

PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

June 2025

IN THE KNOW

Dear Parents/ Grandparents/ Carers,

Transition Day

On Wednesday 2nd July, our Year 6 pupils will be visiting their secondary schools and so we will be holding our own Primary Transition Day on this day too. We find it is a helpful thing to do to prepare the children for September. They will be with their new teachers/assistant teachers for the day in their new classrooms.

To keep the morning and after school routines the same for children (and yourselves), they will arrive and be collected from their usual classroom door. During the school day, they will transition to their new class with the following staff:

- Mrs Clay & Miss Bell will be teaching Reception & will also cover Year 1/2 PPA
- Reception and Year 1 will be combining to create a Year 1/2 Class and they will have a new teacher called Mrs Hughes (pictured right) and Miss Walker will be their assistant teacher.
- Year 2/3 will move up to become 3/4 and will have Miss Heyer.
- Year 4 will be moving up to Year 5 with a new staff member called Miss Saleh (pictured right) and we will be interviewing for a new assistant teacher.
- Year 5 will be moving to Year 6 with Mr Newton and Mrs Hathaway as their assistant teacher.
- Miss Hutchison & a new assistant teacher will be working in The Nest.



We are fortunate that our new teachers will be around for a few days next week so you will be able to say hello and put a face to the name. They will be spending time

with the children they will be teaching so they are prepared to teach them in September.

Goodbye for Now

As you will notice, some teachers are missing from the list! We have been very lucky to have some incredible teachers here at Bournville but we are sadly having to say GOODBYE to a few. This is always a hard transition as you want to keep everyone however it is important for staff to grow in their field and step into new opportunities. We will therefore be saying farewell to Miss Withy and Miss McLynskey. They have been the most incredibly organised, hard-working, helpful and creative teachers to lead and we are all so sad they are moving on but we wish them the best of luck. Miss McLynskey started her teaching career with us and we are so grateful we have managed to have her for a good few years. She has taught some of your children for 3 years straight and knows them so well. She misses them when they are not here and you know that phone is going to ring if they are not in school. She has been our very own 'Miss Honey' and we will miss her.

Miss Withy hasn't been here as long but she holds a wealth of experience and knowledge and I know the staff team have been so grateful for her constant support, guidance and ideas. She has supported the Year 6 class for over a year and really helped them to grow in many ways and I know they will never forget all she has done for them. She organised our Year 6 residential overnight when the company we had booked with went bust 2 weeks before Year 6 were due to go. She has also organised next years residential for the Year 6 and handed all this to Mr Newton to lead on from now. Miss Withy has also supported the secondary school with their Year 11 proms, taking photos and sharing these images with the staff and families so they were able to have a memory to last them a lifetime. We will miss her creativity and organization skills.

Our teaching assistants Mrs Thomas & Miss Dashti, who have only been with us a short time, will also be leaving. Mrs Thomas has worked with Year 5 and has recently helped set up The Nest for our pupils who need a specialised sensory curriculum. She has been a fantastic staff member, and we will be so sad to see her go. Miss Dashti will be leaving us to pursue a career in teaching. She has supported Reception and Year 5, always being prepared to give a hand to anyone that asks. We wish her the best of luck for the future and know that stepping into teaching is one of the greatest decisions to be made 😊.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please see the [back page](#) for the changes to the uniform following the parent/carer consultation. Please purchase your uniform early so children are ready for these changes in September so children arrive in the correct uniform.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP HERE @ BOURNVILLE

We are so pleased that Premier Education will be running a SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP HERE AT BOURNVILLE from MONDAY 11th AUGUST to FRIDAY 29th AUGUST! This will be FREE for parents who are in receipt of Free School Meals (use the Bring it on Brum code **3304017**) and will cost £14 per day for Non-Free School Meal pupils. Leaflets to follow on Dojo. For children age 4-11 years old; running from 11am - 3pm (lunch included).

Kind regards,

Miss Briner



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 33	Week 34	Week 35	Week 36
Reception	96	90	99	99	97
Year 1	90	84	96	92	88
Year 2	86	66	93	89	95
Year 3	90	91	92	87	90
Year 4	89	84	90	90	93
Year 5	90	79	98	94	90
Year 6	95	94	98	95	93
Primary Overall	91	85	95	92	92

Mrs Bharj

As you all know, our **End-of-Year Attendance Assembly** is coming up soon! This is when we hand out exciting prizes such as:

- 🚲 **4 Bikes** for 100% attendance
- 🎫 **Rush tickets**
- 🎁 **Vouchers** for most improved attendance compared to last year
- 🏆 **Rosettes** for attendance percentage

Children, every single day at school counts—**even right up to the last day of term, Friday 18th July 2025**—so make sure you're in school! Your attendance can boost your improvement percentage, and remember:

You have to be in it to win it!

We also have our **weekly class attendance race**, and the class with the top attendance each week will enjoy **ice lollies on Friday**! So team up with your classmates, show up every day, and aim for that top spot.

Let's smash our primary attendance targets this year and give away as many prizes as possible! Prizes include:

- 🚲 Bikes
- 🎫 Rush and Smyths vouchers
- 🛒 Shopping vouchers
- 🎮 Games
- ✎ Stationery

Let's make it a fantastic finish to the school year!

Reception – Miss Bell

Our Learning Adventure with David Hockney's *A Bigger Splash*

We have had a wonderfully creative few weeks in Reception as we explored the work of the famous British artist **David Hockney**, focusing on one of his most iconic paintings, *A Bigger Splash*.



The children have been fascinated by the bright colours, bold shapes, and the way Hockney captures the feeling of summer and water. We've talked about how the painting makes us feel and what we think might be happening in the scene – the splashing water certainly sparked lots of imaginative ideas!

Here's what we've been learning:

🎨 **Art & Creativity** – The children experimented with different ways to create their own "splash" paintings, using paint and water techniques. One of their favourite activities was using brushes to flick paint onto the paper to create the effect of water splashing – it was so

much fun, and very effective! They also explored using a range of different sized paintbrushes to see how this changed the look of their artwork.



🗨️ **Language & Discussion** – We developed our speaking and listening skills by sharing our thoughts about the painting. The children came up with fantastic stories about who might have jumped into the pool and what might happen next.

✋ **Fine Motor Skills** – The children practised careful painting and explored how to hold and control different sized brushes, helping to strengthen their hand muscles and coordination.

🌟 **Personal Development** – We encouraged the children to be confident in expressing their ideas and proud of their artwork, just like real artists!

It has been a joy to see the children's creativity and confidence grow through this project. Their artwork is now proudly displayed in the classroom – do have a look when you next visit!

Year 1 – Miss Clay

This has been another busy month in Year one. June is the month when year one children across the whole country complete their phonic screening check. We have been revising our phonic sounds and many children have attended an after-school club to help them along. Phonics is an essential building block in helping the children become fluent readers and all of our year one children have worked extremely hard in their phonics lessons.



As well as phonics, the children have been working hard on their maths. Over the last few weeks, we have been learning about fractions. We have been sharing shapes, objects, and quantities in half and into quarters. The children particularly enjoyed it when we used cakes and biscuits to share in our fraction work.



Finally, we have had a great time using junk modelling materials to make model windmills. The children had the opportunity to explore how to attach a windsail and how to ensure that the model could be freestanding before making their models. They were really excited to try them out.

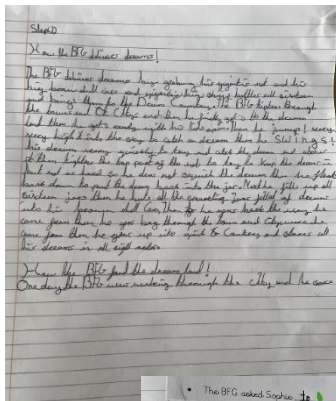
Year 2/3 – Miss McLynskey

🎉 **Congratulations, Thierry!** 🎉 We are incredibly proud to share some exciting news—a **huge congratulations to Thierry**, who was selected for **goalkeeper trials at Aston Villa FC!**

Thierry recently attended two evening sessions at **Bodymoor Heath**, Aston Villa's training ground, where he showed fantastic skill, determination, and sportsmanship.

Well done, Thierry! We are all so proud of you and will be cheering you on every step of the way. Keep reaching for your goals—both on and off the pitch! 🏆👊

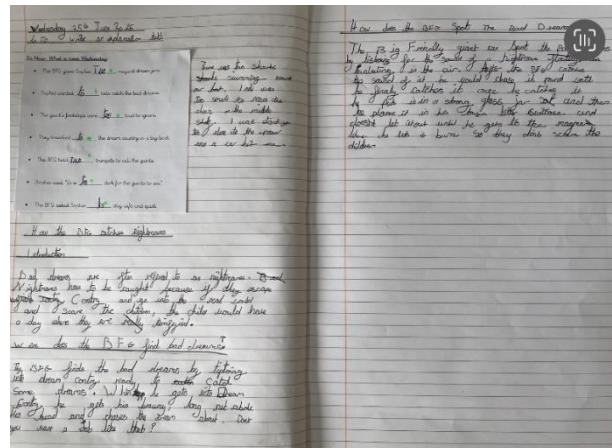
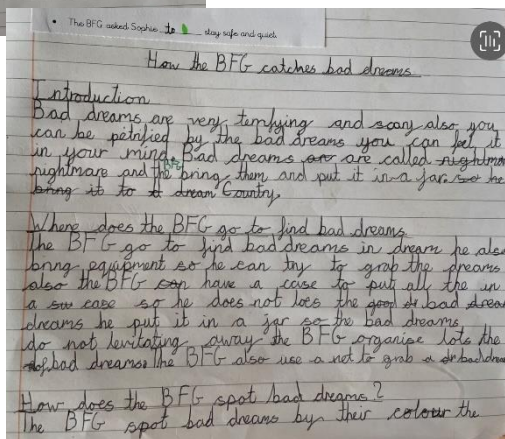
Year 2 and Year 3 Shine with their Cursive Handwriting!



This term, Year 2 and Year 3 have been putting in an incredible amount of effort into developing their cursive handwriting — and it's paying off!

Their dedication to practising letter formation, consistency, and flow has been truly impressive. It's been wonderful to see the pride they take in their work, and the improvements are clearly showing in their writing books.

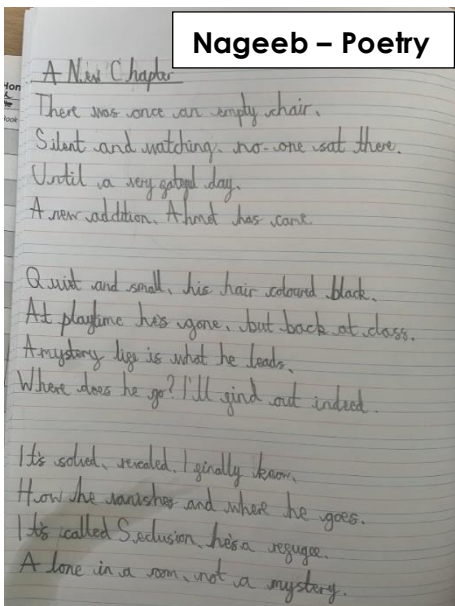
Well done to all the pupils for their hard work. Keep it up — we can't wait to see how your handwriting continues to flourish!



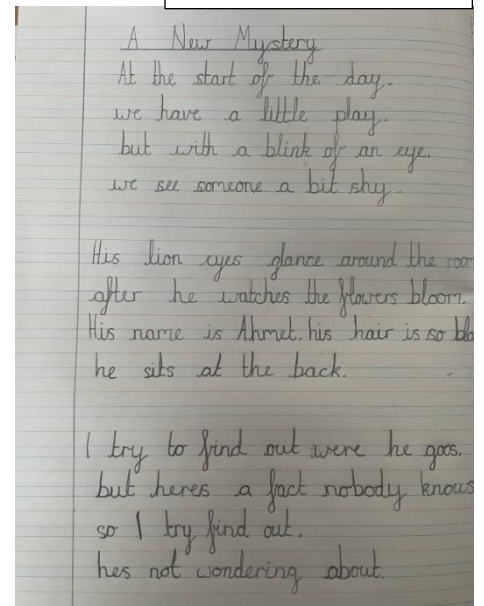
Year 4 – Miss Heyer

Annabeth - Poetry

Nageeb – Poetry



In Year 4 this June, we've been raising the bar with our handwriting expectations, and we're proud to celebrate a few children who have already earned their pen licences—well done! We're keen to see this positive momentum continue as everyone strives for their best presentation. In English, we've been deeply engaged with the powerful story *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. Inspired by the journey of Ahmet, a refugee child in the book, the children have created some truly moving



poetry that reflects empathy, understanding, and creativity. It's been meaningful and inspiring for them!

Year 5 with Mr Newton and Miss Dashti

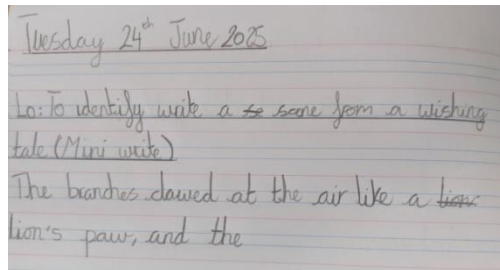
This month, Year 5 have been learning a lot.

Reading: We have been working extremely hard on our reading fluency and our scores are improving. Thank you for attending the class read session. Please keep reading as much as possible at home. We are pushing reading. It is so important! Year 5 should be reading 150 words per minute.

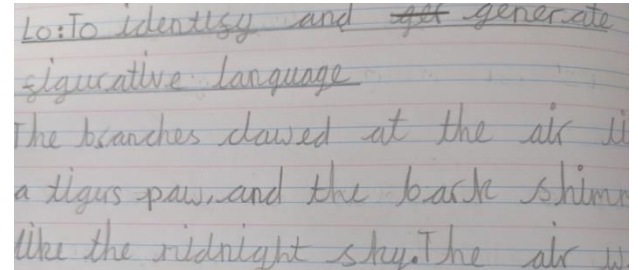
Maths: Please can you keep learning all the times tables up to the 12 times table with your children.

English: We are also pushing handwriting, which is improving. Keep working hard on your handwriting Year 5. Miss Rooney will be presenting pen licenses soon.

Eva's handwriting



Sienna's handwriting



Homework: Please ensure that your children are completing their homework. They should be reading three times a week. Please can you make sure that the reading records are signed. They should also be completing their maths and spellings each week.

Year 6 – Miss Withy

Year 6 Enterprise Tea Party – A Huge Success!

Our Year 6 pupils recently hosted a fantastic Enterprise Tea Party for their families—and what a success it was!

With just a £10 loan, each group was challenged to budget, plan, and shop carefully to create a welcoming and delicious event. From hand-decorated tables to thoughtful menus, they worked collaboratively and showed brilliant creativity and money management.

Guests were treated to a wonderful range of homemade delights, including zesty lemonade, special family recipe milkshakes, cakes, smoothies, and even chocolate-dipped strawberries. Every item was prepared and served with pride. There was even a raffle.

Thanks to the support of our friends and families (and the pupils' excellent sales techniques!), they made over £150 profit—a fantastic achievement! This money will now go towards funding their next exciting event.

A big thank you to everyone who came along—we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Watch this space... Year 6 are just getting started!



UNIFORM FOR PRIMARY

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 (EYFS & Key Stage 1)

- Black shoes only.
- Plain white, black or grey socks / black tights.
- Black pleated skirt below the knee or black trousers.
- Blue Navy Bournville jumper V-neck style.
- White polo shirt.
- No hair colours that are unnatural (green, pink, bright red, purple, blue, etc).

A recent consultation was held with parents/carers regarding school uniform. Following on from this, the decision has been made to bring the school uniform in line with Key Stage 3 & 4 to start bringing the 'All-Through' nature of our school together. As we are one school community, we want the children at our school to reflect this in the way they present themselves so when we join together, we look and behave as one.

Please see the changes below and prepare your uniform early, ready for a September start. Uniform will be checked and any pupil who is not wearing the correct uniform will be provided with the correct uniform to wear

for day in line with the school policy. Please can you support your children fully with this, ensuring the correct school shoes.

Uniform during Summer

- In the classrooms students can take off their jumpers / cardigans if they feel hot.
- During the summertime can wear short sleeve shirts and take their jumpers/cardigans off.
- Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 only can wear knee length school trousers in the summer.

Years 3 to Year 6 (Key Stage 2)

- Black leather polishable shoes only.
- Black pleated skirts below the knee or plain black trousers only (no leggings, no flares, etc).
- Bournville V-neck jumper or Cardigan with logo.
- White shirt
- Bournville clip on tie.
- No hair colours that are unnatural (green, pink, bright red, purple, blue etc).



HEADWEAR

- Head scarves should be plain and single coloured - navy or black
- Hair accessories/bobbles should be small and in plain navy or black

JEWELLERY

- Plain stud earrings
- A wristwatch

No other jewellery permitted

PE KIT

RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

- Black shorts
- Plain house t-shirt (red, blue, yellow, green)
- Black pumps/trainers
- Bournville logo PE bag (optional)

PE KIT SEASONAL VARIATIONS

AUTUMN & SPRING

- Plain navy jogging bottoms or leggings
- Plain navy sports jumper

Jewellery should be removed for PE or earrings should be taped over.

Bournville Logo uniform can be purchased from:

Clive Mark

38-40 Poplar Road
Kings Heath
Birmingham, B14 7AD

☎ 0121 444 7623

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Northfield
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