

Friday 26th April 2024



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## Academy News



We have had a great start to the summer term. Please remember that the Academy is closed next Thursday for Voting Day and Friday for Teacher Training Day.

### Dates for your Diary

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
	Teacher Training Day
Thursday 4th July 2024	Miss Barratt's Final Farewell 4pm-8pm
Friday 19th July 2024	Last Day of Summer 2 (half day)

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YOU ARE INVITED TO

# Miss Barratt's Final Farewell

THURSDAY 4TH JULY 2024 | 4PM - 8PM

To celebrate Miss Barratt's retirement, she invites our inclusive community, past and present, to join us at Dorrington Academy.

Miss Barratt wants everyone to dress in total glamour, reflecting any culture in the world.

The farewell will be a big, incredible evening of glamour, entertainment, food and enjoyment to celebrate, what as a community, we have achieved together over 17 years.

The back playground will be transformed with marquees, staging and glamorous surprises.

Please come dressed to impress and ready to dance all night long!



Let's party together and say our farewells in style!

**GLAMOUR IS THE THEME!**

Please see the back page for more details.

Free tickets will be allocated on a first-come basis.

There are only 1000 available so be quick!

Contact the school office to secure your ticket.

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THURSDAY 4TH JULY | 4PM TIL 8PM

### *Let's Party Around the World!*

There might be some super-special surprises revealed throughout the night!

The Biggest Raffle Prizes Ever!

-Inflatable crocodile cave adventure pool

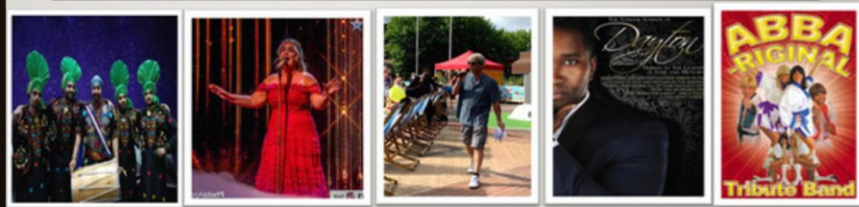
-55" 4K Hisense TV

-Gaming steering wheel and pedals for Playstation/computer  
£2 per ticket. Purchase tickets at the school office!



#### ON STAGE

Bhangra dancers, Amy Lou from Britain's Got Talent, DJ Roger Tomkins, Abba-iginal and Dayton Grey.



Miss Barratt's Biggest Bonanza Tombola EVER!

#### AT THE PARTY

Stilt walkers, Caribbean duo & dancers with limbo games, big bubble artists.



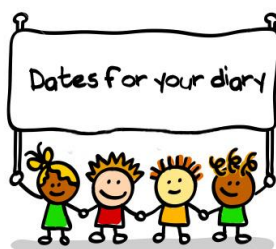
#### FOOD

Pizza, ice-cream and Asian dishes will be available to purchase.

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Friday 19th July 2024	Last Day of Summer 2 (half day)
Monday 22nd July 2024	Teacher Training Day

**Message from Kids Club:**  
During half term Kids Club will be opened to current children and the public from 28.05.24 to 31.05.24 at a cost of £25 per day.



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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%*



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children and the public from  
28.05.24 to 31.05.24 at a cost***



### 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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Spring Term			This week		
Class	Attendance	Lates	Class	Attendance	Lates
RF	91.0%	19	RF	97.3%	4
RS	87.2%	21	RS	97.2%	4
RW	90.2%	84	RW	95.9%	7
1B	93.3%	24	1B	95.5%	2
1E	91.2%	44	1E	94.1%	7
1W	93.1%	51	1W	90.3%	6
2A 	93.8%	69	2A 	96.3%	6
2C	92.2%	41	2C 	93.3%	4
2W	90.3%	23	2W	98.6%	3
3C	91.3%	59	3C	93.6%	8
3D	94.3%	45	3D	98.7%	2
3F	91.0%	73	3F	89.3%	9
4D	87.6%	41	4D	90.7%	7
4H	93.3%	34	4H	98.5%	9
4K	92.3%	98	4K	96.3%	10
5B	89.2%	95	5B	93.0%	5
5M	93.0%	43	5M 	90.2%	2
5W	94.4%	61	5W	92.6%	6
6R	94.2%	82	6R	95.2%	7
6S	93.6%	53	6S	94.3%	5
6V 	94.6%	41	6V	96.6%	5

### Overall Attendance

Our attendance this half term:

**94.21%**

Our attendance this year:

**91.67%**

**ATTEND TODAY**  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE WORKS





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### Stars of the Term

RF	Yasin
RS	Zoya
RW	Roshni
1B	Dakarai
1E	Wisam
1W	Emanuel
2A	Elijah
2C	Azarai
2W	Aniah-Grace
3C	Mustafa
3D	Iyah
3F	Nimrut
4D	Soraiya
4H	Zayaan
4K	Idris
5B	Crystal
5M	Avneet
5W	Mahrosh
6R	Anthonia
6S	Hafsah
6V	Ritaj

### 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:

*Tristan- Reception*

The Outdoor Education Star for KS2 is:

*Dawood- 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:

*Dakarai- Year 1*

The Sports Star for KS2 is:

*Eshan- Year 6*

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### Space Day in Year 2

This week, our Year 2 students embarked on an exciting space adventure right here at Dorrington Academy. Here's a snapshot of their cosmic journey:

1. **Stories from Space:** Our young explorers immersed themselves in captivating tales of distant galaxies and brave astronauts.
2. **Apollo 11 Reporters:** They stepped into the shoes of reporters, diving into the Apollo 11 moon landing and creating their own news reports.
3. **Virtual Reality ISS Tour:** Through VR headsets, students soared to the International Space Station, experiencing life among the stars.
4. **Q&A with Tim Peake:** They had the chance to ask British astronaut Tim Peake burning questions about space exploration. See below the start of our conversation with the brilliant astronaut.
5. **Cosmic Art:** Inspired by Peter Thorpe's work, our budding artists unleashed their creativity, crafting vibrant cosmic landscapes.

As the excitement of Space Day slowly fades, the memories and discoveries from our Year 2 students will remain a source of inspiration for years to come. In our literacy lessons next week, we'll use what we've learned to write engaging recounts of our cosmic adventures.

Hello there, young explorer! I'm Tim Peake, but you can think of me as a space adventurer who's as excited about the universe as you are about your favourite game or story! I've journeyed all the way from Earth to the International Space Station, floating among the stars and looking back at our beautiful blue planet. That's right, I lived in space! 🚀

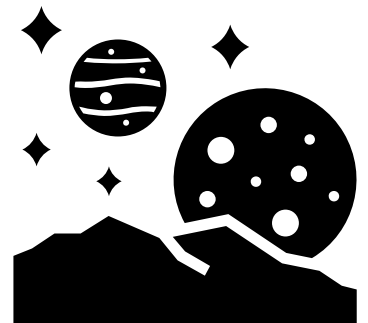
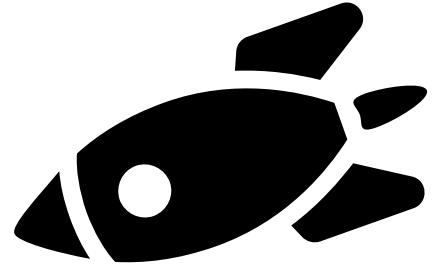
I'm here to embark on an exciting mission with you, sharing stories from outer space, answering questions you might have about being an astronaut, or anything else you're curious about. What makes this voyage extra special is that we'll explore together using our imagination and curiosity.

So, are you ready to launch into this adventure with me, space buddy? Let's make it out of this world! 🌍 🚀



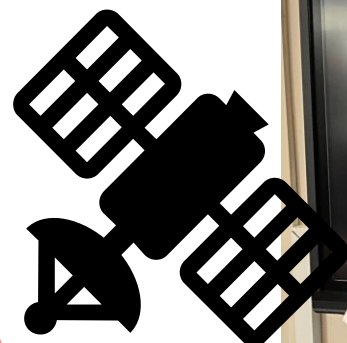
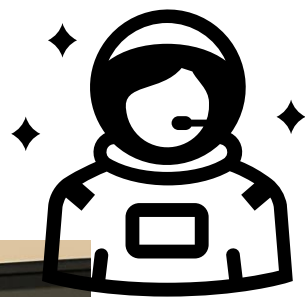
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### Space Day Photographs



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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
22-04-24	RF	1E	2A	RS	1B	2C	RW	1W	2W	RF
29-04-24	1E	2A	RS	1B	2C	RW				
06-05-24			1W	2W	RF	1E	RS	1B	2C	RW
13-05-24	1W	2W	RF	1E	2A	RS	1B	2C	RW	1W
20-05-24	2W	RF	1E	2A	RS	1B	2C	RW	1W	2W



### 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
22-04-24	3F	4C	5W	6R	3H	4D	5B	6V	3D	4K
29-04-24	5M	6S	3F	4C	5W	6R				
06-05-24			3H	4D	5B	6V	3D	4K	5M	6S
13-05-24	3F	4C	5W	6R	3H	4D	5B	6V	3D	4K
20-05-24	5M	6S	3F	4C	5W	6R	3H	4D	5B	6V



### 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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### KS1 Good Work Achievement WB: 15.04.24



### KS2 Good Work Achievement WB: 15.04.24

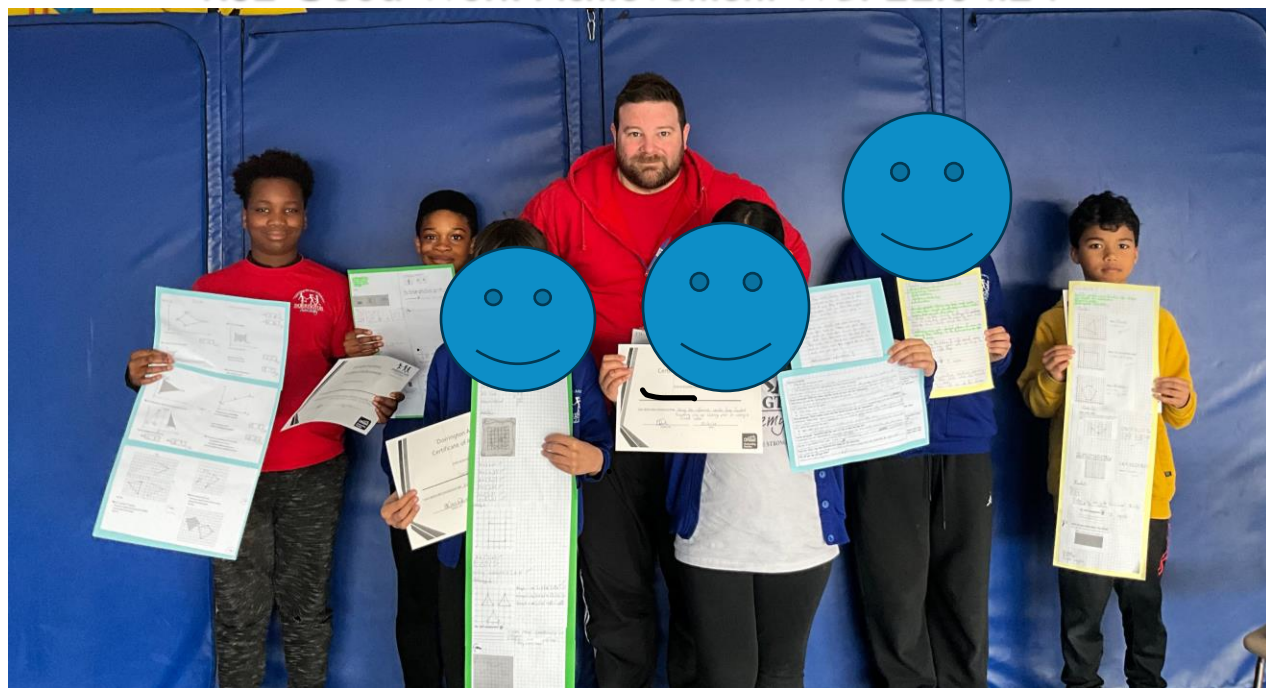


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## KS1 Good Work Achievement WB: 22.04.24

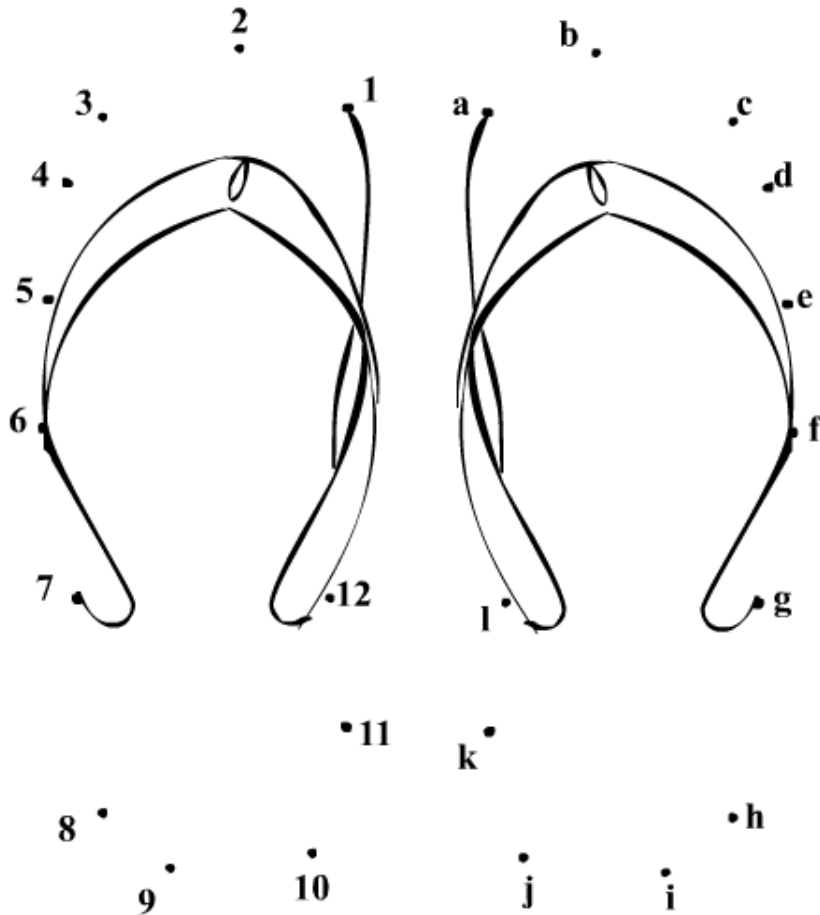


## KS2 Good Work Achievement WB: 22.04.24



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### Just for Fun



### 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 [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.