

Friday 3rd February 2023



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Academy News

A great wellbeing week for the children this week.

The children focused on positive thoughts and mental health.

Some of the activities including meditation, yoga and mindfulness breathing.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 14th February 2023	Class Photographs
Friday 17th February 2023	PJ Day - £1 Donation Birmingham Children's Hospital
Friday 17th February 2023	Last Day of Spring 1
Thursday 2nd March 2023	World Book Day Dress Up
Monday 27th February 2023	Start of Spring 2
Friday 31st March 2023	Last Day of Spring 2
Monday 17th April 2023	Start of Summer 1
Friday 26th May 2023	Last Day of Summer 1
Monday 5th June 2023	Start of Summer 2
Thursday 6th & Friday 7th July 2023	Teacher Training Days

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Upcoming Term Dates

Friday 17th February 2023	Last Day of Spring 1
Monday 27th February 2023	Start of Spring 2
Friday 31st March 2023	Last Day of Spring 2
Monday 17th April 2023	Start of Summer 1
Friday 26th May 2023	Last Day of Summer 1
Monday 5th June 2023	Start of Summer 2



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World Book Week

Monday 27th February - Friday 3rd March 2023

During this week, the children will take part in a number of text related activities.
Our focus text for this will be 'Tuesday' by David Wiesner.

About our book:

'Tuesday' is the tale of a series of animal invasions that strike at a particular time and place, namely Tuesday evening at around eight o'clock in a small suburb. Hundreds of thousands of frogs invade the skies, flying along on lilypad aircraft.

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

2 MARCH 2023

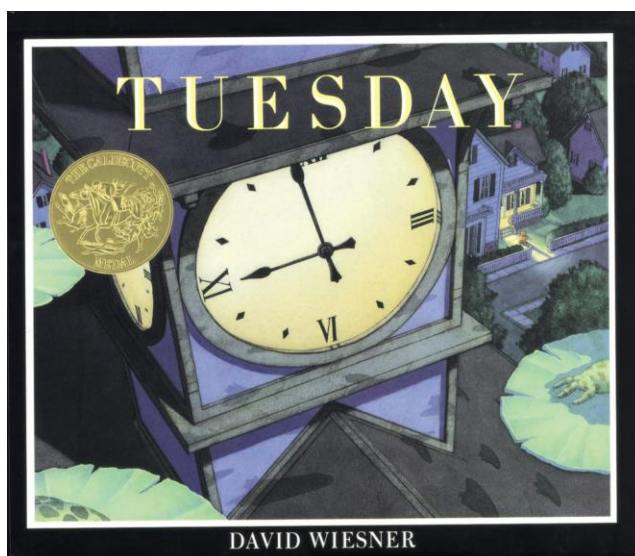
World Book Day Dress Up

Thursday 2nd March 2023

Please come dressed as your
favourite book character.

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Our Attendance Target

Our target for all children is to have attendance

above 96%

ATTENDANCE = SUCCESS

Why is attendance important?

Children who attend school regularly have the best chance to achieve their academic potential and have real opportunity in further education and the world of work.



The Numbers

Missing school can have a significant impact on a child's access to education as shown in the table below.

Attendance during one school year	Number of days absent over a year	Number of weeks absent over a year	Number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons

Missing School, Family Holidays and The Law

Family holidays in term time are not allowed in law and **will not** be authorised.

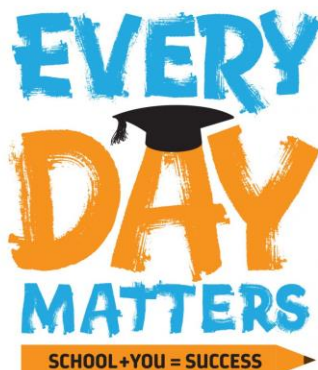
Please note that where parents fail to ensure their child attends school regularly, legal action, including penalty notices, may be considered.



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23rd Jan – 3rd Feb 2023

Nursery AM	93.3%	0 Late	★ KS1
Nursery PM	86.8%	1 Late	
RB	93.1%	3 Late	
RS	94.8%	5 Late	
RW	93.9%	11 Late	
1B	97.8%	17 Late	★ KS1
1D	93.3%	13 Late	
1W	98.1%	2 Late	
2A	91.9%	3 Late	
2C	94.3%	9 Late	
2F	93.0%	12 Late	
3E	95.2%	9 Late	
3G	91.1%	18 Late	
3H	95.4%	13 Late	
4B	94.4%	19 Late	
4C	96.3%	21 Late	★ KS2
4S	94.4%	16 Late	
5B	94.3%	10 Late	
5J	91.9%	21 Late	
5K	93.3%	17 Late	
6R	95.9%	9 Late	
6S	92.6%	8 Late	
6W	96.4%	6 Late	★ KS2



Attendance

Congratulations to 1W, 1B, 6W and 4C for being above 'good' attendance.

Punctuality

Well done to Nursery PM for 0 late days.

Overall Attendance

Our attendance this week:

94.2%

Our attendance this year:

90.1%

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE WORKS



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Stars of the Week

Nursery AM	Ariah
Nursery PM	Abubakr
RB	Accalia
RS	Mehar
RW	Mikael R
1B	Raya
1D	Ibrahim
1W	Ali
2A	Amayah
2C	Rachim
2F	Zahra
3E	Maryam
3G	Amirah
3H	Manya
4B	Dawood
4C	Anaya
4S	Maab
5B	Musa A
5J	Daniela M
5K	Hashir
6R	Nabiha
6S	Zainab H
6W	Afiyah

Computing Stars

At Dorrington, our Teachers recognise the importance of being digitally literate. We would like to give special mention to the following students for tremendous effort.

The Computing Star for KS1 is:

Rooppreet - Year 2

The Computing Star for KS2 is:

Anvayi - Year 4

Outdoor Education Stars

The children have been working extra hard in Outdoor Education. Mrs. Steventon and Mrs. King would like to give their outstanding award to the following pupils.

The Outdoor Education Star for KS1 is:

Nuh - Year 1

The Outdoor Education Star for KS2 is:

Navarro - Year 5

Sports Stars

Miss Kenny has enjoyed her P.E. lessons with lots of classes across Dorrington. Her students always try their hardest and she would like to mention the following pupils.

The Sports Star for KS1 is:

Ayaan - Reception

The Sports Star for KS2 is:

Habeema - Year 4

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Playground Equipment

- Please ensure you have logged into Arbor and completed the consent form. Until consent is given, your child **will not** be allowed to use the play equipment.
- On days when your child's class are timetabled to use the playground, please send your child with trainers in a bag to put on when it is their turn. **Children should still come to school in the correct school uniform.**
- Children **will not** be allowed on the play equipment in school shoes.
- On the next page is a timetable for when your child's class will go onto the play equipment each week. These are split into two sessions.
- Session times are as follows:
 - Key Stage 1
 - Session 1 – 12:25 to 12:45
 - Session 2 – 12:45 to 1:05
 - Key Stage 2
 - Session 1 – 12:30 to 12:55
 - Session 2 – 12:55 to 1:20



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EYFS & KS1 Timetable

Sessions	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
06.02.23	RW	2A	2C	2F	1B	1D	1W	RB	RS	RW
13.02.23	2A	2C	2F	1B	1D	1W	RB	RS	RW	2A

KS2 Timetable

Sessions	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
06.02.23	3E	5K	3H	5J	6R	4B	6W	4S	6S	4C
13.02.23	3G	5B	3E	5K	3H	5J	4B	6R	4S	6W

Session Times

KS1- Session 1 – 12:25 to 12:45, Session 2 – 12:45 to 1:05

KS2 - Session 1 – 12:30 to 12:55, Session 2 – 12:55 to 1:20

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Times Tables Rock Stars & Numbots

Currently, there are a number of Battle of the Bands Tournaments happening on TT Rockstars. A new tournament begins every Monday.



The battle are as follows:

- 2A vs 2C vs 2F
- 3H vs 3G vs 3E
- 4C vs 4S vs 4B
- 5B vs 5K vs 5J



Recently, Year 1 children have received their Numbots log-ins. Here the children can practise their addition and subtraction skills amongst others.

If you require a log-in, please ask your Class Teacher.

www.ttrockstars.com www.numbots.com

TTRS Tournament Winners

Year 2

Class: 2C

MVP: Zakariyya

Year 3

Class: 3G

MVP: Zayaan

Year 4

Class: 4C

MVP: Ayaan

Year 5

Class: 5B

MVP: Nuraz



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Reminders

Please log into Arbor to access your child's data and consent options.

Here you can update meal choices, change contact details and update various consents such as playground use, school trips and food tasting.



Uniform

Dorrington Academy expect all children to be in the Academy's uniform as listed below. School ties, jumpers, cardigans and book bags may be ordered from Uniform Plus located on Walsall Road.

	Boys	Girls	P.E.
Winter (from Sept)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grey trousers. White shirt. School tie. Royal blue V necked jumper with school logo. Black school shoes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grey skirt or trousers. White shirt. School tie. Royal blue cardigan or V necked jumper with school logo. Black school shoes (no heels). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For indoor activities - Navy blue/Black shorts, house coloured t-shirt and black pumps. For outdoor activities - navy blue/black jogging bottoms, house coloured t-shirt, royal blue cardigan or jumper with school logo and trainers.
Summer (from April)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grey shorts or trousers. White shirt. School tie. Royal blue V necked jumper with school logo. Black school shoes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue and white summer dress. Royal blue cardigan or V necked jumper with school logo. Black school shoes (no heels or open toe shoes). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All watches, rings, chains and bracelets must be removed <p>House Colours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emerald – Green Ruby – Red Sapphire – Blue Diamond – Yellow

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Just for Fun

Health and Wellbeing

C	L	G	B	C	R	I	H	M	O	V	I	N	G
H	E	I	A	I	E	P	T	M	N	A	E	U	H
I	R	U	E	I	L	E	L	I	C	A	L	M	S
L	S	I	N	S	A	E	A	N	G	B	I	V	N
L	S	U	A	O	X	L	E	D	N	N	D	E	A
E	R	G	C	C	I	S	H	F	I	I	L	G	R
C	O	E	S	I	N	B	Y	U	E	N	E	E	U
Y	O	Y	I	A	G	A	E	L	B	U	X	T	N
A	D	E	E	L	D	A	S	N	L	F	E	A	N
Y	T	I	V	I	T	C	A	E	L	L	R	B	I
C	U	G	R	S	R	L	C	S	E	H	C	L	N
U	O	A	G	I	U	E	N	S	W	E	I	E	G
A	A	N	Y	N	B	A	N	A	N	A	S	N	L
I	I	E	M	G	A	L	N	M	T	U	E	C	A

YOGA
RELAXING
MINDFULNESS
CALM
ACTIVITY
CHILL
EXERCISE
SOCIALISING
SLEEP
HEALTH
MOVING
WELLBEING
VEGETABLE
GYM
FUN
OUTDOORS
RUNNING
BANANAS



Useful Information

If you ever need any help or advice, please click on the link below and it will take you the correct service you require.

www.the-waitingroom.org

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Photos from Our Week

Young Voices 2023, NEC Birmingham



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Parking & Seat Belt Reminder

As you are aware, traffic enforcement cameras, similar to the one in the picture below, have been in the area of late.

Please remember, you should not park or stop on yellow zig-zag lines anywhere. Rule 243 of the Highway Code indicates a range of places where motorists must not park or stop. It states that drivers **must not** park or stop near a school entrance or anywhere that would prevent access for emergency services. The rule will often — but not always — be made obvious with yellow zig-zags on the road.

Children must also always wear a seat belt when in a moving vehicle.

Parking outside a school specifically may obstruct visibility for parents and children trying to cross the road and is thus highly dangerous.

Please be considerate of our local community and do not park across the driveway of local residents.

You can remind yourself of the highway code [here](#).



From Birmingham With Love



We've all been through a tough time with Covid-19 and repeated lockdowns. For many families it has just been getting harder, which is why we're here to help. Here are some of our partners' most used services and support, which might make life a little bit easier...



1. **Online parenting course.** We've pre-paid for every parent in Birmingham to access a [parenting course](#). Just enter the access code "[COMMUNITY](#)" at the top of the page to claim. There are courses for parents, carers and grandparents of children from bump to 19. Learn about how your child develops and get tips to manage their behaviour.



2. **Emergency food & fuel assistance** up to £100. Birmingham has announced an emergency food package —please contact one of our [local team](#) who will be able to help directly with a grant, often within 48 hours. There are also [food banks](#) across Birmingham that are here to help.



3. **Mental health support.** For young people aged 11-25 there are forums, guides and counselling available completely free at [Kooth](#). If your child 0-25 needs support, get in touch with [Pause](#) or by calling 0207 841 4470. Adults can get support from [MIND](#) by calling 0121 262 3555. Or for urgent help call [Forward Thinking Birmingham](#) on 0300 300 0099. And remember to stay [active](#).



4. **Financial help.** If you've lost your job or are struggling for food or rent, there are services that can help. [Local welfare provision](#) can make a big difference if you are in a crisis and need food, fuel or basic white goods. [Discretionary Housing Payments](#) may be able to help with rent. And there are [food banks](#) across Birmingham that are here to help.



5. **Domestic abuse.** For women and children affected by domestic abuse please see [guidance](#) or confidentially contact [Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid](#). For Men, please contact [Re-spect](#). Also [Ask for ANI](#) and the [Safe Spaces](#) scheme where victims can access help through pharmacies.



6. **Problems with drugs or alcohol.** A new, discrete app called Staying Free is available on Android or Apple. Use the code "[birmingham11](#)" for pre-paid access. To speak to someone call [Change Grow Live](#) or contact [Aquarius](#) for young people.



7. **Bereavement support.** It's a terrible time to lose a loved one — you can get help by calling 0121 687 8010 or from [Cruse](#) or [Edward's Trust](#)

8. **Early help for families.** If anyone in your family needs more help, from public services or community groups, then please contact our [voluntary sector local leads](#). We have ten areas which can connect you to support across the city.

If you are worried about a child, please call Birmingham's Children's Advice and Support Service on 0121 303 1888. In an emergency, including child abuse, contact the Police on 999. You can also [chat](#) to the Police. For any other help, from public services or community groups, then please contact our [voluntary sector local team](#). There are ten area hubs across the city which can connect you to support.