

25th October 2024

Food Bank

Thank you to all the families who generously donated items to support our local food bank. All the items will be passed on to St John's Church to be distributed.



Year 5/6 Dodgeball Competition

On Wednesday 2nd October, nine children from Years 5 and 6 took part in a dodgeball competition at Bishop Vesey School. They played in four matches and were excellent role models on how to play fairly and with honesty. We are very proud of how they represented the school – well done!

Fire Service Visit

On Monday 14th October, Year 4 spent the afternoon learning about fire safety in a session delivered by the West Midlands Fire Service. Six members from the Ward End Station talked to the children about what they should do in the event of a fire, including how to exit a building safely, and highlighted some of the hazards they could experience in everyday life. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and asked lots of questions at the end in the Q and A session.

Year 6 WW2 Street Party

To celebrate the end of our History topic on WW2, Year 6 had their very own street party. We made jam sandwiches and sat as a year group in the hall to enjoy them - along with a few jam tarts! A game of musical statues was enjoyed by all, accompanied by the one and only Glenn Miller. WW2 is always a topic our Y6 children speak highly of and the street party was the perfect way to round off our learning this half-term.

Bikeability

22 of our Year 6 children took part in their Bikeability Level 1 and 2 training over the course of this week. The Bikeability cycle training equips our children with vital life skills. Pupils not only learn to cycle safely on the road, they gain independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing. Our children all demonstrated their maturity and resilience. We are extremely proud of all they have achieved this week!



Start of School Day

Children should arrive anytime between **8.40 – 8.55 a.m.**

End of School Day

Years 3 & 4 – **3.25pm**

Years 5 & 6 – **3.30pm**

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.**

Clubs Autumn 2

A reminder for parents that After School Clubs will start the first week back after October half term and run for 6 weeks.

Dinner Money

Dinner money is £13.50 per week (i.e. £2.70 per meal). If you prefer to pay for the half-term in advance, it will be **£91.80 for Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December**. 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.

Hotdog Lunch – Wednesday 27nd November

We would like to give the children who normally have sandwiches the opportunity to have a Hotdog Lunch on Wednesday 27th November. If you would like your child to have a lunch the cost is £2.70. **Payment for Hotdog Lunch should be made using Scopay online payment system**. Hotdog Lunch can be found in 'Products' then 'Hotdog Lunch'. Payment should be made no later than **Monday 18th November**. **Please only pay £2.70 for the November Hotdog lunch and refrain from making overpayments as it causes issues on our payment system.**

Christmas Lunch – Thursday 19th December

We would like to give the children who normally have sandwiches the opportunity to have a Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings and a festive pudding on Thursday 19th December. If you would like your child to have a lunch the cost is £2.70. **Payment for Christmas Lunch should be made using Scopay online payment system**. Christmas Lunch can be found in 'Products' then 'Christmas Lunch'. **Payment should be made no later than Monday 18th November**. **Please only pay £2.70 for the Christmas Lunch and refrain from making overpayments as it causes issues on our payment system.**

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.

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.

Policies

Our updated Behaviour and Anti-Bullying policies can be found on our school website. <https://walmley-jun.bham.sch.uk/our-school/policies/>

Dates for the Diary

Autumn Term 2024

25 th October	Break up for Half Term
4 th November	School Open
6 th – 8 th November	Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes Trip
13 th November	Year 4 Botanical Gardens Trip
29 th November	Teacher Training Day
5 th December	PFA school disco
9 th December	Year 3 Christmas Show - Grandparents
10 th December	Year 3 Christmas Show - Parents
19 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
20 th December	Break up for Christmas

Spring Term 2025

6 th January	Teacher Training Day
7 th January	School Open
14 th February	Break up for Half Term
24 th February	School Open
11 th April	Break up for Easter

Summer Term 2025

28 th April	School Open
23 rd May	Break up for Half Term
2 nd June	Teacher Training Day
3 rd June	School Open
18 th July	Break up for Summer
21 st July	Teacher Training Day