

Friday 9th October 2026

Right of the Month: 31 – the right to
leisure, play and culture
School Value: Trust

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 4 went on an Educational Visit to **Bewdley** on Tuesday. The purpose of the visit was linked to their Geography topic on Rivers. They were very well behaved and participated brilliantly in their field work.

Year 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed an **author visit** on Wednesday with Tom de Freston and Kiran Millwood Hargrave. They talked about their new book 'The Raven's Gift' and their other titles, Julia & The Shark: A captivating, powerful and luminous story about a mother, a daughter and the great Greenland shark. Leila & The Blue Fox: A moving adventure about an Arctic fox's epic migration and a young girl's journey to reconnect with her mother.

Thank you for your generous **Harvest Festival** contributions – Birmingham City Mission are always very grateful for the support from Woodthorpe and the local community.

Year 5 and 6 children are off to **Red Ridge** next week for their residential visit. We hope they are excited and looking forward to the activities it has to offer. Staff attending the residential are Mr Trevor, Mrs Milton, Ms Palmer-Lynch and Ms Sloman.

There will be a special meal day on Thursday 15th October - '**Pizza Party**'. Please see the poster attached.

We start our **Relic Traveller** art projects next week – exhibition will be after school on 20th October.

Thank you to Woodthorpe Friends for organising **Halloween discos** on the last day of the term (Friday 23rd October).

Please see the details on the poster and flyer attached.



Also on the 23rd October we will be inviting children to take part in a **fundraiser non-uniform day** in support of the registered charity, **Fereday's First Response**. They have provided school with our first **Bleed Kit** which is an important addition to our emergency medical/first aid equipment. Thank you in advance for your support - we welcome any cash contributions.

Finally, from Monday 12th school's **intercom system** will have changed. For visitors/parents to access the school office and Dainty Little Hands in the morning and at the end of the school day there will be 2 options:

1. School Office
2. Dainty Little Hands

Parents/visitor will need to press the down arrows and then once option 1 or 2 is selected, please press the bell button.

Have a lovely weekend.
Ms McGrath

Pupils of the Week

Rec: Willow – for a superb learning attitude and a great friend to others

Y1: Bonnie – for settling in well and making a fantastic start at Woodthorpe

Y2: Orlagh – for being a wonderful role model and working hard in all lessons

Y3: Freddie K – for always having a positive attitude to learning and supporting his peers

Y4: Jess – for being a great learning partner and working hard across the curriculum

Y6: Zephyr – for wonderful focus and effort, especially with extended writing and history

Y6: Amalia – for exceptional descriptive writing and being a kind and supportive member of the class

Ms Carrington: Rafferty – for his great attitude to learning especially in maths

House Points Weekly Leaderboard

Brandwood – 712

Dawberry – 707

Highbury – 669

Jasmin – 661

Congratulations **Brandwood** House!

Attendance & Punctuality

28.09.26 - 2.10.26

Year Group	Present marks (%)	No of Lates
Reception	86.2	1
Year 1	98.4	4
Year 2	95.0	3
Year 3	93.1	4
Year 4	96.9	1
Year 5	96.0	5
Year 6	95.7	6
Average % / Total Lates	94.5	24

[Illness absence and staying healthy - YouTube](#)



Notices & Updates

Photo Day – Aperture Portraits – Consent required

Children will be having their individual & sibling photos on Wednesday 21st October. There will also be an opportunity

for pre-school siblings to have their photos taken from 8.30 am. Please note, parental consent is required to have your child's photos taken and if not given, your child will not have any photos taken at this time. Therefore, please check your consent is correct on the Arbor App. **Please see attached letter for further information.**

Secondary School Applications

The application portal for Secondary Schools is open, and you are urged to apply as soon as you can but before 11.59pm on 31st October 2026. If you are late in applying your application will not be considered until after the places have been offered out on 1st March 2027 when there is no guarantee you will be given the school of your choice.

All the information on the application process for Secondary Transfer is available on the Council's website www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Parents can also call 0121 303 1888 if they wish to speak to a member of the team or alternatively email admissions@birmingham.gov.uk

It is important applications are submitted on time and no later than 11.59 pm on 31 October 2026

Families will be notified of the school place offered to their child on 1 March 2027.

School Fund Contributions

School fund contributions would be most welcome, via Arbor £10 per term.

All donations go towards enhancing our pupils' learning environment, e.g. books for library, costumes for productions etc. Thank you in advance.

Outdoor Play and Learning

We would gratefully receive any of the following donations:

- Small cars track & road mat
- Duplo/large Lego
- Dinosaurs
- Dolls
- Soft toys
- Large pieces of material



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- Picnic blankets/large mats
- Artificial lawn pieces (large preferably)

Pupil Places

Woodthorpe currently has pupil places available in most year groups (except in Years 5 and 6). If you know anyone who has recently moved into the area and/or looking for a school place, please do let them know.

Healthy Snacks for Breaktimes

Please be reminded that we are a **NO NUTS** school. We also do not allow crisps, chocolate, sweets or cakes to be eaten at morning breaktimes as snacks. We appreciate that these items may be

included in lunchboxes from home, but we ask the children not to eat these as a breaktime snack. Infants receive free fruit/vegetables daily and Juniors are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to school if they get hungry. Thank you in advance for supporting us with this.

School Meals

Please see Summer Menu 3 – attached (Menu 1 & 2 also attached)

Diary for the Week

NB No Daily Mile or Wake Up Shake
Up this week

Monday 12th – Red Ridge (Y5&Y6)

3.15 - 4.15 pm KS2 Handball/Dodgeball
(Inspired Sports – Richard Steadman)

Brass lessons (from last week)

Tuesday 13th –

3.15 - 4.15 pm KS2 Football (Premier Education)

Wednesday 14th –

Premier Education assembly and Y5/6 workshop (Glow in the Dark Dodgeball)

Guitar lessons

Thursday 15th – World Values Day

'Pizza Party' special menu day

Keyboard lessons

3.15-4.15 Y1 – Y6 Street Dance

Friday 16th –

3.15 - 4.15 pm Y1 & Y2 Multi-Sports
(Premier Education)

Brass lessons

Staff Training Days for 2026-27:

- 2nd November
- 4th January
- 12th February
- 6th May

Parent/Teacher meetings:

- 10th and 11th November
- 2nd and 3rd March 2027



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Health and Wellbeing Newsletter



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Clubs and Activities



Position	Year Group	Distance Travelled
1 st	Year 3	14.80
2 nd	Year 1	12.53
3 rd	Year 5	11.48
4 th	Reception	6.79
5 th	Year 2	6.64
6 th	Year 6	4.53
7 th	Year 4	2.11
		39.6 miles

We just about managed to avoid the showers once again in our Daily Mile programme this week! The weather has been kind and enabled an impressive 55 children to get involved this week. Well done once again to Year 3 for being the most active – travelling 14.80 miles! It was brilliant to see children from Reception too! **Please note that there will be no Daily Mile and Wake Up, Shake Up dance next week.**

Red Ridge Residential – October 2026

Please check the Year 6 blog site for all the information you require in preparation for next week's residential to Wales. See you from 08:30 on Monday morning.

[Red Ridge 2026 – 6KS – Year 6 Blogging Site](#)

KS2 Hockey Festival

Children from our Year 5 and 6 classes travelled over to Wheelers Lane Technology College on Monday to take part in the latest school sport festival. The event was organised by our School Games Organiser, Mr McDermott, in conjunction with Bournville and Kings Heath Hockey Club. The children enjoyed the opportunity and represented the school brilliantly!

Team: Noah, Cooper, Qayim, Amelle (Y5), Ernest, Eshref, James, Zephyr, Ammar (Y6)



Living Streets' Travel Tracker

We relaunched our Travel Tracker last week! This is where children get to log how they travelled to school each day – active journeys are then rewarded with badges at the end of each month! In the last week the school has made 618 active journeys. (84% of all journeys made were active)



Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

Our OPAL play programme continues to go from strength to strength! It has been wonderful seeing the engagement from the children over the last few weeks. Many thanks to those families who have kindly donated resources so far.



Woodthorpe Junior and Infant School Health and Wellbeing Newsletter



Mental Health and Wellbeing Update



*See attached for enlarged version

Woodthorpe in the Community

Last weekend Amelle (Y5) played for Starlight Strikers U11's and was 'player of the match' in the tightly contested 3-3 draw. Well done, Amelle!

Rayna (Y5) took part in a horse-riding event last weekend where she came in second place. Amazing achievement, Rayna!

Pupil Voice

"I enjoyed the mini games, especially when we had to try and score goals past each other!"

Qayim S (Y5) KS2 Hockey Festival

Dates for your diary

**Monday 12th October – The Daily Mile
CANCELLED**

**Wednesday 7th October- Wake-up
Shake-up Dance CANCELLED**

**Thursday 8th October– The Daily Mile
CANCELLED**

WOODTHORPE FRIENDS
★ PRESENTS:

HALLOWEEN DISCO

23 OCTOBER

REC & KS1: 3:30 - 4:15 PM
KS2: 4:30 - 5:15 PM **£4**

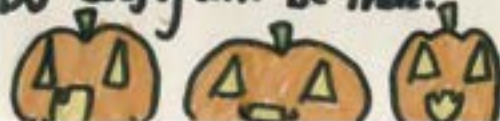
MUSIC REFRESHMENTS
FANCY DRESS
FACE PAINT
DANCING
TRICKS AND TREATS

BOOK TICKETS
HERE



Come to the HALLOWEEN DISCO

Go on Friday 23rd October
Dress up spooky!!!
3:30 - 4:15 (KS1)
4:30 - 5:15 (KS2)
DJ Ceejay will be there!







Summer Menu Week 1
13th April, 4th May, 25th May, 15th June, 6th July, 7th Sept, 28th Sept, 19th Oct 2026

WEEK ONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main - Option 1	Fajita Chicken	Beef Lasagne	Roast Beef in Gravy	Chicken Curry	Fish Goujons
Vegetables	Vegetable Medley	Carrots	Mixed Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables	Peas
Sides	White Rice	Baked Potato Wedges	Golden Roast Potatoes	Wholegrain Rice	Oven Chips
Main - Option 2	Macaroni Cheese	Chickpea Curry	Cheese & Onion Pie	Lentil Bolognaise	Vegetable Lasagne
Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Cauliflower	Mixed Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables	Peas
Sides	Diced Potatoes	Wholegrain Rice	Golden Roast Potatoes	Penne Pasta	Oven Chips
Jacket Potatoes	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato
Dessert	Apple Crumble	Chocolate Sponge	Lemon & Orange Sponge	Chocolate Chip Sponge	Somerset Apple Cake



Summer Menu Week 2
30th March, 20th April, 11th May, 1st June, 22nd June, 13th July, 14th Sept, 5th Oct, 26th Oct 2026

WEEK TWO	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main - Option 1	Chicken & Pasta with Tomatoes and Herbs	Chicken Goujons	Roast Chicken in Gravy	Sweet & Sour Chicken	Tuna Pasta Bake
Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Baked Beans	Vegetable Medley	Cauliflower	Peas
Sides	Baked Potato Wedges	Diced Potatoes	Golden Roast Potatoes	White Rice	Oven Chips
Main - Option 2	Lentil & Vegetable Flaky Topped Pie	Vegetarian Tikka Masala	Penne Pasta in Tomato and Basil Sauce	Bean Chilli	Vegetarian Cottage Pie
Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Broccoli	Vegetable Medley	Green Beans	Peas
Sides	Baked Potato Wedges	Wholegrain Rice	Penne Pasta	White Rice	Oven Chips
Jacket Potatoes	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato
Dessert	Summer Fruit Sponge	Bakewell Tart	Pineapple Sponge	Apple Crumble	Hot Chocolate Brownie

Summer Menu Week 3

6th April, 27th April, 18th May, 8th June, 29th June, 20th July, 31st Aug, 21st Sept, 12th Oct 2026

WEEK THREE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main - Option 1	Cheesy Garlic Chicken	Smoked Paprika & Tomato Chicken	Sliced Roast Chicken in Gravy	Beef Bolognaise	Breaded Cod
Vegetables	Carrots	Mixed Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Peas
Sides	Diced Potatoes	Baked Potato Wedges	Golden Roast Potatoes	Penne Pasta	Oven Chips
Main - Option 2	Cauliflower, Spinach & Lentil Curry	Tomato & Chickpea Gratin	Cauliflower & Broccoli Pasta	Vegetable Quiche	Potato, Cheese & Leek Bake
Sides	Green Beans	Cauliflower	Mixed Vegetables	Carrots	Baked Beans
Carbohydrate	Wholegrain Rice	Baked Potato Wedges	Penne Pasta	Baked Potato Wedges	Oven Chips
Jacket Potatoes	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato
Dessert	Lemon Flavour Sponge	Apricot Crumble	Jam Sponge	Somerset Apple Cake	Chocolate Sponge



SPORTS CLUBS

This Half Term

MONDAY

KS2 Handball/
Dodgeball



TUESDAY

KS2 Football



THURSDAY

KS1/2 Streetdance



FRIDAY

KS1 Multiports



3:15pm – 4:15pm



£3.50
per session



Get active • Make friends • Have fun!



Join us for

The Daily Mile

A healthier, happier you!



Every
Monday &
Thursday



From
08:30



For ALL
year groups



Get
active



Feel
good



Improve
your health



Boost
your mood



Together
we can!



Thursday 1st October 2026



Dear parent/carers,

Living Streets' **WOW – the walk to school challenge** is back to help encourage as many children as possible to experience the benefits of walking and wheeling to school.

As you know, WOW is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot 'Park and Stride' or hop off) at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that easy!

What are the benefits of walking to school?

- Children feel happier and healthier
- They arrive at school refreshed and ready to learn
- Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates

What if we can't walk to school?

'Park and Stride' can help your child earn their WOW badges if a parent or carer needs to drive to school. Park **ten minutes away** from the school and walk or wheel the remaining journey.

If using public transport, hop off **at least ten minutes away** and walk the rest of the way (recorded as 'other' on the WOW Travel Tracker).

Where walking to school isn't an option, we work with schools to establish a bespoke approach to WOW that works best for their pupils' needs. If you have any questions on the adaptability of WOW or have suggestions of how we can improve, we would love to hear your thoughts. Please email walktoschool@livingstreets.org.uk.

Tell us about your experiences of travelling to school and you could win a £200 shopping voucher: surveymonkey.com/r/ParentWOW.

The WOW badges

There are 11 new WOW badges to earn, one for every month of the school year. Each badge has been designed by a pupil as part of our annual WOW Badge Design Competition.

WOW 2026/27 encourages pupils to **Walk the Senses**, with badges depicting everything from scooters to sunflowers. The badges are made in Cornwall from material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays, plastic plates and yoghurt pot off-cuts. For more information, visit: livingstreets.org.uk/recycling.

Last year, over 2,000 schools across the UK enjoyed the benefits of walking to school with WOW. Will you join us?

If you have any questions about the programme, please contact Mr Trevor, or find more information and useful videos at: livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch Regular updates will also be available within the school's weekly 'Health and Wellbeing' newsletter.

Let's swap those school runs for school walks.

Living Streets



OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUBS

ST ALBAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL,
KINGS HEATH, B14 5AL

OCTOBER HALF TERM
TUESDAY 27TH - THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER
£23.50 9AM-4PM (5-11 YEAR OLDS)
£14.00 9AM-1PM (4 YEAR OLDS IN RECEPTION)

WE WILL PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF EXCITING AND ENGAGING
ACTIVITIES TO SUIT ALL AGES AND ABILITIES!

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MINIS & JUNIORS

GIRLS. YOUR TEAM IS WAITING.



SAME
GAME
MORE
GIRLS

BUILD CONFIDENCE
MAKE FRIENDS

LOVE
RUGBY

**4 FREE
TASTER SESSIONS**

Reception to Year 11
No experience needed



SCAN TO JOIN

ONE CLUB. ONE FAMILY. ONE COMMUNITY

BIRMINGHAM MOSELEY
MINIS & JUNIORS

JOIN THE RED & BLACK



BUILD
CONFIDENCE



MAKE
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PLAY
RUGBY

**4 FREE
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Reception to Year 11



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Optimistic October 2026

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

5

Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

6

Remind yourself that things can change for the better

7

Look for the good in people around you today

8

Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

9

Share an important goal with someone you trust

10

Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently

11

Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward

12

Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

13

Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing

14

Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

15

Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

16

Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting

17

Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society

18

Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead

19

Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future

20

Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time

21

Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you

22

Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague

23

Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

24

Write down three specific things that have gone well recently

25

You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?

26

Find a new perspective on a problem you face

27

Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

28

Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?

29

Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

30

Identify three things that give you hope for the future

31

Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month



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