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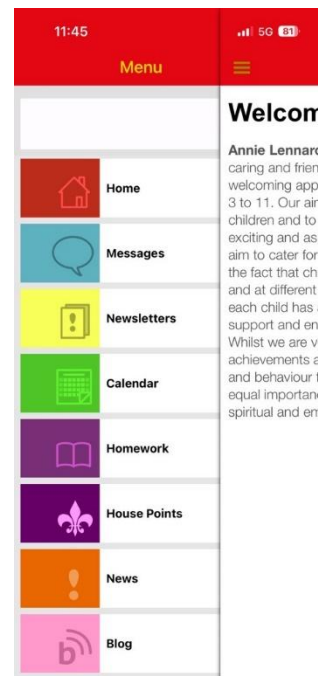
Friday 2nd October 2026

New Website & App



As you will be aware we have recently launched a new website with a new provider. Attached to this website is also an app in which you need to download to your phone. From next week the app will be our means of communication, we will no longer be sending text messages, these will come through the app. On the app you will have access to all school information, calendars, newsletters and website content. This will also be the way we book events such as parent consultations.

You will have received an email with a link to follow to get set up on the school app, if you have not received this email, please contact the school office who will be able to assist you.



Attendance Matters

Autumn 1 Attendance

	<u>Wk1</u>	<u>Wk2</u>	<u>Wk3</u>	<u>Wk4</u>	<u>Wk5</u>	<u>Wk 6</u>	<u>Wk 7</u>	<u>Wk8</u>
<u>Nursery</u>			85.7	89.8	89.8			
<u>Reception</u>			97.2	94.8	91.0			
<u>Year 1</u>	91.1	94.1	93.7	99.3	92.0			
<u>Year 2</u>	97.1	99.0	86.6	95.5	95.2			
<u>Year 3</u>	95.1	95.8	96.1	96.6	92.9			
<u>Year 4</u>	95.0	95.3	90.3	91.0	95.0			
<u>Year 5</u>	97.8	98.0	96.3	95.3	95.5			
<u>Year 6</u>	95.6	96.3	93.3	94.5	98.3			
<u>Whole school</u>	95.3	96.5	93.1	95.1	94.2			

Well done **Year 6** you have the best attendance this week.

Whole school Attendance is running at 95.7%



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Musician of the Fortnight

Across two weeks, we have a musician of the fortnight to promote a range of music from different genres, countries and time periods. Here is this week's musician of the fortnight

Musician of the Fortnight

Name: Dolly Parton

5 FACTS ABOUT OUR MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK!

1. Dolly Rebecca Parton (born January 19, 1946) was an American singer, songwriter, actress, and philanthropist,
2. She was mainly known for her decades-long career in country music.
3. Dolly came from a family with 12 children, and six of her siblings have worked as professional musicians.
4. Her first performance was at the age of 10, singing on local radio and TV shows in Tennessee.
5. Poverty did not limit Dolly Parton's passion for music. She learned about music as she performed in church, and it was not long before she started writing her own songs.

GENRE
Country



Sensational Singers!

The following children were chosen as our Sensational Singers for their participation and enthusiasm in singing assembly this week;

Y1 - Charlie

Y2 - Eve

Y3 - Fadoa

Y4 - Frieda

Y5 - Manreet

Y6 - Yusha

Our class choir of the week is Year 1! Well done for your excellent singing!



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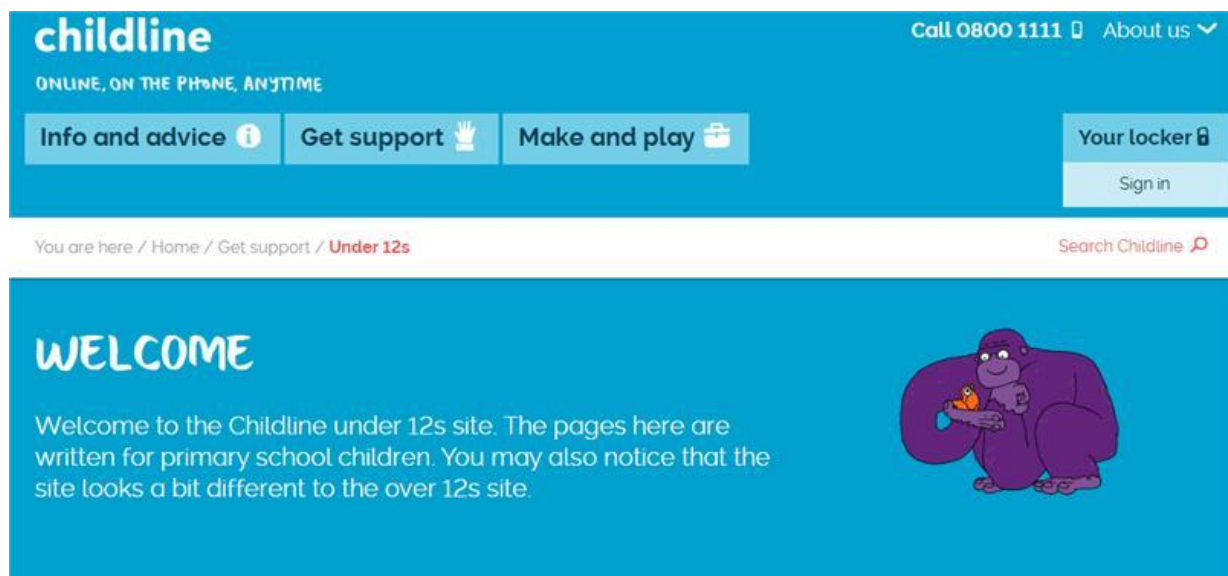
Online Safety for Parents

Each week, we are aiming to provide you with information to help keep your children safe when online. This links to the Online Safety mind maps the children complete with their class teachers at the start of each half term.

Childline under 12s Website

Childline have a separate area on their website for under 12s. The pages are written for primary school children. The area includes a section full of games and a Buddy Zone with tips, such as how to speak to a trusted adult and information on where to get extra support from.

You can access this area here: <https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/u12-landing/>





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Reminder

Edgmond Hall Residential Trip
Wednesday 26th – 28th May 2027
Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Places still available



Dear Parent/ Guardian

We are really excited to be organising a trip to Edgmond Hall, and we are making it available to all children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6!

This is a 2-night residential visit which involves lots of fun and many new learning experiences. From past visits we have found that children are able to enhance their learning through outdoor activities that wouldn't be experienced during a normal school day. School and Edgmond Hall staff will arrange a detailed programme.

The children will be accompanied by at least 4 members of school staff and the course is well supported by appropriately qualified and experienced Centre staff.

How much will it cost?

£148 standard fee for the cost of accommodation, meals, educational materials and activities

£17 for the Coach

£1 insurance

The total cost of this trip would be £167.00.

When would the trip need to be paid for?

The trip would need to be paid for by *Friday 2nd May 2027*

This can be paid in a variety of ways including instalments or in full, all options are via parent pay.

What to do if you would like to reserve a place for your child?

Places are limited and therefore we are operating on a first come first served basis. If you would like a place for your child, please complete the consent on parent pay to secure your place no later than **Wednesday 30th September.**

When we have final numbers, we will be holding a meeting in for all parents of children going on the trip, in the meantime if you have questions or queries regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to ask.

Over the years we have taken children, who have a wide variety of different needs, including nighttime issues. If you would like to discuss any delicate issues again, please do not hesitate to speak to myself.

For more information, please follow this link [Edgmond Hall Centre for Outdoor Learning](#)



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Year 7 applications

Please follow this link to make your secondary school application. Closing date for applications is 31st October 2026

[Apply for a school place | Sandwell Council](#)

Before School Drop Off club – here if you need us

Sessions need to be booked with Mrs Sirett in the office. It runs from 8am to 8.45am. Cost is £3 per session, sessions taken will be added to ParentPay on each Friday and are expected to be paid the same day. Credit can be added to the Rogmans Breakfast Payment item and will only be taken if a session is attended.

Reminder we are a Nut and Banana free school

We have children in school with a severe allergy to nuts and bananas, we cannot have any nuts, nut products, bananas or banana products in school. Please do not send them in packed lunches or as a playtime snack.



Do you shop at Tesco???

If you shop at Tesco Quinton superstore or Tesco Express Bristnall/ Hagley Road please vote for Annie Lennard using a token, you receive each time you shop from the 4th of August

Has anything changed?

If any of your details has changed such address, phone number, email address etc please email changes to the following email address or please come to the main office to update your details.

admin.office@annielennard.sandwell.sch.uk



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Dates for your Diary – 2026 – 2027

More dates will be added as we go through the year, this is what we know so far

Month	Date	Event
September	Tuesday 1 st	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils
	Wednesday 2 nd	School opens for pupils in year 1 to year 6
	15 th	SEND parent/carers drop in 2:50pm
	30 th	Harvest assembly with Rev Jenny
October	Wednesday 21 st	Year 3 trip to Kinver rock houses – stone age workshop
	8 th	Year 2 visit to St Hildas
	26 th – 30 th	Half Term Holiday – school closed
November	Monday 2 nd	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils
	Tuesday 3 rd – 5 th	Come and look at our work - parents invited to look at children's books ahead of consultation days 3.15 – 3.30
	Wednesday 4 th	Reception and Year 1 trip to theatre to see The Gruffalo
	Tuesday 10 th	Parent Consultation Day for Reception, Year 2, Year 4 & Year 6
	Wednesday 11 th	Parent Consultation Day for Nursery, Year 1, Year 3 & Year 5
	Friday 20 th	Children in Need
	Thursday 26 th	Year 1 visit to St Hildas
December	1 st	Rev Jenny to work with year 3
	1 st	Nativity assembly with Rev Jenny
	14 th	KS1 Christmas Production – 1.30pm school hall.
	15 th	EYFS Christmas Production – 9.15 school hall
December	21 st – 1 st	Christmas Holidays
January	Monday 4 th	Return to School
	Thursday 7 th	Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 trip to Chester Zoo
	Friday 8 th	Year 3, 4, 5 and Year 6 choir @ young voices
February	4 th	Rev Jenny Assembly
	8 th – 11 th	Come and look at our work - parents invited to look at children's books ahead of consultation days. 3.15 – 3.30
February	15 th – 19 th	Half Term Holiday



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	Tuesday 23 rd	Parent Consultation Day for Reception, Year 2, Year 4 & Year 6
	Wednesday 24 th	Parent Consultation Day for Nursery, Year 1, Year 3 & Year 5
March	Thursday 4 th	World Book Day
	2 nd	Year 3 to visit St Hildas
	11 th	Year 4 to visit St Hildas
	18 th	Rev Jenny assembly
	18 th	Rev Jenny working with year 6
	Friday 19 th	Red Nose Day
March/April	Friday 26 th March – Friday 9 th April	Easter Holidays
April	Monday 12 th	Return to School
	27 th	Reception to visit St Hildas
May	Monday 3 rd	Bank Holiday Monday
	6 th	Year 5 to visit St Hildas
	10 th – 13 th	Year 6 SATS – all year 6 must be in school all week
	13 th	Rev Jenny assembly
	26 th – 28 th	Year 2, 3, 4 5, and 6 residential trip to Edgmond Hall
	31 st – 4 th	Half Term Holiday
June	Monday 7 th	Return to School
	7 th – 11 th	Year 4 Multiplication test administered this week
	14 th – 18 th	Year 1 phonic screening test to be administered this week
	29 th	Year 6 to visit St Hildas
July	Friday 9 th	Reports out to parents
	Friday 16 th	Provisional date for year 6 production
	Monday 19 th	Provisional date for year 6 Prom, 6pm – 8pm @ venue to be confirmed – tickets £15.00 per pupil
	Wednesday 21 st	Year 6 leavers assembly



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Apply for your Reception Place – applications open Monday 15th September, please see letter below from Sandwell LA.



My ref: School Admissions

Parent Support Line: 0121 569 6765

Date: 11th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

PLEASE KEEP THIS LETTER SAFE FOR YOUR SCHOOL APPLICATION

Applying online for your reception or junior (Year 3) school place for September 2027

This is to give you notice that you will be able to apply for a reception or junior (year 3) school place for your child from Monday 14 September 2026.

Now is the time to start thinking about your options. When considering which schools to apply for, we suggest that you look out for details of open days/evenings which will be publicised on the [schools](#) website and local press. Consider how closely you meet the school's admission criteria and visit the LA website to view our parent guide.

To apply please first register or sign in (if you have an account already) on the [Parent Portal](#), you will then receive an email with a link to complete and submit your application (**Non-Sandwell residents should contact your home Authority**).

Please note: To have the best chance of getting the school you want, you must apply by the closing date of **15 January 2027**.

Applying online is easy and secure - over 95% of parents did last year. Don't worry, if you don't have a computer at home, you can also apply from one of Sandwell's 19 libraries and at Sandwell primary schools that offer computer support. You may also apply from a mobile device (e.g. smartphone or tablet).

Should you require further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us via email at annual_schooladmissions@sandwell.gov.uk, phone our Parent Support Line - 0121 569 6765 or view our [parent guide](#) online.

Yours sincerely

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