



Dear Parents/Carers,

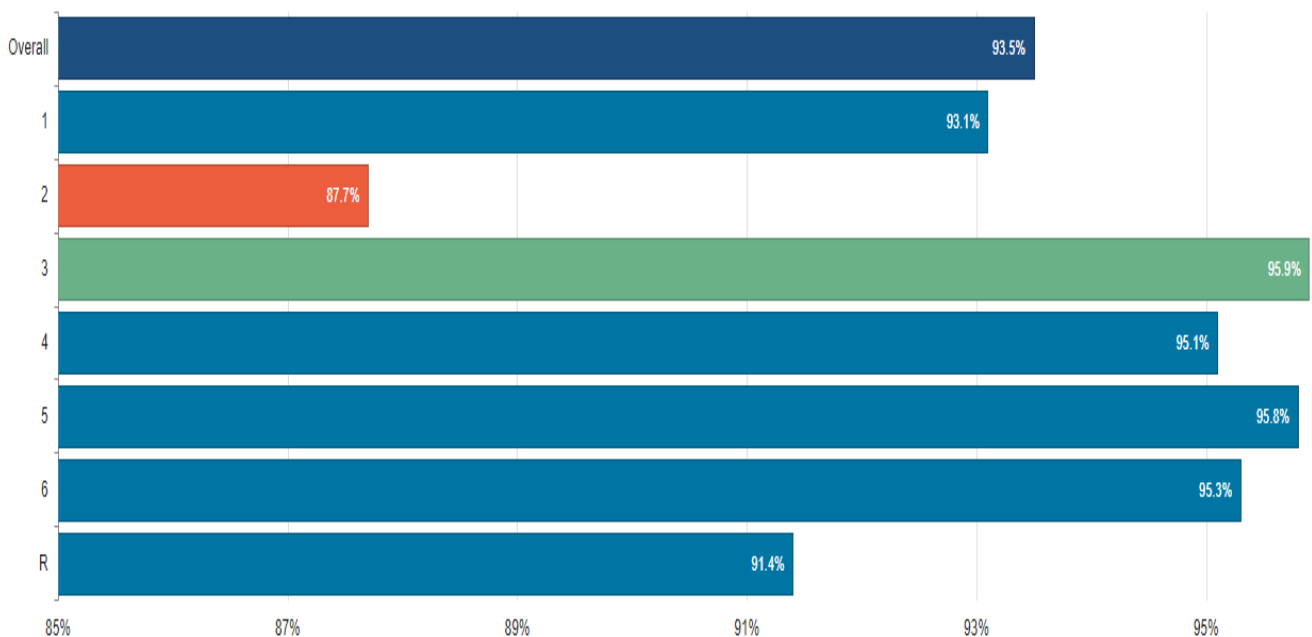
Thank you to parents for joining our workshops this week. If your child's class have not had one yet this half term, see the dates below or speak to the teacher.

We look forward to welcoming parents to our next coffee morning on Thursday. It is a chance to talk and relax whilst having a coffee, some biscuits and creating some artwork.

Our parent committee are working hard to organise events and fundraise towards a project they have agreed on. Further information will be shared with you soon.

Please continue to ensure your children are in school daily and on time so that they do not miss any learning opportunities. See below our attendance figures for this week. Well done to Y3.

Overall



Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. L Mahony, Headteacher

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Brookfields Primary School are excited to invite you to our coffee morning.

It will be on:

Thursday 1st February at 8.50am – 9.30am, you are all welcome. Feel free to bring along biscuits/food to share with the group.

Let's bring our community together, have a drink, chat and try some craft activities.

This week we will be having a go at printing using paint.

This will be a great opportunity to bring our community together to discuss working as a Team to enable our children to

SHINE

Key Dates

- Wednesdays: Year 3B swimming lessons
- Tuesday 30th January: Year 2 SATS Workshop
- Wednesday 31st January: Year 6 Visit to Black Country Museum
- Thursday 1st February 2024: Parent coffee morning – 8.45am
- Monday 5th February: Year 5 Visit to Warwick Castle
- Tuesday 6th February: Year 1 Phonics Workshop
- **Thursday 8th February: Children break up for Half Term**
- **Tuesday 20th February: Pupils return to school at 8:30am**
- Thursday 22nd February: Reception Maths Workshop
- Tuesday 27th February: Nursery Sharing Stories Workshop

All Workshops letters will be sent at a near date to the Workshop.

Bromcom My Child At School App (MCAS)

As you are aware we previously used the Arbor App for communicating to parents. In January 2024 we will be launching our new parent app called **My Child At School (MCAS)**. The MCAS app is our preferred method of communication with you using app notifications.

What is MCAS?

MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) is a portal that can enable parents to view their child's academic performance in real-time via a web browser or mobile app. This facility allows exclusive access to key academic dates, attendance information, timetables and the personal details the academy holds for you and your child.

The following modules which are available in MCAS:

- Notifications
- Pupil details check/update/amend
- Attendance
- Parents evening booking
- Reports
- Assessment
- Dinner/Dinner money

Downloading the app and logging in

The app is simple to download and access using the email address that you have supplied to us.

The app is available through the Google Store or Apple Store, just search for **My Child At School app by Bromcom Computers Plc**.

From the 19th January 2024 we will no longer use the Arbor app and the only way to upload funds for Dinner will be through PayPoint or MCAS app. Please note any existing Arbor (credit) will automatically transfer to your MCAS account. You can view the balance in Dinner module and top up the balance in Dinner Money.

We will be having a **drop-in session all day on Thursday 25th January 2024** where office staff will be on hand to help you get logged in.

PayPoint

In January we will supply each parent with a PayPoint letter which contains a barcode, so you can easily upload payments using the cash PayPoint facility.

Using PayPoint payments are for those parents/carers who wish to continue to pay for items via cash. PayPoint payments are also recorded by MCAS and can be seen by logging into your MCAS account and viewing your payment history online. Your nearest PayPoint is here: JET - Key Hill, Icknield Street, Hockley, Birmingham, B18 5AU



Rookery **Children's Centre**.
Address: 60 Mount Pleasant
Avenue **Handsworth**
Birmingham; Postcode: B21 9QA

Tues 16 January 2024
Tues 13th February 2024
Tues 12th March 2024
10am - 12 noon

Register on our Eventbrite page:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/autism-west-midlands-4516901521>



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HANDSWORTH PARENT CARER SUPPORT GROUP

Join us for our Parent Support Group where you will be able to meet with other parents, share ideas, celebrate achievements, and offer support.

What you can expect:

- Guest speakers
- Focus upon wellbeing
- Embracing neurodiversity
- Support, advice & guidance
- Light refreshments

Scan or press QR code to register





Communication and Autism



Access to
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Spring Term 2024 CAT PAC – Early Years Delivered Online

We would like to invite you to a CAT PAC course, our parent awareness course designed to support you following your child receiving a diagnosis of autism.

- The course has been designed for parents who want to increase their understanding of autism.
- The sessions will be delivered virtually via Microsoft TEAMS, a link will be sent to you before each session.
 - Each session will last for 2 hours

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Session 1 – An introduction to Autism	Tuesday 30 th January 9.30-11.30am
Session 2 – Communication and Interaction	Tuesday 6 th February 9.30-11.30am
HALF TERM	
Session 3 – Sensory differences	Tuesday 20 th February 9.30-11.30am
Session 4 – Eating, sleeping and toileting	Tuesday 27 th February 9.30-11.30am
Session 5 – Emotional regulation	Tuesday 5 th March 9.30-11.30am

The subject or title of your email needs to state that it is for the :

Spring 2024 Early Years Online CAT PAC.

In your email please include:

- Your name and email address
- Your Child / young person's name and school
- Your child / young person's CAT worker (if known)
- Due to limited places, the course will be offered to the first families to contact us.
- *There is an expectation that parents endeavour to attend all sessions if possible.*
- **Please email A2EGeneral@birmingham.gov.uk to reserve a place. You will receive an email response to confirm your place or to tell you that the course is full.**

Yours sincerely,

Viv Walters & Wendy Bantock



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Dawn Fisher and Wendy Gibb