

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023



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## Academy News

We have had a great start to the Summer term.

Year 2 and 6 have been busy revising for their upcoming SATs. Well done children and keep up the hard work!

A reminder to all parents and carers that the Academy will be closed Monday 1st and 8th May for Bank Holidays.



### Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st May 2023	Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May 2023	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 May 2023	Y6 English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Wednesday 10 May 2023	Y6 English reading
Thursday 11 May 2023	Y6 Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Friday 12 May 2023	Y6 Mathematics paper 3
Monday 15 May 2023	Key stage 1 test week
Friday 26th May 2023	Last Day of Summer 1
Monday 5th June 2023	Start of Summer 2
Monday 5 June 2023 – Friday 16 June 2023	Multiplication tables check
Monday 12 June 2023 – Friday 16 June 2023	Year 1 Phonics screening check week
Tuesday 13th June 2023	Blackpool Trip Y1-6
Thursday 6th & Friday 7th July 2023	Teacher Training Days

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### Nursery Applications

*If your child was born between  
1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020  
they will be able to start Nursery in  
September 2023.*

Please contact the School Office for an application form.

At Dorrington Academy, we can offer either a morning session or an afternoon session  
(15 hours per week).

*Morning session: 08:45 – 11:45*

*Afternoon Session: 12:30 – 15:30*



# NURSERY

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## IMPORTANT REMINDER: Food in School

A reminder for all parents/carers:

**Dorrington Academy is a nut-free school.**



Children with nut allergies can develop a severe or potentially life-threatening allergic reactions if they are in contact with nuts.

If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or opening a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

**If your child brings a snack or home packed lunch to school, please check the ingredients list to ensure there are no nuts present.**

Some examples of common foods that contain nuts are:

- Peanut butter
- Chocolate spreads
- Cereal bars
- Ferrero rocher
- Snickers bars
- Some granola bars
- Cakes that contain nuts
- Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts
- Peanut butter cakes
- Some Asian food, including satay
- Sauces that contain nuts

This list is not exhaustive, please check the packaging of products carefully.

If you have any questions, please call the school office. Your continued support to help us minimise risks within school is appreciated.



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### Upcoming Term Dates

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 Assessment Dates

Year 1	Monday 12 June 2023 – Friday 16 June 2023	Year 1 Phonics screening check week
Year 2 SATs	Monday 15 May 2023	Key stage 1 test week
Year 4	Monday 5 June 2023 – Friday 16 June 2023	Multiplication tables check
Year 6 SATs	Tuesday 9 May 2023	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
	Wednesday 10 May 2023	English reading
	Thursday 11 May 2023	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
	Friday 12 May 2023	Mathematics paper 3

### Y2 & Y6 Boosters

On Tuesdays and Thursdays leading up to SATs, Dorrington will be hosting booster sessions that start at 8am. If you wish for your child to attend, please sign up via Arbor.



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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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17th – 28th April 2023

Nursery AM	85.0%	2	80.0%	0
Nursery PM	75.0%	1	75.2%	1
RB	95.8%	7	92.3%	2
RS 	97.5%	0	94.3%	0
RW	95.0%	6	88.7%	6
1B	96.7%	4	93.3%	3
1D	95.8%	1	98.0%	6
1W	95.0%	4	91.7%	4
2A 	90.8%	4	100.0%	4
2C	95.0%	1	93.3%	4
2F	96.7%	3	97.3%	8
3E	82.5%	4	88.7%	8
3G	87.1%	4	94.8%	6
3H	89.7%	2	90.3%	5
4B	89.8%	5	93.7%	5
4C	90.1%	7	98.3%	9
4S	93.3%	6	95.0%	4
5B	98.2%	1	98.6%	4
5J	93.1%	7	94.8%	7
5K	93.5%	4	98.3%	7
6R 	99.2%	1 	100.0%	3
6S	95.0%	2	97.9%	3
6W	86.7%	1	88.0%	4

### Overall Attendance

Our attendance this week:

87.83%

Our attendance this year:

90.52%

### Attendance

All classes should aim to be above 96% attendance.

Well done RS, 2A and 6R for achieving the highest attendance results.



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#### Stars of the Week

Nursery AM	George
Nursery PM	Yahya
RB	Azaan
RS	Shanzay
RW	Safa
1B	Aisha
1D	Ruqayyah
1W	Anaiya
2A	Isla
2C	Amelia D
2F	Khalid
3E	Sion
3G	Maheen
3H	Abdulla
4B	Haleema
4C	Safiya
4S	Maha
5B	Uzomaka
5J	Benedetta
5K	Abdurrahman
6R	Sahar
6S	Insar
6W	Tamima

#### 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:

*Zakariyya - Year 2*

The Computing Star for KS2 is:

*Samir - 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:

*Emaan - Year 1*

The Outdoor Education Star for KS2 is:

*Khayis - Year 4*

#### 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:

*Ibrahim M - Year 1*

The Sports Star for KS2 is:

*Abdulsalam - Year 5*



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### Playground Equipment

- From next week, weather permitting, children will be able to use the new outdoor play 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	
W.B.	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
27-03-23	1B	2C	RW	1W	2F	RB	1D	2A	RS	1B
17-04-23	2C	RW	1W	2F	RB	1D	2A	RS	1B	2C
24-04-23	RW	1W	2F	RB	1D	2A	RS	1B	2C	RW
01-05-23			1W	2F	RB	1D	2A	RS	1B	2C
08-05-23			RW	1W	2F	RB	1D	2A	RS	1B

### KS2 Timetable

Sessions	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
W.B.	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
27-03-23	3H	4B	5B	6W	3G	4S	5J	6S	3E	4C
17-04-23	5K	6R	3H	4B	5B	6W	3G	4S	5J	6S
24-04-23	3E	4C	5K	6R	3H	4B	5B	6W	3G	4S
01-05-23			5J	6S	3E	4C	5K	6R	3H	4B
08-05-23			5B	6W	3G	4S	5J	6S	3E	4C

### 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
- 6W vs 6S vs 6R



Numbots - 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](http://www.ttrockstars.com) [www.numbots.com](http://www.numbots.com)

## TTRS Tournament Winners

### Year 2

Class: 2C MVP: Kyla

### Year 3

Class: 3G MVP: Omar

### Year 4

Class: 4C MVP: Amara

### Year 5

Class: 5J MVP: Destiny

### Year 6

Class: 6R MVP: Avneet



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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 or [Clive Marks Online](#).

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



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### Just for Fun

#### KING CHARLE'S CORONATION WORDSEARCH



- KING CHARLES III
- CORONATION
- THRONE
- MONARCH
- WESTMINSTER
- ARCHBISHOP
- CEREMONY
- SOVEREIGN
- ORB
- SCEPTRE
- CROWN
- ABBEY
- ROYAL
- LONDON

CAN YOU FIND THE WORDS IN THE WORD SEARCH  
BELOW? THE PERSON WHO FINDS ALL OF THE WORDS  
FIRST, WINS!

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

### 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](http://www.the-waitingroom.org)



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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.