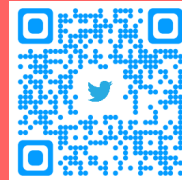


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Hello everyone

Unfortunately, I need to share a growing concern with you about our children's safety. Each morning and afternoon, we are seeing very **unsafe parking on both St. Agatha's Road and Thornton Road**. We are trying our very best to keep all of our children safe. We make sure staff in hi-vis jackets are present to ensure the children can enter and leave the school site safely, we place signs on the yellow zig zags to prevent vehicles parking illegally and endangering children crossing the road, and we respectfully talk to drivers who break the law by asking them not to. **It is everybody's responsibility to follow the law that is in place to keep our children and community safe**. Please can I remind everyone to play their part in doing this, and thank the very many people who already do so every day.



Thank you to all the parents/carers who joined the **COMPASS** parent information sessions this week to learn more about **online safety**, and to everyone who attended the **Safer Internet Day** session this morning. A BIG thank you also to our talented **Online Safety Group** (made up of pupils from every class) who produced their very own **online safety video** to help us all know more about keeping ourselves safe online



A very well done to our **excellent pupil ambassadors who wowed the customers at Tesco's Hodge Hill Superstore on Tuesday** as they helped pack shopping bags to raise **£200** for the charity **Cancer**



**Research!** We are very proud of Aleya, Maryam, Alyso and Zakariya from Year 3, and Haider, Shorat, Zakariya and Renad from Year 5, who all did a fabulous job being smiley and chatty!

And finally, we are looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school after the **one-week half-term** holiday on **Monday 24th February from the normal time of 8.30am**. ALL children must be in school by **8.45am at the very latest!** Thank you for your support with this, and we look forward to seeing and celebrating the children's **CREATIVE homework** after the holiday!

**Have a great one-week holiday and stay safe online everyone!**

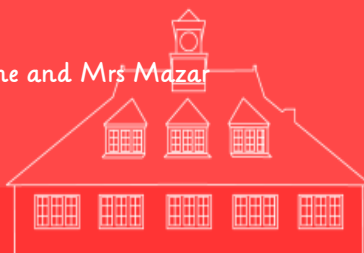
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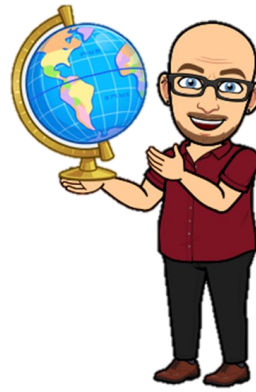
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## Year 3

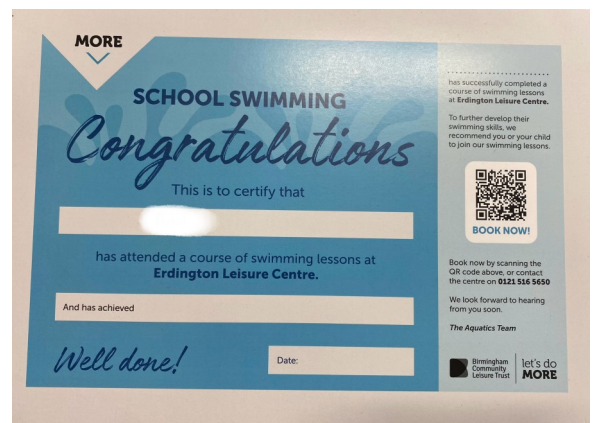
This week in Year Three, we have continued our **exploration of Our Local Area** in Geography by examining historical maps of Ward End to see how it has grown and changed over time. We discussed factors for this, such as the increase in population in Birmingham in the past centuries and what led to this. We are using our findings and growing knowledge to build up to conducting our own research on local opinions. We're learning so much about the area we call home.



## Year 4

Since September, 4NG and 4AA have been attending weekly **swimming** lessons at Erdington Leisure centre every Tuesday. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this experience and have all made progress in their swimming abilities. This week, was our last swimming session and all the children have received a certificate marking their achievements in swimming.

After the February half term, it will be the turn of 4SH and 4TW and we are looking forward to seeing their progress in swimming too.





## PE TIMETABLE

Monday 24th February  
Year 3

Tuesday 25th February

Swimming for 4SH and 4TW.  
4SH MUST be in school for 8.25am

Wednesday 26th February  
Year 4

Thursday 27th February  
Year 6

Friday 28th February  
Year 5

### Spring Term 2025

**Term 1 Starts:** Tuesday 7  
January 2025 until Friday 14  
February 2025

**Half-term:** Monday 17 February  
2025 to Friday 21 February 2025

**Term 2 starts:** Monday 24  
February 2025 until Friday 11  
April 2025

**Easter holidays—2 weeks**

## School Attendance

Our school attendance last week was 93.9%

### Class Attendance

Well Done to **6ZB** for achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week.

## Golden Ticket Initiative

### How does the Golden Ticket Attendance Initiative work?

All the pupils have an opportunity to win a **Golden Ticket** which earns them a fun attendance treat later in the term!

- **Spring Term Silver Award** – Pupils need to achieve 98% and above to qualify. More details of the reward will follow next term!
- **Summer Term Gold Award** – Pupils need to achieve 100% for the for the whole academic year to qualify. Look out for the grand reveal of which theme park the children will be visiting for the day at the end of the academic year!



## ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

### Article 17, 19 and 34

This week, the children looked at Internet Safety. The children explored Article 17, 19 and 34. We discussed how all people have a right to feel safe and secure and that means safe online as well as in the real world. Safer Internet Day is an annual event that promotes the safe, responsible and positive use of the internet.

### Art work by 6NI

