Friday 9TH October – Issue 3

REGENTS PARK NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's message

Dear Families,

There is much to celebrate in this week's newsletter, from our youngest children exploring autumn and learning about kindness and belonging, to Year 3 growing in confidence in the swimming pool. Across the school, children are developing their creativity through stories, art and practical investigations. I hope you enjoy reading about their learning together.

We look forward to welcoming you to Parents' Evening on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 October. These conversations are an important opportunity to celebrate your child's progress, discuss their next steps and share anything you would like us to know. Please book your appointment through Arbor if you have not already done so.

Next week also brings plenty of inspiration for our readers! Our Book Fair will run during both Parents' Evenings, and author Jo Stacey, who writes as B. Ware, will visit on Wednesday 14 October, with signed books available to purchase after school. Whether you borrow a library book or revisit a favourite story at home, sharing a book and talking about it is a valuable way to support your child.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Safer School Journeys consultation. Please refer to today's separate letter for the corrected QR code and important reminders about school arrangements.

Thank you for the care and encouragement you give your children and for working alongside us. Our values of Ambition, Integrity and Belonging are at the heart of the school community we continue to build together.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Zamir
Headteacher

Attendance Champions

Friday 9th October 2026



Average School Attendance since last Friday: 94%

Class RT	Class 3SS	Class 6K
96.7%	**2MH 97.1%**	**97.9%**

Leave in term time

Attendance remains a key priority for our school. Please ensure your child attends every day unless they are genuinely too ill to do so.

We follow Birmingham City Council guidelines regarding term-time leave. As such, leave can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Holidays or family trips during term time cannot be approved. Parents may be fined in accordance with Birmingham City Council's attendance and penalty notice guidelines for unauthorised absences.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting strong and consistent attendance.



Gold Achievers Awards

Friday 9th October 2026

Reception to Year 3:

1KA	Saied I
1ZA	Rayah
2HH	Aleema
2MH	Asiya
3SL	Ayat
3SS	Yaser

Years 4 to 6:

4H	Liyana
4N	Hussam
5A	Anisha
5V	Mariam
6K	Islam
6M	Anna

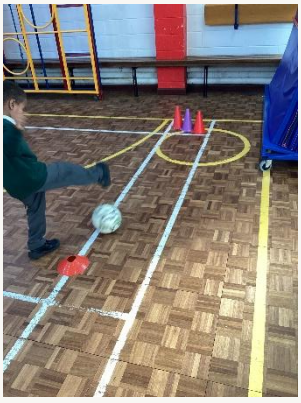
Sports News

Year 3 Swimming:

This week in swimming, Year 3 children have been taught how to float on their back when using a noodle and progress to kicking when using correct posture. Some children were able to swim back stroke without the need of a float!

PE Lessons:
Upper school have started to apply their taught skills into possession-based games in their PE topic in preparation of their 'competitive' week in PE.

Upcoming events:
Reception - Multi Skills Festival on Wednesday 21st October 2026. Reception parents are warmly invited and a letter has been sent out about this..







This Week in School

Sunshine Room

In the Sunshine room the children have been learning the actions to "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" as part of our All About Me topic. The children have been using mirrors to look at the features of their faces and have been drawing, painting and collaging self portraits. In the PE hall we have been exploring space and moving in different ways along benches. We have been exploring cornflour and looking at the change that happens when we add water. The children really enjoy our cooking sessions and have made orange juice by squeezing fresh oranges.

Nursery:

In Nursery, we have been exploring the signs of autumn and growing in confidence as we retell our story *Owl Babies* using words and actions. We have also started noticing shapes in our environment. Why not go on an autumn walk or a shape hunt with your child? We would love children to bring in some autumn treasures, such as colourful leaves and interesting twigs, to share with us. A reminder that our weekly Story and Rhyme Time sessions take place every Friday at 11:35am. We look forward to seeing you!

Reception:

Through the story *This Is Our House*, the children have learned the importance of sharing, being kind and including everyone. They have explored how we can celebrate and respect our differences and make sure that everyone feels welcome, valued and included.

Year 1:

In Year one, the children have started reading a new book in English called 'The three little wolves and the big bad pig'. In maths, children have been learning about fact families, and how to use a part whole model to add two numbers together. Children have also enjoyed visiting the school library. A gentle reminder to parents: please ensure your child returns their library book to school before the following Friday, so that they can borrow a different book every Friday

Year 2:

Year 2 have had a wonderful and busy two weeks, filled with exciting learning opportunities! In **English**, we have been exploring the features of character descriptions and developing our descriptive writing skills. We have particularly focused on using expanded noun phrases to bring our characters to life, writing fantastic descriptions of the *Wanted Troll*. In **maths**, we have been comparing and ordering numbers using greater than less than and equal to .We have also been using our knowledge of number bonds and related facts to solve a range of mathematical problems. In **Art**, we have been getting creative by mixing primary colours to make secondary colours. We then put our artistic skills to the test by drawing our very own *Dancing Lady*, inspired by the work of Jamaican artist Bernard Hoyes.

This Week in School

Year 3:
In Year 3, children have completed their work on Fact Files all about the structure of planet Earth and will be moving on to their new text, Gregory Cool. In maths, children have continued to develop their understanding of number and place value and have moved on to adding ones and tens to 3 digit numbers. In Art, children have planned their final piece and will be creating artwork in the style of cave paintings. Children have also continued to develop their Spanish and can now say greetings, numbers and colours.

Year 4:
This week in Year 4, they have started reading a new writing and reading text. In writing, they have started to read Hansel and Gretel and have been exploring the story and fronted adverbials of time. In Reading, they have started to read 'The girl who stole an elephant' and they predicted and summarised parts of the text. In Geography, they have been using an atlas to locate rivers, mountains and cities. In Science, they have been classifying living things by using a classification key.

Year 5:
In Year 5 this week, we have explored a book called Brilliant Deep in our English lessons and have been learning all about coral reefs. 5A have been practising for their Black History Month assembly and 5V for their poetry recital. In History, we are continuing our review of the Industrial Revolution. In maths, we have been adding, subtracting and rounding - including many word problems and puzzles! In Art, we etched nature-inspired designs in the style of William Morris onto tiles, ready for printing in the final lesson in this topic. In Science, we experimented and investigated whether different materials were insulators or conductors of heat. In RE, we learnt about how Muslims are generous and how charity is an important pillar of Islam.

Year 6:
It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 6! In English, the children have enjoyed writing a missing report about a character from Letters from the Lighthouse, using details from the story to describe the character and develop their writing. In maths, we have completed our work on addition and subtraction and have now moved on to multiplication and division, developing our understanding of different methods. In Art, the children have started drawing horses inspired by the bold and colourful style of Franz Marc. They will soon use oil pastels to add colour and bring their artwork to life. In Science, the children have enjoyed learning about what blood is made up of, including red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets and plasma, and the important functions of each component.

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B. WARE – AUTHOR VISIT





wordsofwarning.com

We have the author Jo Stacey (B. Ware) in school on Wednesday 14th October! We are so excited about this event. At the end of the day, the children will have the opportunity to purchase signed books under the canopy area! We look forward to seeing you there. Books will be priced at £8.99 and both cash or card will be accepted. Please do come. Thank you.

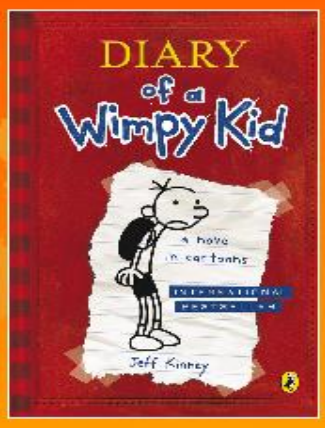
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SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Every book you buy earns FREE BOOKS for our school*

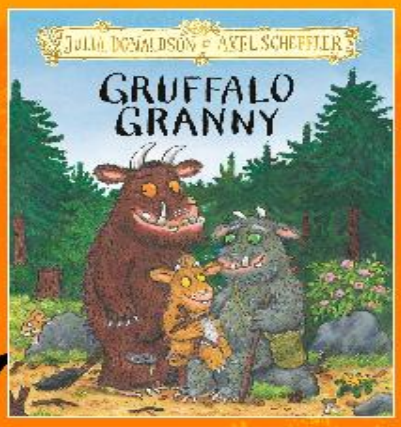
COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

And find your next favourite read!



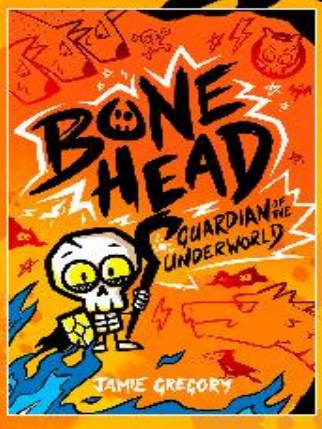








3 for £10.00





Scan to pay securely online!

GO ALL IN National Year of Reading 2026

DATE: Tuesday 13th Oct and Wednesday 14th Oct

TIME:

LOCATION: during Parents Evening. (Cash only).

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SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR

AUTUMN 2026

PRIMARY

TEACHER'S GUIDE

This guide shares suggested titles from your Book Fair, grouped by the kinds of interests pupils tell us they love reading about.

From dragons and detectives to gaming and giggles. Use it to steer a browsing pupil towards something they'll pick up or share it with colleagues and parents ahead of the fair.

Titles are a curated selection, not the full range - the complete stock and pricing is on the order forms, and availability on the day is subject to stock.

Mystery, Murder & Whodunits

For pupils who want to play detective - from school-corridor capers to twisty thrillers.



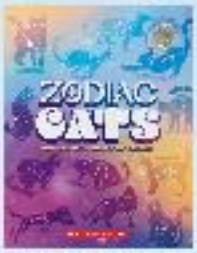
Anisha, Accidental Detective: School's Cancelled *(6+)*



Murder at the Ivy Hotel *(8+)*



Marnie Midnight and the Moon Mystery *(6+)*



Zodiac Cats *(8+)*



Stolen Treasures *(8+)*

Fantasy, Magic & Dragons

Dragons, unicorns, spells and epic quests. This is the escapism shelf.



Dragon Tales *(2+)*



George and the Dragons (with a Keyring) *(3+)*



Unicorn Academy: Friendship Book *(6+)*



Isadora Moon: Unsleepover *(2+)*



Renegades: The Magic Awakens *(8+)*



Harry Potter: Wands at the Ready *(6+)*

Gaming & 'As Seen on Screen' Favourites

For pupils who'd rather talk about Minecraft builds or high scores.



100% Unofficial The Ultimate Secret Builder's Guide to Minecraft *(6+)*



Minecraft: Creepy Bite-Size Builds *(8+)*



Pokémon Super Duper Extra Deluxe Essential Handbook *(6+)*



Sonic the Hedgehog Young Readers: Meet Team Sonic *(2+)*



Guinness World Record Gamer's Edition 2027 *(8+)*



The Game Changers *(8+)*

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Diaries, Humour & Laugh-Out-Loud Reads

Reluctant readers' favourites - funny, fast, and full of pictures or short chapters.



Diary of a Wimpy Kid (series) *(8+)*



Dork Diaries (series) *(8+)*



My Big Fat Smelly Poo Diary 5: The Phantom Pooper *(6+)*



Nina Peanut (series) *(6+)*



Bunny vs Monkey: Intergalactic Monkey Business *(6+)*



Welcome to Weird Street *(8+)*

Adventure, Action & Superheroes

High-stakes, high-energy stories and graphic novels for pupils who want non-stop plot.



7 Days of Spidey Stories *(6+)*



Bone Head: Guardian of the Underworld *(8+)*



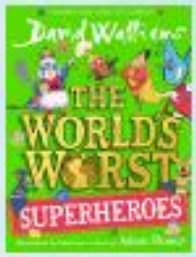
Zero Override *(8+)*



K-Pop Demon Hunters: The Official Movie



Galaxy Runners: Jello Breaks the Universe *(6+)*



World's Worst Superheroes *(6+)*

Animals & Pets

For readers with a soft spot for furry, feathered and scaly friends.



Capybara Kingdom (with Necklace) *(6+)*



Story Pets: Kitten Magic *(6+)*



Cutie Kitty *(2+)*



The Wild Ones *(8+)*



Turtle Who Turned the Tide *(2+)*



Jonty Gentoo: The Adventures of a Penguin *(2+)*

Science, Facts & Amazing Records

Non-fiction for curious minds - rocks, records and real-world 'did you know' facts.



Deadly Creatures *(6+)*



Dig & Discover: Rocks *(6+)*



Rocks and Minerals Briefcase (with 8 Specimens) *(8+)*



Crystals Rock! (with Add On) *(8+)*



Hidden Geodes with Dig Block *(6+)*



Guinness World Record Gamer's Edition 2027 *(8+)*

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Friendship, Feelings & Real Life

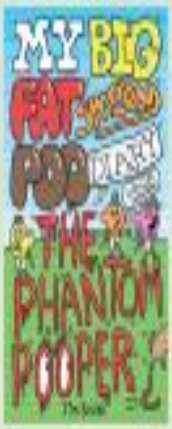
Gentle stories about worries and friendship.



Ruby's Worry (2+)



Nora Nightsky (6+)



Nora Nightsky: Double the Drama (6+)



Guided Mood Tracker Diary (with a Mood Necklace) (8+)



Bubble Tea Café (8+)

Journals, Diaries & Self-Expression

For pupils who love to collect, decorate and personalise.



BFF Sweet Treats Diary (6+)



Bubble Tea Snackette Journal (3+)



Gamer Plush Diary (6+)



Cutie Colouring (6+)



Angel Numbers (8+)



Unicorn Patch Floral Diary (6+)

REGENTS PARK COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

RIGHT TO SUCCEED

CRADLE TO CAREER
BORDESLEY GREEN
Logo Competition

To Enter:

1. Design your logo by hand or digitally
2. Add your name, school and year group
3. Return it to your school
4. Entries must be in by **Friday 6th November 2026**

Cradle to Career in Bordesley Green

Cradle to Career brings together schools, families and local partners to improve opportunities and outcomes for children and young people in Bordesley Green.

Think about:

- What makes Bordesley Green special
- Your community
- Growing up in Bordesley Green
- Belonging and working together
- Your hopes for the future

You could win:

£50 amazon voucher

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500 Words is the UK's largest story writing competition for 5-11 year-olds. This year, entries open from 8am, Tuesday 29 September and will close at 9pm, Friday 6 November.

The competition celebrates children's creativity and imagination, encouraging children from across the UK to **create an original story in 500 words or fewer.**

There are two age categories: **5-7 and 8-11 year-olds**.
Spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - as has always been the case for 500 Words, it's all about our writers' brilliant creativity!

What are the prizes for 500 Words?
Gold, Silver and Bronze in each category will have their stories read by celebrities on the BBC in early March. More details will be announced in the coming weeks.
They will also receive **a framed illustration of their story**, created by one of Britain's best children's illustrators - **read more** about why our illustrators make them the perfect pick. The illustrations, alongside the winning stories, will be published in a **special 500 Words winners' book.**
Not only that, winners will take home a **National Book Token** to spend on books of their choice.

- Gold winners - **£75 voucher**
- Silver winners - **£50 voucher**
- Bronze winners - **£25 voucher**

The gold winners' schools will also receive **500 books for their school library.**

What are the rules around 500 Words stories?
Here at 500 Words, we have always wanted children to have fun writing stories, to be as creative as they can be and to make us laugh, cry or just be blown away by what we are reading. **Children are encouraged to write a story they would love to read themselves.** Over the years there have been thousands of incredible stories submitted.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4#zq68239

BOA
Birmingham Ormiston Academy

BOA SUPER SATURDAY SCHOOL 2027

Registration Now Open for Children Aged 5-13

Birmingham Ormiston Academy is delighted to announce that registration is now open for our BOA Super Saturday School 2027.

This exciting **8-week programme free to children on FSM** offers young people the opportunity to explore:



DANCE
movement, choreography and performance



DRAMA
acting, storytelling and character development



ART
creative design, making and visual expression



SINGING
vocal technique, ensemble work and performance



DJ SKILLS
mixing, music technology and creative music-making

Participants will develop creative skills, build confidence, make new friends and work alongside our experienced BOA Student Social Ambassadors.

Free places with priority registration are available for families eligible for **Free School Meals, Pupil Premium or Universal Credit.**

Programme Dates
23 January 2027
30 January 2027
6 February 2027
13 February 2027
27 February 2027
6 March 2027
13 March 2027

Festival of Sharing
20 March 2027

Families will be invited to attend and celebrate the achievements of all participants at the BOA Theatre.

Time
10:00am - 1:00pm

Venue
Birmingham Ormiston Academy
1 Grosvenor Street
Birmingham
B4 7QD

Find Out More
https://www.boa-academy.co.uk/outreach-and-summer-school/wewill-programme

Register Here
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kcx9SoME8Uibro8Xh5w8-aKBm3__KoZHmjtitJXnKGRUOTNKSFg3MVBMRFg4WkQ0T1ZMR1NSTTZETC4u

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Registration will close once capacity has been reached, so we encourage families to register as soon as possible. Successful applicants will receive a confirmation email. Places are limited and, unfortunately, if you do not receive a confirmation email, your child has not been allocated a place.

Discover Create Belong

Regents Park
Community Primary School

Learn
Grow
Achieve

Adult Classes
Enrolment is in Process

If you are interested in any of the classes mentioned, please attend the class to enrol for the free course in school.

Please contact Mrs S Khan
(Parent Support Advisor)
for more information.

ESOL Entry 1,2,3 and level 1
(Delivered by Solihull College)

Monday
28th September
9.15am

Computer Digital Skills
(Adult Learning)

Tuesday
29th September
9.15am

Maths for Beginners
(Delivered by Solihull College)

Tuesday
29th September
12.30pm

English Speaking Conversational
(Delivered by Diamonds Community Learning Project CIC)

Wednesday
30th September
9.30 am

Build Your Skills for a Brighter Future

- Learn
- Gain Confidence
- Achieve Goals
- Make a Difference

Safeguarding news

We would like to remind parents and carers that if you have a safeguarding concerns, then you can raise it with school by emailing safeguarding@rgntpark.bham.sch.uk and we will aim to respond to you within 3 working days.

Alternatively if you are concerned about a child then you can contact CASS on 01213031888 or the police on 999.

SEND support

We know how challenging it can be for parents of our SEND children. To support you, you are able to arrange an appointment to meet with our school's SENCo, Mrs Turner, to discuss concerns.

Mrs Turner will be available during both parent evening sessions to meet parents of children with SEND.

Dates for your Diary!

Swimming:

- Y3 continue to go swimming each Monday.

Forest School:

- Reception Forest School sessions take place weekly every Monday.
- Year 1 Forest School sessions will take place on Tuesdays this half term.

Term Dates:

- Thursday 22nd October 2026: Last day of Autumn 1 term for pupils.
- Friday 23rd October 2026: Teacher Training Day – School Closed to Pupils
- Term starts: Monday 2nd November 2026
- Friday 18th December 2026 (3pm): School Closes for Christmas Holidays Teacher Training Day: Monday 4th January 2027
- Tuesday 5th January 2027 –First day of the spring term for pupils.

Applying for Secondary School for Year 6 Parents/Carers

You can apply for a secondary school place in Birmingham by submitting an application online through the Birmingham City Council Admissions Portal.

Key Dates for September 2027 Entry

- **Applications open:** 1 September 2026
- **Closing date:** 31 October 2026 (11:59 PM)
- **Offer day:** 1 March 2027

How the Application Works

- **List up to 6 schools:** You can choose up to six secondary schools in order of preference. It is strongly recommended to use all six choices and include at least one realistic local school where your child meets the admission criteria.

- **Check admission rules:** Read the specific Birmingham City Council School Admissions guidance. Check criteria like catchment areas, sibling links, or faith requirements.

- **Supplementary forms:** If any chosen school requires a supplementary form or medical/social evidence, submit those directly to the school or local authority as required.

- **Submit and confirm:** Submit your form before the October deadline. Watch for an email confirmation and save it. If you update your preferences before the deadline, make sure you re-submit the application.

We strongly recommend that you visit different secondary schools before completing applications. The dates for this can be found on their school website.

The Importance of Good Attendance and Punctuality

At Regents Park Community Primary School, we know that good attendance and punctuality are essential for children to succeed both academically and socially. Every day in school counts. When pupils attend regularly and arrive on time, they are able to build strong routines, keep up with their learning, and develop positive relationships with their teachers and friends.

Arriving late can be unsettling for children and means they may miss important learning at the start of the day. Even a few minutes late each day can add up to a significant amount of lost learning over the course of the year.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to:

- **Ensure children attend school every day unless they are genuinely unwell**
- **Arrive by 8.40 a.m. so pupils are ready to begin learning promptly**
- **Inform the school office as early as possible if your child is absent**

Our school day starts promptly, and being on time helps children feel settled, confident, and ready to learn. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child achieve their very best.



Safeguarding Reminder

Phrases to help you speak with your child

Sometimes it's tricky to think of the words to use during a conversation with your child. Below are some phrases which could help when talking about difficult topics:

- How does that make you feel?
- Thank you for telling me how you're feeling.
- What would you like to happen next?
- Do you remember when...?
- Did you see ... on TV?
- How would you feel if...?
- I wasn't expecting you to say that, but thank you for sharing. Give me a minute to think through what you've said.
- I'm not sure about that, I'll do some thinking and can we talk about it again tomorrow?
- You can always talk to us.
- I'm here for you.

- **Are you feeling calm and prepared?**
  It might help to speak to family members, friends or look online for information about the topic you want to talk about.
- **Have you chosen a good time and place?**
  Sometimes it can feel more comfortable if you're talking side by side rather than face to face. At times it might be important to show your child they have your full attention and there won't be any distractions.
- **Have you practised?**
  It can help to practise some phrases you'd like to use to help your child know you're there for them. You can see some useful phrases on page 17.
- **Have you made Dua?**
  Making Dua with sincerity and intention can be an important and spiritual time for you to talk to Allah and ask for support, guidance and a way to communicate your thoughts and concerns.
- **Have you planned what you'd like to say?**
  There might be some specific questions you'd like to ask or some important information you want to get across to your child.
- **Are you ready to listen?**
  The conversation might not go as you'd planned and that's OK. Listen without judgement or solutions to what your child tells you and be ready to adapt.

Stay and Play

Come and Join Little Owls Stay and Play

At Regents Park Community Primary School





Every Wednesday in our Nursery

Time- 1:15-2:45pm

We would love to see you there!

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REGENTS PARK COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR SCHOOL VALUES



WE AIM HIGH, WORK HARD AND BELIEVE WE CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING



WE DO THE RIGHT THING, EVEN WHEN NO ONE IS WATCHING.



EVERYONE BELONGS HERE. WE INCLUDE OTHERS AND MAKE OUR SCHOOL A COMMUNITY

TOGETHER, WE LEARN, GROW, AND THRIVE.