

**PRIMARY
NEWSLETTER**

**December
2024**

IN THE KNOW

Dear Parents/ Grandparents/ Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and wonderful term, it is with a mixture of emotions that I write this message to you. December is always a time for reflection, and this year, as I prepare to move on from my post, it holds an even deeper significance.



I feel incredibly privileged to have been part of this incredible school community. Working alongside such dedicated staff, supportive parents, and, of course, your amazing children has been an absolute joy. Every child here has left a mark on my heart, and I will treasure the countless memories we've shared – from exciting lessons and assemblies to school events and those everyday moments that make our school so special. Oh and how can I forget the signature worm dance!

Thank you for trusting me with your children's education and well-being. It has been an honour to see them grow, achieve, and flourish during their time here. This school is truly a place of warmth, kindness, and ambition, and I know it will continue to go from strength to strength.

Although goodbyes are never easy, I leave with nothing but fondness for my time here and confidence in the bright future that lies ahead for this school. I will miss seeing your smiles at the gates, hearing the laughter in the corridors, and being part of such a wonderful team.

As we look forward to Christmas, I wish you and your families a joyful, peaceful holiday season. May it be filled with love, laughter, and special moments together.

Thank you once again for your support, your kindness, and for making my time here so unforgettable. I will always cherish the memories of being part of this amazing school.

Over and out,

Mr King

Deputy Head Primary

Attendance League Table

Each week, the class that gets the best overall attendance is awarded the Trophy, a certificate and a prize (ice-lollies/chocolate, etc). The children love to win. Here is the league table so far...by ensuring your child is at school every day, you help your child's class to win the prize 😊.

Class	Percentage of Attendance %			
	Overall	Week 13	Week 14	Week 15
Reception	91	77	91	92
Year 1	91	87	94	91
Year 2	93	90	94	92
Year 3	87	83	79	88
Year 4	95	91	99	94
Year 5	95	96	95	95
Year 6	96	94	99	96
Primary Overall	96	90	94	93



Dear Children, Parents, and Carers,

I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas half-term filled with joy, laughter, and precious moments with loved ones. Please stay safe and take care during the holiday season.

We are excited to welcome everyone back in the New Year, 2025, ready to achieve our goal of 100% individual attendance and continue striving for success together. 😊

Warm regards

Mrs. Bharj

Primary Pastoral Lead/DDSL



Reception Class – Miss Bell



Reception Class have been on a trip to the local post box to continue our exploration of the local community. Before going on the trip, we used a local map to locate the post box. We talked about what a post box is, how letters are sent and who uses these services. This has helped develop their map reading and strengthened their understanding of place and direction. We visited our Reception Area, where Mrs Webb showed us how a franking machine prints out postage instead of using a stamp.

On our walk to the post box, we used directional language to guide us. For example “we need to walk **straight ahead**.” “The post box is **next to** the road sign.”

All of the children prepared a letter before the trip, so that they could drop them into the post box. This helped them understand the concept of sending messages. I won't give any secrets away, but keep checking your post at home for a wonderful surprise!



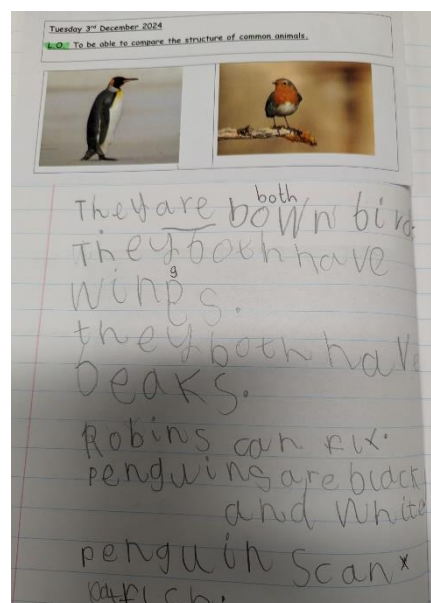
Year 1 – Mrs Clay and Miss Hutchison



Year One have been busy preparing for our Christmas Song Concert throughout December and enjoyed performing 'Santa Shark' for everyone. We have also made Christmas cards and decorated the classroom. The children who brought in a decoration for our tree from home added them to the tree to make it special and unique.

Continuing with the Christmas theme, our role play has been 'Santa's Workshop' this month. The children have built toy models using wooden construction blocks and been busy checking off Christmas lists.

In Science we have continued to learn about animals. We found out that all animals can fit into three groups – carnivores, herbivores or omnivores depending on what they eat and that two animals from the same group can still be quite different from each other.



As you will know, Mr King is leaving Bournville at the end of the term. The Year One children are very sad that he is going but wish him all the best in his new role. Here are some of the children's memories of Mr King.

"I like playing football with Mr King." Roman

"I liked it when he was the Easter Bunny." Lyla

"When it was the flood, he dressed up as a swimmer."
Aliyah

"I like it when he tells jokes." Francis

"He always plays with me." Bailey

"I like playing with him." Gloria



Year 2 and Year 3: Writing Excellence Through Smoothie-Making Fun!

Over the past weeks, Year 2 and Year 3 have been diving into the art of writing exceptional instructions—and what better way to practice than by making healthy smoothies! Working in pairs, the group had a blast creating their delicious drinks while verbally giving high-quality instructions to their partners.

The enthusiasm and teamwork were inspiring, and this energy carried into their writing. The resulting instructions in their books were absolutely superb, reflecting clear steps, detailed descriptions, and excellent organisation.

A highlight for me was seeing how passionate the children were about ensuring their work was of the highest standard. Their determination and pride in their writing shone through, making this a memorable and enriching experience for everyone involved. Well done, Year 2 and Year 3! 🌟



Year 4 – Miss Heyer and Miss Walker

This month, Year 4 has been busy with exciting activities! In PE, the children had a fantastic time designing and building their own obstacle courses, showcasing creativity and teamwork as they navigated through the challenges they created.

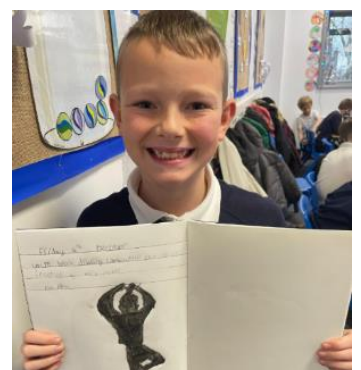
Meanwhile, in art, the focus has been on exploring the work of the renowned artist Kara Walker. The children traced the outlines of their own bodies and shaded them in to create striking silhouettes, drawing inspiration from Walker's distinctive style. It's been a month full of fun, learning, and artistic expression!

Adding to the festive spirit, the children also visited the local hospital, where they spread joy and cheer by carolling for the residents and hardworking doctors. It was a heart-warming experience that brought smiles to everyone's faces!



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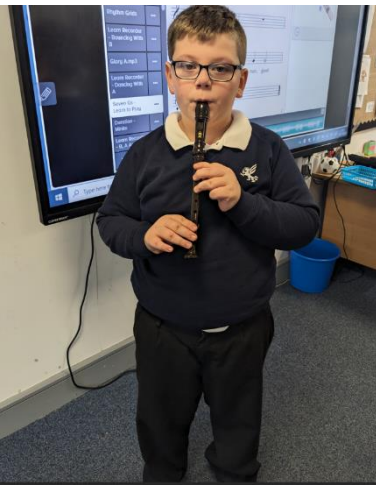
Year 5 with Mr Newton and Mrs Thomas

This month, Year 5 have been learning a lot.

Reading:



The Year 5 star reading pair this month are: Darcy and Mimi. Well done to both for excellent effort in reading!



Music: Year 5 have playing their recorders very well this term. Please find attached some photos of them performing their songs to the class.



Maths: Please can you keep learning all the times tables up to the 12 times table with your children. There are lots of tricks on the internet that you can find to help them learn. Please can you sit with your child and keep practising them 😊.

Bournville School and Year 5 will really miss Mr King!

Here are some quotes from Year 5 about what they love about Mr King and what they will miss about him!

"I love that Mr King is always trying to cheer my mood and be funny. I will miss Mr King's jokes and his assemblies. Gabriella.

"I love that Mr King is always trying to be happy even in sad times. I will miss his humour and his assemblies. I also like his personality and I will miss him very much." Suhayla.

"I love how Mr King makes the best assemblies every Wednesday. The thing that I will miss about him is how funny he is. I hope that he will be happy in the next school that he goes too." Jasmine.

Assemblies

I have been very impressed with the children's singing in both the Year Five Roman Assembly and the Christmas Concert. Thank you very much for attending them.

Christmas

Thank you to Mrs Thomas, Darcy, Eva and Chloe who have helped make the classroom feel very festive! Here is a photo of the Christmas tree that they decorated.

We look forward to another month of learning. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Year 6 – Miss Withy & Mrs Hathaway

This month, Year 6 were delighted to visit the hospital to perform for the patients. We sang beautifully, showcasing all the songs we have been practising, and were proud to help raise funds for The Royal Orthopaedic Charity, which supports the hospital's vital work.

In science, we have been thoroughly enjoying our topic on Electricity. We have learned the scientific symbols for various circuit components, how to draw circuits accurately, and the meaning of key vocabulary such as voltage and current. A particular highlight was planning and conducting an exciting scientific experiment with Miss Messina. We investigated how the length of the wire affects the sound of the buzzer and explored the scientific reasoning behind it and used a decibel metre to measure the outcome.



We observed that the buzzer became quieter as the wire length increased. This happened because the longer the wire, the greater the resistance in the circuit. Increased resistance reduces the current flowing through the circuit, which in turn decreases the energy available to power the buzzer, resulting in a quieter

sound.

Well done, Year 6!



We are extremely sad to say goodbye to Mr King and will miss him enormously especially on a Monday.

We wanted to share some of our favourite memories:

I remember when Mr King scored a massive 41 on Hit the button. We were totally amazed.

- Hodan

I remember the time Mr King dressed up as Mrs Trunchball and chased me around the corridors! I was only trying to change my precious book. Only joking, Sir. It was great fun! - Isabel

I will never forget the day we got to stay at home when the school flooded and you sent us a video of you swimming into Miss Briner's office dressed in you goggles and your famous coat. It was so funny. -Peter

I remember the time when Mr King put the mini bus into reverse and then he told me to say stop so we wouldn't crash into the wall and if we did crash that it would be all my fault. You always made us laugh, Mr King. - Sully

Thank you for being such an amazing teacher. Good luck in you new school, Mr King! from Year 6.

Darly, a creative Year 6 student, has won the Christmas card competition run by Selly Oak MP, Al Carns. The competition had lots of entries from over 14 school in the local area and we are pleased to say that Darly's festive design stood out. The children were tasked to design a card to show what Christmas means to them. His card, showing a cosy, winter's evening watching Christmas films, caught the judges' eyes.

Now, Darly's artwork will be sent out as one of MP Al Carns' official Christmas card, bringing a bit of their creativity to homes and local leaders. It's an exciting win for Darly and a proud moment for our school! Enjoy your prize, a trip to West Midlands Safari Park, with you family. Well Done, Darly,

Al Carns MP Christmas Card Competition 2024

What does Christmas mean to you?



Primary Dates for Your Diary

Friday 20 th December 2024	End of term
Monday and Tuesday 6 th & 7 th January 2025	Training Days – No pupils in School
Wednesday 8 th January 2025	Start of Spring Term
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February 2025	Half-term
Wednesday 5 th February 2025	Year 4 Assembly
Monday and Tuesday 3 rd & 4 th March 2025	Parents Evening
Friday 7 th March 2025	World book day – Non uniform, dress up as your favourite book character
Monday 10 th – Monday 17 th March 2025	Book Fair
Wednesday 2 nd April 2025	Year 2/3 Assembly
Monday 14 th – Friday 25 th April 2025	Half-term

PE Kit

Please ensure that your child is sent to school in the correct PE kit outlined below. Please ensure everything is labelled as well.

Can I also remind parents that children should be wearing **black school shoes or plain black trainers** only to school.

Black/blue shorts/joggers/leggings
Plain white t-shirt
Blue/black jumper
Black trainers
PE bag



PreLoved Uniform Rail

Just to let parents know that we have a pre-loved uniform rail in school, including shoes. This houses many items that have been donated to school (PE kits, summer dresses, trousers, skirts, etc). If you are in need of any items, please come and help yourself to clothing or send a note on dojo and we can pass clothes onto your children. We appreciate uniform is expensive and that children can lose items too. We do not charge for this uniform as it has been donated free of charge.