

Contact Birmingham CASS on 0121 303 1888. If you feel a child is at risk of immediate, significant harm then call 999 OR contact a DSL in school: Mrs. Nussey, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Spiers, Mrs. Ewbank or Mr. Merriman. Child Line Children if you need to talk to anyone, please email www.childline.co.uk

Or ring

0800 1111

HEAR TEACHER'S WELCOME

Well, here we are again at the end of another busy week in school, albeit a short one due to the Bank Holiday!

Next week, is an important week for all our Year Six children as, like all Year Six children across the country, they sit their SATS tests from Monday to Thursday. They will undertake tests in Reading, Spelling and Grammar and Maths.

It is important that all Year Six children are in school every day and on time. In order to ensure your children perform at their best and achieve all they are capable of please ensure that they all get early nights throughout the week, eat a healthy breakfast and arrive in school in a positive frame of mind.

The children have all worked incredibly hard in the build-up to SATs and I would like to wish them all the very best for their tests next week. Come on Year Six, you can do this! Remember to be the best that you can be - no-one can ask any more of you!

Just to make you all aware, we have spaces for September 2025 for Nursery children. We take three-year-olds who turn four during that academic year. Our Nursery offers 15 hours per week (all day Monday and Tuesday and until 11.30 on a Wednesday). If you wish for your child to join our Nursery and you haven't yet applied, it's not too late. Please pop into the school office and ask for an application form.

Have a lovely weekend,

Vicky Nussey

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

NURSERY: Arbor & Yousuf RECEPTION: Michael, Hayrah, Zunaira & Colby YEAR ONE: Cealan, Skylar, Vivaan & Eshaal YEAR TWO: Rozina, Eleni, Beatriz & Millie G YEAR THREE: Nate, Anthony, Amelia & Abdul YEAR FOUR: Azka, Tyler, Dillon & Haider YEAR FIVE: Thomas, Theo, Recardo & Neave YEAR SIX: Khalil, Bella, Joel & Tommie-John PANTHERS, LIONS & PUMAS: Sebastian & Ibrahim A

HOUSEPOINTS

THIS WEEK'S TOTALS: THIS WEEK'S WINNING CLASS: KS1: Panthers KS2: 5B THIS WEEK'S WINNING HOUSE: KS1: Jupiter KS2: Venus



BEST ATTENDANCE Class: 6B with 98.33%

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

" These centres are more than building they are lifelines for families. Helping as ensure our children have the best possible start in life. Forever grateful lo they may continue. " March 2025

What does the Family **Hub and Children Centre offer**

At Erdington Family Hub we offer support to Families with Children aged 0-19 (25 with SEN

Lakeside Children's

Lakeside Children's Centre is the main Family Hub and Castle Vale and Featherston Children's Centre our our Satellite Hub.

Our centres host a range of free services from

Play and Learn

- SEND support Family Support Community

- Community Support
 Family Voices
 Duty Support
 Family Events
 Early Intervention support.

We have a daily Duty Worker and Family Support Practitioners who can offer advice and signposting

around Low Level Housing Advice/ Signposting
 Debt, Welfare and Benefit Advice
 Community

 Community Signposting.
Childcare

Choices Support Food Bank

- Baby Bank
 Support.
 Safer Sleep Referrals
- Referrals.
 Breastfeeding Support.
 Domestic Abuse Support.





Families can be referred for support from the Children Centres either by calling their nearest Children Centre. Or via Birmingham Forward Steps Website as a self-referral or via a professional referral.

www.birminghamforwardsteps.co.uk www.spurgeons.org for further information

Contact Information

Lakeside Family Hub, Lakes Road, Erdington B23 7UH 0121 752 1970 tle Vale Children's Centre 372 Yatesbury Ave tle Vale, B35 6DG 1 752 1920 Featherstone Childr Erdington, B23 6AU 0121 752 1870 ildren's Centre, 29 Highcroft Road,

Erdington Childrens Centres

Community Support

Our Family and Community Liaison Navigators, help to establish links between Family Hubs and Health, Education, Faith, Community and Voluntary Sectors

Community Support, help grow the local network of partners, to support how services can be delivered in different venues in each District, where you, our families tell us they are needed most, through Family Voices and Parent Consultations.

The team also supports with tackling poverty in the city by supporting families with Grants, Warm Clothes for Children, Safer Sleep schemes and supporting Families in Temporary Accommodation.

The team also lead on running events with our The team also lead on running events with our colleagues from SEND, Early Years and Family Support throughout the year from Eid, Christmas Parties to celebrarting International Women's Day. They also support other local organisations with family events, such as Schools, Partner Organisations and Community Groups

"Todays event is about easter and at home you may do one or two events, but here there has been so much for the girls to do, that is dedi ated to easter, there was a variety of crafts, food and we have loved the walk for the easter egg hunt. All staff have been really helpful. " April 2025, Easter Party 3





Erdington Family Hub.

Find out what support local families can get receive from Erdington Family Hub.



Spurgeons

Early Years Support.

Our Early Years Practitioners deliver weekly Play and Learn sessions that take place at each centre, these are free to attend, no booking required for children aged 0-5 years.

Our Play and Learns sessions help develop your child with supporting School-Readiness, Parenting Skills and any Early Intervention.

The Play and Learns sessions encourage both Indoor and Outdoor play, with Social Interaction with peers.

Our Early Years Practitioners also support with 2 years development screening

> " I feel the staff are lovely and approachable to everyone they are a credit to the service. "

March 2025

SEND Support

Our SEND team, deliver Stepping Stones Groups across the district which is a specific Play and Learn groups for children aged 0-5, who are diagnosed and undiagnosed with additional needs. These are referral only groups ensuring small group numbers for those who are attending.

The SEND team also deliver a bespoke "Footsteps" programme which offers support to the parents of children with SEND and offer them on-going support when their children begin nursery and school.



Family Support

Sometimes children and their families might need some extra help, this might come from range of different organisations, all working together. ma

Our Family Support Practitioners support local families via self referral or professional referral. This can either be from contacting the nearest Family Hub or via the Birmingham Forward Steps Website.

An Early Help Assessment is carried out between the Family and Family Support Practitioners, which is a way of recording down what is going well in your family, what are the worries and what needs to happen to help things improve.

You might need help in one or more of the ng areas

School, Education or Training School, Education or Training
 Home and Life Relationships
 Health and Emotional Wellbeing
 Work, Finances or Housing
 Domestic Violence or Abuse
 Crime or Anti-Social behaviour

Spotlight on Reading for Pleasure

🌈 Celebrating Elmer Day - The Joy of Reading for Pleasure! 鷱



Dear Parents and Carers,

Get ready for a burst of colour and creativity on Friday, 24th May, as people everywhere celebrate Elmer Day—a joyful occasion that highlights the magic of reading for pleasure and the beauty of embracing our differences.

Elmer, the beloved patchwork elephant created by **David McKee**, has been a cherished character in children's literature since his first appearance in 1968. With his vibrant patchwork of yellow, orange, red, pink, purple, blue, green, black, and white squares, Elmer stands out from the herd—not just in appearance but in spirit. His stories, filled with humour and heart, teach us about self-acceptance, diversity, and the joy of being unique.



In the original tale, Elmer tries to blend in by painting himself grey, only to realise that his true colours—and the happiness they bring—are what make him

Spotlight on Reading for Pleasure (Continued)

special. As McKee beautifully illustrates, "Elmer's friends reassured him that they preferred his multicoloured and fun-loving personality."

Elmer's stories resonate with readers of all ages. While children are drawn to Elmer's vibrant colours and playful antics, adults find depth in the themes of individuality, acceptance, and empathy woven throughout his tales.

For young readers, Elmer's adventures are a celebration of diversity and selfconfidence. His journey from trying to blend in with his grey elephant peers to embracing his unique patchwork appearance teaches children the value of being true to oneself. The colourful illustrations and gentle humour make these lessons accessible and engaging for children.

Adults, on the other hand, can appreciate the exploration of identity and societal norms. McKee's inspiration for Elmer stemmed from a personal experience with racism, leading to stories that subtly address complex issues like conformity and acceptance. This depth allows us to initiate meaningful conversations with children about embracing differences and fostering inclusivity.



Surprisingly, Elmer's stories even tackle broader themes relevant to all ages, such as environmental concerns. "Elmer and the White Bear" addresses climate change. These stories can be used to encourage readers to think carefully about the world around them, making Elmer's tales both entertaining and thoughtprovoking.

Spotlight on Reading for Pleasure (Continued)



David McKee, who sadly passed away in 2022, was a prolific author and illustrator, known for other classics like *Not Now, Bernard* and *Mr Benn*. His work has touched generations, with over 10 million Elmer books sold worldwide, translated into more than 60 languages. (elmer.co.uk).

To honour Elmer Day, why not get creative and design your own patchwork elephants to celebrate individuality. Or share your favourite Elmer stories and what they mean to you.

As David McKee once shared, "If I'm feeling down, I get out Elmer; Elmer saved me." This sentiment captures the comfort and joy that stories can bring—a reminder of the importance of reading for pleasure.(<u>BookTrust</u>).

Let's make Elmer Day a vibrant celebration of reading, creativity, and the wonderful tapestry of our school community.

Mrs Connaughton

Library Lead

Spotlight on Curriculum: Maths



With Year 6 Maths SATs around the corner, we wanted to give some lastminute tips to make things less stressful for the children, and to help them to achieve their very best.

Information about the Mathematical SATs tests:

- There are 3 papers. Paper 1 is Arithmetic and is worth 40 marks. Paper 2 and 3 are Reasoning and are worth 35 marks each.
- Paper 1 and Paper 2 will take place on Wednesday and Paper 3 on Thursday.



Key Mathematical Facts to help with the Tests:

- Fractions 50% = 0.5 = 1/2; 25% = 0.25 = 1/2; 20% = 0.2 = 1/5
- When adding/subtracting fractions is your game...the denominator must be the same.



- multiplying fractions Keep the first fraction, Flip the second fraction and change the sign.
- Triangles Internal angles total 180°
- Quadrilaterals (shapes with 4 sides) Internal angles total 360 $^\circ$
- BIDMAS Brackets, Indices, Division, Multiplication, Addition, Subtraction – Must happen in this order
- Squared ² means times by itself.



Cubed³ - means times by itself

and by that again.

- The only even prime number is 2.
- Area is the space in the middle. Perimeter is the length all around the outside.
- Circles circumference is the length all around the outside;
 Diameter is the length from one side to the other across the centre point. Radius is from centre point to the edge.



24-hour clock – for pm times, just add 12

- There are 366 days in a leap year

Spotlight on Curriculum: Maths

Tips for success:

- It is ok to miss a question and move on. These are timed tests and if you spend too long on a tricky question at the start, you might not get to the end. You are allowed to go back to questions you have missed.
- It is OK to draw your thinking out on the paper. It does not have to be all in your head. Draw a model; scribble a picture; whatever helps it to make sense.
- Don't let your child get stressed. Just let them know all we want is for you to not give up and have a good go at everything.



GO TO BED AT A REASONABLE TIME!

Mrs <u>Sandford</u> - 'I know from my own children, that getting your child to bed on time is a struggle. For SATs week, it's time to be tough! For mine it was... 8:00pm - screen time off - 8:30pm, bed. They may argue but point out this is only a few nights.

Have a good breakfast. Start the day feeling full, fresh and ready to



Give your child a hug and a smile. A

relaxed, happy child is a successful child.

<u>Here are some excellent videos your child can work through for</u> <u>some last-minute revision:</u>

- How To SMASH The SATs MATHS REASONING Paper (2 Mark Questions Explained)
- Bing Videos Top tips for Paper 1 and 2
- Bing Videos Questions designed to trick you



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING: ONLINE SAFETY

Cyberbullying

What is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is a form of bullying that takes place online and can take many forms, such as sending malicious messages.

Cyberbullying can happen at any time of the day, so often feels unrelenting. It can take place across many different platforms, such as on messaging apps like WhatsApp and Snapchat, on social media platforms such as Instagram and TikTok and via online games. Here are some examples of what cyberbullying can look like online:

- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies
- Blackmailing

What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

If your child is being bullied, then try to stay calm and let them know that it is not their fault. It is always useful to keep evidence of any online bullying and inform their school so that they are aware.

Show your child how to block and/or report any users/content and review their privacy settings to limit what others can see. You may also wish to review/set up any available parental controls.

SPORTS REPORT: FOOTBALL PAGET 2024/2025 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!

Travelling across to the always resplendent Mapledene Arena, Paget knew that any sort of win would clinch the title!

Paget started off the game determined and created numerous chances in the opening 5 minutes but couldn't find the back of the net until Eli showed great skill to move the ball to the right of the defender and struck the ball in the bottom left-hand corner just before half time.

After an excellent first half Paget knew we couldn't let our foot off the gas and started off brilliantly with Behzad scoring a fantastic looping free kick from just inside the opposition's half. Paget went straight back onto the attack as the ball fell to Cameron in the box who slotted the ball home to make it 3-0. Mapledene kept battling on and got their goal to make it 3-1. With just a minute on the clock Freddie sealed all 3 points with a close-range finish.

#	Team	PI	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	Α	Diff	Pts
1.	PAGET	16	7	1	0	7	0	1	14	1	1	67	15	52	43
2.	SHORT HEATH	16	7	0	1	7	1	0	14	1	1	38	6	32	43
3.	LYNDON GREEN	16	5	0	3	5	2	1	10	2	4	56	16	40	32
4.	MAPLEDENE	16	3	3	2	5	0	3	8	3	5	50	21	29	27
5.	ST BARNABAS	15	2	1	5	4	1	2	6	2	7	32	40	-8	20
6.	ROSARY	15	3	0	4	3	0	5	6	0	9	29	29	0	18
7.	HILLSTONE	16	1	2	5	2	1	5	3	3	10	21	44	-23	12
8.	COLEBOURNE	16	1	0	7	0	1	7	1	1	14	11	78	-67	4
9.	ST BERNADETTE'S	14	0	1	6	0	2	5	0	3	11	7	62	-55	3

The final whistle concluded that Paget would be league champions! The fantastic result was followed by jubilant scenes from team and parents from Paget! Incredible achievement by our boys - Mr. Cobbs & Mrs Spiers are so incredibly proud of you all.



PAGET PTA Paget PTA

Do you like our page on Facebook? Keep up to date with events and school competitions here! Make sure you give us a follow



Paget Primary School PTA and Friends

311 followers · 15 following

The PTA are a group of parents, teachers and friends who support the school in raising funds to enha



PAGET PTA (Continued)

NEWSLETTER

PTA

Upcoming Events

3rd April- Raffle tickets will be on sale to win an Easter hamper

8th April- We will have a table at parents evening. Come and see us and leave some feedback.

10th April- Easter raffle will be drawn live in both playgrounds

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH US

Come and see what we're all about and make a difference!

Our next meeting is Wednesday 2nd April. If you'd like to attend this meeting please ask one of the PTA members or a member of staff for the details. Throughout the month of March we have held lots of different events from cake sales on a Friday to very impromptu ice cream sales on a sunny day. We have had non uniform days and pyjama days to celebrate world book day and comic relief and we're happy to say that we have been able to raise around £350!!

The Month of March

We held our very first Mother's Day workshop and it was a big hit. It was so nice to see so many of our children enjoying quality time with their parents/carers crafting away. Please see X for photos from the event!

We want to take this opportunity to say a great big thank you to all parents and carers that have helped us raise these funds, we couldn't do it with you all!!

We would also like to thank Nigel at whittingtons florist wholesaler, Farmfoods for their voucher, Asda minworth for cake donations and thank you to all the small businesses that made and donated some delicious cakes also.

Reminders



 Raffle tickets will be on sale in both playgrounds before and after school 3rd April- 9th April

•Refreshments will be on sale at the PTA table at parents evening (CASH ONLY)

•We will be starting our very own lottery style games to win cash prizes!!



Be sure to follow us on our social media platforms





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2024-2025

W/C Monday 12th May - Year Six Sats Week Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd may - Year Two residential Friday 23rd May - Last day of term - break up for half term Monday 2nd June - Term begins - children return to school Week commencing 2nd June - Year 4 Multiplication Check Week commencing 9th June - Year One Phonics Screening Check Friday 4th July - school closed to children - teacher training day Friday 18th July - last day of term - break up for the Summer Monday 21st July - School closed to children - Teacher training Day

2025-2026

Monday 1st September - Term begins but school closed to children - teacher training day Tuesday 2nd September - School closed to children - teacher training day Wednesday 3rd September - Children return to school

This section will be regularly updated once new dates are known and confirmed.

*Indicates newly added or changed items

