation of the story:*

*'Cautiously, I took a step inside. No one. Walking slowly across the cold, damp floor, I suddenly found myself standing- or rather, clinging, on to a metal pole because I had just about fallen in a hole that lay gleaming in the darkness. I peered inside. Then what a shock I had! For all I could see was a box. Not any old box, it was a treasure box! With trembling fingers, I opened the rusty lid. What! Nothing inside? I let the disappointment wash over me. I had imagined running up to my parents, crying out that we were rich forever. But nothing inside! I clenched my fists and thought it over. Then I realised, it must have been stolen. And, because this ship had just arrived, I assumed the thief was still inside somewhere.*

*I rushed around, checking every single crack and feeling everything around me. After a while, I gave up. Perhaps I was thinking it all up and it wasn't actually true. But just then I heard the sound of somebody whispering. I followed where the sound had come from, and, soon enough, I came across two men crouching in a corner, their hands and pockets bulging with the weight of coins. I made them drop all of them and put them back in the box. Then, whilst I was pulling the guilty thieves out of the ship, I heard a voice call my name. This time it was my Mum's. I blinked, then opened my eyes. My mum was shaking me saying I had overslept. Then I realized it had all been a strange dream and wasn't really true. But I still wonder what happened next!'*

**Congratulations Rahma!**

**Mrs Sprackling**

## **Change of date for academic year 2023/2024:**

School will be closed on the following dates:

- Monday 4th September 2023 (Staff Training)
- ***Tuesday 5th September 2023 (Staff Training)***
- Monday 8th January 2024 (Staff Training)
- Thursday 2nd May 2024 (Staff Training)
- Monday 6th May 2024 Bank Holiday
- Monday 22nd July 2024 (Staff Training)

***We have moved the training day that was scheduled for 27th October to 5th September.***

### School and National Comparisons

This information allows you to compare your child's performance at the end of key stage 1 with the attainment of other year 2 pupils in our school this year, and across England in 2022.

	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard	
Subject	School (2023)	Nationally (2022*)
Reading	74%	67%
Writing	60%	58%
Maths	69%	68%
Science	81%	77%

### School and National Comparisons

This information allows you to compare your child's performance at the end of key stage 2 with the attainment of other year 6 pupils in our school and across England.

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard		Average scaled score	
	School	Nationally <sup>1</sup>	School <sup>2</sup>	Nationally <sup>3</sup>
Reading	84%	73%	108	105
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	84%	72%	109	105
Maths	77%	73%	105	104
Writing	69%	71%	N/A	N/A
Science	92%	80%	N/A	N/A



## Achievement Assembly Certificate Winners - w/e 14/07/2023

These are the children who have received certificates for good work or setting a good example to others. Well done to them all!



RLB	Bethany Gasinu	Elias Ali	
RGT	Yashika Bir	Matthew Mahony	
ROC	Asiya Wickson	Ander Tringham	
RKD	Nellie Bowpitt	Rohan Jeers	
1M	Whole class		
1G	Samuel Wrigley	Gabriel Zvesper	
1OQ	Sam Blyth	Penelope Pinaud– Holmes	
1L	Harry Crisp	Phoebe Cull	
2O	Anais Boulaouche	Reggie Sutherland	
2B	Halimah Safeer	Keiyan Zolfagharinia	
2S	Sophia Shahid	Marcus Ma	
2P	Onat Guven	Thomas Simoni	
3MB	Nalin Cakmak	Daniel Yeomans	
3B	King Abifade	Pollyanna Norton	
3PR	Sareeb Khames		
3S	Simran Rai	Hamza Eldessouki	
4GV	Samira Barakat	Hattie Hallmark	
4B	Nethra Balagi	Tsz-yu Ho	
4L	Zach Butler		
4W	Ankar Lee		
5BC	Eira Gasper Jones	Samantha Leung	Grace Lee
	Nishaan Singh	Amina Junaid	
5C	Myla Boomer		
5E	Duta Lawson	Kuade Walker	
6D	Whole class		
6J	Whole class		
6KP	Whole class		





## Dates in the Diary

Tues 25th July	Last day of term—break up for Summer Holidays
Wed 6th Sept	School re-opens
Mon 18th Sept	Y5 Harry Potter Day
Wed 20th Sept	Y1 Shape Day
Tue 26th Sept	Y3 Roald Dahl Day (Both Sites)
Thurs 28th Sept	Reception Reading Meeting
Fri 29th Sep	Harvest Festival Assembly
Tues 10th Oct	Parents Evening
Wed 11th Oct	Y1 Autumn Walk
Thurs 12th Oct	Parents Evening
Thurs 26th Oct	Y3 Pre History Day
Thurs 26th Oct	Flu Immunisations
Fri 27th Oct	Last day of school
Mon 30th– 3rd Nov	Half term holiday
Mon 6th Nov	School re-opens for all children
Thurs 9th Nov	AIM High Writers' Day
Mon 13th Nov	Y4 Greek Day
Thurs 16th Nov	Y5 Cadbury World
Thurs 23rd Nov	Alice in Wonderland Day
Fri 24th Nov`	Friends Film Club



**Birmingham**  
City Council

For children without an Education Health and Care Plan

Our ref: AA/CP/Jul23

July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**Apply online for your child's secondary school place – September 2024**

Your child is due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2024. Local authorities co-ordinate secondary transfer admissions for all maintained (non-fee paying) schools. This means parent/carers should apply to the local authority in which they live (the council to which they pay council tax).

If you live in Birmingham you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) between 1 September and 31 October 2023. It is important that you submit your application by 31 October 2023. **Applications received after the national closing date of 31 October 2023 will be treated as late applications.** Late applicants are less likely to be offered a place at one of their preferred schools, as these applications will be processed after 1 March 2024, in accordance with Birmingham's coordinated admissions scheme.

We know this is an important time for you and your child, and we encourage you to find out as much as you can about local schools and how the admissions process works before you make your application, as a lack of awareness of the correct procedures may affect the outcome of your application.

**Information about the application process will be available on the council's website, [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) from 1 September 2023.**

The website includes information on types of schools, how to apply online, how places are offered, details of the individual schools and their admissions arrangements, and what to do if you are not offered one of your preferred schools. If you do not have a device that can access the internet, your child's primary school may be able to help you. You may also be able to access a computer via a friend or relative.

We strongly advise you visit the websites of your preferred schools for further information about the school and details of any open days or evenings. You should also carefully consider how likely you are to be offered a place at one of your preferred schools, and find out more about the order in which places are offered (oversubscription criteria) by reading the information on the schools you are interested in. Please note that before completing your online application you **must** confirm that you have read the admissions arrangements.

If you are applying for any school under the distance category, make sure you check the last distance an applicant was offered from over the past three years (where applicable). While this **is no guarantee** that your application will be successful for September 2024, it will give an indication of whether you should consider including the school as one of your preferences.

We advise you to use all six preferences to maximise your chances of getting a place at one of the schools you prefer.

You can amend your school preferences on the online admissions form as many times as you like until the closing date of 31 October 2023. Please remember that, if you do make amendments to your original online admissions form, you **must re-submit** your application for the latest changes to take effect by selecting **submit** again. **If you do not re-submit your application after going back in to make changes, your previously submitted application will remain, and your new one**

Your application will be processed using the address currently held by your child's primary/junior school. Please note, if the address on your application differs from the address held on our database, you will be asked to send us proof of your address in the form of your most recent council tax bill for 2023/2024. **If you do not provide adequate proof of address by the closing date of 31 October 2023, your child's application will not be processed.** For further information, please visit the "Proof of Address" section in the School Admissions webpages: [Proof of address: transfer to year 7 and start of school in reception year | Proof of home address for school admissions | Birmingham City Council](#)

You will receive an email confirming which school your child has been offered by the end of the day on 1 March 2024.

If you have any questions about your child transferring to secondary school, in the first instance please visit our website: [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) where you will find all the relevant information to support you through this process.

Yours sincerely,



Alan Michell

Head of Service  
Schools Admissions, Attendance, Exclusions and Pupil Tracking  
Children and Families Directorate  
Birmingham City Council

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**See details of Birmingham libraries Summer Reading  
Challenge below!**





## FRIENDS OF HARBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### The Friends Needs You!

**Thank you to everyone who has donated to, supported, promoted, planned, or run an event this year! It really makes a difference, helping us to fund purchases and projects that benefit every child at Harborne Primary School.**

We can't do anything without volunteers. Some people come to every meeting; some don't. Some people organise an event; some help with a stall. Some people spread the word, some help with snacks, moving tombola prizes, or posting for us on social media. Every contribution helps raise money.

If you're thinking about helping next year, don't hesitate. It doesn't matter whether you can offer a little time or a lot. It's all appreciated.

If you could help by writing these newsletters and managing the Friends' social media, please get in touch. Why not come to the first Friends meeting on Monday September 11th to learn more. Alternatively, you can email [friendssecretary1@gmail.com](mailto:friendssecretary1@gmail.com).



### How you can keep fundraising over the summer

**easyfundraising makes a difference. If you use it when you shop online, we get a donation from the money you spend all year round.**

It's one of the easiest ways to raise money, and over 7,500 brands are included in the scheme, including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, and M&S. It doesn't cost you anything and is quick and easy. Why not ask family and friends to sign up too?

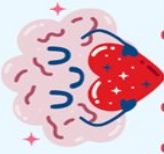
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/harborneprimary/>

### Dates for your diary

Monday September 11th:







# School's Out Take an emotional health check

Head into the summer with a better understanding of your **child's brain development** and their **emotional wellbeing** as you support them into their next new phase.

## FACT

Our brains develop most rapidly in childhood shaping our emotional health and wellbeing for the rest of our lives.

## HERE FOR YOU

Online courses developed by clinical psychologists can help you to **understand your child, read their behaviour and help them look after their emotional health.**



inourplace.co.uk

Understanding your child online course has been paid for by **Birmingham Children's Partnership**, so you can access it **completely free** using the code **COMMUNITY**

Short courses on **Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your child or teenager** also included.

## Notification of tree works



Birmingham City Council has arranged for work to be carried out on the trees in your street.

Location:	Court Oak Road, Harborne Closed Between Grosvenor Road and Wood Lane, working opposite 119
Date:	Starting 23/07/2023
Duration:	Approx. 1 day between 10.00 and 15.00
Traffic Management:	Road closure with car removals

We are issuing you this notice as access to your property may be restricted at times. We must ask that vehicles are not parked anywhere near the work locations on this road on the dates shown above.

Vehicles obstructing our works may be relocated to an adjacent street by Mansfield Recovery, with no charge. Please contact Mansfield direct on **0870 6003444** if your vehicle has been removed. We understand that vehicle access may be essential for some medical / personal reasons. If you need to get a vehicle to your property during these works please ask our personnel on site or call **0121 303 6644, option 4** Customer Service. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please visit:

[www.birmingham.gov.uk/roadworks](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/roadworks) or call our Customer Service team on **0121 303 6644**.

Date issued: 06/07/2023



## 1 CREATE YOUR OWN CALM

## 2 WORD SEARCH

CELLO  
GUITAR  
VIOLIN  
VIOLA  
BANJO  
UKULELE  
HARP  
PIANO  
CROTCHET  
QUAVER  
STRINGS  
BRIDGE

## 3 WORD SCRAMBLE

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I	I	O	V	N	L				
A	V	O	I	L					
O	L	L	C	E					



## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?



## WHAT WE DO

### Holiday Camps

Running throughout the school holidays, a typical day includes a morning of music-making on either Guitar, Violin or Ukulele followed by an afternoon of workshops including sports, music, drama, dance and art.

Each Holiday Camp ends with a grand concert – so your child and their new friends can proudly show you what they've learnt!

### Free Discovery Sessions

Our Discovery Sessions are the perfect way to ignite your child's love of music, inspiring them from the offset.

Sign up to our newsletter for upcoming events and we'll email over a free downloadable Ukulele book!

### Afterschool Clubs

Inspiring pupils right up until pick up time, our school programmes are led by our top string teachers, are progressive and not to mention – lots of fun!

Nominate your child's school on our website today.



The Strings Club has inspired thousands of children aged 4-11

Multi award-winning, Ofsted-registered music programmes

## WAYS TO SAVE

At The Strings Club we aim to make the love of music accessible to children of all abilities and backgrounds. That's why we're proud to offer plenty of ways to save money with us.

**Sibling Discount**  
We know childcare can be pricey especially with more than one child so we offer 10% discount

**Tax Free & Childcare Vouchers**  
We are proud to be registered with all childcare vouchers and tax free childcare

**Free Instrument Hire**  
We offer free instrument hire at our Holiday Camps. This includes: Violin, Guitar or Ukulele

**"Recommend to a Friend" Offer**  
Recommend a friend and you'll both receive 10% off your next booking with us

**Flexible days and hours to suit**  
Choose to join us for one day to the whole experience. From standard hours to wrap around care, you can even choose the hours to suit you too

## WHY CHOOSE THE STRINGS CLUB?

We bring together the very best in childcare and music education to engage and inspire your child



### Spark a lifelong love of music

We know the huge part music plays in our lives. That's why each of our programmes are created to introduce music in a fun-filled, rewarding way

### Multi skills development

Music has a powerful impact on a child's development from creativity, problem solving, time management to language development and maths



### Surprising health benefits

Playing an instrument has so many benefits from wellbeing and mental health, immune response, posture, stress release to confidence and focus

### GET IN TOUCH

We'd love to hear from you!

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0121 296 9204

or connect via social



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Children worldwide

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Of parents would recommend us



# PREMIER EDUCATION SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP



## HARBORNE ACADEMY SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP!

Premier Education are pleased to announce that we will be running a Multi-Activity Holiday Camp at Harborne Academy this summer. Children will need a packed lunch, a water bottle and appropriate clothing for plenty of FUN activities!

### PARENT FUNDED (MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CAMP)

VENUE	DATE	AGE	TIME	DAILY PRICE
Harborne Academy, Harborne Road, B15 3JL	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> July – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	4 -12 years old*	9am – 4pm	£18.83 per day (30% Discount)

\*4-year-old children are welcome and can attend our camps between 9am – 1pm (£10.77 per day)

Scan the QR code or visit the link to book: <https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/831406>



### FREE CAMP (MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY AND FOOD CAMP)

Only children eligible for free school meals (FSM) can book onto the free camp; proof of FSM eligibility will be required. Lunch is provided, and children will need a water bottle and snacks.

VENUE	DATE	AGE	TIME	DAILY PRICE
Harborne Academy, Harborne Road, B15 3JL	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> August – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	4 -12 years old	12pm – 4pm	FREE

Scan the QR code or visit the link to book: <https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/835007>



## **Bring it on Brum! holiday clubs**

These clubs are designed for children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Schools will issue a Bring it on Brum! code to each eligible child. Your family residents will be asked to confirm this code when they register. They need to contact their child's school if they have not received the code.

Bookings for the summer holiday clubs can be made from the 2<sup>nd</sup> July and there is an activity to complete on the website. You need to contact the company directly with any enquires.

There are additional free childcare and play related resources on the website which parents can use to entertain their children during the summer holiday period.

## **Summer Reading Challenge 2023**

**<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>**

The aim of the challenge is to encourage children to read a number of books during the summer holiday period. They can either register online, or visit their local Birmingham lib to find out more about the activity and to register.

### **GADGETEERS**



Image from Microsoft 365 2022



- Go to your library this summer to join the Challenge – IT'S FREE!
- Sign up to receive your special Gadgeteers collector poster
- Choose books to read over the holidays
- Collect stickers for each book you read
- Add the stickers to your poster to complete the Challenge and become a Gadgeteer!
- You'll receive a Core Pack --->



**SUMMER  
READING  
CHALLENGE**

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things to do

before you're

five

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Tick-off **50 fantastic things** for you and your child to experience together.

**50 Things To Do Before You're Five** gives you 50 activities that parents and carers can support their children to try out and repeat.

Download the app for free and dive straight in!

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Scan this QR code to see the Food Justice Network Map

The map will show you details of free food support and food based activities nearby to you.

Or you can type this into your browser to open the Food Justice Network Map on a webpage:  
<https://tinyurl.com/foodjusticemap>

Each location shown on the FJN Map is an independent provider, requirements and access information may differ for each location. Please contact the location directly with any queries

Find FREE activities at: [www.theaws.co.uk/our-activities](http://www.theaws.co.uk/our-activities)

Search 'The Active Wellbeing Society' on social media

To add/edit your food provision on the map, or for further information, please contact: [foodjusticenetwork@theaws.org](mailto:foodjusticenetwork@theaws.org)

food justice network.

The Active Wellbeing Society



**BIRMINGHAM FESTIVAL 23** is a free 10-day Festival taking over Centenary Square with live music and performance, creative and participatory activities, and big-screen content to conjure the shared experiences, magic and memories of the summer of '22.

## **BIRMINGHAM FESTIVAL 23**

### **THE OFFICIAL FESTIVAL OF THE BIRMINGHAM 2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES - ORGANISED BY BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

Across 10 days and 9 evenings, from 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023 to 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023, 6th August, **Birmingham Festival 23** will welcome 190,000 audiences, artists, local communities and volunteers, who reflect the diversity of the city, coming together to watch, listen, relax, dance and play.

*For further information regarding the festival's timetable of activities, etc, please scan the QR code.*



***Scan the QR codes to find further suggestions for family days out over the Summer holidays***

