

Attendance

Whole school attendance
11-02-2019 to 15-02-2019

Year	%
1	98%
2	97%
3	98%
4	94%
5	95%
6	93%

Year	%
Nursery	87%
Reception	88%

Whole school attendance
4th Sept to 15th Feb

Year	%
1	97%
2	96%
3	97%
4	96%
5	96%
6	96%

Year	%
Nursery	87%
Reception	91%

What's your attendance grade?

A = 100% Excellent
B = 98% Very good
C = 95% Good
D = 92% Satisfactory
E = 90% Below Average
F = 85% Poor
E = 80% Unacceptable



Congratulations to Year 2 with 99% Attendance

Attendance from Monday 28th to Friday 1st for Key Stage 1 and 2 is 95%

School Attendance from 4th Sept to 1st Feb for Key Stage 1 and 2 is 96%

Please ensure your child attends school unless they are too unwell to do so.

All children should be in school by 8.45am at the latest.



Alive in Jesus

THE MESSENGER

CATHOLIC LIFE



Our next school Mass is on Thursday 28th February. You are welcome to join us in Church at 9.15am.

As a school we are still focusing on being Eloquent and Truthful. We try to be eloquent and truthful in what we say of ourselves, the relations between people, and the world. We are also trying to develop an eloquent language which we can all use to understand and articulate our emotions, beliefs, and questions.

On Wednesday after school, we had a sacramental preparation for the children who will be making their confirmation this year. Miss Foster told us about her faith journey and then the parents and the children had the opportunity to write their own faith journeys.

Please keep these children in your prayers at this time of preparation. Thank you to all of the children and parents who attended.

A word from Pope Francis 'Put your trust in God! The Beatitudes are Jesus' way of life'.

15th February 2019

THIS WEEK'S E-SAFETY MESSAGE

As of May 2018, WhatsApp's minimum age of use is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, or a country that has adopted the GDPR, as the UK has. It was previously 13 and WhatsApp has not yet said what will happen to users between 13 and 16 who already held accounts under the old terms and conditions. By using WhatsApp, a user agrees to provide certain personal information such as their mobile phone number, billing and mobile device information.

As a school we strongly advise that apps are not used until the legal age is reached.

VIRTUES

The following children were chosen for demonstrating the virtues of **Eloquent** and **Truthful**.

Y1	Emily	Y2	Sofija	Y3	Elora & Eva- Rose
Y4	Layla	Y5	Kayden	Y6	Kirsten

SPECIAL MENTION

These children were chosen by their class teachers:

Y1	NJ & Hollie	Y2	Noah & Israel	Y3	Jayikel & Taylah
Y4	Lizzie & Oliver	Y5	Emily & Royston	Y6	Skye & Sam

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2019

This was celebrated globally on Tuesday 5th February with the slogan: 'Together for a better Internet'.

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre the celebration saw hundreds of organisations get involved and join a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

It is apparent that our children have access to a range of devices and platforms, which is often used in a positive way.

However, there are a number of children in our school who seem to have unrestricted access to the online world and/or are playing games that are not age appropriate. Please discuss online behaviour with your child and review the games that they are playing. Together, we can make for a better internet.



This Tuesday, pupils across the school took part in an assembly for Safer Internet Day. The aim of the day was to help raise awareness of the potential risks and dangers young people might encounter when browsing the web for playing games.

Year Five pupils stood up and bravely gave testimony of when they had found themselves in unusual or difficult situations when using the internet. Their advice for all pupils was:

- Never give your real name to people you do not know.
- Never assume people you do not know in person REALLY ARE who they claim to be online.
- Never share details of where you live or what school you attend with people online.
- Never post pictures of yourself on publically accessible sites online.

Pupils used the afternoon to design some excellent posters to share their good ideas. These will be displayed throughout school to help spread the message that we want children to be safe when using the internet, and that we all have a role to play in this.

READING AT HOME

Please can we encourage all parents to make sure that they are listening to their child read regularly at home. Even if a child is a fluent reader it is still important that they get the opportunity to read aloud to an adult or to share a book and be read to by an adult on a regular basis. Whilst we do endeavour to provide lots of reading opportunities in the school day, reading at home too will encourage a lifelong love of reading and greater progress in this area. Thank you for working in partnership with us.



Nursery

During music week Nursery looked at The Firebird by Igor Stravinsky. We created a huge firebird, made a firebird dance and played percussion instruments to the music.



PUPIL PREMIUM/FREE SCHOOL MEALS - ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

As previously mentioned, all pupils in Reception, Years 1 and 2 receive a universal infant free school meal regardless of whether their parents have applied for free school meals or not. This will of course stop when your child is in Year 3 unless you apply. PLEASE however DO NOT WAIT until then. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals and your child is in Reception, Year 1, 2 or any year group in school, the school can receive EXTRA money even if your child does not want to have the school meal! You do not need to come into school to check your eligibility; you can do this from the comfort of your own home. As a school we do not receive any information about your income or financial status, so please do not be concerned. To find out if you are eligible, please go to;

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham/>

This money makes such a big difference to our school and more importantly, to your child! Please follow the link above if you think you may be eligible. If you have any queries or need any help at all, please come and see me or the school office staff. We are more than happy to help.

Have a wonderful half term,
God bless,
Mrs Damms

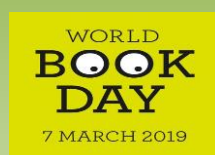
World Book Day

You are invited to our World Book Day assembly on Thursday 7th March at 2pm.

To celebrate our enjoyment of books and poems on World Book Day, each class will learn a poem and perform it in assembly. Not only is this an important part of the curriculum, it is an opportunity for everyone to be involved and mark this special day in a memorable way.

The children are invited to dress up as characters from their favourite stories or poems as we have done in previous years. They always really enjoy it and you are very creative! This will not be a competition. The focus is on everybody enjoying and participating in the assembly no matter what they are wearing.

We look forward to sharing this with you.



LUNCH-TIME AWARDS

During lunch time the children are given a raffle ticket by a Lunch-time supervisor for good behaviour.

Y1	Brodi- Leigh	Y2	Israel	Y3	Levi
Y4	Leah	Y5	Emily	Y6	Sam



Dates to keep

- 18th to 22nd February- February Half Term
- 25th February- School re-opens normal time
- 25th February- Year 3 Swimming for 2 weeks
- 1st March- FOSP Meeting 9am
- 13th March- Sacramental Preparation Holy Communion 3.30- 4.30pm
- 14th March- Year 2 Mass 9am School Hall
- 20th March- Sacramental Preparation Year 6 Confirmation
- 28th March- Year 1 Mass 9am school hall
- 31st March- Confirmation 11am St Pauls Church
- 12th April- End of Term assembly School
- 15th to 26th April- Easter Holidays/ School closed
- 29th April- Teacher Training Day
- 30th April- School re- open normal time

