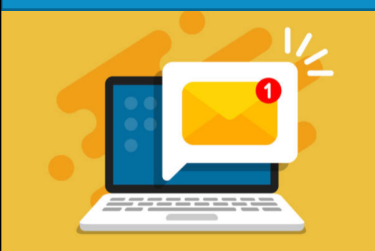


Friday 30th June 2023



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Academy News



The children, staff and parents have had a very busy few weeks.

We have had lots of fun in Blackpool, at Sports Day and learning about Spain in our Spanish Week.

Please read on to see photos from Blackpool and Key Stage 2 Sports Day.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 6th & Friday 7th July 2023	Teacher Training Days
Tuesday 11th July 2023	Year 6 Graduation 6pm - 9pm
Wednesday 12th July 2023	Reception Twycross Zoo Trip
Friday 21st July 2023	Summer Raffle Drawn £2 per ticket
Tuesday 25th July 2023	Last Day of Summer 2

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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



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Raffle Tickets

This summer, we are giving away

5 GOLD Merlin Attractions passes

to ONE lucky winner for their family!

Raffle Tickets are available to buy at the **end of the day in the playground** as well as **in the office throughout the day.**

Tickets are £2 each

Winning ticket to be drawn on: **Friday 21st July 2023.**

You have to be in it to win it! Best of Luck!



Dorrington Academy Summer Raffle

Top Prize: Family of 5 Gold passes
for Merlin Attractions

The Draw will take place on: Friday 21st July, during the school day.



Ticket Price £2.00



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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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Kids Club

Breakfast and After School Club

OUTDOOR PLAY
ARTS AND CRAFTS
ROLE PLAY
SOCIAL GAMES
SPORTS ACTIVITIES
AND MUCH MORE!

Come
JOIN US
at



LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Kids Club is also open in the school holidays, including the first four weeks of the summer holidays!

Where your children can enjoy a wide range of social and physical activities, which is a great chance for them to meet new friends.

We also run two trips per week to various places, to find out more please come down to Kids Club or contact Clare or Marcia on the number below.

Breakfast Club 7.45am-8.55am

After School Club 3.25pm-6.00pm

Holiday Club 8.00am-6.00pm

07940 555263

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Kids Club



We are situated in the building at the end of the staff carpark.

Come along and join in the fun kids club is a safe and friendly setting,
with all staff having a level 3 qualification.

Look forward to
seeing you soon!

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Upcoming Term Dates

Thursday 6th & Friday 7th July 2023	Teacher Training Days
Tuesday 25th July 2023	Last Day of Summer 2
Monday 4th September 2023	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 5th September 2023	Start of Autumn 1
Friday 27th October 2023	Last Day of Autumn 1
Monday 6th November 2023	Start of Autumn 2
Friday 22nd December 2023	Last Day of Autumn 2 (half day)
Monday 8th January 2024	Start of Spring 1
Friday 9th February 2024	Last Day of Spring 1
Monday 19th February 2024	Start of Spring 2
Thursday 2nd May 2024	Election Day
Friday 22nd March 2024	Last Day of Spring 2
Monday 8th April 2024	Start of Summer 1
Friday 24th May 2024	Last Day of Summer 1
Monday 3rd June 2024	Start of Summer 2
Friday 19th July 2024	Last Day of Summer 2
Monday 22nd July 2024	Teacher Training Day



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Our Attendance Target

Our target for all children is to have attendance

above 96%



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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6th - 27rd June 2023

Nursery AM	77.4%	2	★ KS1
Nursery PM	78.6%	0	
RB	96.3%	4	
RS	88.5%	7	
RW	87.9%	6	
1B	92.9%	8	
1D	96.9%	10	
1W	94.5%	6	
2A	96.2%	10	
2C	97.0%	5	★ KS1
2F	95.7%	5	
3E	87.1%	11	
3G	92.9%	15	
3H	93.8%	6	★ KS2
4B	92.6%	15	
4C	91.1%	7	
4S	94.0%	9	
5B	95.1%	6	★ KS2
5J	89.4%	18	
5K	95.1%	10	★ KS2
6R	94.3%	13	
6S	92.9%	14	
6W	86.2%	12	

Overall Attendance

Our attendance this week:

92.9%

Our attendance this year:

91.2%

Attendance

All classes should aim to be above
96% attendance.

Well done RB, 1D, 2A, 2C & 2F for achieving
above 96% attendance results.



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Stars of the Week

Nursery AM	Hayaa
Nursery PM	Muhammad Zakariya
RB	Yusra
RS	Max
RW	Andre
1B	Makkah
1D	Hafsah
1W	Eesa
2A	Noah
2C	Hadia
2F	Bobbi-Lou
3E	Manjot
3G	Saara
3H	Adam
4B	Nusayr
4C	Francis
4S	Amira
5B	Musa
5J	Sumayya
5K	Minh
6R	Talha
6S	Farhan
6W	Zonnairah

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:

Simran - Year 2

The Computing Star for KS2 is:

Alina - Year 5

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:

Spencer - Year 2

The Outdoor Education Star for KS2 is:

Mirana - Year 4

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Blackpool

We would firstly like to thank all adult helpers that were able to join us on the trip and for your ongoing support within the Dorrington Academy Community.

Our day started at 7:30am, when all coaches were boarded and children watched on as their parents/ carers waved goodbye. During our coach journey, we received a radio 'shoutout' wishing us all a brilliant time on our trip. The children played many fun coach games before it was time to start our day in Blackpool.

The children were then able to explore all that Blackpool had to offer, with some making their way to the beach, some entering the fair, some making their way to the donkeys and some starting their day at the RNLI centre.

During the day, groups that were not going to the fair took part in many games on the beach, such as, sand drawing, shell hunting and races along the beach.

Key Stage 2 Sports Day

The return of Sports Day, which was held at Alexander Stadium, was welcomed by the students in Years 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Every child took part in a range of sports, such as running, long jumping, throwing, etc.

We would like to express our gratitude to the parents and carers who supported the kids at Sports Day this year. We are grateful for your ongoing support and are eagerly anticipating next year's event.

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Spanish Week

Last week, the children enjoyed our school "Spanish Week" and learned about not only the country itself and its beautiful culture, but they also took part in Spanish music lessons, learning traditional Spanish songs and rhythms.

In addition, children also learnt some fiery footwork in our salsa dance workshops!

To add an additional dimension to the learning that took place, the children spent time being educated on significant Hispanic people who are directly linked to the learning children have undergone this year in History, Geography and Art topics.



HSBC Money Smart Award

This year, Dorrington has been awarded the HSBC Money Smart Award. To achieve this, the children spoke with Manjit (our HSBC representative) about money in her workshops. The children have learned a lot over the year. Thank you Manjit!



**Smart Money
Award 2023**

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Photos from Our Week

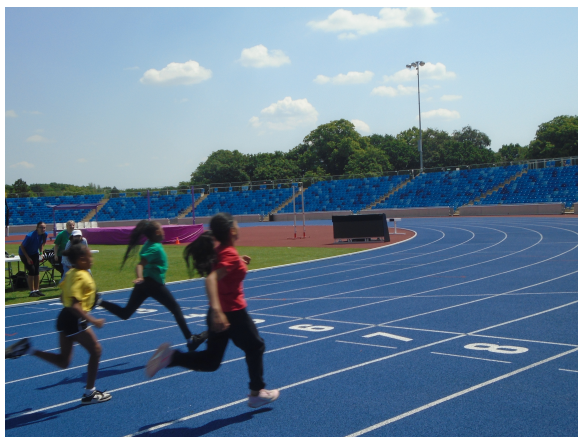
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Photos from Our Week

KS2 Sports Day 2023



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Photos from Our Week

Spanish Week



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Playground Equipment

- Each 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 W.B.	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
19-06-23	RB	1D	2A	RS	1B	2C	RW	1W	2F	RB
26-06-23	1D	2A	RS	1B	2C	RW	1W	2F	RB	1D
03-07-23	2A	RS	1B	2C	RW	1W	2F	RB	1D	2A
10-07-23	RS	1B	2C	RW	1W	2F	RB	1D	2A	RS
17-07-23	1B	2C	RW	1W	2F	RB	1D	2A	RS	1B
24-07-23	2C	RW	1W	2F						

KS2 Timetable

Sessions W.B.	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
19-06-23	5B	6W	3G	4S	5J	6S	3E	4C	5K	6R
26-06-23	3H	4B	5B	6W	3G	4S	5J	6S	3E	4C
03-07-23	5K	6R	3H	4B	5B	6W	3G	4S	5J	6S
10-07-23	3E	4C	5K	6R	3H	4B	5B	6W	3G	4S
17-07-23	5J	6S	3E	4C	5K	6R	3H	4B	5B	6W
24-07-23	3G	4S	5J	6S						

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 www.numbots.com

TTRS Tournament Winners

Year 2

Class: 2C MVP: Zakariyya

Year 3

Class: 3G MVP: Yusuf

Year 4

Class: 4C MVP: Rayyan

Year 5

Class: 5B MVP: Aaron

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"> 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

BLACKPOOL

N	S	O	H	S	P	S	H	O	W	S	L	A	I
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LIGHTS
PENNY
ARCADES
SHOWS
SHOPS
PARK
NIGHT LIFE
FOOD
SAND
TRAMS
SWIMMING
TOWER
ZOO
HORSE RIDE
SEA LIFE
HOTEL
WAX WORKS
DONKEYS

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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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-respect](#). 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.