

Dates for your Diary

MAY

13th SATs Week
17th Y5 to Botanical Gardens
23rd School Closed
24th Break up for half term

JUNE

3rd School reopens to children
5th Y3 Museum of Cannon Chase
6th Y3 Museum of Cannon Chase
7th Y6 Residential Visit
19th Y1 Assembly
21st Midsummer Party
28th Sports Day
29th Family Day

JULY

5th Reserve Sports Day
19th Break up for summer

Closures

23rd June Elections
22nd July Training Day

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Musician of the Month

Andrea Bocelli

Musician of the Month

Bridget Riley

Word of the Month

Inquisitive



Science Competition

There has certainly been some exciting science activities occurring recently. Last week judging took place for the Learning Trust Science Competition. The children were asked to design a board game on the theme of recycling. The standard was most impressive with some really creative ideas. It made the judges' job very difficult! The winners were Dylan YR, Thomas & Jessica Y2 & YR, Deepshika Y3, Brandon Y5. All children who took part received a prize of a science book and the prize winners were awarded a science activity kit. Well done to all the children who entered, you should feel very proud.

On Tuesday this week we hosted a Science Workshop for children and parents in Year 3. We also invited families from Moor Hall. The event was led by Matt Pritchard, a science magician, and was based on Superheroes and the skills they need. What a treat it turned out to be! Matt was truly inspirational and wowed us with interactive demonstrations involving static electricity and explosions! We found out some fascinating information, for example ants are the strongest creatures for their size, being able to hold up 50 of their peers! During the workshop we were all 'inquisitive' about the exciting activities. The children, parents and staff certainly enjoyed the event. Our thanks to Matt and also Miss Peck, our Science Co-ordinator, who did a fantastic job organising the Science Competition and the workshop. Finally a big thank you to the parents who came along to support the event.



Reception Places for September

We are delighted to say that all of the 60 children who will be joining us in September were first choice places. A total of 158 applied for places at our school. We look forward to welcoming our new intake of children in June for an activity afternoon and on the 4th July for an induction afternoon. We have a waiting list for every year group, however this does not make us complacent and we are committed to giving our children the best possible education.

School Self Evaluation Questionnaire

Each year we produce a School Improvement Plan with Key Objectives to focus on for the academic year. The Schools in the Learning Trust for Excellence work on the same plan and where possible have joint training. This enables us to attract high calibre trainers. In preparation for the plan we would be grateful if you could complete the proforma that we have sent home today asking for you to identify three strengths and areas for improvement. We really value the views of our parents and will take into account your feedback when formulating the plan.

This Week's Headlines

SATs Tests—Next week Y6 will be undertaking the KS2 National SATs tests. On Monday they will complete grammar, punctuation & spelling, on Tuesday English reading, on Wednesday two maths papers and on Thursday the final maths paper. It is important that all children have an early night, eat a good breakfast before coming to school and remember to bring their water bottles with them. Many thanks.

Curriculum Guidelines—This week we have sent out the Curriculum Guidelines for each year group with details of what they will be studying this term. Please discuss with your child what they have been learning.

Midsummer Party— We are very much looking forward to the Midsummer Party which takes place on 21st June 7pm at Aston Wood Golf Club. Please bring along family and friends for a great night which raises much needed funds for our school. Tickets cost £35 and are available by emailing folssenquiry@gmail.com.

Chairs— We have recently acquired some office chairs at a very reasonable cost, but they need assembling. Is there any parent with a love of self assembly furniture that would be able to spare some time to pop into school to do this for us? We would be extremely grateful. Please contact the office or email us on enquiry@littlesu.bham.sch.uk.

Menu for Next Week

In addition, there is a salad / fruit bar and crusty bread available. Please note that the choices may vary slightly due to circumstances beyond our control. Every week we add taster pots and additional items to the menu to encourage children to try different foods.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken curry	Chicken pie	Bolognaise	Roast lamb/chicken	Pork sausage
Haddock grill	Chicken fillets	Veg bolognaise	Fish fingers	Veg sausage
Pizza	Fish fingers	Chicken fillets	Cheese flan	Chicken fillets
Jacket potato	Cheese pasta	Fish fingers	Jacket potato	Fish fingers
*	Baguettes / wraps	Jacket potato	*	Lemon sole grill
Peas	Jacket potato	*	Carrots	Jacket potato
Sweetcorn	*	Sweetcorn	Broccoli	*
Baked beans	Carrots	Green beans	Baked beans	Sweetcorn
*	Sweetcorn	Baked beans	*	Broccoli
Rice	Baked beans	*	Roast potato	Baked beans
New potatoes	*	Spaghetti	Mashed potato	*
*	New potatoes	Garlic bread	*	Pasta
Flapjack	Pasta	*	Muffins	Mashed potato
Yoghurt	*	Chocolate sponge	Yoghurt	*
Fresh fruit	Muffins	Yoghurt	Fresh fruit	Rice pudding
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This Week's Awards

This week the following awards were presented in Celebration Assembly:

Lunchtime Award— RKS & 6EW
 Classroom Awards— 1JS & 4TV
 Winning House— Cook with 168 points
 Attendance— 1JS with 100%
 Overall Attendance— 96.28%
 Annual Attendance Target— 97%
 Respect Award— RKS & 6EW

Congratulations to the following children who received awards in Celebration Assembly— Parker YR, Berti Y1, Charlotte Y2, Rupert Y3, Sidney Y4, Libby Y5 & Katie Y6.



E-Safety Tip of the Week

Band Runner is a fun game from @Thinkuknow that puts children's knowledge about online safety to the test by asking them to help characters make safe choices in an online world. [https://](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/)

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Sports Report

On Wednesday a team of year four boys attended a football competition held at Villa Park. They played with skill enthusiasm against good quality opposition to secure themselves a second place finish in the tournament. We are very proud of them!

On Thursday Mr Smith took a team of 9 boys and girls to a sports event hosted by Bishop Vesey Grammar School called 'Megafest'. This was a festival of various throwing and catching sports which tested the children's hand eye coordination and ball skills. Although it was non-competitive, the children showed great ability and teamwork and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school, well done children!

Email Communication

If you need to contact a member of staff, senior leadership team or the Headteacher **via email**, please use the school email address at enquiry@littlesu.bham.sch.uk rather than emailing staff directly. If a message is urgent please hand deliver it or send it to the school email address marked 'urgent'.

As you can imagine, school staff, and in particular the Headteacher, get inundated with emails, a lot of which are spam. During a working day, it is not always possible to sort through the considerable amount of mail received. Furthermore staff are unable to check their email when they are teaching.

However, the 'enquiry@' emails are regularly checked during the day and forwarded to the most appropriate person to deal with. This is a much more efficient way of communicating with staff and ensuring that your specific query is dealt with in a timely manner.

Please also note that there will be a two day response time to emails. There is no expectation for staff to check emails outside working hours or during holiday time.

You are of course welcome to make an appointment by telephone, or in person, to see a member of staff.

Safeguarding

Please may I remind you that if you ever have a concern about a child's well-being, please report this to our Designated Lead for Safeguarding Mrs N Arkinstall or one of our Deputy Leads, Mrs R Davis, Mrs E Whittaker or Miss R Kaur. Alternatively out of school hours you may ring Social Health and Care directly on 303 1888.

Reminders

We are very keen to maintain our high standards in school uniform. May I remind you that children should wear black school shoes and not trainers or boots. Nail varnish and jewellery should not be worn but watches are permitted. Please also avoid large decorative hairbands.

We are trying to encourage our children to take responsibility for looking after their belongings as school uniform is expensive and we want to ensure if items are misplaced, they can be returned easily. We have a constant high volume of lost property and to help this problem we are asking that all uniform is clearly labelled, including jumpers, cardigans, coats, shoes, bags, PE kit and lunch bottles. Thank you.