

Summer Term: Friday 26th May



Important Dates



- Friday 26th May – Last day of term
- Monday 5th June – Return to school
- Week beginning 5th and 12th June Year 4+ multiplication tests
- Monday 5th – 7th June – Y6 Residential
- Thursday 8th June – Y2 Come Dine with Me (please see MCAS app for details)
- Friday 9th June – Y5 to visit Coppice High School – Watch KS3 Annie production
- Week beginning 12th June KSI phonic screening check
- Monday 12th June Tempest Photography in school
- Thursday 15th June – Y3 Come Dine with Me (please see MCAS app for details)
- Monday 19th June – Y5 Online session with The National Archives (Windrush and Floella Benjamin)
- Monday 19th June – Reception at West Midlands Safari Park
- Wednesday 21st June – Y6 and Y6 Puberty Talks (provisional)
- Thursday 22nd June – Y4 Come Dine with Me (please see MCAS app for details)
- Thursday 29th June – Y5 Come Dine with Me (please see MCAS app for details)
- Monday 3rd July Animal Man visiting Nursery
- Thursday 6th July – Y6 Come Dine with Me (please see MCAS app for details)
- Monday 10th July – Reception Tea and Talk
- Monday 10th July – Y4 Stone age day, visitor in school
- Monday 10th July – Y2 Sandwell Valley Trip
- Thursday 13th July – Y3 Viking Day, visitor in school
- Friday 14th July – Nursery Tea and Talk
- Saturday 15th July – Alban's Fest
- Friday 21st July – Circus Party
- Wednesday 26th July – Last day of term (Non uniform)

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy half term it has been! What with Bank Holiday Mondays and the King's Coronation, the half term really has flown by! The children have enjoyed lots of opportunities to share their learning with leaders across school, and children are especially demonstrating a fabulous understanding of history and art – it seems we have our very own budding historians and artists.

As the second half of the summer term approaches, it is always a busy time. Please check the important dates section for key dates that will be happening.

Where visits or visitors are listed for individual classes, class teachers will soon release letters with more information on.

A humungous thank you for all of the art and history work that was brought in to celebrate the King's Coronation – three winners were chosen (Olivia – Y1, Emily – Y2 and Winnie – Y6) and these children received a prize each. All of the entries will soon be proudly displayed in our main corridor to celebrate this momentous occasion.

On Friday 21st July, we will be holding a circus party for children across school to celebrate the fantastic OFSTED report (which seems like a lifetime ago!). On this day, the children will get the opportunity to experience circus performers and circus skills workshops – we are all very much looking forward to it!

Have a lovely half term break and we will see you all on Monday 5th June.

Alban's Fest

Due to the amazing support and interest we received for Alban's Fest last year, and discussions with parents who struggled to attend during the afternoon, we have made the decision to hold Alban's Fest on **Saturday 15th July** this year between 11:30 – 14:30.

The children are already extremely excited and Mrs Passey has been busy behind the scenes organising a live band for the children to sing with, and for you all to enjoy of course, as well as planning foci for each year group to present. You are more than welcome to bring family members with you to enjoy this opportunity as we would like as many children as possible there to perform. The children will take part in a focused week's learning, all based around a different decade, to then share with the community on the day. If you know of anyone that would like to hold a stall during the day, please see Mrs Passey. It will cost £3.00 per person for entry – children are free. Please can you confirm attendance so we can plan for numbers:

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Transition Day with new teachers

On **Monday 24th July**, the children will get to spend the day with their new teacher to support their transition to the next year group. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to get to know their teacher for next year so we look forward to sharing this with them.

2023/2024 term dates

Please see below for term dates for the next academic year.

Please note: Inset day is planned for Friday 1st September. This means the first day back at school for children will be **Monday 4th**

September.

For any children starting in Reception in September, EYFS staff will send further information regarding the first week in school.

Healthy lunchboxes and snacks

Whether squeezing it in before the school run in the morning or before bed on busy midweek evenings, preparing your child's lunchbox can seem like just another thing on the list. It is really important that our children are provided with a balanced lunch. Our school meals are a great choice but if you do make a packed lunch for your child please consider how to keep it balanced.

A healthy, balanced lunchbox should contain:

- A starchy food, e.g. potatoes, bread, rice, pasta;
- Plenty of fruit and vegetables, e.g. carrot sticks, an apple, fruit, sliced cucumber;
- A source of protein, e.g. beans, pulses, egg, fish, meat;
- A healthy drink, e.g. water, semi-skimmed milk.
- Healthier snacks (plain popcorn, breadsticks, rice or corn snacks, malt loaf).

Snacks that children bring to school at break time should also be healthy – please prevent from sending children with chocolate bars or crisps. Every class has fresh fruit available daily, varying from apples, pears, bananas, oranges, raisins and tomatoes, so please do not feel obliged to send them with a snack.

A reminder that all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are entitled to have a school meal provided by the school at no extra cost to yourselves. The school provides a wide range of enjoyable meals, which your child can enjoy.



Come Dine With Me

Please see the important dates for each year group. Parents and Carers are invited to come and enjoy a school meal with the children. The cost of the lunches will be £3.50.

Please be aware that Come Dine With Me slots for each year group are from **11:30am**. Parents and carers should attend via the school's main office, after paying on MCAS, if they wish to attend.

2023/2024 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2023

Inset days:

- Friday 1 September (School closed for children)
- Term Time: Friday 1 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023
- Half term: Monday 23 October 2023 to Friday 3 November 2023 (Two weeks)
- Term Time: Monday 6 November 2023 to Friday 22 December 2023

Spring Term 2024

- Term Time: Monday 8 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024
- Half term: Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024
- Term Time: Monday 19 February 2024 to Monday 25th March 2024

Inset days:

- Monday 25 March 2024 (School closed for children)

Summer Term 2024

Inset days:

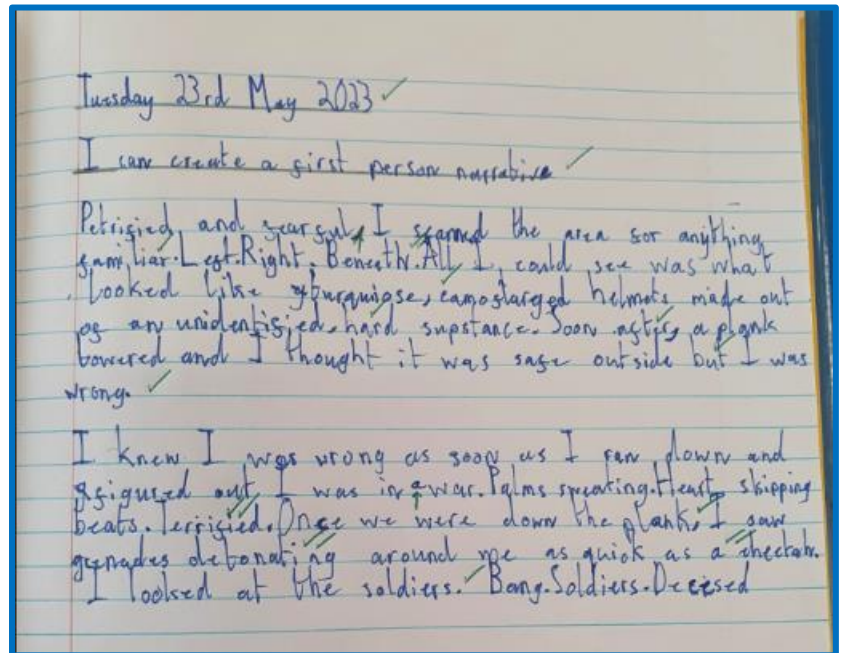
- Monday 8 April (MAT Conference) (School closed for children)
- Term Time: Monday 8 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024
- Half term: Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024
- Term Time: Monday 3 June 2024 to Wednesday 24 July 2024

Further inset days will be announced.

Take a look at some of the learning that has been happening this week:



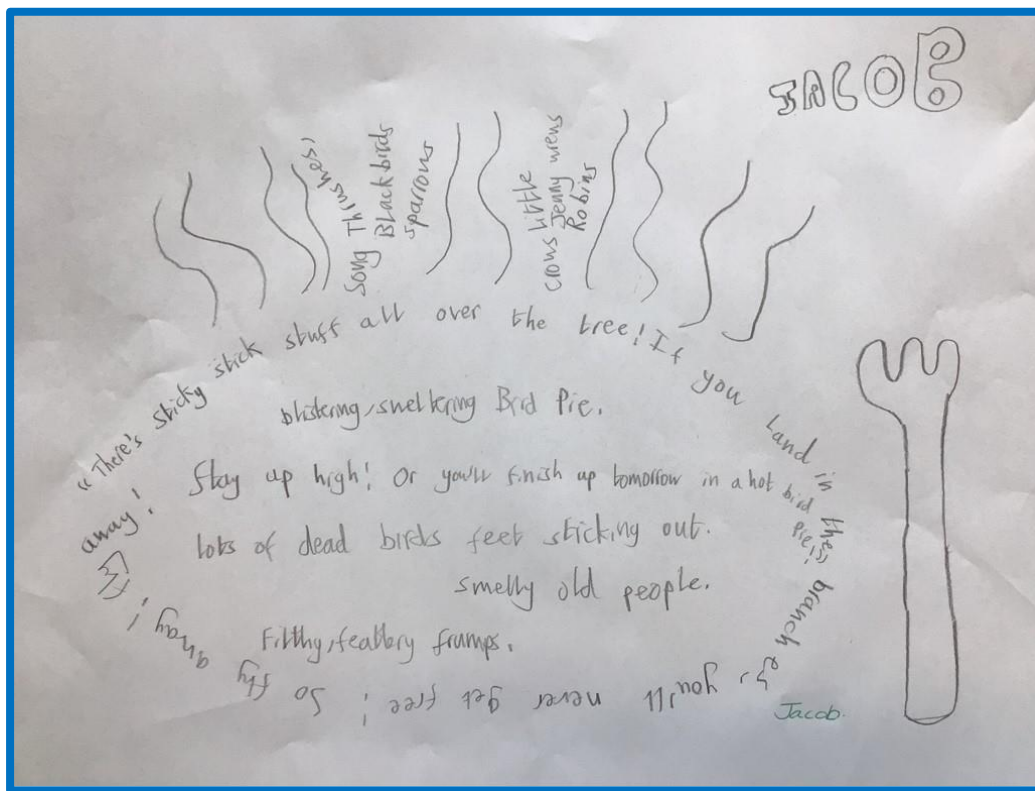
Nursery have been planting their own seeds and observing it grow. Roma-
"Look Mrs Kumar there is a shoot coming out!"



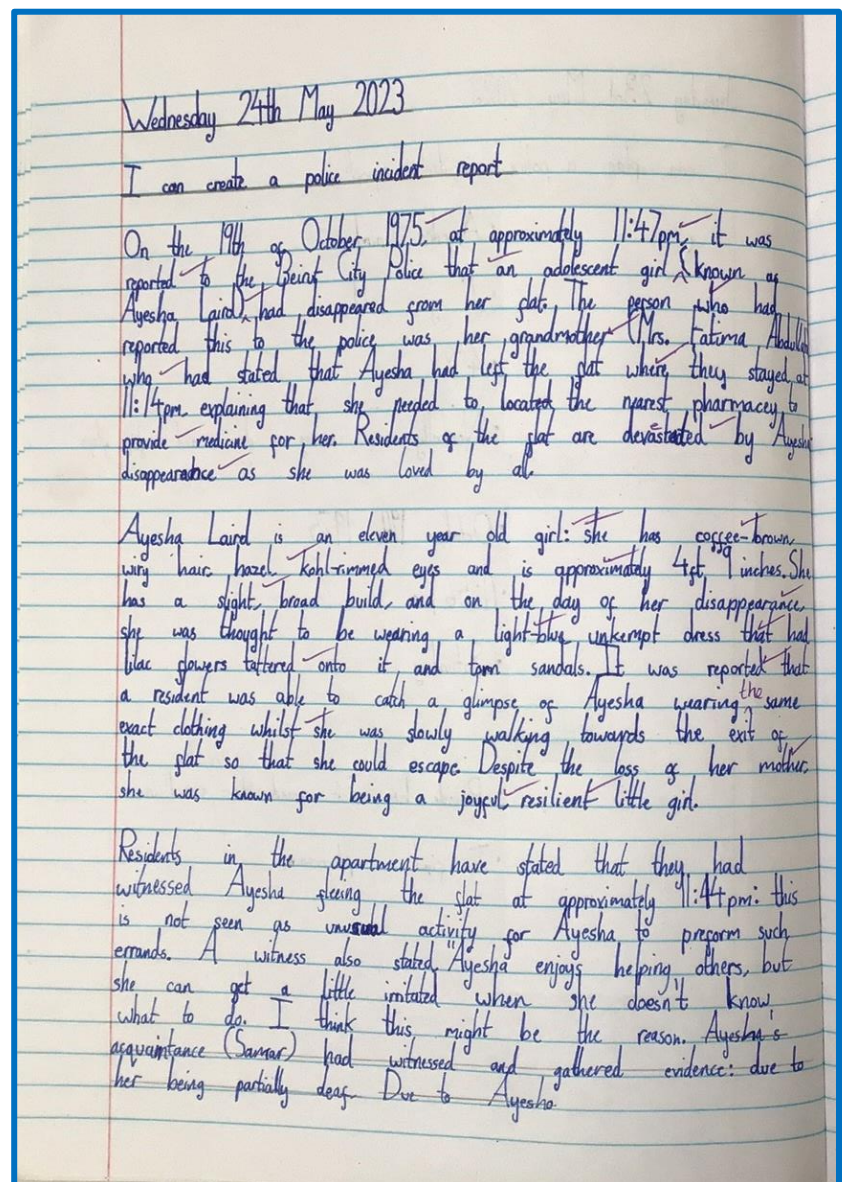
A massive well done to Taha in Year 4 who has implemented a variety of language features that we have been focusing on the past three weeks in his first person narrative: powerful adjectives, verbs and similes, short sentences and describing the five senses. Miss Dhillon cannot wait to read the rest of it!



Komalpreet in Year 2 has been exploring indigenous patterns and symbols.



Jacob in Year 3 had demonstrated his initial idea for his shape poem about Bird Pie from the Twits.



Milly in Year 5 has written a fantastic police incident report, based around the events of our class book "Oranges in No Man's Land." She has been able to demonstrate formality throughout her writing and has been able to use higher level punctuation such as brackets to provide specific detail.