

## BANK HOLIDAY

A reminder it's another four-day week next week. Due to the coronation of King Charles III, it is a Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May and school will be closed.

## STAY AND READ/LIBRARY DATES

Please see below the rotas for Stay and Read and our library visits for the remainder of the year. Please encourage your child to bring their library cards on the days they are scheduled to visit the library. Parents have the opportunity to meet their children at the library (Tower Hill) on scheduled days at 2pm but please inform your child's teacher via ClassDojo beforehand.

### Stay and Read

6M: Tuesday 16th May 2023  
5L: Tuesday 23rd May 2023  
6S: Tuesday 6th June 2023  
5A: Tuesday 13th June 2023  
5P: Tuesday 20th June 2023  
6A: Tuesday 27th June 2023  
4P: Tuesday 4th July 2023  
4L: Tuesday 11th July 2023

### Library

4AS: Tuesday 9th May 2023  
5A: Tuesday 16th May 2023  
5P: Tuesday 23rd May 2023  
5L: Tuesday 6th June 2023  
4L: Tuesday 13th June 2023  
4P: Tuesday 20th June 2023  
3RW: Tuesday 27th June 2023  
3P: Tuesday 4th July 2023  
3JW: Tuesday 11th July 2023

## BIRMINGHAM SEND PARENTS'/CARERS' SURVEY

We have been asked by the Local Authority to share the following with you:

See link below to the Birmingham SEND Parents and Carers Survey 2023:

[BirminghamSendSurvey2023](#)

This survey seeks parents and carers views about their experiences of SEND services for their child/children. It follows on from a similar survey that was carried out last year and now aims to measure any improvements made. This survey has been co-produced with the Birmingham Parent and Carer Forum (BPCF).

We would love to hear your current views on SEND services provided by Birmingham City Council (Education), Birmingham Children's Trust (Social Care) and Health (NHS) in Birmingham, alongside the Birmingham Parent Carer Forum. All parent and carer survey responses will be automatically entered into a prize draw with a chance to win one of four £25 shopping vouchers. The survey will officially close on Friday 26th May at 11.59pm and the names will be drawn at random on Wednesday 31st May 2023.

Please contact us on [SendSurvey@Birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:SendSurvey@Birmingham.gov.uk) if you need any assistance to complete the survey.

## PUNCTUALITY

We are seeing an increasing number of children being late to school and, in many cases, it is the same children being late on a daily basis. Not only does this mean they are regularly missing the start of their morning lessons, but it also means bad habits are forming, which may hinder them in later life. The doors open to children at 8.45am, and lessons start promptly at 8.55am, so please make sure your child is in school before their lessons start to make sure they are ready to learn for when their lessons begin. If you are having difficulties getting your child to school on time, please speak to the Learning Mentors, who may be able to help.

## LEAVE IN TERM TIME

We are also seeing an increased number of children taking leave in term time, which has a detrimental impact on a child's learning. Leave in term time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Headteacher and where leave is taken without authorisation, it may be deemed necessary to issue a penalty notice. Unfortunately, this has been the case on a number of occasions this academic year, so please look at the term dates and book any holidays out of term time. If you do require your child to take leave during term time, you must complete the necessary forms, available from the office.

## YEAR 5 GURDWARA VISIT

Cameron (5A) has written about Year 5's visit on Wednesday: *The Gurdwara is the holy temple for Sikhs. At the Gurdwara, there is a big hall when you first walk in and then a food hall for langur (which is free food for anyone). We first went into the food hall to learn about what it is for and why they do it: because a holy person in their religion gave homeless people free food and, in return, they taught him their ways. Upstairs, there is a big prayer room where a woman sings in Punjabi and you do prayers. Another person waved a fan on the Granth Sahib (the Sikh holy book). Sikhs treat it with the highest respect. Upstairs, we all sat down to watch a PowerPoint and do questions and answers. We learnt that when you are an initiated Sikh, you get different clothing and objects called the five K's (such as a dagger and head covering). After that, we had some food, which is made by volunteers and is really nice. Overall, it was a great experience and a very educational one!*

## DIARY DATES

Mon 8 May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Tue 9 - Fri 12 May	Year 6 SATs week
Tue 9 May	Year 3 visit to Botanical Gardens
Sat 13 May	Beeches does Parkrun
Tue 16 May, 8.45am	6M Stay and Read
Thu 18 May	Fire service visiting Year 4
Fri 26 May	Break up for half term
Mon 5 Jun	School reopens
Tue 6 Jun	Year 4 visit to Black Country Museum
Mon 12 Jun	Sports afternoon
Fri 21 Jul	Last day of term for children

## TEAM POINTS

1	Team Zephaniah	776
2	Team Cadbury	734
3	Team Malala	692
4	Team Lewis	659

## BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Kamilo (3JW)	Year 4: Hussna (4L)
Year 5: Charlotte (5P)	Year 6: Michaela (6M)

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3JW: Jordan	4AS: Maddison	5A: Parisa	6A: Dylan
3P: Zayd	4L: Arjun	5L: Lujaina	6M: Aaliyah
3RW: Layla-Rose	4P: Dani	5P: Amarii	6S: Sahibjot

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