

15th March 2024

Year 4 Mother's Day Celebration

Year 4 celebrated Mother's Day by delivering a heartfelt and passionate assembly about why Mums are simply the best! The children did a fantastic job of singing 'Supermum' and an emotional rendition of 'Mama' by the Spice Girls. Mothers, grandmothers and carers were then invited to participate in a range of fun activities with their child in the hall. These included decorating biscuits, making paper flowers and playing board games. At the end of the day, every child took home a portrait they had created of their mum and a beautiful hand-made card. The event was truly enjoyed by all. Well done to Y4 and all of the Y4 team!



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 were amazed at the time and effort children (and their helpers!) had put in to their projects. The standard of the work was outstanding – particularly some of the PowerPoint presentations and shields. The children have thoroughly enjoyed doing this topic.

Year 5 Gurudwara Trip

Year 5 visited the Gurudwara on Soho Road, Handsworth on the 27th and 29th February. The trip allowed the children to put what they have learnt in RE into context, experiencing how the Sikh faith worship and serve their communities through 'selfless service'. The children enjoyed the trip and have taken away lots of new knowledge to include within their learning!

World Book Week

What a week! We had such an exciting week celebrating books and our love for reading in school with a variety of different activities, from a 'Where's Wally?' hunt, to paired reading, to teacher swaps and finally, dressing up as our favourite book characters. Mr. Ware also launched this term's reading competition, which is based on our Book Week book, 'How To Live Forever' by Colin Thompson. The deadline for all competition entries is Wednesday 10th April 2024. It was a fantastic week, which was enjoyed by all staff and children.

The West End in Schools

As part of Book Week, Walmley Junior School were visited by The West End in Schools drama company. This was a fantastic opportunity where all classes took part in a drama workshop delivered by professional actors in school. Year 3 and 4 enjoyed exploring the story, Jack and The Beanstalk, whilst Year 5 and 6 delved deeper into the book 'Matilda'. The children had a great time and hopefully in the future, we will have some of our very own stars performing on stage in the West End. Thank you to the PFA as this event was funded by the monies raised £1,058

Netball Match VS Little Sutton Primary

On Thursday 29th February, our Year 5/6 Girls' Football Team competed in their first league game of the season against Little Sutton. The game ended 3-1 to Little Sutton, but for eight out of the eleven girls, it was their first ever match and they did the school proud. The girls played with determination and passion, whilst showing great teamwork. Our next league game is away at Hill West Primary School.

Football Match VS New Oscott Primary

The Year 6 Boys' Football Team recorded an impressive victory over New Oscott earlier in March. Two fine goals in the first half were enough to claim the 3 points. The team had to defend well as a team, in the second half, to seal the win and they well look forward to their remaining fixtures. Please keep your eyes peeled for dates!

School Timings – reminder

Children should arrive anytime between **8.40am – 8.55am.**

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

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 by sending them to school if they only have a mild cough/cold. If your child is late in the morning and the gate is closed, please bring them to the office to register their arrival. If they walk or ride by themselves, please phone school to advise the reason why.

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. Please also note that if you wish your child to have breakfast, your child must be in before 8.15 am as breakfast finishes at 8.20 am. Earlybirds are currently in need of different games appropriate for ages 7 to 11, if you have anything suitable to donate, please hand in at either the school office or Earlybirds.

Clubs Summer 1

A reminder for parents that After School Clubs will start the first week back after Easter and run for 7 weeks.

Cake Sale – For the whole Summer Term – 14 Weeks

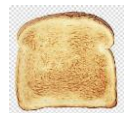
The kitchen will be selling homemade chocolate sponge cake on a Friday morning break priced at **60p per week**. This will start on Friday 12th April. Payment should be paid in advance using Scopay online payment. Cake can be found in 'Products' then 'Cake Friday'. We are asking for payment to be made 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 £8.40. If your child is on the Year 3 Woodlands Trip please pay £7.80. If your child is on the Year 6 London Trip please pay £7.80. Payment should be made no later than **Sunday 7th April 2024.** **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 – 14 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 8th 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 £5.60. If your child is on the Year 6 London Trip or Year 4 Coventry Trip please pay £5.20. Year 3 pupils can pay £4.80 due to the INSET day on Monday 3rd June and the May Bank Holiday on Monday 6th May.** Payment should be made no later than **Sunday 7th 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.

Hotdog Lunch – Wednesday 24th April

We would like to give the children who normally have sandwiches the opportunity to have a lunch on Wednesday 24th 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 **Wednesday 10th April. Please only pay £2.60 for the April 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 **£91.00** for Monday 8th April to Friday 24th May. 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.** 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.

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.

Dates for the Diary

20 th March	Parents' Evening 1
21 st March	Parents' Evening 2
21 st March	Easter Experience at St. John's church – Y5
21 st March	Break up for Easter
22 nd March	Teacher Training Day

Summer Term 2024

8 th April	School Open
17 th April	Year 5 and 6 RSE and Health Education Meeting – Lynda West Mullen
30 th April	Year 4 Coventry Trip
6 th May	Bank Holiday
10 th May	Year 3 Woodlands Trip
13 th -16 th May	Year 6 SATs
24 th May	Break up for Half Term
3 rd June	Teacher Training Day
4 th June	School Open
20 th -21 st June	Year 6 Residential trip to London
15 th July	Final Parents' Evening
19 th July	Break up for Summer
22 nd July	Teacher Training Day