



Yorkmead Primary School

Friday 9th May 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have arrived at the end of a short week. On Wednesday, Year One visited the Eco-Park. All of the children had a fantastic time and it was lovely to hear their excitement when they returned. A huge thank-you to Miss Bashford who accompanied both classes and our parent helpers

I have had the privilege this academic year (currently with Yr5), to accompany classes for their swimming lessons to Fox Hollies Leisure Centre. I have been quite shocked at the extremely low levels of swimming competence, and the experience of swimming our children have. Children swim for free in Birmingham. I recommend all families sign their children up, as swimming is an extremely important skill to have.

Year Six SATs begin next week! All Year Six children can attend breakfast club for free, from 8:15am. Please ensure your children do some revision this weekend, but then also make sure they have a rest so they are ready to give the best of themselves.

Unfortunately, my final note is about parking. The pavement is for pedestrians and **not** cars. I strongly urge all of you who find the illegal parking by some of our parents to much; to follow the link below and report incidents. You will need the make, model, colour, registration and street details. There is also a function to be able to add a photograph as evidence:
www.birmingham.gov.uk/parking report illegal parking.

Workers of the Week:

Year One	Sofia (West Midlands) & Shaban (Warwickshire).
Year Two	Abdul-Hadi (County Antrim) & Zainab (Devon).
Year Three	Zakariyyah (Gwynedd) & Rahma (Gloucestershire).
Year Four	Sakina (Scottish Highlands) & Ruqayya (4 Dorset).
Year Five	Hashim (Cheshire) & Aizah A (Hampshire).
Year Six	Tayebe (Yorkshire) & Abdullah (Suffolk).



Well done Year Three!

Whole school attendance this week: 94.9%

Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
88.7%	96.4%	93.8%	97%	96.6%	96.3%	95.6%

Best Wishes,

Mr Newman-Smith



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The Monthly Yorkmead Social

Come and join Mr Newman-Smith, Mr Sutton and others for a chat.

This is not a workshop!
This is not a parents' evening! This is not formal!

It is simply a chance to chat, you can drop in anytime between 3:00pm and 4:00pm and stay for as long or as little as you like. We will provide tea and biscuits but feel free to bring along your own food and drinks and snacks if you prefer to share.



Thursday 5th June

Thursday 26th June



Phonics Screening Workshop

Year one Phonics Screening workshop is on **Monday 12th May at 3pm.**

Year 2 re-sit children and parents are welcome to come too.

Inset Day

Please note the following inset day, school will be closed to all pupils. **Monday 21st July 2025.**

Free Y6 Breakfast Club

During SATs week, all Yr6 children may attend breakfast club free of charge.

Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May.

Grammar School

Parents of **current Year 5 pupils** who would like their child to sit the entrance test for a place at any of the grammar schools in Birmingham/West Midlands (entry to Year 7 in September 2026).

Registration can be made online by visiting the website below. The closing date for registering is 4pm on 27th June 2025.

The test will take place on 13th September 2025.

www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk

Diary Dates

Monday 28 th April 2025	Children back to school. -
Monday 5 th May 2025	Bank Holiday. School closed. -
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	Y1 visit to the Eco Park. -
Monday 12 th May – 23 rd May 2025	Something is hatching in Reception...Chick arrival!
Monday 12 th May 2025	Y6 SATS begin. English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2.
Tuesday 13 th May 2025	Y6 SATS. English reading.
Wednesday 14 th May 2025	Y6 SATS. Mathematics papers 1 and 2. Y3 visit to Lapworth Museum.
Thursday 15 th May 2025	Y6 SATS. Mathematics paper 3.
Monday 19 th May 2025	Y2 visit to Weston-Super-Mare.
Friday 23 rd May 2025	End of half term.
Monday 2 nd June 2025	Children Back to school.
Monday 9 th June 2025	Y1 Phonics screening one week window begins.
Monday 2 nd June 2025 – Friday 13 th June 2025	Y4 two-week window for Multiplication check.
Thursday 12 th June 2025	Y2 visit to Creswell Craggs.
Monday 16 th June 2025	Y4 visit to the Roman Baths.
Monday 23 rd June 2025	Class group photos.
Wednesday 2 nd July 2025	Nursery Animal visit (in Nursery).
Thursday 3 rd July	Y1 visit to Kenilworth Castle.
Thursday 3 rd and Friday 4 th July 2025	Reception visit to Martineau Gardens (one class on each day).
Thursday 10 th July 2025	Y6 visit to West Midlands Safari Park.
Thursday 17 th July 2025	Y5 visit to Umberslade Adventure.
Friday 18 th July 2025	End of academic year.