

PAGET NEWS

23RD MAY 2025



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Telephone:

0121 464 3902 or 07493838732



Twitter: @PagetPrimary

Concerned About a Child's Safety?

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

HEAD TEACHER'S WELCOME

Well, here we are at the end of yet another busy, albeit short half term.

I'm going to start this newsletter with a reminder and request for parents/carers. Occasionally children fall out or have runs ins with one another. I appreciate that at times this can be upsetting for parents/carers. However, if this is the case, please ensure that you inform school staff and leave them to sort out the issues between the children. I have had an increase of concerns raised this week by some parents/carers that their children have been approached by other parents outside of school. Remember, you are the grown-ups. It is not OK to 'have a go' at someone else's child!

Huge congratulations to our Years 5 and 6 boys football team who this week have become Erdington's champions of champions. A brilliant achievement and I am sure you are all as proud of them as I am. Read all about it in the sports report later in the newsletter.

Finally, thank you to everyone that has supported the book fair this week and purchased books. I hope that the children enjoy their new purchases. What better time to spend time reading than half term - well that's what I am looking forward to anyway!!

Have a great half term everyone and stay safe.

Vicky Nussey

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

NURSERY: Jenna & Fatima

RECEPTION: Idinmachi, Olivia M, Asmaa & Arif

YEAR ONE: David, Adaline, Cody & Ella

YEAR TWO: Godfrey, Harlie, Yusra & Osene

YEAR THREE: Anam, Jaela, Akina, Riley

YEAR FOUR: Alayna, Efeose, Harry & Diar

YEAR FIVE: Naiya, Eli, Levi & Alfie B

YEAR SIX: Julia, Ibrahim, Freddie & Wilson

PANTHERS, LIONS & PUMAS: Marni & Anelin

HOUSEPOINTS

THIS WEEK'S TOTALS:

THIS WEEK'S WINNING CLASS:

KS1: 1P

KS2: 6E

**THIS WEEK'S WINNING
HOUSE:**

KS1: Venus

KS2: Venus



BEST ATTENDANCE

Class: 2W with 100%

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

Remember, we break up today for the half term holidays. Children return to school on Monday 2nd June.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Clubs will continue to run until Friday 11th July. There will be no extra-curricular clubs in the last week of term.

There will be no after school clubs during National Sports Week (16th-20th June) as there are different sporting activities after school each evening. Morning and lunchtime clubs will run as usual. (Details were in last week's newsletter.

National Sports Week at Paget – Week Commencing 16th June

We're excited to announce that the week starting **Monday 16th June**, Paget will be celebrating **National Sports Week!** This year's theme is **Fundamental Movements**, and our goal is to get every pupil moving, learning, and having fun through physical activity.

To make the most of this active week, **all extra-curricular clubs will be paused**, allowing us to offer inclusive, after-school opportunities for every child. More information and letters will be shared nearer the time, but here's a sneak peek at our **provisional timetable**:

Monday 16th June

- **Nursery:** Forest School session – getting active in the great outdoors!
- **Reception & Year 1: Open Evening** with multi-skills activities for children and parents to enjoy together.

Tuesday 17th June

- **All pupils** are invited to an exciting evening of physical activities. Every member of staff will be running a fun sport or game – from **football** to **cheerleading**, **tri-golf**, and more. Children can move freely between activities and try as many as they like!

Wednesday 18th June

- **Years 2, 3 & 4:** Inter-house sports competitions led by **Mr Cobbs**. A chance to show their skills, compete as a team, and cheer each other on!

Thursday 19th June

- **Years 5 & 6:** A sports-packed session with a wide variety of activities – perfect for developing skills, teamwork, and friendly competition.

Plus, every lunchtime will be packed with **extra activities**, including exciting sessions like **kickboxing**, to keep our pupils even more active and engaged throughout the day.

It promises to be a fantastic week of movement, motivation, and fun for everyone at Paget!

Spotlight on Reading KS2

Hello everyone.

Firstly, I'd like to say well done to our Year 6 children and staff team for their hard work during, and in preparation for, SATs. It was lovely to see the positive attitudes they have - a true reflection of our Paget Values. Also thank you to all parents and children who came along to support our annual book fair. We are awaiting the final total, but I will inform you at a later date. Lastly, we love to hear about your reading at home and seeing the books that you are enjoying so keep updating twitter using **#getpagetreading**

Miss V. Nevitt - KS2 English Lead

Home Reading Books

Unfortunately, we are seeing an increase in reading books being damaged at home. These books cost the school a lot of money, so please encourage your children to treat them with respect. If a book has been returned damaged, you will be sent a letter asking for the cost of the book so we can replace it. If you have any questions, please speak to me or your child's class teacher.

KS2 Reading Shed

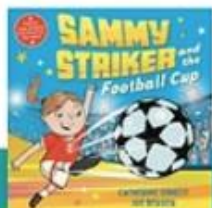
Our Reading Champions are currently revamping our Reading Shed and we would like to add some comics and magazines. If you have any that you have finished with, please hand to your child's class teacher.

Monthly Must-Reads



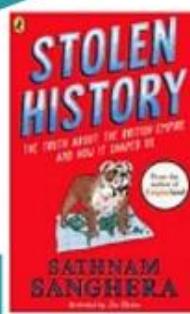
★ The Reader Teacher
Fiction Book of the Month

Fablehouse
by E. L. Norry



★★ The Reader Teacher
Picture Book of the Month

**Sammy Striker and
the Football Cup**
by Catherine Emmett
and Joe Berger



★★★ The Reader Teacher
Non-fiction Book of the Month

**Stolen History: The Truth
About the British Empire
and How It Shaped Us**
by Sathnam Sanghera
and Jen Khatun



**Until the
Road Ends**
by Phil Earle



**Vivi Conway
and the Sword
of Legend**
by Lizzie Huxley-Jones

Spotlight on Reading KS2 (Continued)

Tips for Reading at Home

Reading at home with your child is crucial. Research has shown, the more exposure a child has to books, the more likely the child is to succeed at school and in the future.

Here are some useful tips when you are reading at home with your child.

KS2 PARENTS – SUPPORT READING AT HOME!

Build your child's confidence,
vocabulary and comprehension
with simple daily reading habits.



READ TOGETHER REGULARLY

- Just 10–15 minutes a day can make a big difference.
- Let them choose books they enjoy (fiction–n-fiction, comics, newspapers)



TIPS FOR PARENTS:

- 1 Model good reading aloud – use expression and pause at punctuation.
- 2 Talk about the text – link it to your child's life or other books they've read.
- 3 Focus on understanding not just reading the words.

USE THESE READING STRATEGIES:

- ✓ **Ask Questions**
 - "Why do you think the character did that?"
 - "What do you think might happen next?"
- ✓ **Make Predictions**
 - Before reading: "What do you think this book is about?"
 - During reading: "How do you think the story will end?"
- ✓ **Discuss New Vocabulary**
 - Spot tricky words and talk about what they mean.
 - Use them in other sentences together.
- ✓ **Summarise and Reflect**
 - After reading: "What was the story about?"
 - "What did you like or dislike?"



REMEMBER:

All reading counts – signs,
recipes, instructions, subtitles

Spotlight on Curriculum: Science



Welcome to Our Science Sneak Peek!

As we head into the final half term of the year, there's so much to look forward to in science across the school! Each year group will be diving into exciting new topics, exploring big questions, and getting hands-on with practical investigations.

Here's what's coming up in each year group...

Year 1 – Seasonal Changes: Spring to Summer

Next half term, Year 1 will observe the changes in weather and nature as we move into summer. Children will explore how longer days, warmer weather, and blooming plants mark the seasonal shift.

🔗 Key Focus: Weather patterns, daylight hours, and signs of summer in nature.

Year 2 – Animals Including Humans

Year 2 will be learning about how humans and animals grow, survive, and stay healthy. They'll look at lifecycles, basic needs like food and water, and how to take care of themselves and pets.

🔗 Key Focus: Growth, exercise, hygiene, and comparing humans to other animals.

Year 3 – Plants

Next half term, Year 3 will explore the parts of a plant, how water and nutrients travel, and what plants need to thrive. They'll conduct experiments to see how plants grow in different conditions.

🔗 Key Focus: Photosynthesis, plant structure, and investigating growth.

Year 4 – Sound

Spotlight on Curriculum: (Continued)

Year 4 will discover how sounds are made and how they travel. They'll experiment with pitch and volume and learn how the ear detects sound.

🎧 Key Focus: Vibrations, sound waves, and investigating how sound behaves in different materials.

Year 5 – Animals Including Humans

Year 5 are set to dive into the circulatory system, understanding how our heart, lungs and blood vessels work together to keep us alive and well.

🎧 Key Focus: The heart, blood, exercise, and how nutrients move around the body.

Year 6 – Evolution

In their final science topic of the year, Year 6 will learn about how species change over time, inherited traits, and how animals adapt to their environments.

🎧 Key Focus: Fossils, natural selection, and adaptation.

British Science Week 2025

Theme: Change and Adapt

This year's British Science Week was bursting with imagination and exploration as children across the school embraced the inspiring theme "Change and Adapt." From evolving creatures to transforming materials, every class got hands-on with the idea that science is all about responding to challenges and finding smart, creative solutions.

A major focus this year was sustainability. Each class was challenged to use recycled materials in their investigations and creations—highlighting the importance of adapting how we use the world's resources.



SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM: Science (Continued)

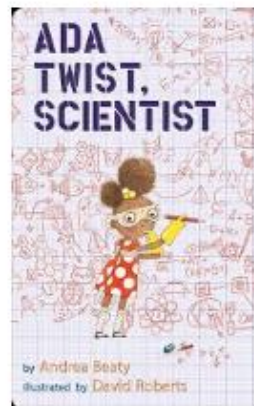
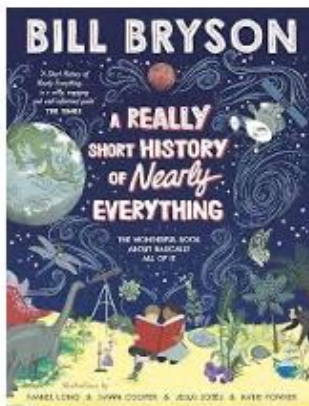
Highlights included:

- Year 5's wind powered boat creations!
- Year 3's balloon rockets races!
- Year 6's making chemical reactions to form a slime-like substance called ooobleck!

Science Book Corner

Why not check out some of these recommended reads at home:

- Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty
- The Usborne Big Book of Science Things to Make and Do
- A Really Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson (Junior Edition)



Thank you for supporting science learning at home and school. Let's keep asking questions, exploring ideas, and discovering the world around us!

Mr Ellis

Science lead

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING

Courses like *likeability* are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began; there are *likeability* courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signalling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.

2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE

Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into' theirs by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting youngsters off cycling forever. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then try out a trike, handcycle or other adaptive cycle to see what works best.

3 TRY A CARGO BIKE

Cargo bikes, particularly the beer-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.

4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE

It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The '16 checks' is particularly useful: assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and seat, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.

5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR

Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets are fitted correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bikes with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.

6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN

Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but easier path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the National Cycle Network, canal towpaths and even parks that you can cut through.

7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS

For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the back of cycling on the road – riding approximately a metre out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.

8 AVOID PARKED CARS

When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone beside opens a door unexpectedly, or the vehicle itself starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.

9 START A 'BIKE BUS'

Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which carries with the added benefit of safety in numbers, in case anything goes wrong along the way. Team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other talks asking to join you!

10 HAVE FUN!

Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike, while also being a superb form of exercise. Toss children into the hobby by starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

Meet Our Expert

Sophie Gordon is the campaigns manager at Cycling UK, a charity which inspires and enables people to start cycling. She has spent six years campaigning for safer roads and more protected cycle paths, while supporting communities to call for better cycling conditions where they live.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/teaching-cycle-safety>

SPORTS REPORT: FOOTBALL

League Champions and champions of champions winners = Team Paget

On Tuesday 22nd May, Mr Cobbs, Mrs Bagnall and Mrs Spiers headed off into the sunshine at Castle Vale stadium to take part in the Champions night final, where the top four teams across Tuesday and Thursday Football league were there to play for the honour of being the Champions of Erdington Football 2025.

First of all the presentation of the medals and trophy as the Tuesday night League winners, beaming with this, the boys soon returned to match tactics and what was needed, did they believe? Could we do this for the first time in Paget history... A firm and strict warning from both Mr Cobbs and Mrs Spiers re strong performance needed and a positive attitude throughout, the boys were ready...

Semi-final time = Paget 3 - 1 St Thomas More

St Thomas More's started the game brightly, having the lion's share of possession but failed to really test Paget's keeper but after four minutes, the La Liga champions struck first after a low drive veered into the net. Tommy More's though weren't phased and continued to press. The red and blacks were rewarded a minute and a half from the break when a fine low effort beat the P's keeper to nestle in the corner of the net. There's an old saying in football that a team is at its most vulnerable when they have just scored and that was true when Paget retook the lead less than a minute later. A free-kick punted forward was spilled by STM's 'keeper and an on-running Paget striker bundled home. Merely fifty seconds into the second half and Paget had a third and ultimate killer goal when an attacker fired low and hard following a swift move. STM prompted and probed and a possible penalty appeal but beyond that they couldn't break down Paget's back line and Paget saw the game out, 3-1.

Final time = old rivals time, Paget Vs Short Heath - was this our year?

And so, the old foes met once again but this time in the highest of stakes for the biggest of prizes. As expected, the opening exchanges were cagey with neither side ceding any ground. In the third minute however, Short Heath's super shot-stopper was called into action and once again produced a fine save. Both teams defended stoutly, particularly Short Heath who were compact and resolute. The eleventh minute though saw the game's decisive moment, a Paget striker struck a powerful shot across goal and this time beyond Heath's keeper. The effort thumped off the post but fortuitously for Paget and despairingly for Heath, bounced off the goalie's back and bobbed into the net. The second half saw Heath desperately trying to break through Paget's rear guard and though they came close on a couple of occasions in a tense and nervy ending, they couldn't quite make the breakthrough required and the title went to Paget.

An incredible year of School Football for the 5&6 team, we could not be more proud of the team and your efforts. Half a term to go, could we win the summer 6 a side at Yardley? The staff definitely believe...



COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Need a cheap healthy recipe to make this weekend?

At Beezee Families, we work with hundreds of families who want to eat healthier, but struggle with time AND finding something everyone will eat. Sounds familiar?

Check out our healthy pizza below for a taste of our recipe collection!

Ingredients:

- 1x6 inch tortilla wrap (or you can use pitta bread)
- Tomato passata
- 50g grated light mozzarella or cheddar

Toppings of your choice, such as:

- Peppers
- Mushrooms
- Sweetcorn
- Pineapple
- Ham
- Spinach
- Tomatoes

Method

- Place tortilla/pitta bread on a plate and spread tomato passata over it
- Add your chosen toppings
- Sprinkle with the grated cheese
- microwave on high until the cheese is just melted (45 seconds), or place in a pre-heated oven at 200°C for 5-10 minutes
- Leave to cool for a few minutes and then enjoy!

Want more help with recipes?

We run FREE healthy lifestyle programmes to help families live healthier, more healthy habits, and learn the skills to cook and manage your diet better.

Scan the code

Sign up today!

Beezee Families

Stamfordham Community

The Pioneer Group

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

at The Sanctuary

FRIDAY 30TH MAY

12 midday till 3pm

Event Highlights

- Food and refreshments on sale
- Dance Sessions
- Rambling, Games and more

Join Us for a Spectacular Family Fun Day!

Come and explore our exhibition!

Take a tour of our exhibition with photos and videos of the local area, including the local history, the local community, and the upcoming events.

For more information, check out our Facebook Page **PioneerGroupUK**

Wedge Hill Family Hub at Dyson Gardens and Kitts Green Children's Centres

Tuesday 27th May

Ready, Steady, Reception, Stay and Play

Dyson Gardens Children's Centre

9.15-11.15am

For children starting school September 2025

Friday 30th May

Ready, Steady, Reception, Stay and Play

Kitts Green Children's Centre

1.00-3.30pm

For children starting school September 2025

Contact:

Angela and Tracy, Hub at Dyson Gardens Children's Centre

Sutton Coldfield Family Hub at Holland House Children's Centre

Wednesday 26th May

Ready, Steady, Reception, Stay and Play

Emmanuel Church

9.45-11.15am

For children starting school September 2025

Contact:

Sutton Coldfield Family Hub at Holland House Children's Centre

0121 712 1840

Sutton Active Inclusion, in partnership with Wyndley Leisure Centre, proudly introduces

WOMEN-ONLY

Casual Swim sessions Starting from 9th April

Every Wednesday 8.15 pm - 9.30 pm

Bookable online:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/activeinclusion/wyndley-leisure-centre/>

INFORMATION:

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Clifton Road, Sutton Coldfield B73 6EN
0121 516 5559

Sutton Active Inclusion

NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK SCHEME

Birmingham City Council

The Children's Society

Pause.

Forward Thinking Birmingham

Need someone to talk to? Struggling to cope with feelings? We're here for you.

Pause can help anyone under 25 with a Birmingham GP. We listen and help you find solutions - no referrals or long waits.

You choose when and how to use our service:

- Drop-in face to face support is available, check our webpage for dates & venues. (Booked face to face sessions are available in certain circumstances.)
- Or
- Request a phone or video call back, using the website or by calling the registration line.

Our Service Operates:

- Monday to Saturday
- We are closed Sundays & Bank Holidays.

To find out more and register for support, visit:

<https://forwardthinkingbirmingham.nhs.uk/pause>

or call our Registration Line 0207 841 4470

(please note local call charges do apply).

Pause

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2024-2025

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

16th-20th June - National Sports Week *

23rd June - Paget Sports Day (weather permitting) - Y5 a.m. & Y4 p.m. *

24th June - Paget Sports Day (weather permitting) - Nur & Rec a.m. & Y3 p.m. *

25th June - Paget Sports Day (weather permitting) - Panthers, Pumas, Lions a.m. & Y2 p.m. *

26th June - Paget Sports Day (weather permitting) - Y1 a.m. & Y6 p.m. *

Wednesday 2nd July - Transition Day *

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*

