YARDLEY WOOD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th November

Head Teacher's message

Welcome to the first edition of our new school newsletter. Here you will find important information, some insights into daily life in school as well as links for support.

We are really proud of our community and how positively the children have started their school year and look forward to sharing their successes with you as the year progresses.

Please remember to check in on our Bluesky account to see what the children have been learning about.

Yardley Wood Community Primary School (@yardleywoodsch.bsky.social) — Bluesky

Attendance - You matter

Week commencing 2nd November 2026

Rainbow	**75.00%**	**3B**	**99.50%**	**6M**	**97.60%**
Nursery	**93.60%**	**3S**	**96.20%**	**Whole school**	**95.20%**
RJ	**93.20%**	**4P**	**96.90%**	**Year to date**	**93.10% Aiming for 95.00%**
RK	**96.40%**	**4J**	**90.80%**		
1W	**98.90%**	**4S**	**95.00%**		
1J	**92.60%**	**5M**	**98.80%**		
2B	**90.90%**	**5BT**	**96.70%**		
2K	**95.40%**	**6H**	**94.20%**		



Attendance and Punctuality

Please bring your child(ren) to school **8.40am-9.00am** every day. If you are late, please bring your child(ren) in through the school office via the School Road pedestrian entrance and sign them in. This ensures s/he gets a mark on the register and we know they are in school in case of an emergency.

If your child will not be in school due to illness or an appointment, please notify us on Studybugs by 9am each day.

Alternatively, please call our attendance line on 0121 675 2456, option 1 – if there is no answer, please leave a message.

More information on how to register for Studybugs can be found on the website below:

https://studybugs.com/about/parents

Monitor and communicate with school about your child's attendance: Studybugs – Parents

Attendance policy: https://tinyurl.com/2jpewsa3

Attendance - You matter

Week commencing 9th November 2026

Rainbow	**85.8%**	**3B**	**95.7%**	**6M**	**95.3%**
Nursery	**89.8%**	**3S**	**96.4%**	**Whole school**	**95.7%**
RJ	**91.9%**	**4P**	**95.5%**	**Year to date**	**94.4% Aiming for 95.00%**
RK	**92.6%**	**4J**	**92.7%**		
1W	**92.7%**	**4S**	**97.1%**		
1J	**91.5%**	**5M**	**93.5%**		
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Important dates coming up...

Date	Year Group	Event
13/11/2026	Whole School	Children In Need
16/11/2026	Whole school	Wear odd socks
17/11/2026	Year 5	Trip to Mary Arden's Farm
18/11/2026	Whole School	Sensory Circuits parent workshop
18/11/2026	Whole School	Spotlight on Spanish day
24/11/2026	Year 6	Trip to Bewdley Museum
27/11/2026	Year 5	Trip to Stratford
02/12/2026	Individual Pupils	School photographer



Reminders and Information

School Uniform

Please label all of your child's school uniform with their name and class. Since our return to school in September, we have already accumulated a lot of school uniform we can't return to pupils as it has not been labelled. Therefore, please check it regularly to ensure the name & class has not washed off.

Keep our school healthy – Help us fight off seasonal bugs by encouraging your child(ren) to wash hands regularly.

End of Day

Below are the times your child(ren) should be collected at the end of the school day:

Nursery & Reception - 3.10pm
Year 1 & Year 2 - 3.15pm
Year 3 and Year 4 - 3.20pm
Year 5 and Year 6 - 3.25pm

We request all parents collect their child(ren) on time from their collection point.

If your child(ren) will be collected by someone different at the end of the school day, please let the class teacher know when you drop off in the morning. If it is a late arrangement, please call the office by 2pm so we can let the class teacher know.

School Contact Information:

Tel: 0121 675 2456

Website - www.ydlywood.bham.sch.uk

Email address:

enquiry@ydlywood.bham.sch.uk

You can contact class teacher on DOJO - please speak to your child's teacher for login details

Reception 2027

If you have a child born between 01/09/2022-31/08/2023, you need to apply for a Reception place for him/her by **15/01/2027**.
All children must have an application – including children currently in our nursery

Contact Details

Please ensure school has your up to date address/contacts details. & advise of any changes as soon as possible.

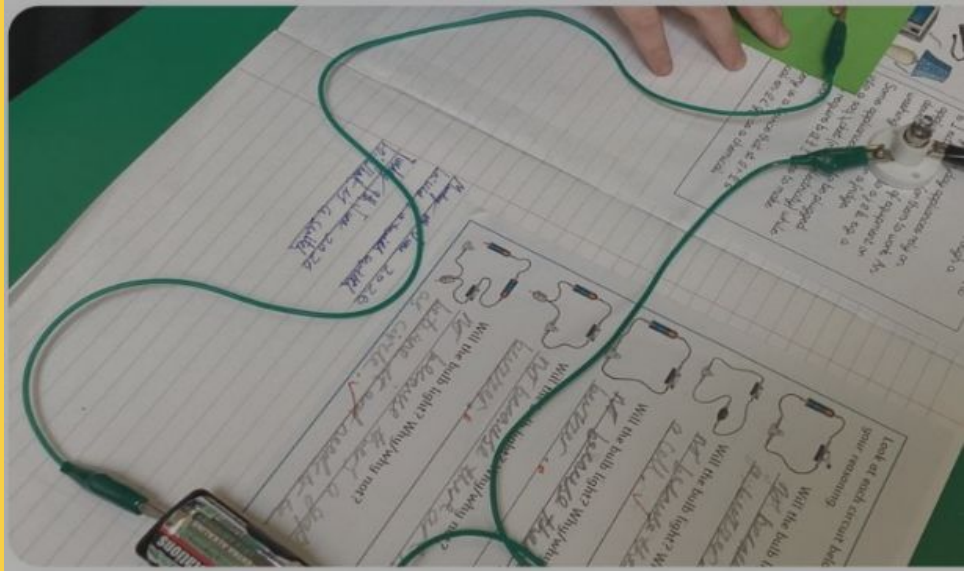
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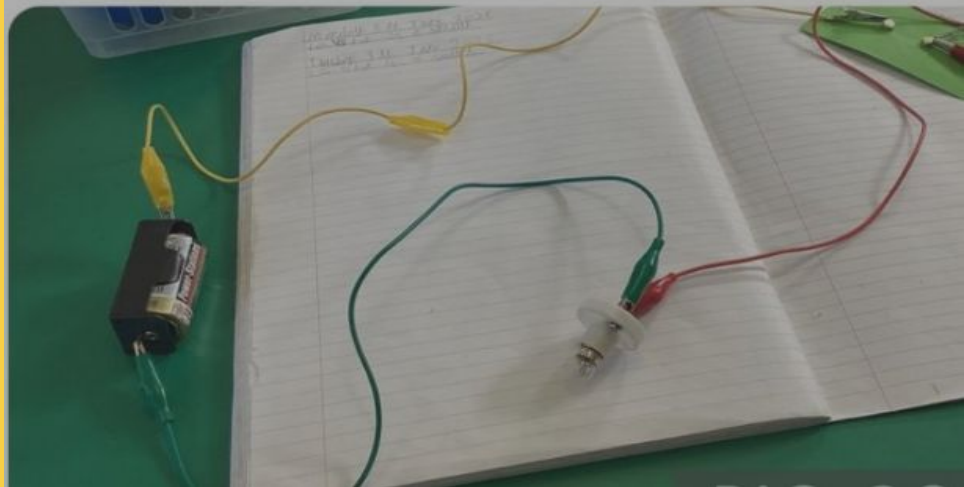
Curriculum at YWCPS

We are passionate about providing our children with the knowledge, skills and experiences from a wide range of subjects. We believe children should have the opportunity to develop their talents and preferences to help inform their futures and be prepared for their next stage of learning.

Each fortnight this page will showcase an aspect of our school curriculum, giving parents and carers an insight into what the curriculum means to us at Yardley Wood Community Primary.

To find out more about what your child is learning about and for this term's curriculum, you can visit class pages on the school website. There you will also find Reading recommendations for the year group. If you have any specific questions regarding your child's learning please contact their class teacher who will be happy to help.





A spotlight on...

Reading at YWCPS

Applications this year for our librarian positions were of a really high standard. Our librarians take on many responsibilities: tidying the books and making the library an inviting space, returning books to the right place so children can find appropriate books easily, running competitions, making recommendations to others and peer reading with our younger readers.

Congratulations to: Ayaz, Jonas, Luqman, Remiya, Paige, Sophia, Laylay, Hurrum, Aadam and Malak.



This year, Children In Need are teaming up with the National Love of Reading and encouraging the sharing of stories. We will have a number of different Reading activities throughout the day, including watching CBeebies bedtime stories, joining in with author events and reading with people in other year groups. Books can bring so much joy to people of all ages, not just children, especially in times which could be hard for us. Why not continue to share the love of stories at home?

https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/bedtime-stories



A spotlight on...

Reading at YWCPS



A brand new, Yoto Mini player and 25 story cards have just been delivered to school thanks to the generous donation of Libraries for Primaries, the National Literacy Trust, Macmillan Children's Books and Yoto.
It celebrates the publication of *Gruffalo Granny* by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler – their first new Gruffalo story in over 20 years. Our Nursery class will be the first to listen to these amazing stories!

New for this year:
Scholastic book club!

Love books of varying genres? Looking for your child's next read? Want an idea for Christmas gifts? Why not explore what our book club has to offer..
Follow the link, place an order online for any books you would like by 4th December and the books will be delivered free of charge to school in time for Christmas.
https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/clubs/parents/your-club

Stay tuned for more information!



A reminder that school is a nut free environment.

We ask that break time snacks are either a piece of fruit or vegetable.





We are really proud of our school site, please help to teach the children to use bins for their rubbish

Fortnightly School Dinner Menu



Weeks Commencing Monday 9th November and Monday 16th November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fish Fingers Diced Potatoes Mac & Cheese Beans Apple Crumble & custard	Chicken Curry Bolognaise Rice Garlic Bread Sweetcorn & beans Flapjack	Roast Chicken Omelettes Mashed/roast potatoes Broccoli, carrots & beans Sponge Cake	Chicken Tikka Wraps Cheese Flan & Rice Wedges Sweetcorn Beans Chocolate Brownie	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Fish Chips Jacket Potato Baked Beans Ice Cream
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
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Available Daily: Jacket Potatoes with cheese, tuna or beans filling; Fresh Sandwiches; Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

Although we will aim to keep to this menu, we may have to make adjustments to it if the correct food deliveries are not received

School news

Gold Book assemblies are every Friday:
KS1 Gold Book Assembly - 2.40pm
KS2 Gold Book Assembly - 9.05am.

We text individual parents to let them know their children will be in Gold Book.
Please be prompt in arriving to avoid missing your child receiving his/her award

Congratulations to our winners!

Football results:

Our year 5 and 6 boys Football team won their tournament last Friday, what a great way to start the season!

YWCPS v Chilcote 1-0
YWCPS v Lady of Lourdes 1-0
YWCPS v Wheelers lane 2-1



To support the start of anti-bullying week children are invited to wear odd socks on Monday 16th November to celebrate individuality and as a reminder that kindness should be the motivation behind our actions.

Important School Letters ~ click each link to read

Spotlight on Spanish Day 18th November

Book Club Invite

Sensory Circuits Workshop - **Link to sign up**

Term dates

Autumn Term 2026

Term Starts for Years 1 - 6: Thursday 3rd September 2026
(Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September are Teacher Training Days - School closed to pupils)
Reception Start Date – Monday 7th September 2026
Nursery – Start date Thursday 10th September 2026
Half Term: Monday 26th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026
Teacher Training Day – School closed to pupils – Monday 2nd November 2026
Term Ends: Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term 2027

Teacher Training Day – School closed to pupils – Monday 4th January 2027
Term Starts for pupils: Tuesday 5th January 2027
Half Term: Monday 15th February 2027 to Friday 19th February 2027
Term Ends: Friday 25th March 2027

Summer Term 2027

Term Starts: Monday 12th April 2027
Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May 2027 – School closed
Teacher Training Day – School closed to pupils – Friday 28th May 2027
Half Term: Monday 31st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027
Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July 2027

Community events and information

We have attached information sent to us from local organisations who have asked us to share details with parents.

Please have a read through and contact the individual organisation for further support or queries.

COFFEE MORNING

Baby Massage

Family/Professional Drop in Service at GBNFC

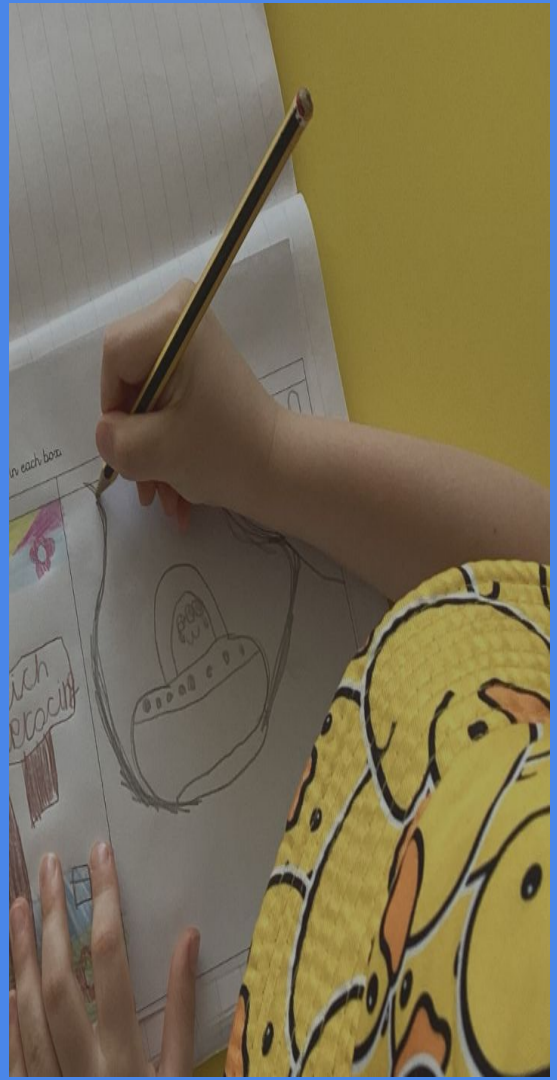
What's on at GBNFC November and December 2026

Parental Courses at GBNFC

Family Hubs at GBNFC

Fundraising Quiz Night

Swimming Lessons



Support

Our pastoral team are on hand each day to support families and listen to concerns. If you would like to speak to a member of the team, please ask for Miss Jakeways or Miss Ford at the office.

Alternatively you can speak with classroom staff who welcome the children on the playground at the start and end of the school day. We request you arrive a little earlier in the morning if you wish to do so.

There are lots of useful websites offering advice and guidance to parents/carers within the Birmingham Early Help website. Follow this link to find out more: Birmingham Early Help

If you are worried about a child and don't want to talk to school about it, you can report this yourself by contacting Birmingham Children's Advice and Support Service on 0121 303 1888 or by emailing CASS at: CASS@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk. In an out of office hours emergency, you can call the Duty Team on 0121 675 4806