



St. Benedict's Primary School

Newsletter 12/05/23



Every child should have the right and means to fulfil their dreams.

Messages from Mrs Nott

A massive congratulations to Year 6 for handling their SATs tests so well this week. It has been an intense week, but we have all been incredibly proud of how hard they have worked.

Would you like to be a PARENT GOVERNOR?

We have a vacancy for a parent governor to work as part of our governing board. This is a vital role in making a real difference to our school. If you are interested, speak to Mrs. Nott or pick up a letter from the office.

Diary Dates

17th May	<u>Year 4</u> Family Maths Workshop
18th May	<u>Year 6</u> Trip to Safari Park
18th May	Parent 'Drop-in' with Mrs Nott
24th May	Inclusion Hub trip to Black Country Museum
24th May	<u>Year 4</u> Performance Assembly 8:50am
29th May	Half Term Holiday
5th June	INSET day – school closed
6th June	Pupils return 8:45am
6th June	Year 6 Police Workshop (drugs)
7th June	Year 3 and Hub Maths Family Workshop
8/9th June	Esafety workshops
12th June	KS1 Phonics Screening Check
12th June	Attendance Week
12th June	Police Parents Workshop (local crime)
13 th June	* <u>New Reception</u> Parents Induction Meeting 8:50am

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance is **93.5%**



Thinking of taking your child out of school in term time?

The law states that Head Teachers can only authorise an absence in very 'exceptional circumstances.

Holidays are never authorised.

How do I make a request for leave of absence in term time?

1. Complete a leave of absence request form, which you can obtain from the office.
2. The completed form must be returned to school for approval.
3. Mrs. Nott will then write to you to authorise/decline the request.

What will happen if my request is refused but I still take the leave of absence?

Birmingham Educational Authority will issue a penalty notice to you for an unauthorised leave of absence.

A penalty notice of £60 (per parent, per child) will be issued.

If this is not paid within 21 days the penalty payment rises to £120 (per parent, per child) which must be paid within 28 days.

If the notice has not been paid in full by 28 days of receipt, the council will proceed to court.

It is important that you do not take your child out of the country without informing school. Absences of this nature result in a safeguarding 'Child Missing in Education' investigation.

Rights Respecting School



Right of the Week

Article 6 (life, survival and development)

Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full



This week, children will explore whether adults should be involved in deciding which books children read.

A particular focus is placed on the recent changes to Roald Dahl's texts, as well as the increase in book banning in certain places.

The question for discussion is 'Should adults choose which books you read?'



Curriculum

The Inclusion Hub were very excited to open school's new Sensory Room last week.

The Sensory Room can be found in the Inclusion Hub and will provide a calming and soothing space for children to relax and enjoy time alone or in small groups. Inside there is a fibre optic curtain, an infinity mirror, sensory suits, sensory toys, a music pod and large 2 beanbags, and much more.

We hope that children across school will come to visit it.



Year 5 welcomed parents to our Maths workshop. We used rulers to create angles before learning how to use protractors to accurately measure them.



We Read Challenge

The 'We Read challenge' is aimed at encouraging more of our children to read at home and develop their love of reading. Please sign your child's bookmark each day if they have read at home and return the bookmark the following Monday.

This week's winners are:

Year Group	Name
Reception, Year 1	Mariam, R1
Year 2 and IH	Nuhad, 2P
Year 3, Year 4	Mohamed Ali, 4N
Year 5, Year 6	Logan, 5H



Here are last week's and this week's winners from Reception and KS1.