ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

LOVED BY JESUS, WE LOVE, WE LEARN, WE LIVE AND GROW TOGETHER FOR HIM

Lumen Christi CATHOLIC MULTI ACADEMY

Service Truth Peace Endurance Tolerance Enjoyment Respect

Newsletter: 5 | Friday 2nd October 2026 | Autumn Term

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. Together, we raised an incredible £510 for a fantastic cause.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are thoroughly enjoying swimming lessons and have been a real credit to the school. Staff at the pool have praised their excellent behaviour, with one commenting that they had "never seen such a well-behaved school."





Thank you to all the Year 5 parents and carers who attended this week's curriculum workshop, where we explored the key basic skills children need to be successful across the curriculum.

Reception enjoyed a wonderful visit from a nurse and police officer as part of their learning about People Who Help Us. The highlight was exploring the police car and learning more about these important roles in our community.





This week also saw the return of our popular Golden Ticket Dinner Tables. Children enjoyed a special lunch with pizza, fries and prizes, making it a memorable reward for those lucky enough to receive a golden ticket.

Finally, a huge congratulations to our Year 4 pupils, who achieved an amazing 4th place out of more than 650 schools in a recent Multiplication Tables Competition. With only 30 pupils taking part, this is an outstanding achievement and one of which we are incredibly proud.

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Catholic Life

October is dedicated to...

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, inviting us to deepen our relationship with Jesus through the example and prayers of Mary. Throughout the month, we will take time to reflect, pray together and ask Our Lady to guide and protect our school community.



Catholic Social Teaching: Family and Community

This half term, we are exploring the Catholic Social Teaching theme of Family and Community. We learn that everyone belongs and has a role to play in God's family, building a caring, respectful and inclusive school community where all can flourish.

Jesuit Virtues:



Grateful

This half term, we are learning to be grateful by recognising God's gifts and thanking those who help us each day.

Generous

This half term, we are learning to be grateful by recognising God's gifts and thanking those who help us each day.



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for October is For Mental Health Ministry

This month, we join Pope Leo in praying for mental health ministry, asking that our communities may be places of welcome, understanding and hope for all those facing mental health challenges

This Sunday's Gospel

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God has entrusted each of us with gifts and opportunities, and He asks us to use them to bear good fruit through our actions, words and service to others. As we begin a new month, let us reflect on how we can respond to God's love with gratitude, kindness and a commitment to do what is right each day



THE Wednesday WORD



Good News for Families

The Wednesday Word is a way for families to share the Sunday Gospel together, helping children and adults grow in faith through prayer, reflection and discussion at home. click below to explore more

Wednesday Word

Key Information

Reception Applications for September 2027

Applications for Reception places starting in September 2027 are now open.
Parents and carers should visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions to submit their online application between 1 October 2026 and 15 January 2027, which is the final closing date.
If you require any assistance with the application process, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

Year 6 Secondary Transition Applications

Applications for secondary school places must be submitted to Birmingham City Council by the published deadline of 31st October 2026. If you need any support with completing your application, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.
Please be aware that late applications are not considered until all on-time applications have been processed and places allocated. This means that families who apply after the deadline are much less likely to secure a place at one of their preferred schools.

click here to apply for a secondary school place

St. Thomas Aquinas Open Sessions

The final Open Morning for St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School is being held on Saturday 3rd October 2026
between 9am – 12pm.
There will be an opportunity to hear from the Principal, a tour of the school and visit different subject areas. You will be able to see a new dance space, visit our new Science labs and hear about the GCSE results this summer which were fantastic again! Tickets are available to book Click Here - don't miss out!

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ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOR GOD ALONE

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

WEEK 1

Friday
9th October

CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

WINS EXTRA GOLDEN TIME!



WEEK 2

Friday
16th October

CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

WINS EXTRA PLAYTIME!



WEEK 3

Thursday
22nd October

CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

WINS A SPECIAL ACTIVITY AFTERNOON!



GRAND PRIZE DRAW

100% ATTENDANCE IN OCTOBER?



WIN £10!



All children with 100% attendance throughout October will be entered into the raffle.

★ BE IN IT TO WIN IT! ★

- Every Day Matters
- Every Lesson Counts
- Excellent Attendance Leads to Excellent Achievement



GOOD ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Every school day counts



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

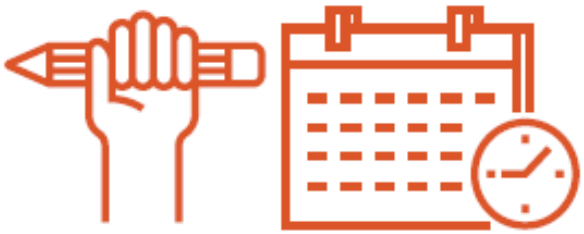
Why is regular school attendance and good punctuality so important for my child?

Regular attendance at school means that your child can make the most of their education and improve their chances in adult life. School can also help your child's social skills such as making and developing friendships.

The link between attendance and attainment in school is clear. The more a child is in school the more they increase their opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Good punctuality is important. For example, if a child arrives 15 minutes late at school each day, they lose almost 2 weeks of education over the year. Good punctuality also helps your child get into good habits for when they enter the world of work.

Lateness can cause your child embarrassment and, in some circumstances, can count as unauthorised absence.



How can I help my child enjoy school and attend regularly?

Be organised, have a plan, be consistent and involve your child!

You should:

- ensure they have an appropriate bedtime routine
- create good routines for mornings at home so that your child can arrive punctually and are properly equipped;
- avoid absence from school wherever possible – try to make doctors and dental appointments out of school hours
- make time to encourage and show interest in school work, friendships etc.
- attend school open evenings and functions
- Create a calm space for them to do homework, check they understand the homework and that it has been completed.
- share any education concerns your child or you may have with the school staff as soon as possible
- set realistic boundaries

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Holidays/Leave in term time

Holidays in term time are not allowed. Parents/carers must apply for the authorisation of any leave prior to travel or their children could be reported to the council as missing in education.

Leave for other circumstances such as bereavement or family illness abroad may also not be authorised. Informing the school does not mean the leave is agreed. In the event of a genuine family emergency, parents should avoid requesting more than 5 school days absence. Leave due to weddings is unlikely to be authorised.

Two weeks unauthorised holiday/leave means at least 50 lessons missed that will never be repeated.



What does the law say I must do as a parent/carer?

Once your child is registered at a school, you are legally responsible for making sure they attend regularly. This means your child should not have any unauthorised absence as this would constitute an offence in law.

When attendance doesn't improve after support or, when a minimum of 5 days unauthorised holiday/leave is taken, legal action can be taken.

Courts can fine parents/carers up to £1,000 per child and for repeat offences the court can fine parents/carers up to £2,500 per child or impose a prison sentence of up to 3 months.

In many cases, but not all, parents/carers can discharge an offence by paying a penalty notice of £160 for each parent per child, discounted to £80 if paid within 21 days. For a family of two parents/carers with 3 children that would be at least £480.

Where can I get help and advice?

If you need support in relation to your child's attendance, help is available. Please make an appointment with the school to discuss your concerns.

Most difficulties can be resolved informally, but the staff can also arrange an early help assessment or make a request for support to Birmingham Children's Trust if necessary, with your consent.

School nurses can also be helpful if your child has a medical condition or has a lot of time off due to illness.

Parents/carers are strongly advised to work in partnership with the school to address any difficulties impacting school attendance. For more information about school attendance or if you need help or support, please use these links:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/saap

www.birmingham.gov.uk/love



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St Peter's

FOR GOD ALONE

Celebrate HARVEST FESTIVAL in school

We are asking for donations of

tinned and packet goods

for local food bank.



Please send into school this week and by Monday **5th October** at the latest.

FAIRTRADE RAFFLE

Making a Difference Through Fairtrade

St Peter's
Catholic Primary School
Learn • Love • Serve

FAIR PEOPLE
FAIR PRICES
BRIGHTER FUTURES



CHOOSE FAIRTRADE
CHOOSE KINDNESS

What is Fairtrade?

Fairtrade helps farmers and workers in developing countries receive a fair price for their products, improving living conditions, supporting communities and creating a more sustainable future.

FAIRTRADE

A fairer world is possible

At St Peter's, our dedicated **CAFOD Team** has organised a fantastic Fairtrade Raffle to raise awareness and support this important cause.

Thank you to everyone who has already purchased tickets!

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

*One world
One family
One common home*
Pope Francis

Last chance to buy tickets: Monday

20p per ticket • £1 per strip

Amazing chocolate and sweet prizes to be won!

Raffle Drawn in Tuesday's Assembly Next Week

"Together, we can make small choices that create big changes."

Thank you for supporting Fairtrade and helping to build a fairer world for all.

FAITH PEOPLE A FAIRER WORLD

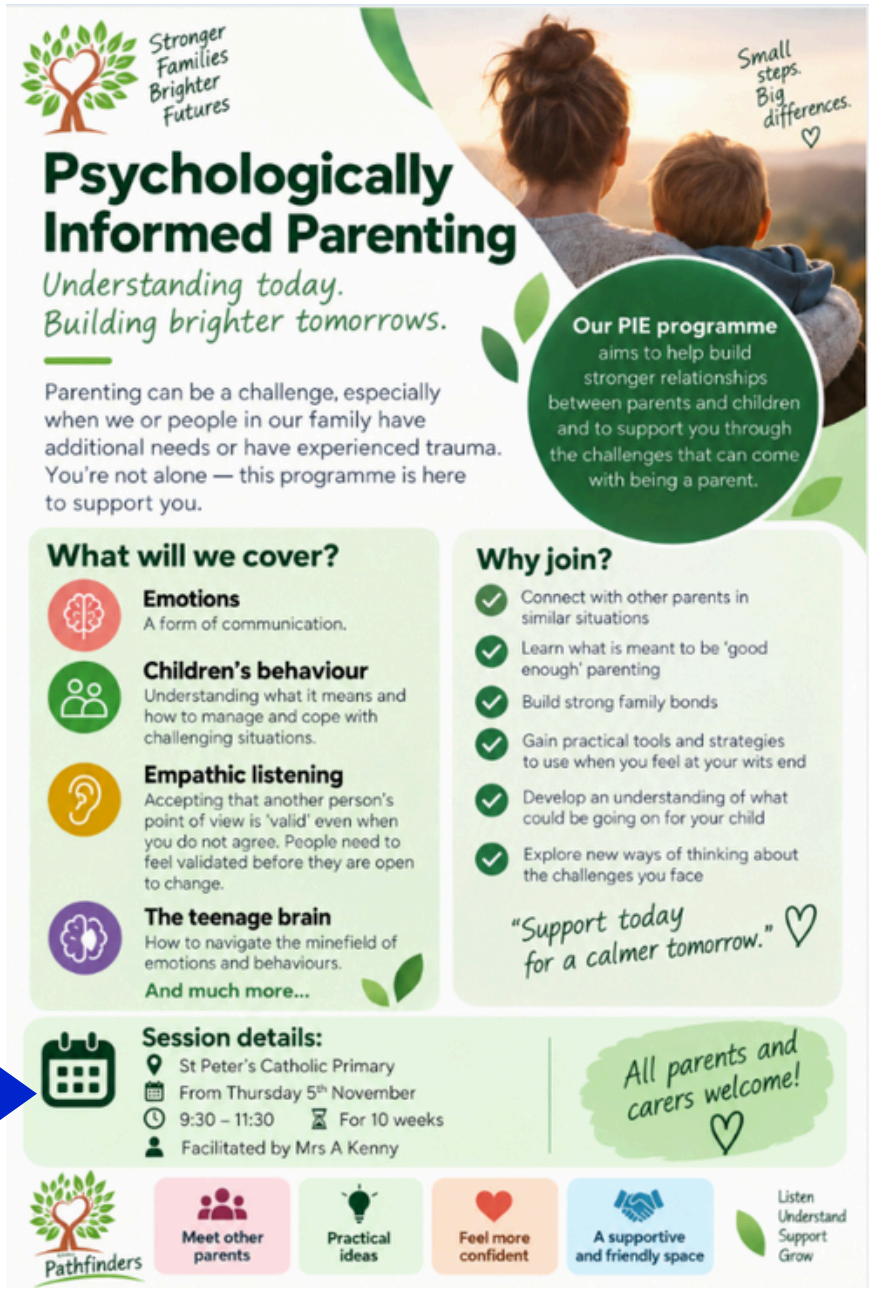
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Key Information

Could this be for you?

Parenting can be one of life's greatest joys, but it can also bring challenges along the way. Our Psychologically Informed Parenting (PIE) programme offers a friendly, welcoming space to meet other parents, share experiences and explore practical ideas for family life.

If any part of this sounds of interest, why not come along and find out more? Speak to Mrs Kenny for further information. All parents and carers are welcome.



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Flu Immunisation

The School Nursing Service will be emailing parents and carers directly regarding this year's flu immunisation programme, they have advised they are running behind but will be sending emails. Please check your inbox, including your junk and spam folders, for further information. If you have any questions or need support accessing the information, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

Free School Meals

National eligibility for Free School Meals has recently been expanded. If your family's circumstances have changed, or you have not checked before, your child may now qualify. Registering can provide additional funding for our school through Pupil Premium, helping us offer extra support and opportunities for children. Please contact the school office for more information or click here to check your eligibility

Medical and Dental Appointments During School Time

To maximise learning time, we ask families to arrange medical, dental and orthodontic appointments outside school hours wherever possible. If an appointment must take place during the school day, please inform the school in advance and provide evidence. Children should attend before and after appointments whenever possible, as every day in school counts.



School Photographs Tuesday 3rd November

Our annual school photographs will take place on All children should attend in full school uniform, looking smart and ready for their photograph. PE arrangements will be adjusted for the day, so children should not wear PE kit. Thank you for your support.

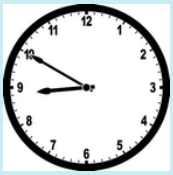
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Key Information



Attendance

Every day in school counts. Good attendance helps children achieve their best, build friendships and develop confidence. If your child's attendance begins to fall, we will work with you to understand any barriers and provide support. Where concerns remain, we may invite parents and carers to attend attendance meetings so that, together, we can help improve attendance and ensure every child benefits from their education



Punctuality

Thank you to all families who are supporting our punctuality drive. Developing good punctuality helps children build positive habits for life. Please ensure your child is ready to go into class by 8:50am, not arriving at the school gate at that time. Being in school before the bell helps children start the day calmly and ready to learn.

Respectful Parking

Please help us keep our children safe and be considerate of our neighbours by parking responsibly at drop-off and collection times. Do not block driveways, park on pavements or mount grass verges. If possible, park a little further away and walk to school. Thank you for helping us keep our community safe and respectful.

For the safety of your children- parking is not permitted on the yellow zig, zag lines On Adams Hill or Offmoor





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Parish

Please click here to be taken to the parish website where you will find a range of helpful information, including the parish newsletter

Mass Times



St Peter's
Saturday 10am Sunday 8.45am



St Rose of Lima
Sunday 11.30am







Places for baptism preparation can only be booked by attending mass and picking up a registration form and we ask parents to attend both sessions as advertised

Preparing for Baptism

The next Baptism preparation takes place, 6pm at St Rose on 6th and 13th October.

Community Page

What's on in the local area...















Bartley Green Library

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: Closed
Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: Closed

St Peter's Open Sessions

Spread the word!



Please click here to book a place

Safeguarding and SEND

SEND Team

This is our SENCO Team – here to support children with special educational needs and their families. Please see us if you need any help, or contact us at senco@stpeterc.bham.sch.uk or call 0121 464 6921



Miss Luff
SENCO



Mrs Kenny
Pastoral Mentor

Safeguarding Team

This is our Safeguarding Team – here to keep every child safe and supported. If you need any help or advice, please speak to a member of the team.



Mrs Mellor
DSL



Miss Luff
DDSL



Mrs Kenny
DDSL

OPERATION ENCOMPASS
In every force. In every school. For every child.

We are an operation encompass school. Therefore school is working alongside the police to ensure support for any child who has been involved in or witness to domestic abuse. Please find more information about this on our website or contact the school office.

Spotlight on .... Safeguarding

Keeping Children Safe Around E-Scooters

As electric scooters become increasingly popular, we would like to remind families of the importance of staying safe. Children should always wear a helmet and appropriate protective equipment when riding any scooter. Parents and carers are encouraged to supervise younger children and ensure they understand road and pedestrian safety.

In the UK, privately owned e-scooters can only be ridden on private land with the landowner's permission. It is illegal to ride a privately owned e-scooter on public roads, pavements, cycle lanes or in public parks.



Pathfinder

Mrs Kenny is our Pathfinder, helping families navigate support and opportunities to ensure every child thrives. She can offer guidance on well being, attendance, and accessing resources.

If you'd like her support, please contact her by email at a.kenny@stpeterc.bham.sch.uk or 07506 954616.



Pathfinder
Birmingham

FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

HOUSING SUPPORT

Weekly Celebrations

Each week we shine a spotlight on the amazing achievements of our children...

Click here to see our school at work in pictures

Good Work

YR	
Y1	Eva
Y2	Micah S
Y3	Jakob
Y4	Lara
Y5	Cailie
Y6	Kosisonna

Special Mention

YR	
Y1	Kaelen
Y2	Phoebe
Y3	Joya
Y4	Manuella
Y5	Esmae
Y6	Keion

Attendance

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97.67%	94.33%	97.86%	94.67%	99.33%	97.33%	98.67%

Well done to ... Year 4! 2 weeks in a row!



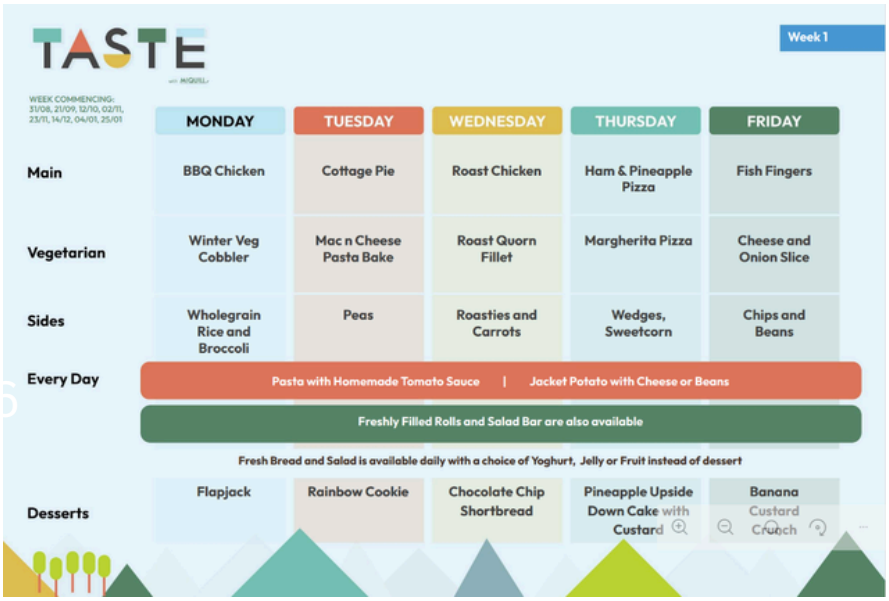
House Points

This weeks winners are...

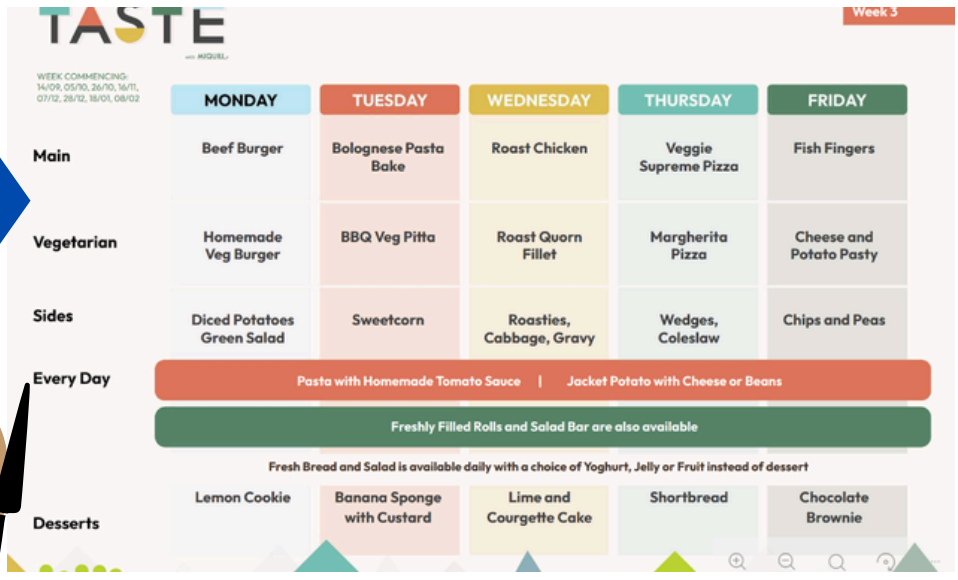
St George's	St Patrick's	St David's	St Andrew's
2nd	1st	4th	3rd

Dinner Menus

We have a three week rolling dinner menu which you can see below. These are the menus for this half term...







Week 5
05.10.26

Diary Dates 2026-2027

Below, is an overview of diary dates for the next academic year. All dates are subject to change so please be mindful of this. If there are any changes, we will give you as much notice as possible.

Our 'Gifts from God' praise assembly will be held on a Friday morning, 9am-9.30am.

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	ALL

Autumn Term

Date	Overview	Information
	September	
~~01.09.26~~	~~INSET DAY~~	
~~02.09.26~~	~~Children back to school~~	
~~07.09.26~~	~~Y1 Meet the Teacher~~	~~3.40pm – Y1 classroom: Parents invited~~
~~08.09.26~~	~~Y2 Meet the Teacher~~	~~3.40pm – Y2 classroom: Parents invited~~
~~10.09.26~~	~~Y3 Meet the Teacher~~	~~3.40pm – Y3 classroom: Parents invited~~
~~14.09.26~~	~~Y4 Meet the Teacher~~	~~3.40pm – Y4 classroom: Parents invited~~
~~14.09.26-17.09.26~~	~~Reception Reading Workshops~~	~~9-9.30am – sign up to a day~~
~~15.09.26~~	~~Y5 Meet the Teacher~~	~~3.40pm – Y5 classroom: Parents invited~~
~~17.09.26~~	~~Y6 Meet the Teacher~~	~~3.40pm – Y6 classroom: Parents invited~~
~~17.09.26~~	~~Y5 London Trip~~	~~See Dojo and letter for more details~~
28.09.26-05.10.26	Y5 and Y6 Swimming	Every day for 2 weeks – swimming kit needed
25.09.26	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon	3pm-4.00pm – school hall: All welcome. Please send in cakes with your child on Friday 25th September.
	October	
October	Black History Month	*Look out for more information!*
05.10.26	Y2 Harvest Class Assembly	9.15am – school hall : Parents invited
06.10.26	Whole School Flu Immunisation	
13.10.26	Year 3 Class Workshop	9-10am – school hall: Parents invited
20.10.26	Y6 Oscott College Trip	Please see trip letter
22.10.26	Autumn Term Parents' Evening	2.30pm-6pm – form to follow to sign up to a time
22.10.26	Break up for half term	Children finish at 3.30pm
23.10.26	INSET DAY	No children in school