

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and carers,



Thank you so much for your generous support of the BBC Children in need appeal. Collectively we have raised an absolutely amazing **£2000.00** for the charity! We have been promised a few more donations in buckets at home time today so we will add these to our total and share the final amount in next week's newsletter.

The children that entered the **RunPudsey sponsored event raised £1480.00.** They completed their run this morning and their medals will be sent to school. We will give them out once received. A reminder that only children who have been sponsored will receive a medal so please donate what you can afford online to your child's sponsorship page. Every penny goes to the Children in Need appeal.

Once again thank you so much for your kind donations.

No school crossing warden on Monday afternoon

Due to absence, there will be no patrol on the afternoon of Monday 18th November on Percy Road. Can all adults and children please take extra care when crossing the road.

Read these top tips for road safety - [Advice for parents and families | Brake](#)

SEND coffee morning

There will be a **SEND coffee morning for parents / carers at 9am on Thursday 21st November** in the main school hall.

WEEKLY SEND CLINIC Thursdays 9-11am

Mrs O'Donnell is happy to announce that she will be running a **SEND clinic every Thursday, starting from THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER 9-11am.**

If you have a SEND related query regarding your child, feel free to call the school office on 0121 464 3360 to book one of the clinic appointments. Each week, there will be eight 15 minute slots, and it will be first come first served. If you are too late to book that week, you can be added onto the following week.

Please note, if Mrs O'Donnell is already regularly working with specific children and families then she may arrange meetings outside of these times.

We look forward to seeing you!

Early Help SEND Support Session

If you are a parent or a professional looking to find out information on what an EHCP is, what the pathway looks like for a SEND diagnosis, diet and nutrition for your child, what support is available locally, or you have questions to put to Early Help – then join the FREE SEND Support Session by registering here: <https://forms.office.com/e/LmUp9arLdj>.

When: Monday 25th November 2024

Time: 10am - 12pm

Where: The Springfield Project - Springfield Road, Birmingham, B13 9NY.

2nd session - register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/1PDbqrVdh7>

When: Monday 25th November 2024

Time: 1pm - 3pm

Where: The Springfield Project - Springfield Road, Birmingham, B13 9NY.

please do not register if you have already registered for the morning session

New Morning Gate Opening Time: The gates will open at 8:30 AM.

End of the Day Gate Opening Time: The gates will open at 3:15 PM.

Reception Children: picked up from their classroom door.

Nursery Arrangements: no changes.

The school day finishes at 3.15pm. Please ensure your child is collected at this time. Children will be taken to the late train at 3.25pm – please collect your child from late train if you arrive after this time (second door on the left side of the main office entrance).

Flu Vaccinations for Reception Children

Nasal spray flu vaccinations will now be administered to consenting Reception children on Monday 18th November 2024.

New Office Opening Times

from Monday, 4th November 2024, our office opening hours changed. The new hours will be:

8:00 am to 10:00 am

2:30 pm to 4:00 pm



Asda Cashpot for Schools

Please support Greet when you shop. For more info please go to <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>
Applying for Reception September 2025

If you have a child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 must apply online to Birmingham City Council Local Authority. **Even if you have another child at the school, you are still required to submit an application. The closing date is 15 January 2025 at 11:59pm.** Please click here to apply - https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1786/apply_for_reception_primary_school

Afterschool Clubs

If you no longer need the afterschool club space or your child does not want to go, can you please call the school and let the office know so we can open the space up for another child on the waiting list.

School term dates

Autumn Term 2024

Term ends: **Friday 20th December**

Spring Term 2025 (06/01/25-11/04/25)

Term Starts: **Monday 6th January (school opens Tuesday 7th January)**

TRAINING (School closed for children): **Monday 6th January**

TRAINING (School closed for children): **Friday 14th February**

Half-term: **Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February**

TRAINING (School closed for children): **Monday 31st March**

Term ends: **Friday 11th April**

Summer Term 2025 (28/04/25-21/07/25)

Term Starts: **Monday 28th April**

Half-term: **Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May**

BANK HOLIDAY (School closed for children): **Monday 5th May 2024**

TRAINING (School closed for children): **Friday 6th June**

TRAINING (School closed for children): **Friday 4th July**

TRAINING (School closed for children): **Monday 21st July**

Term ends: **Monday 21st July**

Events

Year 3 reading workshop (3SC and 3RB) – 19th November 2024 at 2.30pm

Year 3 reading workshop (3SH and 3AA) – 22nd November 2024 at 2.30pm

Please also see our Festive Calendar below.

Trips

Year 6 visit to Birmingham Council House and Cathedral - 26th and 28th November 2024

Year 2 visit to St Johns – 10th December 2024

Reception and Year 1 trip to the MAC – 19th December 2024

Festive Calendar 2024

Thursday 28 th November	Christmas decorations go up!
Friday 29 th November	<p>Festive Friday!</p> <p>The children will finish off this week decorating their classrooms.</p>
Wednesday 4 th December	<p>Christmas Lunch</p> <p>Children will be served a festive meal in the dining hall complete with crackers & party hats!</p>
Friday 6 th December	<p>12 Days of GREETmas begins!</p> <p>Interactive advent calendar with gifts for children.</p>
	<p>Christmas Panto!</p> <p>The children will watch a screening of Panto Land By Panto Online.</p>
<p>Tuesday 10th</p> <p>Wednesday 11th</p> <p>Thursday 12th</p>	<p>Christmas Performances</p> <p>EYFS, Christmas Choir & Y5/6 Music Electives to perform their festive production to children and parents.</p>
Thursday 12 th December	<p>Christmas Jumper Day</p> <p>We will be raising money for Save the Children – all children to wear Christmas jumpers (own clothes are fine if you don't have festive jumpers) Donations of £1.00 for charity, or as much as you can.</p>
Monday 16 th December	<p>Christmas Singing Assemblies</p> <p>Children to sing their festive songs in their phase singing assemblies.</p>
Friday 20 th December	<p>Christmas party morning</p> <p>Christmas parties in classes.</p>
	<p>Festive Sing Song!</p> <p>Outdoor sing song in the main playground – all classes & parents @ 2:45pm</p>
	<p>School closes to pupils for the Christmas holidays @ 3:15pm</p>

Ho ho ho! Let the festive fun begin!

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING

Courses like Bikeability are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began; there are Bikeability courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signaling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.

2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE

Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into' theirs by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting youngsters off cycling forever. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then try out a trike, handcycle or other adaptive cycle to see what works best.

3 TRY A CARGO BIKE

Cargo bikes, particularly the box-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.

4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE

It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M check' is particularly useful: assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.

5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR

Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets are fitted correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bikes with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.

6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN

Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but easier path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the National Cycle Network, canal towpaths and even parks that you can cut through.

7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS

For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the kerb if cycling on the road – riding approximately a metre out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.

8 AVOID PARKED CARS

When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone inside opens a door unexpectedly or the vehicle itself starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.

9 START A 'BIKE BUS'

Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which comes with the added benefit of safety in numbers, in case anything goes wrong along the way. Team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other folks asking to join you?

10 HAVE FUN!

Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike, while also being a superb form of exercise. Ease children into the hobby by starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

Meet Our Expert

Sophie Gordon is the campaigns manager at Cycling UK, a charity which inspires and enables people to start cycling. She has spent six years campaigning for safer roads and more protected cycle paths, while supporting communities to call for better cycling conditions where they live.

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Baby Talk Sessions – still time to register your interest for further information



BABY TALK

Early language development

SEPTEMBER 2024 | WEEKLY 45 MINUTE

GREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

Join us for Baby Talk, a delightful stay and play event designed to support early language development for babies. This 45-minute weekly session, running for 36 weeks at Greet Primary, is perfect for both current and expecting parents! Connect with other parents, share experiences, and learn from one another in a relaxed and friendly environment. Enjoy interactive play sessions for children, informative discussions on early language development, and a variety of engaging activities aimed at nurturing your child's growth.

We're especially inviting pregnant mums to join us as we embark on this exciting journey together. The start date is to be confirmed, but you can register your interest by contacting the school office.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Mrs Jabeen or Mr Haydon at:

Email: enquiry@greet.create.org.uk

Phone: 0121 464 3360

We look forward to seeing you there!