

31st March 2023

Year 4 Mother's Day Service

Year 4 celebrated Mother's Day by walking up to St John's Church and delivering a heartfelt and passionate assembly about why Mums are simply the best! Mothers, grandmothers and carers attended the church to hear our Walmley children sing 'Supermum' and 'Thank You for Loving Me'. Also, to mention how special these women are in our lives. Our service ended with children presenting their Mums with a card and gift as well as sharing refreshments together. Well done to Y4 and all of the Y4 team!



Year 4 Coventry Trip

We really enjoyed our trip to Coventry and visited the old and new cathedrals as well as the Herbert Museum and Art Gallery. We learned a lot from our guide whilst walking around and discussed conflict, peace and reconciliation. After exploring the artefacts in the museum, we were lucky enough to see Dippy the Dinosaur! We spent some time sketching before making our way back to school. The children's behaviour was excellent and they thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

Year 3 Woodlands Adventure

Year 3 had a fantastic day out at Woodlands Adventure last Friday. It was the first time the whole year group went on the same day and it was lovely to experience it altogether. Lots of children tried archery, team building, canoeing and even the zip line over the lake. We certainly saw some competitiveness coming out during canoeing with races and different activities on the water! Most of us stayed clean and dry and there is no doubt the children will have slept well once they got home!

Year 5 Roman Showcase

Year 5 would like to thank all the adults that accompanied their children to the Year 5 Showcase. We hope you enjoyed looking at all of the children's fantastic work that they have done in school and at home. We appreciate all of the time and effort that children put in, with the help of people at home, and it was a wonderful celebration of Year 5's History topic of the Romans. If you were unable to attend the Roman Showcase, please enjoy the clip below with the best bits!

 [Year 5 Roman Showcase.MOV](#)

Thank you!

Girls' Football Team

The Girls' Football team kicked off their season with an emphatic 9-2 win away at the Deanery! The girls played really well as a team and displayed some wonderful skills. Isabelle, Sienna and Elsa all scored their hat-tricks. Well done, girls.

Cross Country

On Tuesday 28th March, a selection of our Year 5 and 6 children represented the school at the third Cross Country race. All of our children showed great perseverance and determination and to top it off, one of our children finished in the top 3! We are extremely proud of all that represented our school.

Request from Earlybirds

We would welcome DVDs with Universally rated children's films or programmes which are relatively recent.

Red Nose Day

The whole school raised £598 for the Red Nose event with a non-uniform day!



School Timings – reminder

Children should arrive anytime between **8.40am – 9.00am**.

They will finish the day as follows: Years 3 & 4 – **3.25pm** Years 5 & 6 – **3.30pm**

School Information - Letters

For enquires about school information such as trips, clubs, charity events, parent's evenings, please use the school website which has copies of all of the letters sent out to parents. You can use the link <https://walmley-jun.bham.sch.uk/news-calendar/letters/>

Attendance

A reminder to all parents that if your child is absent from school, you must inform the school office by telephoning to explain why your child is off that day, giving key details including symptoms of illness if they are unwell, by 9.30 am on the first day of the absence. Please help your child to build their resilience and work ethic by sending them to school if they only have a mild cough/cold.

School Uniform

Clive Mark Schoolwear are supporting
The Schoolwear Association to
abolish VAT on all school uniform.



Please help us by signing the
petition here...

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/614214>



Earlybirds Bookings

A reminder if you need to make an emergency booking, it must be made before 12 o'clock on that day. In addition, if you cancel an Earlybirds session after 12 o'clock, you will have to collect your child from Earlybirds as they may have already been taken there by a member of the Earlybirds team.

Clubs Summer 1

A reminder for parents that After School Clubs will start the first week back after the Easter Holiday and run for 6 weeks. Year 3 /4 Football will run for 4 weeks.

Cake Sale – For the whole Summer Term – 13 Weeks

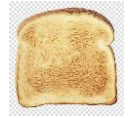
The kitchen will be selling homemade chocolate sponge cake on a Friday morning break priced at **60p per week**. This will start on Friday 21st April. Payment should be paid in advance using Scopay online payment. Cake can be found in 'Products' then 'Cake Friday'. We are asking for payment to be made in advance for the Summer Term only, which will ensure your child receives cake on a Friday. **Please do not overpay!**



For the whole of the Summer Term it will be £7.80. Payment should be made no later than **Sunday 16th April 2023**. **If your child missed cake on Friday 10th March due to school being closed due to snow the please pay £7.20 only. If your child is going to France please also pay 60p less in total.** **Once the deadline date has passed there will be no opportunity to order, so please do not contact the school office to ask.** As we are sure you can appreciate, Mrs Bean has to ensure she has the necessary ingredients, which is why we have a deadline.

Toast Sale- For the whole Summer Term – 13 weeks

The kitchen will be selling toast at break time priced at 40p per slice (2 halves) – max 1 slice per child.



Monday – Year 3

Tuesday – Year 4

Wednesday – Year 5

Thursday – Year 6

Toast sales will start w/c Monday 17th April. Payment should be paid in advance using Scopay online payment. Toast can be found under 'Products' then 'toast'. We are asking for payment to be made in advance for the Summer Term only, this will ensure your child receives toast on their nominated day. **For the whole of Summer term the cost will be £5.20. For pupils going on the France trip the cost will be £4.80.** Payment should be made no later than **Sunday 16th April 2023. Once the deadline date has passed, there will be no opportunity to order, so please do not contact the school office to ask.** As we are sure you can appreciate Mrs Bean has to ensure she has the necessary supplies which is why we have a deadline.

Week commencing 1st May Y3 children will have toast on Tuesday 2nd May, and week commencing 8th May Y3 children will have toast on Tuesday 9th May due to school being closed on Bank Holiday Mondays. Week commencing 5th June Y3 children will have toast on Tuesday 6th June due to school being closed on the INSET day. Week commencing Monday 22nd May Year 4 pupils who are on the Balaji Temple Trip will have toast on Wednesday 24th May.

Hotdog Lunch - Wednesday 26th April

We would like to give the children who normally have sandwiches the opportunity to have a lunch on Wednesday 26th April. If you would like your child to have a lunch, the cost is £2.60. **Payment for Hot dog lunches should be made using Scopay online payment system.** Hot dog lunch can be found in 'Products' then 'Hot dog lunch'. We are asking for payment to be made in advance; this will ensure your child receives a lunch on that day. Payment should be made no later than **Sunday 16th April. Please only pay £2.60 for the March Hotdog lunch and refrain from making overpayments as it causes issues on our payment system. *If your child normally has a lunch on a Wednesday, you do not need to pay***

Payments to school

Can we please remind parents that we are a cashless school, and all payments should be made using our online payments system <https://www.scopay.com/walmley-jun> We do not hold any cash in school and therefore cannot refund any payments made in cash that subsequently need to be returned. **Please note that any cash payments made, that need to be returned will sit on your child's account for you to use for a future trip/event.**

Dinner Money

Dinner money is £13.00 per week (i.e. £2.60 per meal). If you prefer to pay for the half-term in advance, it will be **£161.20** for Monday 17th April to Friday 21st July. Please ensure that payments are made promptly using our online system. Outstanding dinner money invoices are sent by email and we wish to remind you that dinner money **should always be paid in advance not arrears. Please remember if your child has a meal every day and is going to France to pay £13 less across the Summer Term.** We hope that your child will have school dinners, but please remember to give the school office one week's notice in writing of any changes to your child's lunch arrangements. The Summer Term will start on Week 1 of the menus.

Free School Meals

Changes have been made as to how we collect information for Free School Meals. You no longer have to come into school to complete paperwork and bring in evidence as it is all done by simply registering online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>. You only ever need to register once and school will automatically be updated of eligibility or any changes of eligibility; this information is data protected as per the terms shown.

Lost Pencil Case

A few weeks ago, before half-term, Harry's pencil case went missing from Y4.6. We have asked the year group but it hasn't reappeared. We are now wondering whether it may have travelled further afield. It was a gift from a family member and his parents are keen to see it returned. It has his name printed on it several times - inside and outside. It's a large pencil case with a pocket at the front and a handle. It's multi-coloured (mainly pink, purple, blue and yellow) and makes a triangle shape. It has all of his equipment in it - pens, rubbers, crayons, ruler etc. Has anyone seen this, please? Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

Summer Term 2023

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| 17 th April | School Open |
| 26 th April | Y5/6 parent meeting for Relationship and Sex Education |
| 28 th April | NSPCC Online Safety Workshop |
| 1 st May | Bank Holiday |
| 8 th May | Bank Holiday (King's Coronation) |
| 9 th -12 th May | SATs – Year 6 |
| 22 nd May | Year 4 Balaji Temple Visit |
| 23 rd May | Year 4 Balaji Temple Visit |
| 26 th May | Break up for Half Term |
| 5 th June | Teacher Training Day |
| 6 th June | School Open |
| 8 th June | Year 6 Mosque Visit |
| 16 th June | Father's Day service (in school) – Year 4 |
| 19 th -23 rd June | France Trip – Year 6 |
| 27 th June | Sports Day Juniors |
| 21 st July | Break up for Summer Holidays |
| 24 th July | Teacher Training Day |
| 25 th July | Teacher Training Day |

Autumn Term 2023

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| 4 th September | Teacher Training Day |
| 5 th September | School Open |
| 27 th October | Break up for Half Term |
| 6 th November | School Open |
| 21 st December | Break up for Christmas |
| 22 nd December | Teacher Training Day |

Spring Term 2024

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| 8 th January | School Open |
| 9 th February | Break up |
| 19 th February | School Open |
| 21 st March | Break up for Easter |
| 22 nd March | Teacher Training |

Summer Term 2024

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| 8 th April | School Open |
| 24 th May | Break up for Half Term |
| 3 rd June | Teacher Training Day |
| 4 th June | School Open |
| 19 th July | Break up for Summer |
| 22 nd July | Teacher Training Day |