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Year 7 applications – REMINDER

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

Attendance Matters

Autumn 1 Attendance

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Wk8
Nursery			85.7	89.8	89.8	91.8		
Reception			97.2	94.8	91.0	85.1		
Year 1	91.1	94.1	93.7	99.3	92.0	94.7		
Year 2	97.1	99.0	86.6	95.5	95.2	92.8		
Year 3	95.1	95.8	96.1	96.6	92.9	89.6		
Year 4	95.0	95.3	90.3	91.0	95.0	95.7		
Year 5	97.8	98.0	96.3	95.3	95.5	94.8		
Year 6	95.6	96.3	93.3	94.5	98.3	98.3		
Whole school	95.3	96.5	93.1	95.1	94.2	93.0		

Well done **Year 6** you have the best attendance this week.
Whole school Attendance is running at 95.6%

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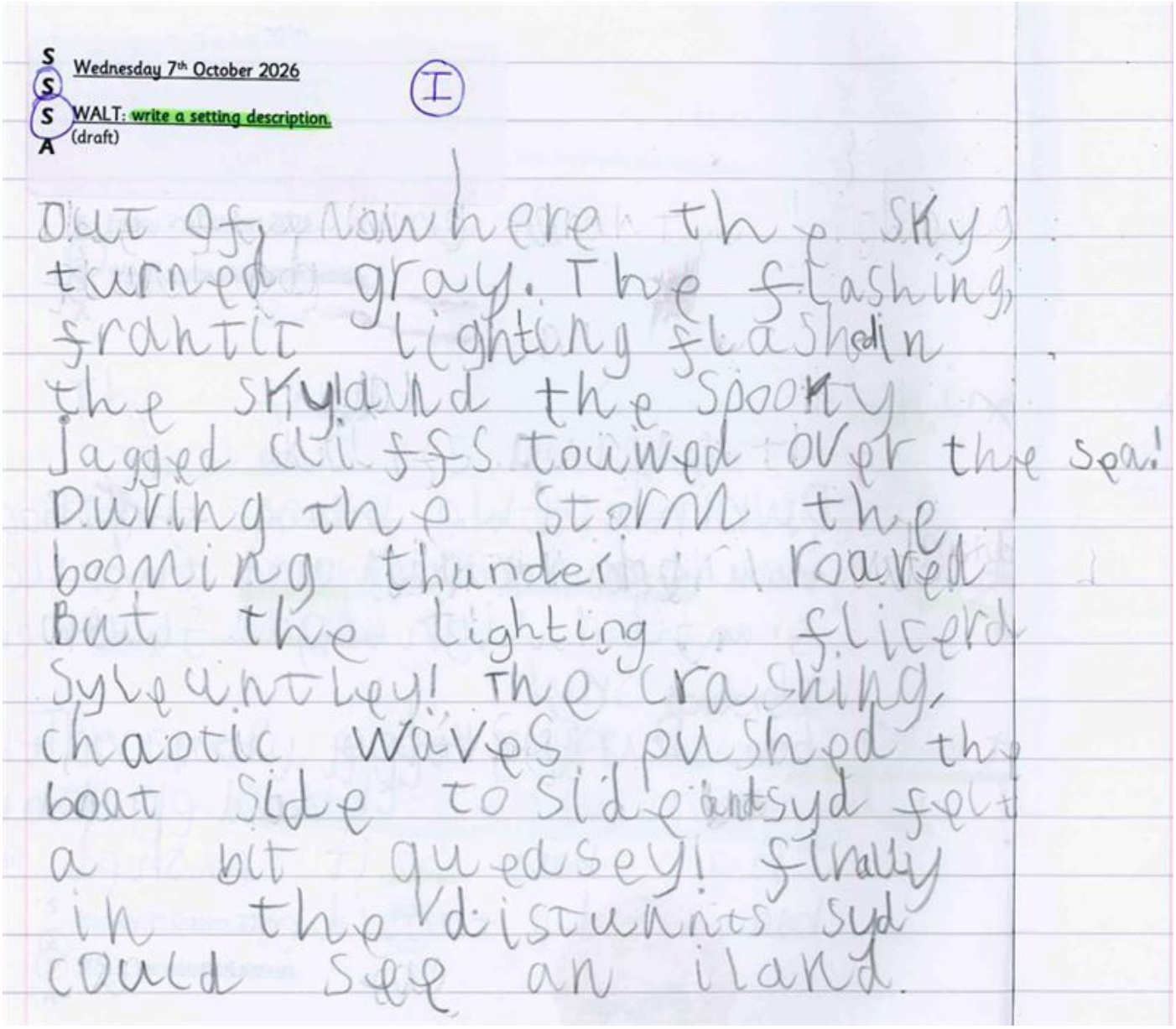


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Writer of the week

This week's writer of the week is Mehran in Year 2 for his excellent setting description of the storm scene from Grandad's island by Benji Davies. Mehran has used precise adjectives in his expanded noun phrases, precise verbs and adverbials of place. Mehran has also used commas correctly in a list. A great piece of writing for the start of Year 2 Mehran!



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Wednesday 7th October 2026

WALT: write a setting description.
(draft)

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Out of nowhere the sky
turned gray. The flashing,
frantic lighting flashed in
the sky and the spooky
jagged cliffs towered over the sea!
During the storm the
booming thunder roared
But the lighting flicerd
sykeintley! The crashing,
chaotic waves pushed the
boat side to side and syd felt
a bit queasey! finally
in the distance syd
could see an iland.

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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



Sensational Singers!

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

Y1 - Hasan
Y2 - Cayden
Y3 - Sahib
Y4 - Isabel
Y5 - Evyanna
Y6 - Lemari

Our class choir of the week is Year 3! Well done for your excellent singing!

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.

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Capcut

CapCut is a popular app used to create and edit videos and images. Users can add music, text, stickers, sound effects and other features to their creations. The app is intended for users aged **13 and over**.

Although CapCut can be a useful creative tool, parents and carers should be aware that some templates are created by other users and may contain content or themes that are unsuitable for children. Some music available through the app may also contain explicit lyrics. In addition, CapCut offers paid subscriptions and in-app purchases for premium features.

As with any app that includes user-generated content, we recommend having regular conversations with your child about what they are viewing and creating online.

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SIPS Education Limited
Guardian House,
West Bromwich,
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Music Centre Open Evenings
Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October

Dear Parent/Carer,
We are delighted to invite you and your child to one of our **Music Centre Open Evenings**, taking place during the week beginning **Monday 19 October**.

These evenings are a great opportunity to see our Music Centre in action, meet our staff and young musicians, and discover the wide range of ensembles and musical opportunities available.

Choose from two time slots
To help families attend at a time that suits them, there will be **two bookable sessions each evening:**

- **5:30pm – 7pm:** Visit and view ensembles rehearsing, **followed by a short presentation.**
- **7pm – 8:15pm: Begin with the presentation**, followed by a tour to visit and view ensembles rehearsing.

During the tours, children and parents will be escorted around the venue by members of staff and some of our young musicians. This will give you an opportunity to hear our ensembles in action and experience first-hand what it is like to be part of our Music Centre community.

As our groups rehearse at different times throughout each evening, the ensembles you can see will depend on the **day and time slot you choose**. Please see the following rehearsal timetable

Ensemble rehearsal times

Day	Ensemble	Rehearsal Time
Monday	Intermediate String Orchestra	5:00pm – 7:00pm
19th	Mini Maestros	6:15pm – 7:45pm
October	Youth Strings	6:30pm – 7:30pm
	Orchestra	6:45pm – 7:45pm
Tuesday	Junior Concert Band	5:00pm – 6:30pm
20th	Acoustic Guitar Group	5:15pm – 6:15pm
October	Theory Group	5:30pm – 6:30pm
	SIPS Singers	5:30pm – 6:30pm
	Jazz Orchestra	5:30pm – 6:40pm

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	Intermediate Concert Band	6:50pm – 8:30pm
	Youth Concert Band	6:50pm – 8:45pm
Thursday	Junior Brass Band	5:00pm – 6:15pm
22nd	SIPS Samba	5:15pm – 6:15pm
October	Intermediate Brass Band	6:30pm – 8:30pm
	Youth Brass Band	6:30pm – 8:30pm
	Tabla Ensemble	6:30pm – 8:00pm
	Asian Vocal and Harmonium Group	6:30pm – 8:10pm

If your child is particularly interested in one of these groups, we recommend checking the rehearsal times above when choosing your **Open Evening time slot**, so that you have the best opportunity to see that ensemble in action.

Friends of SIPS Music

During your visit, we also encourage you to pop into the **school canteen** to meet members of **the Friends of SIPS Music**, our parent group who play an important role in supporting the Music Centre.

The Friends will be happy to tell you a little more about what they do and how you can get involved in supporting our Music Centre community.

Book your place

Places can be booked by **scanning the QR code opposite and choosing your preferred evening and time slot**.

Whether your child is already learning an instrument, enjoys singing, is interested in joining an ensemble, or simply wants to find out more, **we would be delighted to welcome you.**

We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you and your child at one of our Open Evenings.

Warm regards,

Jon Beer
Deputy Head of Service and Music Centre Lead

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SEND Parent Drop-In

We would like to invite parents and carers to our SEND Parent Drop-In next Thursday (15th October) at 2:50pm at the Main Office. This is an informal opportunity to pop in, have a chat, ask any questions you may have, and discuss any concerns or support relating to your child's additional needs. No appointment is needed — please feel free to come along. We look forward to seeing you!
Miss Kealey & Mrs Groves

Wear something yellow for Young minds

YOUNGMIND
The voice for young people's mental health and wellb



On Friday 9th October, our school community wore yellow to celebrate World Mental Health Day 2026 focusing on this year's theme of 'Mental Health for All'. Children and staff brightened the school by wearing yellow, helping to promote health, wellbeing and the importance of supporting one another. A big thank you to all our families for supporting this important day. If you would like to donate, please follow the link below
https://www.youngminds.org.uk/shop/checkout/make-a-donation/





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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

Dates for your Diary – 2026 – 2027

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

Month	Date	Event
September	Tuesday 1st	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils
	Wednesday 2nd	School opens for pupils in year 1 to year 6
	15th	SEND parent/carer drop in 2:50pm
	24th	Reception parents'/carers phase 2 phonics workshop 9am
	30th	Harvest assembly with Rev Jenny
October	8th	Year 2 visit to St Hildas
	9th	Wear yellow to support Young Minds – donations via link

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	15th	SEND parent/carer drop-in 2:50pm
	21st	Year 3 trip to Kinver rock houses – stone age workshop
	16th	School photographer – individual photos
	26th – 30th	Half Term Holiday – school closed
November	Monday 2nd	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils
	Tuesday 3rd – 5th	Come and look at our work - parents invited to look at children's books ahead of consultation days 3.15 – 3.30
	Wednesday 4th	Reception and Year 1 trip to theatre to see The Gruffalo
	Friday 6th	Year 1 parent/carer phase 5 phonics workshop
	Tuesday 10th	Parent Consultation Day for Reception, Year 2, Year 4 & Year 6
	Wednesday 11th	Parent Consultation Day for Nursery, Year 1, Year 3 & Year 5
	Friday 20th	Children in Need
	Thursday 26th	Year 1 visit to St Hildas
December	1st	Rev Jenny to work with year 3
	1st	Nativity assembly with Rev Jenny
	14th	KS1 Christmas Production – 1.30pm school hall.
	15th	EYFS Christmas Production – 9.15 school hall
December	21st – 1st	Christmas Holidays
January	Monday 4th	Return to School
	Thursday 7th	Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 trip to Chester Zoo
	Friday 8th	Year 3, 4, 5 and Year 6 choir @ young voices
	11th	Reception parents phase 3 phonics workshop
February	4th	Rev Jenny Assembly
	8th – 11th	Come and look at our work - parents invited to look at children's books ahead of consultation days. 3.15 – 3.30
February	15th – 19th	Half Term Holiday
	Tuesday 23rd	Parent Consultation Day for Reception, Year 2, Year 4 & Year 6
	Wednesday 24th	Parent Consultation Day for Nursery, Year 1, Year 3 & Year 5
March	Thursday 4th	World Book Day
	2nd	Year 3 to visit St Hildas

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

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Reminder



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 21st 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 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