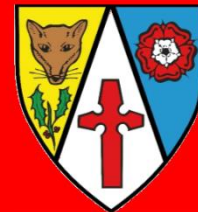


# NEWSLETTER



On Wednesday, we were delighted to be able to finally launch the Deanery ship! We welcomed representative from the grant funders along with those instrumental to the success of the project, in a short ceremony, to say a big thank you for their involvement. The previous 'adventure playground' was very tired after its 20 years of service and our school council were very enthusiastic with their ideas of what would replace it. We are so grateful to Sutton Town Council, Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust and our fabulous PTFA for their generous donations, to all at Ten for their designs and supplying such a brilliant installation, to Miss Morris, Mrs Allison and Mr Clarke and of course the children represented by the school council.

Today, each class has had the opportunity for a 'mini cruise' and have been introduced to the ship to ensure that they are able to play safely. The ship will be available for our children to use under the supervision of a member of staff on a weekly basis.

We respectfully request that the ship is not used at the beginning and at the end of the school day by any members of our school community.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

## Admissions

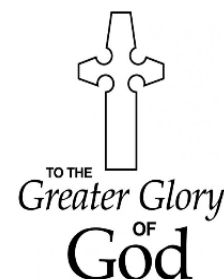
Every seven years we have to go out to consultation regarding our admissions policy, this officially goes live on Monday 20 November and will end on Monday 8 January 2024.

Our admission arrangements are published on the Birmingham City Council

Admissions website: [Proposed Admissions Arrangements 2025/2026 |](#)

[Determined admissions arrangements 2023 | Birmingham City Council](#)

Comments on the proposed admissions arrangements can be made on the Birmingham BeHeard website during the consultation period: [Proposed Admission Arrangements for September 2025/2026 - Birmingham City Council - Citizen Space \(birminghambeheard.org.uk\)](#)



**GRACE**



Ranvir RW  
Elizabeth 3T  
Jack 6A  
Connie RHM  
Erin 1BM  
Lucy 2MS  
Ranvir RW

**LOVE**

**FAITH**



Calvin 2R  
James 5MC

**Deanery  
Values**



**HOPE**

**JOY**



Rupert 6W  
Noah 6W

**PEACE**

### **Phase News**

Nursery and Reception have been learning about Diwali and how people celebrate the festival of light. We have created colourful and beautiful rangoli patterns and have sculpted diya lamps using clay.

Year One have been composing postcards, using adjectives to describe places they have been after reading 'The snail and the whale.'

Year 2 enjoyed learning about the different poppies we've had over the years and what remembrance is about.

Year 3 have been working hard over the last couple of weeks with their column addition and subtraction.

Years 4, 5, 6: What a week! We thoroughly enjoyed positive noticing day yesterday and sharing our positive comments given to us by our teachers. We're looking forward to writing some for each other in class prayer on Friday too! We are also super excited to start playing on the ship and "cruise" through play times having great fun!

## Pupil Voice

Athena 3T – “I did sewing and every time I sew it makes me happy and joyful. I started to make a coaster for my mug.”

Leonard 6A – “We wrote our own war poems with a partner and we performed them to the rest of the class using actions and changing our tone of voice to engage the audience.”

Kylie 6A – “As part of remembrance, we looked at a variety of war poems including Flanders Field. We highlighted key vocabulary and discussed the meaning behind the poem.”

Saoirse RHM - "I made a diya lamp out of clay and it was wet and sticky. When it dries, I will paint it"

Joe 4P – “In Geography, we were using the computers to find the countries in Europe and then their capital cities. I feel like I could now find more countries in Europe on map.”

Phoenix 4P – “we have been doing hockey on PE. I liked having to move with the stick and learn a new sport.”

Isla 4P – “Last week in English, we went into the hall and pretend to fly to Sicily on an aeroplane. It was good fun and was like really going on holiday.”

Winter 1BM – “In English we wrote a postcard. We went to Costa Rica, The Great Barrier Reef, Antarctica and the beach. My writing was very neat and my teacher said I did a great job!”

Rosie RW – “bullying is when you hurt someone over and over again”

Siya RW – “Odd socks are to show you are special”

Beatrice 2MS – “I've loved Maths this week! Ive worked really hard and can add by exchanging ten!”

Abbey 5MC - "We have been talking about fractions such as one third and we have been finding equivalent fractions. We have also found out that you can't always simplify a fraction."

Callum 5MC - "We have started auditions for our Christmas production. We are very excited and our teachers said our auditions were fantastic!"

Edward 6W - "I have like doing 3-d Art and strengthening my work with cardboard."

## Staffing Update

We would like to welcome Karen Woodhall who has joined us as Office Manager at Deanery.

## Remembrance Sunday

Head Boys and Girls giving their time and respect to the Remembrance Sunday Service.



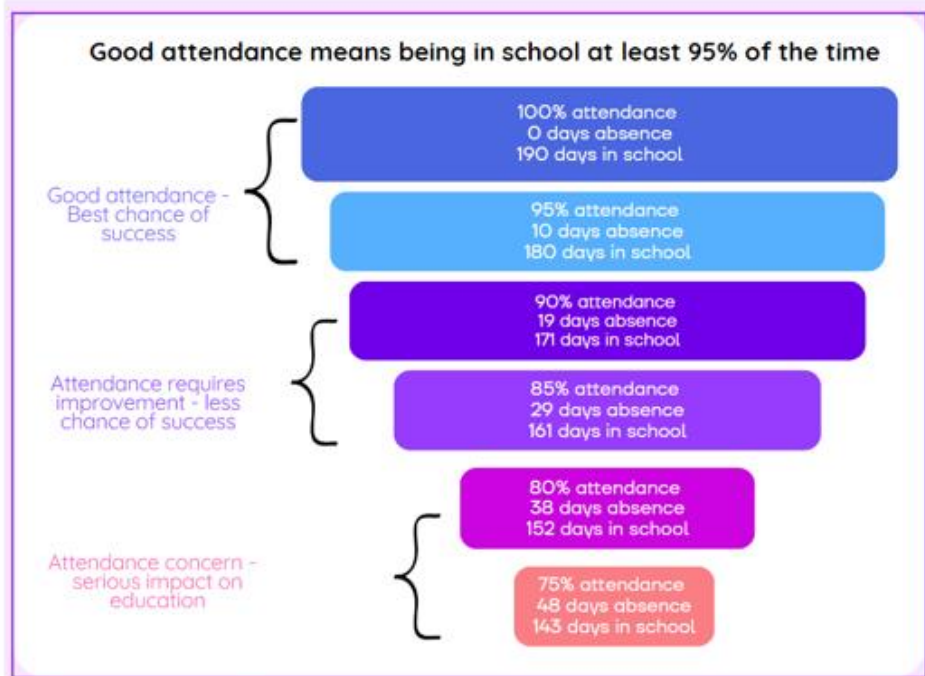
## The Ship Opening!

We are delighted to announce the 'Grand Opening' of the Ship! We were joined by the Mayor of Sutton Coldfield, the Chief Executive and Grants Manager of Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust, the PTFA and Ten Construction to mark the official opening. We give huge thanks to each of these organisations that have helped fund this fantastic new play area for our children.



## Attendance at Deanery

Your child is required to attend school for 190 days each year. The government target for attendance in primary schools is at least 95%



| ATTENDANCE | DAYS ABSENT | WEEKS ABSENT | KS1 LESSONS MISSED | KS2 LESSONS MISSED |
|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 95%        | 9           | 2            | 40 lessons         | 45 lessons         |
| 90%        | 19          | 4            | 76 lessons         | 95 lessons         |
| 85%        | 29          | 6            | 116 lessons        | 145 lessons        |
| 80%        | 38          | 8            | 152 lessons        | 190 lessons        |
| 75%        | 48          | 10           | 192 lessons        | 240 lessons        |
| 70%        | 57          | 11.5         | 228 lessons        | 285 lessons        |



Our current whole school attendance is 96.2%

### Little Hollies Nursery Open Morning for September 2024 Admissions

We will be holding our Little Hollies Nursery open morning on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 9.30am – 11am for admission into Nursery in September 2024. Watch our video of a day at Little Hollies nursery <https://youtu.be/m3fHOb2d8Ak>.

Application forms will be available at the open morning or from the school website <https://www.deanery.bham.sch.uk/parents/nursery> and must be submitted to the School Office by 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024.

Please call the school office to book a place on 0121 351 6441.

### **Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

We will be having our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Wednesday Roasts and Friday Feasts - Spring Term**

If your child has packed lunches but would like to have either Wednesday Roasts, Friday Feasts or both in Spring 1 then please fill in the form below.

**Friday Feasts will be pizza, sausage and breaded fish on rotation.**

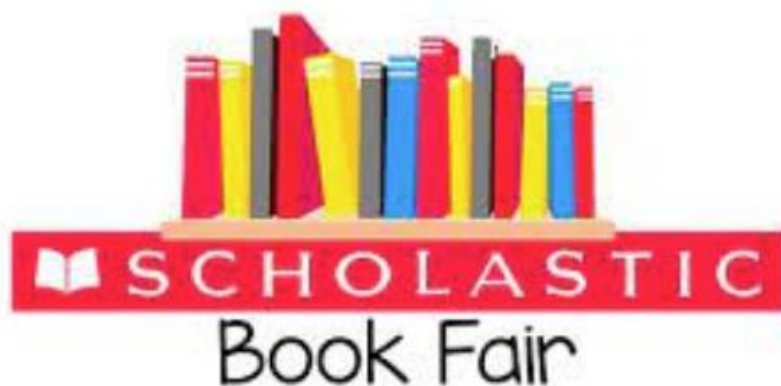
Meals will be added to Scopay in due course. The cost of a School meal is £2.70 per day unless your child qualifies for free school meals.

Please reply on the link below by Wednesday 22nd November.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=y4FijlNeEygFgtjlf3WwWv09RIC8ZpPmBKDdOdmiLxURVFUSDUzSjM5VEFBTExDUDVTTEIUSDFXVS4u>

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

A HUGE thank you to everyone that visiting our @scholasticuk book fair before half term. Your purchases have earned us over £500 to spend on books for school. Your support is very much appreciated! Happy reading! 📖





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Friends Of The Deanery



# Christmas School Disco Friday 8th December

KS1 DISCO (RECEPTION TO YEAR 2) 5.00 - 6.15 PM

KS2 DISCO (YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6) 6.30 - 8.00 PM

**PRE-BOOKED TICKETS ONLY  
BOOK YOUR TICKETS ONLINE**

*Book online from 16th November at*  
**[www.pta-events.co.uk/deanery](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/deanery)**





## RNIB Stamps Appeal

As a school, we would like to support RNIB this festive season and collect stamps to make a difference to blind and partially sighted people.

If you receive cards and letters through the post, could you save the stamps and send them in to us? We will recycle them and send them on to the RNIB who will recycle them into much-needed funds for their services.

We will have a collection box in the main school entrance or just send your stamps in to us in a bag or envelope and we will pop them in the collection box for you.





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](mailto: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](#)

# ChatHealth



Do you know where I can get some health advice?

The School Health Support Service can help students with all kind of things like...

Relationships, mental health, alcohol, bullying, self-harm, smoking, drugs and healthy eating

Text the School Nurse  
for confidential advice and  
support on **07480635485**

We do not usually inform your parents, teachers or anyone else if you contact the school nurse. We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact a member of school staff or your doctor. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). Prevent the school nurse from sending messages to you by texting **STOP** to our number. Please respect your schools mobile phone policy. Messages are charged at your usual rate.



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29th Sutton Coldfield

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**Brownies offers girls** exciting opportunities to take on new challenges, make brilliant friends and discover the world around them.

'I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself.'

**Poonam, aged 10**



# Messy Church

# Christingle

**St Chads Church Sutton Coldfield**

Invite you to our Messy Christingle

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

4.00pm - 6.00pm

at St Chads Parish Church

Hollyfield Road, B75 7SN



Free event - Everyone welcome

Booking essential via QR Code

Please book for every member of your party, adults & children





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# Boldmere Christmas Festival 2023

Fire Road Safety  
and Technical Rescue Unit

Helipod  
from Midlands Air Ambulance

Children's rides  
including: Ferris Wheel, Fun  
House, Mini Dodgems

Over 50 Artisan  
Market Stalls

20 Street Food Stalls

Live Entertainment

Large range of  
alcoholic and  
non-alcoholic drinks

## Sunday 19th November 1-6pm

### Suggested Donations

Adults £2  
Children £1  
Family (5) £5

The festival is run by a dedicated group of volunteers. To be able to continue putting on festivals in the future we kindly ask that you would donate a nominal entrance fee.

Presented by:

1:00 Trinity Players (music from the theatre)

1:45 O'Halloran (acoustic covers & originals)

2:30 Dakota (rap, rock and funk)

3:15 Ruby & Ed (singer songwriter duo)

4:15 Guilty Secrets (rock, blues, rock'n'roll, soul)

5:00 Jenna Catton (storyteller)

5:05 Andi Markham (The Puppet Man)

5:15 Christmas Lights Switch-on

5:20 Dick Whittington (pantomime)

5:25 Real-Life Church (upbeat carols)

Full details of our festival at [boldmere.org](http://boldmere.org)

Funding from:



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# Breakfast with Santa

16th, 17th, 23rd DEC  
9 AM - 10:30 AM

**Ticket £5 per Child**

Ticket includes; child's breakfast, drink and a present from Santa with Christmas activities

The Hornet pub, 991 Alum Rock Road, B82LY