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Hello everyone

It was lovely to welcome our Year 3 and 5 parents into school this week to share lots of information about your child's learning journey this academic year, and to answer the questions you had. We were really encouraged that many of you had a chat with the staff from COMPASS who attended to share how their service works with school to support the children's positive mental health and wellbeing. You should have received a copy of the slides shared during the information sessions via email—please let us know if you haven't so we can check we have the correct email address for you, thank you.



**Year 3** have had a very exciting week as they returned to the Stone Age during their trip to **Outback to Basics!** There are lots of photos on the school Twitter ('X') account which you can access easily using the QR code at the top of this newsletter, or via the link on the school website. Please take a moment to have a look and share the children's experience, and to vote for the best shelter that was built! **Well done to Year 3 for being excellent ambassadors for Thornton!**

Next week, Year 5 are off to the **National Space Centre in Leicester: Tuesday 24th September—5BA & 5ST and Wednesday 25th September—5TR & 5ZY**. And **Year 6** are off to the **Black Country Museum on Friday 4th October** and will be sharing their **Year 6 Harvest Festival Assembly** with Year 6 parents/carers on **Friday 11th October 9-9.30am**.

On **Thursday 3rd October** the whole school will be celebrating **National Poetry Day** with a live lesson—it would be great if you could encourage your child to share their favourite poem with their class before that date..

Please look out for a letter coming home on Monday next week that explains how to book you're a 10-minute appointment for **Parents' Evening**, which will be taking place on **Wednesday 2nd October and Wednesday 9th October 3.45-6.15pm**. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's class teacher to hear how they have settled into their new class and ask any questions you may have for the class teacher. Senior Leaders will also be available to welcome you and provide any support they can. We look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evening!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

## ARTICLE OF THE WEEK



How do children get to **enjoy their rights** in the UK? What does Government do to make this happen?

- Every child must be registered with a name at birth.
- There are parks and play areas provided.
- We have education and health care systems.
- Some people's job is to protect children.
- The school curriculum includes learning about the CRC (in some parts of the UK).
- Children are given protection when they need it.
- Most schools have ways of listening to children's views and opinions.
- There are Children's Commissioners whose job it is to make sure children are listened to.
- Social care services and the police work to keep all children protected.
- In Scotland, the CRC is being incorporated into law.
- Many schools are UNICEF UK Rights Respecting Schools and children learn about their rights.
- There are laws which include some rights from the CRC, such as equalities legislation and the Children Act.



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## School Attendance



**Congratulations** to class **3GJ** for achieving 100% attendance last week and exceeding our school attendance target of 97%. The class received a surprise visit from Mrs Grace and were awarded a £25 gift voucher to purchase new classroom resources.



### Class Attendance

Well done to classes **4TW**, **5ST**, **5BA**, **5ZY** and **6ZB** who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week!

**Our overall school attendance last week was 94.0 %**



## PE TIMETABLE

**Monday 23rd September**  
**Year 3**

**Tuesday 24th September**  
Swimming for 4NG and 4AA.  
**4NG MUST** be in school  
for 8.25am

**Wednesday 25th September**  
**Year 4**

**Thursday 26th September**  
**Year 6**

**Friday 27th September**  
**Year 5**

### Attention all Year 6 Parents!

#### Secondary Transfer 2025



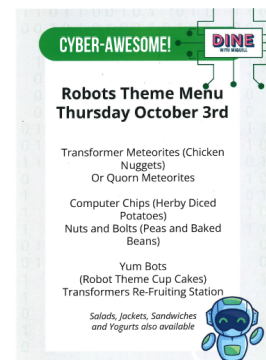
Applications for your child's secondary school place in September 2025 are now live on the following website:  
<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions>

The online application is very simple and quick but if you need support completing the form please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

### Robots Theme 03.10.2024

Miquil, our school caterer will be hosting a special Robots Theme Menu on **Thursday 3rd October** for all the pupils that have a school meal. If your child usually brings a packed lunch to school and would like a special Robot Theme Lunch, Please call the school office to book the meal.

**The cost is £2.60 per meal and will need to be paid using ParentPay our online payment system**



## Parent Pay

**Dinner money and Club money must be paid in advance via Parent Pay, thank you.**

**Dinner money is £2.60 per day and £13 per week.**

**Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day and £1.00 for any siblings.**

**After school club is £4.00 per day and £2.00 for any siblings.**

**A late pickup charge, £4, is made for any pupils picked up after 4pm.**

Please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs debts have been cleared at the start of each week and talk to us if you need help with this, thank you.

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