

NEWSLETTER

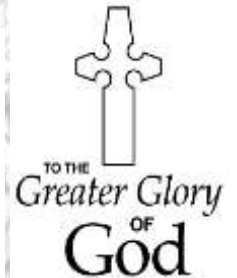


Children have filled our community with wishes of joy and hope as they deliver their postcards to local residents. Thank you to our parent walkers who have enabled this initiative to take place. I know that the children were certainly excited about their mini adventures!

The Easter services at St John's Church were well attended and our children led and listened to the story of Easter. This has been extended by children in year 6 undertaking an Easter Experience also at St John's. We are very grateful for these opportunities.

Easter is a season of joy and hope, but it is also a reminder of God's love. As we come to the end of a busy term, let us be blessed with time to share joy and laughter with the ones we love.

Happy Easter.



GRACE



Becca 2R

Faye 3G

Rose 5T

LOVE

FAITH



**Deanery
Values**

Grace RHM

HOPE

JOY

Ellora 1B

Amelia 5MC

Vienna 6A

Tobias 3C

PEACE

Pupil Voice

Leonardo RHM – “We have been reading the Hungry Caterpillar and we have been bouncing balls along the caterpillar's body, making playdough caterpillars and making train tracks”.

Molly 1B – “In Maths we have been learning how to measure with a ruler. You have to remember to start at 0”.

Jaxon 3C – “I like that in Outdoor Adventure enrichment that we get to plant seeds and build dens”.

Thomas 3G – “I wish we could do PE every day, I love basketball lessons”.

Jayden and Kylie 5MC – “Yesterday in science we built a boat from plasticine and put marbles in to see how many it would take before it sank. We were learning about water resistance and balanced/unbalanced forces. Ours was the winner as we made a boat that could hold 7 marbles before sinking!”

Tommy 5T - "Our DT work so far about Mexican food as I can't wait to make a Mexican flavoured burger tomorrow!"

King's Coronation Celebration Day

We are very excited to share that we are going to be having a special day of learning and activities, celebrating the King's Coronation on Friday 5th May. As part of the celebration, we will be having a whole school picnic, hopefully on the field, whether dependent.

Please complete the MS forms regarding lunch choices for that day by **Monday 10th April**

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Further communication will be shared in due course about this exciting event.

**Foxes Club open for Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 2nd May 2023**

We are in the unique position for this training day only to be able to provide a Foxes club for the training day on Wednesday 3rd May. This will be available from 8.55 to 3.30 pm with the ability to top up this provision with the usual Foxes sessions from 7.30am to 6pm.

This will be limited to 100 spaces which will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Drop-off and collection will be at the Foxes building. Children will be required to bring a packed lunch and a water bottle and wear comfortable clothes with trainers as they will be participating in some outdoor play activities.

There is a fixed cost of £20 for the day session 8.55am to 3.30pm (or any portion of it). Please use the booking form link to book your session and email any questions or queries to enquiry@deanery.bham.sch.uk for the attention of Mrs Cullen.

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Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Mrs Micklewright and her family on the birth of their baby daughter Gracie.



Mother's Day Competition

Thank you to all of our mums and ladies who entered the mother's day competition by sending in their book recommendations. We have loved reading them ! We picked 2 winners who each received a £10 National Book Token

the winners are....



Mrs Oluyemi – KS1



Mrs Hussain– KS2

One my childhood favourites is Dorothy Edwards' classic story about one naughty but very entertaining little sister.

My Naughty Little Sister is about a little stubborn and greedy sister who is full of mischief (*a little like me when I was younger*). She tries to cut off the cat's tail and eats all the trifle at Harry's party! How much bother can one little sister be? (*I know as I am blessed with two*)

This book took me away to a place which was full of fun and mischief, the pictures in the books and the descriptions in the text helped me create a wonderful imaginative setting. I almost felt like I was in the story with them. I could the read books for hours on end and read them again and again without getting fed-up. The books resonated with my sisters and made me smile. I still have the book at my parents home and still enjoy reading it. it makes me smile and takes me back to my cheeky childhood.

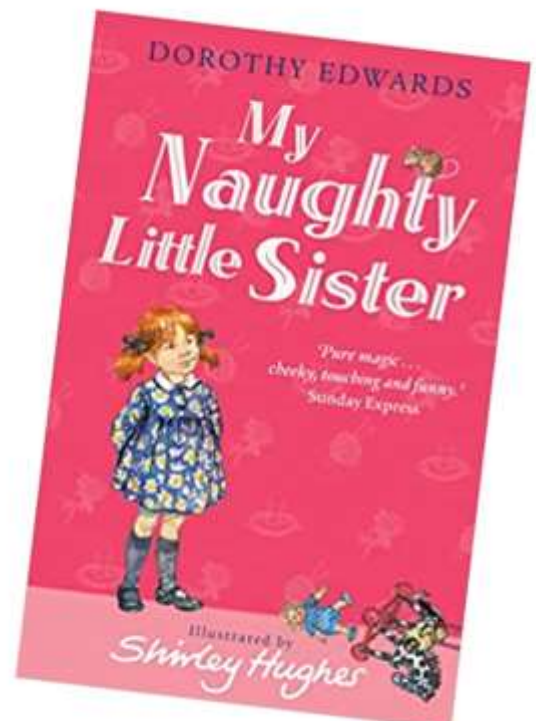
This was one of the books that created my love for reading and have not stopped since then. My holiday suitcase always has two books packed.

My favourite children's book is the Rock n Rollers. I love the book because it helps me and my children explore music. It combines two things I love doing, reading books and music.

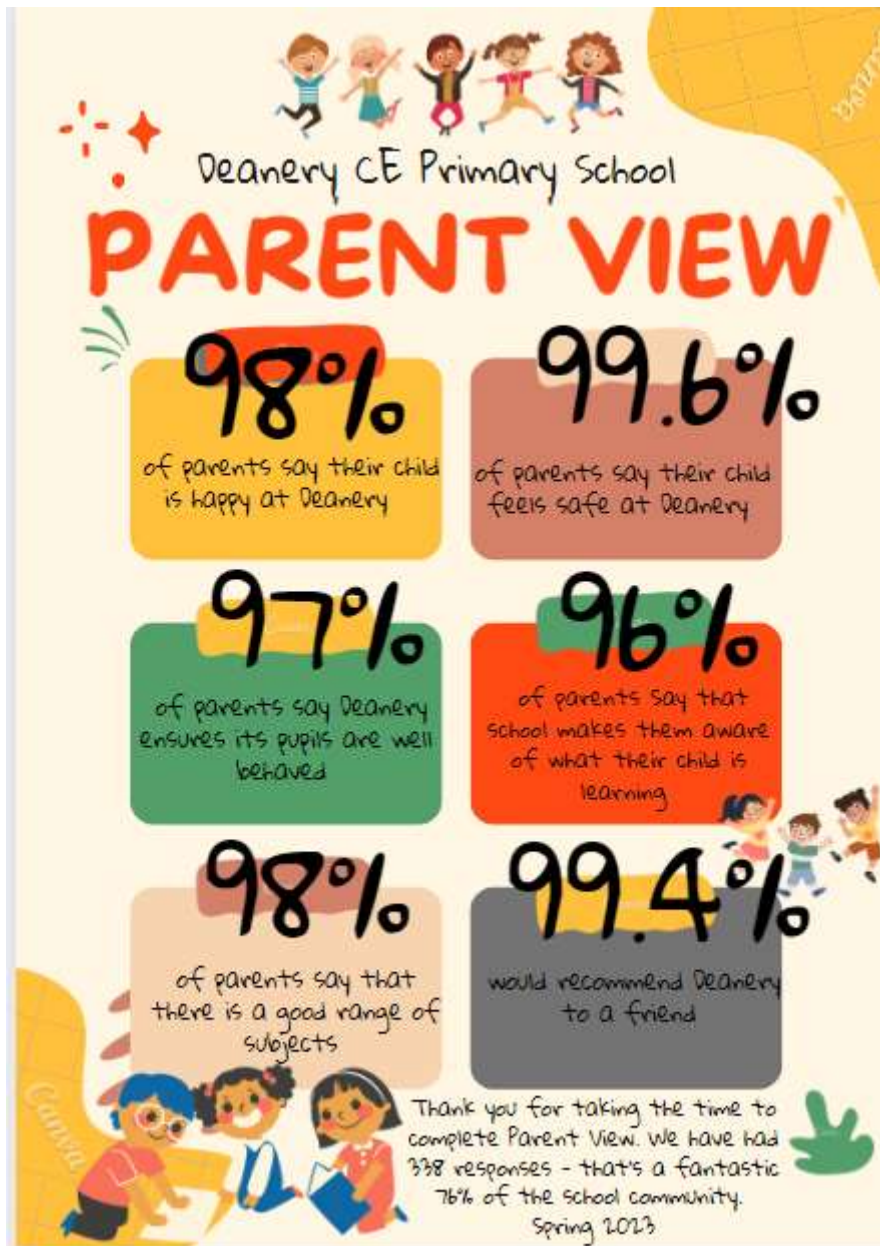
As a little girl, reading a book with my dad at bedtime was the highlight of my day. This was our time to bond, discuss, and ask questions about the book or why Bisi in my class only came to school with her grandma.

Reading books allowed me to imagine a world outside of my reality. Without taking a step out of my room, I could find out about other people, countries and beliefs. My dad used to say that no one can take away the knowledge you have. Once you get it, it is yours forever and everything you learn in a book or in life stays with you forever. This sparked my interest in reading and acquiring knowledge.

Today as a mum, a working woman, a wife and every other hat I wear daily, reading books and singing are still the two things that I enjoy doing. It is therefore really important to me to show my kids the benefit of reading and opening their minds to new ideas, information and opportunities as well as pass on the joy that comes with music and learning in whatever form appeals to them. Our family dance in the kitchen and bedtime reading is always the highlight of my day.



Parent View Results



Family Quiz Night
Friday 21st April 6pm



As you know, as part of our relationship/behaviour policy each term our Head Boys, Head Girls and House Captains choose three charities to support through our token system and each term we hold a fundraising event for the three chosen charities.

This term we are supporting children's charities:

Local - Birmingham Children's Hospital

National - Make a Wish

International - Abaana

In order to raise funds for these three important charities we would like to invite you to join us for a family fun quiz!

On Friday 21st April @6pm we will be going live with our family fun fundraising quiz. For those of you that were with us during lockdown, Quizmaster Peckett will be making a comeback! For those of who haven't yet experienced a Peckett Puzzler, you are in for a treat!

In order to join us and take part, we invite you to send a donation into school in a named envelope and we will send you a quiz answer sheet, which will include links and joining instructions.

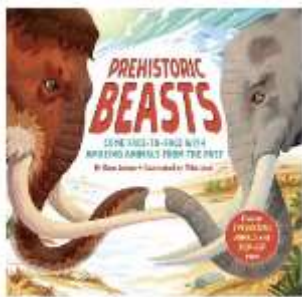
Response to Curriculum Evening feedback

If you are looking for recommendations of books for your children to read, <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/> has recommendations for each year group. Their lists of books are carefully put together to make it easier to find high quality, engaging and interesting books to instil a reading for pleasure culture and encourage children to read at home.

It also has some great tips as to why reading is so important and how to read with your child and the kinds of questions you can ask.

March 2023 recommendations

Prehistoric Beasts by Dean Lomax and Mike Love



Packed with information in an accessible and engaging format, children aged 5+ won't be able to get enough of this spectacular hardback. Behold the awe and wonder as children peer behind the flaps and unfurl a 3D prehistoric horned Elephant, a toothy shark leaping from the page, a tree-hugging sloth, a dragonfly with flapping wings, a bone-crunching alligator mid-bite and Waddle, an expert penguin related fishcatcher.



Dandy the Highway Lion by Stephanie Sorrell

With a lustrous flowing mane and immaculately attired in a well-cut tailcoat and red cravat, Mr Dandy Paws robs people who are cruel to animals with suave panache. But in masterminding a breakout at Tower Zoo, he might have bitten off more than he can chew. With richly characterful talking animals, quirky snippets of 1920s London period history and whimsical illustrations, 9-12-year-olds will be enthralled. And, of course, Dandy deserves a sequel.

School Uniform Grant 2023

Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust have extended the closing date for applications for School Clothing Grants for 2023 until Thursday 15th June 2023. Application forms are available to collect from the School Office and must be completed and returned to school by Wednesday 14th June 2023.

Online Safety

National Online Safety #WakeUpWednesday guides have got some top tips on helping children and young people to build their digital resilience – minimising the impact of #OnlineSafety threats

Download >> <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

Ten top tips for STRONGER PASSWORDS

Passwords continue to be the most common way to prove our identity online. A combination of a username and a password known only to the user provides access to our online accounts and data – and hopefully keeps unauthorised individuals out. As a security measure, though, passwords are relatively weak. People are often predictable in how we choose our passwords, for example – making them less secure. With increasing volumes of usernames and passwords being leaked online, what can we do to keep our data more secure? Here are our top tips for stronger passwords.

- BE UNPREDICTABLE**
We often choose passwords which are easy to remember, featuring the name of our favourite sports team or favourite film, for instance. These are predictable passwords. Cyber criminals will routinely try various combinations of passwords relating to sports teams, actors, musical artists and the like – and they often focus on these during major sporting events or around high-profile movie releases.
- AVOID GETTING PERSONAL**
Many of us use passwords relating to our family, such as children's names or favoured holiday destinations. The problem here is that we also typically post about our holidays and our family on social media – making that information potentially visible to cyber criminals and supplying them with clues which could help them in narrowing down possible passwords we might have set.
- NEW PLATFORM, NEW PASSWORD**
Where cyber criminals gain access to an online service through a data breach, they often use the data they've stolen to try and access the victim's other accounts. This is because the criminals know that, for convenience, people often use the same password across different services. When we reuse passwords, our security is only as strong as the weakest site where we've used it.
- LONGER IS STRONGER**
Our passwords are often stored by online services in an encrypted format. In case the service suffers a data breach, the strength of this encryption, however, is dependent on the length of the password you've selected. If your password is only a short one, cyber criminals are significantly more likely to be able to break the encryption and identify your password.
- CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY**
Staying up to date with friends and relatives on social media is part of everyday life now. We need to ensure, though, that we limit who can see our posts via each platform's privacy settings. It's also wise to consider what we're posting and if it's really safe to share online. If we restrict what cyber criminals can see, we reduce the chance of them using that information to identify our passwords.
- DOUBLE LOCK YOUR DATA**
It's possible that cyber criminals may eventually discover your username and password. Enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA) on your accounts, however, reduces the chance of them obtaining access to your data, as they'd also require a code which is provided via an app, SMS message or email. MFA isn't infallible, but it does definitely provide extra protection and security.
- DELETE UNUSED ACCOUNTS**
Data breaches occur when cyber criminals gain access to an online service and all the data contained within it – including usernames and passwords. Whenever you stop using a service, it's wise to make sure that you delete your entire account and not just the actual app. If the service no longer has your data, there's zero risk of it being leaked should they suffer a data breach in the future.
- TRY PASSWORD MANAGERS**
Even though most of us have numerous online accounts to manage these days, it's advantageous to avoid password re-use. Specialist password management software (like Dashlane or OnePassword, among others) can help by storing a different password for every online service that you have an account with: the only one you or child will need to remember is the single master password.
- GET CREATIVE**
The British government's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) recommends the 'three random words' technique. This method helps you create a password which is unique, complex and long – yet which is memorable enough to stay in your mind ("FacebookPower", for example). The NCSC website, incidentally, also offers plenty of other useful information relating to personal cyber security.
- STAY VIGILANT**
The best way to protect your accounts and your data is to be vigilant and careful. If you receive an email or text message that's unusual or unexpected, treat it as suspicious until you're able to verify whether it's genuine and safe. Starting from a position of vigilance and caution will reduce the likelihood of you or your child being tricked by a malicious email, text or phone call.

Meet Our Expert
A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large security school in the UK, working proactively to help 8th, 11th and 14th year students understand the risks of digital technology and cyber security. He believes it is essential that we ensure our children are safe if they ever access the web, at least at the start.

NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Source: <https://www.nos.gov.uk/>

We would like to invite you to join us for

Mental Health Awareness for Parents

27/04/2023- 5.30pm in KS1 Hall

This will be run by the team from Forward Thinking Birmingham and will cover:

- Commonly held misconceptions surrounding mental health
- What mental health means
- What can affect mental health and wellbeing
- What signs to look out for when concerned about an individual's mental health
- Resources that can help support mental health and wellbeing for your child



Where minds matter



Early Help is a network of local organisations, here to ensure services are accessible for families who need support.

Use the QR code to access our **Family Connect Form**

Fill in your details and what support you're looking for, and we will be in touch.



If you need more information, or support filling out the form, contact your Community Connectors, Dawn & Danielle
communityconnectors@ourplacesupport.org



School Nurse

Please follow the link below for an updated telephone number and email address for the School Nursing Team. If you have any concerns or worries around the health and wellbeing of your child, please contact the School Nursing team. [Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust website here](#)

PLEASE SEE INFORMATION
BELOW FOR LOCAL
ACTIVITIES

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ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES

THIS EASTER WITH

Blossom **ROAR**

OUR EASTER HOLIDAY CONNECTION SESSIONS!

EASTER HOLIDAY DATES:

PRIMARY SESSIONS:
SCHOOL YEARS 1-6 -
3RD, 4TH, 5TH APRIL (9.30-3PM)

SECONDARY SESSION:
SCHOOL YEARS 7+
6TH APRIL (11-3PM)

**£20 PER CHILD @
CHESTER ROAD BAPTIST
CHURCH, B73 5HU**

HAPPY
EASTER

If you have a child who would be interested in attending one of our Easter workshops, please email:

BLOSSOM@CHERISHEDUK.ORG

MONDAY 3RD APRIL - CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

For children of primary school age (girls and boys) to explore how we can connect well with others through creative crafts and activity.

TUESDAY 4TH APRIL - CONNECTING WITH OURSELVES

For primary girls only - To explore calming tools, breathing exercises and how we can connect well with ourselves.

WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL - CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

For primary girls only - to connect with the world around them, take part in clay making and explore how we can connect with our local community.

THURSDAY 6TH APRIL - CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

For secondary girls only - to take part in giving back, crafts and our Cherished bake-off!

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1201663

Easter at St John's

- **The Easter Event!**

Sat 1st April - 10am - 12:30pm
Family fun including board games, crafts,
an Easter trail around Jones Wood and
Coffee Shop @ St John's

- **Palm Sunday**

Sun 2nd April
◦ 10:30am - Meet @ St John's for
procession into Walmley Village with
donkey. Hot cross buns &
refreshments served afterwards!
◦ 7:30pm - Join us for Encounter, a
contemporary uplifting service with
praise and worship, reflection and
prayer

- **Compline Night Prayer**

3rd - 5th April - 9pm
Reflective night prayer live on Facebook

- **Maundy Thursday**

Thurs 6th April - 7pm
Join us for a reflective evening service

- **Good Friday**

Fri 7th April
◦ 10am - All-Age Good Friday Reflection
◦ 2pm - An hour at the cross

- **Easter Prayer Trail**

Sat 8th April - 10am - 12:30pm
Interactive and self-guided prayer trail
@ St John's. Suitable for adults and
children over 8 years

- **Easter Sunday**

Sun 9th April - 10:30am
All-Age celebration with Holy
Communion @ St John's

For more info call the
Parish Office: 0121 313 0413
or find us online: stjw.org.uk



Easter story and Craft Session
Monday 3rd April
11am - 12pm

This is a drop-in event, no booking necessary
Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sutton Coldfield Library - 0121 464 2274

The poster features a light blue background with a top border of white daisies and speckled Easter eggs. The text is centered in a black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there are three colorful Easter eggs (yellow, green, and purple) with patterns, and a bottom border of white daisies and speckled Easter eggs.

MicroSports



We hope you all had a great time at **Deanery** this half term.



Scan Me for our Website

Microsports would like to invite you to attend a **FREE** taster session on our **Football and Tennis Coaching Programmes**. Available days and times:

- Monday 5-5:50pm Mini Micros (5-8 years) Football**
- Tuesday Micro Lionesses (6-12 years GIRLS ONLY) Football**
- Wednesday Mini Red (4-7 years) Tennis**
- Thursday 5-5:50pm Junior Micros (8-12 years) Football**
- Saturday 9:10-10am Micro Tots (3-5 years) Football**
- Saturday 10:10-11am Mini Micros (5-8 years) Football**
- Saturday 11:15-12:15pm Junior Micros (8-12 years) Football**
- Saturday 2:30-3:30pm Mini Orange (7-9 years) Tennis**
- Saturday 3:30-4:30pm Mini Green (9-13 years) Tennis**

To take advantage of this offer please email sarah@micro-sports.co.uk

Why not also try our **holiday camps** this **Easter**? Head over to our website to find ur more information:
<https://microsportsltd.co.uk>

**Summer Term 1
After-school Clubs are
now available to book!**

 @microsports.ltd
 @MicroSports
 @microsports.ltd
 staff@micro-sports.co.uk



**TUESDAY 11TH - FRIDAY
14TH APRIL**

Please provide a pack lunch and refreshments

HALF-TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

Romulus are proud to introduce our **NEW** half term camps organised by semi professional footballer Luke Rowe.

To book and reserve you're child's place please contact Luke on the number provided.

**£15 per day,
£50 for the week**

- ✓ Qualified FA Coaches with DBS checks.
- ✓ Skills and ball techniques.
- ✓ Fun games and activities.
- ✓ Medals, trophies & much more!



**BOYS & GIRLS
AGED 5-12**

**9:00 AM -
3:00 PM**

**ROMULUS FC ACADEMY,
LINDRIDGE ROAD,
SUTTON COLDFIELD,
B75 7HU**



**Call Luke
07552232783**

Easter Holidays Art Workshops for Kids



Sutton Coldfield
TOWN HALL

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powered by kurowska.art

Kurowska Art

ART WORKSHOPS

for Children aged 5 to 13

delivered by a real artist

open to all skill levels

affordable prices



MON 03 APR - FRI 07 APR

every day from 10 am to 4 pm

Online booking:
halfterm.artclubs.kids

Venue:
Sutton Coldfield Town Hall



Easter holiday Family Activities



Castle Bromwich
Historic Gardens

1ST - 16TH APRIL - 7 DAYS A WEEK

We're open EVERYDAY for Percy Trails and Egg Hunts

No need to book for these.



There's a new **Percy the Park Keeper Adventure Trail** based on the story "**One Springy Day**".

Follow the **Egg Hunt Activity Trail (£3)** and pick up your chocolate egg prize too. (non dairy alternatives available)

Outdoor Cafe open each day. Picnics welcome

also on... SAT 8TH AND SUN 9TH APRIL (EASTER WEEKEND)

Colonel Pickering's Regiment of Foote

Living History encampment: sights, sounds and smells! English Civil War re-enactors takeover for the weekend. (free with entry)

Bookable sessions:

4TH & 11TH APRIL

Pond Life & Minibeasts

Adventurers and explorers, this one's for you, discover the tiny world of bugs at your feet

5TH, 6TH & 13TH APRIL

Percy's Spring Workshop

Activities, Crafts and Stories with Percy the Park Keeper

7TH & 12TH APRIL

Woodland Wizards

Witness the magic of nature, train as a Wizard's apprentice and carve your own wand.

IDEAL FOR AGES 2-11



Pick up a picnic lunchbox. Just like Percy's

£5 at the Cafe Cabin Available everyday



Children £3

Adults £5/£4.50

Lots of free activities included with entry fee