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## Academy News

### Dates for your Diary

Friday 22nd March 2024	Last Day of Spring 2
Monday 8th April 2024	Start of Summer 1
Tuesday 16th April 2024	Reception Offer Day
Thursday 2nd May 2024	Election Day (Academy closed)
Friday 3rd May 2024	Teacher Training Day
Monday 6th May 2024	May Day Bank Holiday (Academy closed)
w.b. 13th May 2024	KS2 SATs
w.b. 20th May 2024	KS1 SATs
Friday 24th May 2024	Last Day of Summer 1
Monday 3rd June 2024	Start of Summer 2
Thursday 27th June 2024	Teacher Training Day
Friday 28th June 2024	Teacher Training Day
Friday 19th July 2024	Last Day of Summer 2 (half day)

Thank you again to the parents and carers who attended the Parents' Evening earlier this week. It was brilliant to see so many faces. Have a wonderful Easter break. We look forward to seeing you again on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

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### Nursery Places 2023-2024

We have a small number of Nursery places available for this academic year. We offer morning or afternoon sessions 5 days a week from Monday to Friday.

*Morning Sessions: 08:45-11:45*

*Afternoon Sessions: 12:30-15:25*

If your child is born between **1st September 2019-31st August 2020** and you are interested in a place, please contact the school office immediately.

[0121 464 5330](tel:01214645330)

[enquiry@dorrington.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@dorrington.bham.sch.uk)

<https://dorringtonacademy.co.uk/contact-us/>



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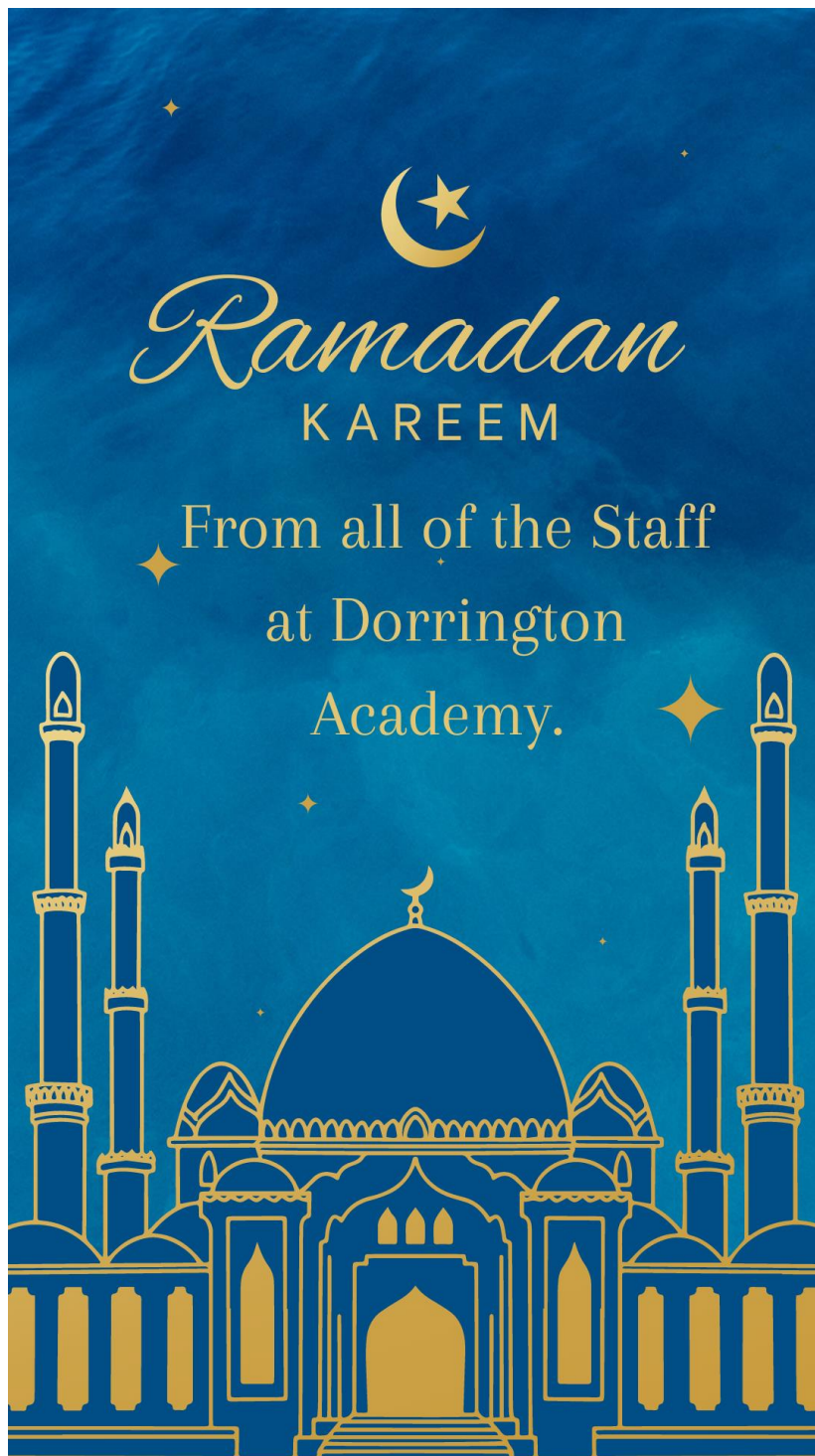


# Happy Easter Day

From all of the Staff at  
Dorrington Academy.



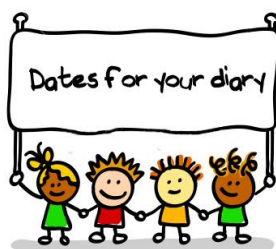
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### Upcoming Term Dates

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## School Radio

<https://forms.office.com/e/x4txCfzC7f>

### School Radio Song Request

#### Instructions:

Please complete this form if you would like to request a song on our School Radio.  
Before requesting a song, please make sure it is appropriate for children. This means that there is no swearing or inappropriate topics.



### School Radio Shoutout Request

#### Instructions

Please complete this form if you would like to have your shoutout announced on our School Radio. This could be a family birthday, special occasion or good news.



<https://forms.office.com/e/aysUGMK7x0>

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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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### 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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Autumn Term			Spring Term		
Class	Attendance	Lates	Class	Attendance	Lates
RF	91.6%	28	RF	91.0%	19
RS	88.2%	33	RS	87.2%	21
RW	92.7%	85	RW	90.2%	84
1B	93.3%	14	1B	93.3%	24
1E	92.9%	66	1E	91.2%	44
1W	93.7%	102	1W	93.1%	51
2A 	93.8%	81	2A 	93.8%	69
2C 	93.8%	91	2C	92.2%	41
2W	91.9%	40	2W	90.3%	23
3C	93.7%	99	3C	91.3%	59
3D	94.0%	74	3D	94.3%	45
3F	93.3%	131	3F	91.0%	73
4D	92.7%	66	4D	87.6%	41
4H	95.5%	36	4H	93.3%	34
4K	92.7%	153	4K	92.3%	98
5B	91.4%	127	5B	89.2%	95
5M 	96.5%	59	5M	93.0%	43
5W	92.9%	81	5W	94.4%	61
6R	94.3%	98	6R	94.2%	82
6S	93.7%	52	6S	93.6%	53
6V	95.0%	83	6V 	94.6%	41

### Overall Attendance

Our attendance this half term:

**91.35%**

Our attendance this year:

**92.35%**

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ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE WORKS



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### Stars of the Term

RF	Jacqueline
RS	Zoya
RW	Haadi
1B	Aayat
1E	Zara
1W	Savan
2A	Zakariya
2C	Ubaid
2W	Sathana
3C	Mustafa
3D	Raahim
3F	Khalid
4D	Aisha
4H	Hasnain
4K	Jennah
5B	Atisha
5M	Mahi
5W	Runor
6R	Mariyah
6S	Charlie
6V	Abdurrahman

### 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:

*Arshiya - Year 1*

The Outdoor Education Star for KS2 is:

*Yayah A- 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:

*Zulaykha - Reception*

The Sports Star for KS2 is:

*Manal - Year 6*

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### World Book Week

This year, Dorrington Academy celebrated World Book Week with a vibrant focus on poetry, igniting our imagination! One of the highlights was a captivating poetry masterclass where children delved into the artistry of crafting verses, culminating in the creation of a collective school poem. Infused with their creativity and enthusiasm, we then performed this masterpiece with pride.

Throughout the week, each year group immersed themselves in various poetic styles, exploring them in reading lessons and recreating their own versions in writing. We also unleashed our artistic talents, crafting vibrant artwork intricately linked to the themes of our chosen poems. In the library, children took part in scavenger hunts, spooky story telling and discussed their favourite books and authors. It was a week brimming with creativity, imagination, and a deep appreciation for poetry.

### Alex Falase-Koya

We were very honoured to have the brilliant author of the Marv series and The Breakfast Club Adventure books with us at Dorrington. During his visit, he signed copies of his books that the children had purchased and opened our library. The children (and Mrs Khatun) thoroughly enjoyed the visit! Thanks, Alex!

### Year 4 Poetry Competition

In Year 4, some of our children entered the Once Upon a Dream poetry competition. We are extremely excited to announce that 11 of our pupils' work has been chosen to be published in the Once Upon A Dream - Whispers of Dreams poetry book! A huge congratulations to Anisa, Amirah, Rayaana, Eliza, Jasmine, Adam, Anaika, Manya, Juwairiyah, Eliza and Amelia! We can't wait to see your poems in a published book in our library soon!

### Living Eggs

The children in Reception this term have been learning about animals. We had a very special delivery arrive to school to help the children consolidate their understanding about the life cycle and animals. The children observed the eggs be cared for by the Reception team until it was finally time for them to hatch! All of the chicks were taken care of in the Reception unit under the watchful eyes of the kind and caring children in Reception.

### Mothers' Day Breakfast

Our Reception parents and carers thoroughly enjoyed a morning celebrating Mother Sunday with their children. We thank all of those who attended and hope that you enjoyed the cake!



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### KS1 Easter Hat Parade

Wow! This year, our KS1 staff have been blown away with the Easter hats that were produced. The children in KS1 displayed their wonderful creations during our annual Easter Hat Parade. During the parade, you may have noticed some special guests... Miss Barratt, Mr Harrison, Miss Williamson, Mr Taylor, Miss Coley and Miss Stringer all dressed as chicks with inflatable outfits! We hope that your morning was filled with warmth and celebration after watching the brilliant pupils. Congratulations to all of the children ( and staff!P) who won the Best Easter Hat competition this year!



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### KS1 Easter Hat Parade Year 1



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### KS1 Easter Hat Parade

Year 2



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### Year 3 and 4 Football

Well Done to the following Year 3 and 4 girls who took part in a football festival with Cherry Orchard School:

- Isla
- Haniya
- Bobbi Lou
- Nusaiba
- Roopreet
- Fatima (3H)
- Zaynah (4D)
- Fatima S (4K)
- Deserene
- Limar
- Jaskirat
- Amaya-Rae
- Zaynah (4C)
- Hafsa



### Dance Competition

Well done to the following Year 4 children that took part in the School Games Level 2 Dance Competition. The pupils worked hard remembering their dance routine and performed it excellently to win second place. Well Done!

- Akshay
- Ibrahim
- Anayah
- Desrene
- Omar
- Amya
- Amaya-Rae
- Soraiya
- Manya



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### Swimming Timetable

#### KS1

	9:10 – 9:40	9:40 – 10:10	10:10 – 10:40	11:00 – 11:30	11:30 – 12:00	12:00 – 13:10	13:10 – 13:40	13:40 – 14:10	14:10 – 14:40	14:40 – 15:10
<b>Wednesday</b>	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2	LUNCH	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2

#### KS2

	9:10 – 9:40	9:40 – 10:10	10:10 – 10:40	11:00 – 11:30	11:30 – 12:00	12:00 – 12:30	12:30 – 13:30	13:30 – 14:00	14:00 – 14:30	14:30 – 15:00
<b>Monday</b>	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6	LUNCH	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 3	Year 3	Year 3	Year 3	Year 3	Year 3	LUNCH	Year 3	Year 3	Year 3
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 5	Year 5	Year 5	Year 5	Year 5	Year 5	LUNCH	Year 5	Commu nity	Commu nity
<b>Friday</b>	Year 4	Year 4	Year 4	Year 4	Year 4	Year 4	LUNCH	Year 4	Year 4	Year 4

### P.E. Timetable

	Morning	Afternoon
<b>Monday</b>		RECEPTION
<b>Tuesday</b>	NURSERY AM	YEAR 2
<b>Wednesday</b>	YEAR 3	YEAR 4
<b>Thursday</b>		YEAR 1
<b>Friday</b>	YEAR 6	YEAR 5 NURSERY PM



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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 W.B.	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
08-04-24	1W	2W	RF	1E	2A	RS	1B	2C	RW	1W
15-04-24	2W	RF	1E	2A	RS	1B	2C	RW	1W	2W
22-04-24	RF	1E	2A	RS	1B	2C	RW	1W	2W	RF
29-04-24	1E	2A	RS	1B	2C	RW	1W	2W	RF	1E
06-05-24		RS	1B	2C	RW	1W	2W	RF	1E	2A



### Session Times

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

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### KS2 Timetable

Sessions W.B.	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
08-04-24	3H	4D	5B	6V	3D	4K	5M	6S	3F	4C
15-04-24	5W	6R	3H	4D	5B	6V	3D	4K	5M	6S
22-04-24	3F	4C	5W	6R	3H	4D	5B	6V	3D	4K
29-04-24	5M	6S	3F	4C	5W	6R	3H	4D	5B	6V
06-05-24		4K	5M	6S	3F	4C	5W	6R	3H	4D



### Session Times

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

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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.

Children have started swimming lessons. Please make sure you provide your child with the necessary swimming kit to take part.



### 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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### New Uniform – Online or In-Shop

Dorrington Academy uniform can be purchased **online** from **Clive Mark School Wear** or **Uniform Plus**.

Online orders can be placed by going to the following websites:

<https://clivemark.co.uk/collections/dorrington-academy>

or

<https://www.uniformsplus.co.uk/category/school-uniforms/dorrington-academy/>

Dorrington Academy embroidered jumpers, cardigans and coloured P.E. T shirts as well as logoed book bags and the Academy tie can all be ordered and delivered to your door through these online platforms.

**Exclusive to Clive Mark:** Hooded embroidered sweatshirts in house colours can also be purchased for pupils to wear on their P.E. days.

Please note that plain black hooded sweatshirts and Dorrington Academy jumpers are still acceptable.



**Alternatively, uniform is sold at:**

Clive Mark School Wear, Saddlers Centre, Units 40-44 Saddlers Centre, 1 Park St,  
Walsall WS1 1YS

or

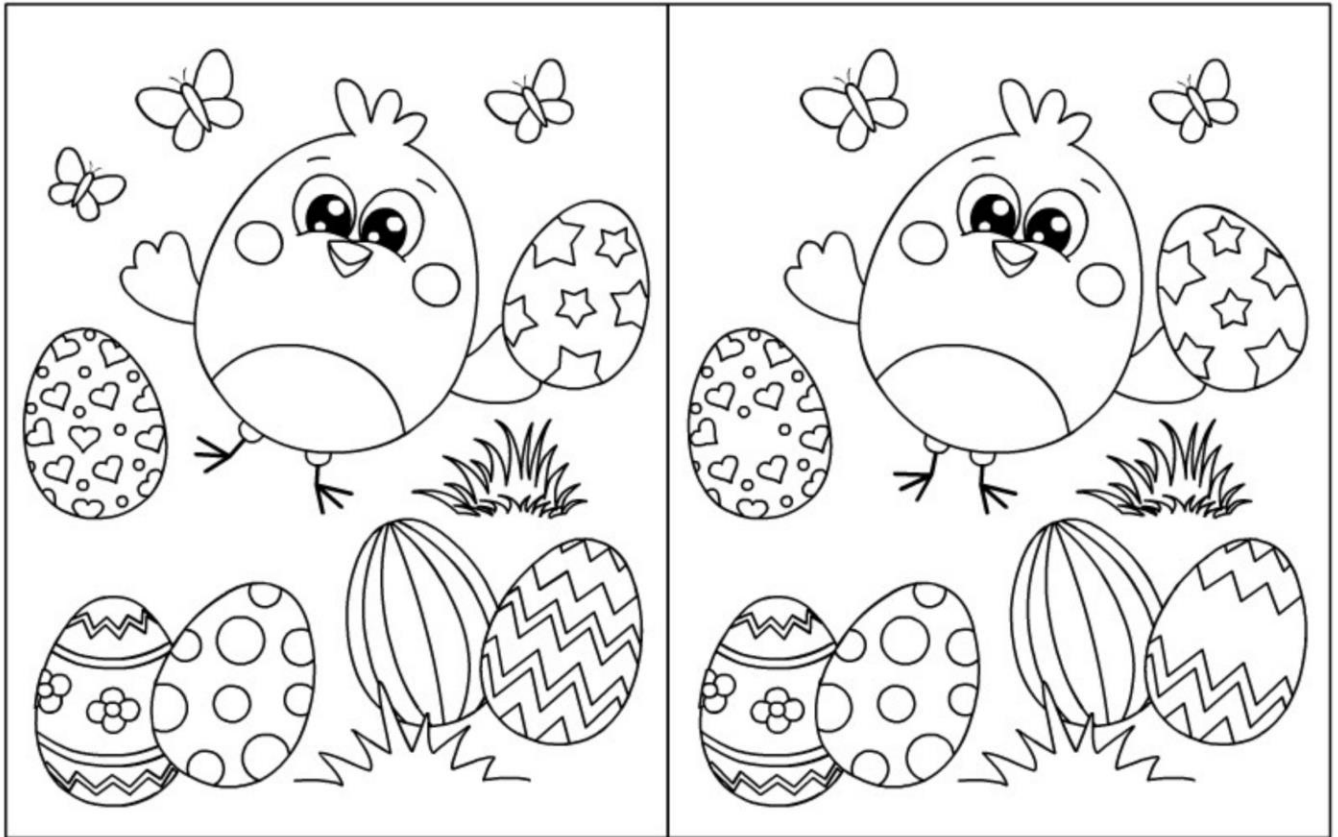
Uniform Plus, 935 Walsall Rd, Birmingham B42 1TN

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Just for Fun

# Easter

## Spot 5 differences!



### 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)

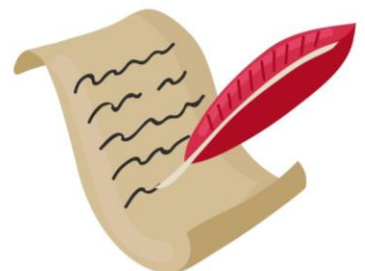
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### Author Visit



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## World Book Day Events





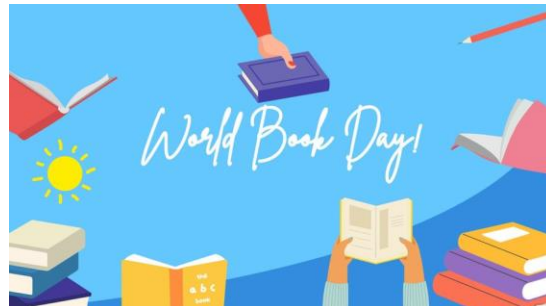
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## World Book Day Costumes



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### World Book Day Costumes



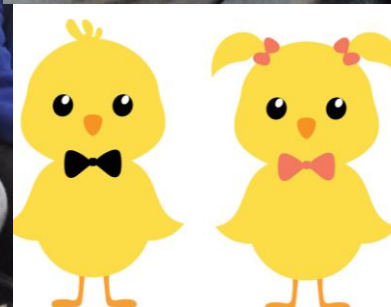
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### Mothers' Day Breakfast



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### Living Eggs



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### Easter Disco



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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 [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.