



2025

Happy New Year!

The start of the year has been packed with excitement and memorable experiences for the children. We kicked off the term with a trip to Willersley Castle and Young Voices. The children really enjoyed both of these wonderful experiences. Here's to even more success and fun as the year unfolds!

A warm welcome to Mrs. Mayo and Miss Hemmings—I'm sure they'll be fantastic additions to the Slade team. The children are lucky to have such dedicated and caring teachers to guide them this year. Here's to many happy and successful moments ahead with them!



Miss  
Hemmings



Mrs  
Mayo



# Willersley Castle



Year 4's Adventure-Filled Residential Trip!

Year 4 had an unforgettable time on their recent residential trip, filled with thrilling activities and new challenges. From axe throwing to soaring down the zip wire, climbing rocks to perfecting their archery skills, every moment was packed with excitement and adventure!

The children embraced each activity with enthusiasm and courage, pushing themselves out of their comfort zones and showing amazing teamwork. Whether it was conquering heights, aiming for the bullseye, or simply enjoying the outdoors, the trip was a fantastic opportunity for personal growth and creating lasting memories.

A big thank you to all the staff who helped make this adventure possible. It was truly a trip to remember, and Year 4 will surely be talking about it for months to come! 🏹🎯🧗







# Young Voices



MC Grammar



Tommy Blaize



Souparnika Nair

## Young Voices Choir: A Memorable Performance Across the Nation!

This year, 5504 children from across the nation came together for an unforgettable experience as they took part in the Young Voices Choir. With months of dedication and practice behind them, they delivered an incredible performance that truly showcased their talent and hard work.

The choir's repertoire included an energetic Bob Marley medley, fun-filled Hairspray hits, and timeless garage old school songs, all of which captivated audiences everywhere. The children's enthusiasm and passion were evident from the very first note, proving just how much effort they had put into their rehearsals.

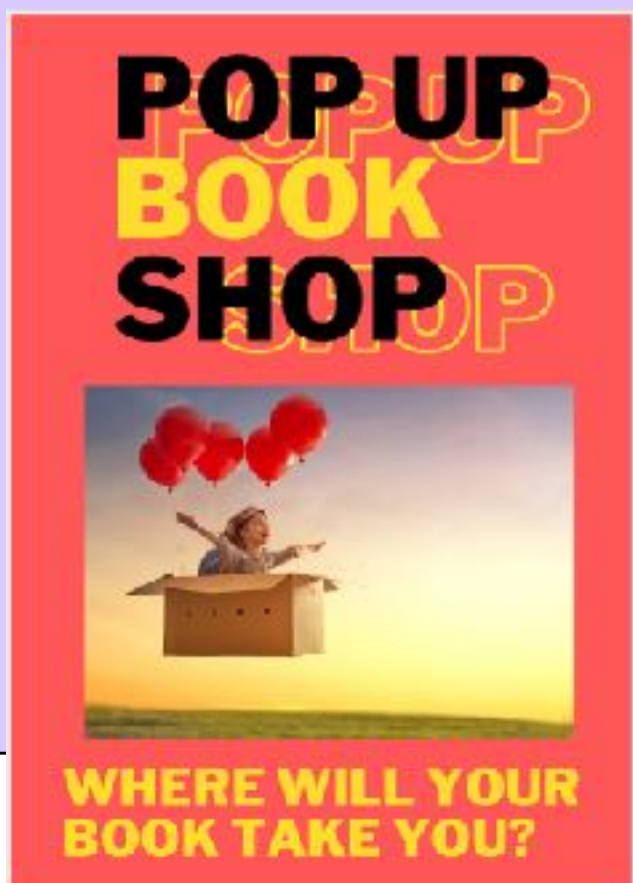
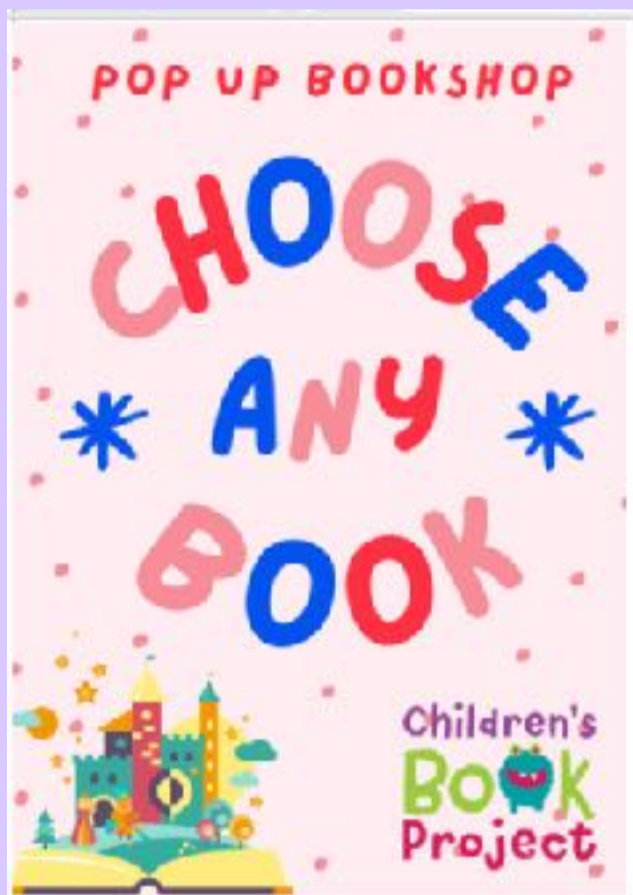
A huge thank you to Miss Begum and Miss Jackson for their unwavering support and dedication. Their encouragement and commitment to fostering the pupils' growth were key in helping the children shine on stage.

It was an experience that not only inspired the performers but also left lasting memories for everyone who witnessed their powerful performance.

Let's continue to celebrate the incredible achievements of our young voices! 🎵👏

The children were accompanied by 3 special guests that made the performance really come together.





## Exciting News! Every Child Will Receive Two Free Books!

We're thrilled to inform you that Miss Jennings has partnered with the Children's Book Project, a charity dedicated to tackling book poverty and giving every child the opportunity to own their very own books.

What is the Children's Book Project? This fantastic organisation aims to open up children's imaginations, improve their mental health, and enhance language development by providing free books to children who need them most.

### When will this happen?

The children will have the chance to visit our pop-up book store at school on February 24th, 25th, and 26th, where each child will be able to choose two free books to take home!

We believe that giving children access to books not only sparks creativity but also helps in developing essential literacy skills. We hope this initiative will encourage a love for reading and provide an exciting new world of stories for each child.





# Our Curriculum



## Exciting Curriculum Development: Intentional Monitoring

### Supporting Your Child's Learning



In assembly this week, we talked about a new strategy called Intentional Monitoring to help teachers give pupils focused and immediate feedback during maths lessons. While pupils are working, teachers use this approach to check their progress, celebrate successes, and guide improvements.



### Here's how it works:

- **Ticks** (✓): Highlight something done well.
- **Dots** (·): Indicate a small mistake to fix.
- **Arrows** (↑): Suggest ways to improve or "upgrade" work.

Pupils respond to this feedback using their **purple pens**, showing their learning and progress in real time. This approach not only helps pupils grow but also builds their confidence as learners.



If you'd like to know more about Intentional Monitoring, feel free to get in touch!

# Oracy at Slade



## What is Oracy, and Why is It Important?

At Slade, we're committed to helping every child develop essential communication skills, and oracy plays a big part in that! Oracy is all about learning to speak clearly, listen actively, and participate confidently in discussions.

To support this, we use the Voice 21 Framework, a nationally recognised approach that helps schools teach oracy effectively. This framework focuses on four key areas: **physical** (using voice, tone, and body language), **linguistic** (choosing the right words and sentence structures), **cognitive** (organising and expressing ideas clearly), and **social & emotional** (building confidence and listening to others). By integrating these areas into lessons and activities, we ensure every child develops well-rounded speaking and listening skills.

We encourage you to talk with your children at home about their day, ask open-ended

## The Oracy Framework

Oracy  
Cambridge



questions, and engage in discussions. Together, we can help them become strong communicators!

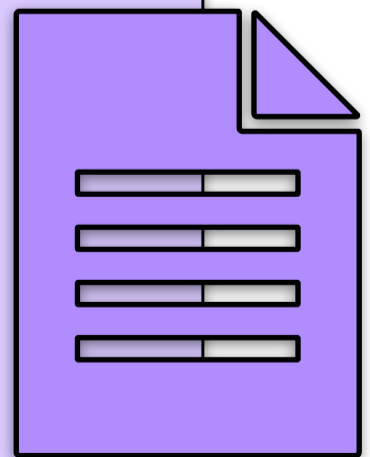
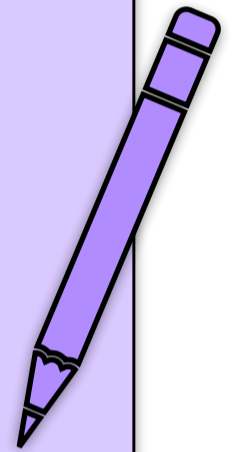
## Oracy in Year 6!



In reading, the children worked in trios and used oracy to explore a text by thinking out loud.



The children used a traverse to discuss their opinions around a given topic.







WOW is a pupil-led initiative, where children self-report how they get to school every day using the interactive WOW Travel Tracker. If they travel sustainably (walk, cycle, scoot or 'park and stride') at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge.

It's that easy!

 WOW Travel Tracker Challenge - Let's See How Many Badges You Can Earn! 

We are excited to welcome the return of the WOW Travel Tracker - a fun way for pupils to track their journeys to school while earning rewards along the way! Whether you're walking, cycling, scooting, or using any other sustainable transport, every trip you make counts!

How it Works:

- Track your travel each day using the WOW Travel Tracker in school.
- Each month, you'll have the chance to earn badges based on your efforts and milestones.
- There are a total of 11 badges to collect over the year. How many can you achieve?

Badges to Earn: Each badge represents a different achievement, from consistent effort to specific challenges throughout the school year. Collect them all and show off your eco-friendly travel habits!

Let's get started: Start tracking today and see how many badges you can collect. Ready to take on the challenge? We can't wait to see who can achieve the most badges this month!

Keep an eye on the monthly updates for new challenges and rewards. ✨

Remember: The more sustainable travel you do, the more badges you earn, and the more you contribute to a healthier planet!





## PARENTS COFFEE MORNING/AFTERNOON

**DATE: WEDNESDAY 22ND JAN**

**TIME: 9-10 AND 2-3**



The Compass Mental Health Support Team will be here to talk about who they are and what they do.

Booking not required.

Refreshments will be available.

Slade Primary School - Family Drop-In Session

All families are invited to join us at Slade Primary School on Wednesday, 22nd January for a drop-in session.

If you have any concerns about your child's mental health, please feel free to come along and speak with one of the Compass support workers. We're here to offer support and guidance.

We look forward to seeing you there!



# The Safe Sleep Scheme

Providing sleeping and baby equipment for families with children under 5

**City Wide Scheme**  
Funding Confirmed Until September 2024

This scheme is to provide sleeping equipment to families with children under 5 who are living in crisis situations. It was developed at Birmingham Forward Steps Child Poverty Group. Thrive Together Birmingham, Birmingham PlayCare Network, Spurgeons and Barnardos will work together to provide resource to families in need.

**Main referees:**

- Spurgeons and Barnardos workers
- Birmingham Forward Steps Children Centre Staff
- Health visitors working in the above districts.
- Other professionals/community organisations linked to families who can refer via Children centre staff.

**Do you support families who need Moses baskets, cots, and other baby essential items?**

**Are you confident that in your professional judgement these families are genuinely in need of support?**

**Can you fully complete the request for support form?**

If yes you can submit your application directly to [Emma@bpcn.org.uk](mailto:Emma@bpcn.org.uk) at Birmingham PlayCare Network to order and secure delivery of items listed from our project catalogue. You must have completed the request for support form fully and picked the required item from the catalogue. You must then be able to support the family through to delivery and receipt of the items.



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**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Which districts are included in the project?**

All districts are included, this is a city wide scheme.

**Does the family need to have an allocated Health Visitor?**

No, but it is useful to put on the referral form any professional's working with the family or who are known to the family.

**Who can refer?**

Any professional known to the family, Children Centre workers, Family support workers, Health Visitors, midwives, local community orgs working with families – you can all apply. For local community orgs they would need to connect with the family centre and do the referral through one of their staff.

**Who can't refer?**

Parents cannot directly refer themselves to the scheme, they would need to be sponsored by a professional who would complete the support form.

**What can a family order?**

Families can order equipment they need right now, each Moses basket or cot/cribbed will also come with a bedding set and additional sheets can also be requested. Please make sure that the family HAS SPACE to accommodate the items. It is no good ordering equipment if it can't fit in their current home.

**Does the equipment come flat packed?**

NO, Kinder Valley will come and assemble all items, Moses baskets, cots, beds, cot beds and cribs/cots. This is part of their risk assessment that their staff assemble all items when they are delivered. They can not be left unassembled and cannot be assembled by the parent.

**What happens about delivery?**

When BPCN place the order with Kinder Valley, their staff will call the family to arrange a date and time to deliver. If you know the family will need support with this, please could you be available if possible to ensure a successful delivery takes place.

**How to complete the referral form?**

Please make sure you complete the referral form as fully as possible, don't forget to put the district at the top and complete all the sections. Section 7 needs to demonstrate the crisis situation the family finds themselves currently in.

Book at [childrensquarter.org](http://childrensquarter.org) email: [development@childrensquarter.org](mailto:development@childrensquarter.org)

## Including ADHD Children & Young People

Friday 7 February 2025 10-2pm

Free training for Children's Quarter members and groups that are delivering Fit for All or Bring it on Brum HAF-funded sessions.

The course is for staff and volunteers working to provide inclusive physical activities and healthy food for children and young people (5-16 years) in Birmingham. It will give participants an up-to-date understanding of what ADHD is and the obstacles children and young people can face; providing insights into how to support ADHD kids and how to signpost to further support.

Newbigin Community Centre,  
Lodge Road Church Centre URC,  
143/4 Lodge Road, Birmingham B18 5BU

Session led by Nora Young who set up Birmingham Resilience Education Wellbeing Services CIC and who has developed and runs courses for parents and carers of ADHD Kids following a 27 year career as a teacher.

Lunch will be provided - or you can bring your own.



Training led and supported by:

**Birmingham Resilience Education and Wellbeing Services (BREWS)** is a non-profit group set up to support a preventative approach to the growing youth mental health crisis. [www.facebook.com/BREWSEducation](http://www.facebook.com/BREWSEducation)

**Bring it on Brum!** is a programme funded by the Department for Education designed for families in Birmingham to help children, young people and their parents have fulfilling, active, fun-filled and healthy school holidays. [www.bringitonbrum.co.uk](http://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk)

**Children's Quarter** is a cooperative of community groups, schools, charities and others who believe children and young people who are disabled or have mental health or other additional needs, and their families, should be fully included in society. CQ is run by its members and registered at Companies House with company no 11801331 and registered address at All Saints Centre, 2 Vicarage Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham B14 7RA. [childrensquarter.org](http://childrensquarter.org)



## Are You Pregnant?

# NISHKAM START OF LIFE CARE



Prepare for pregnancy, birth and beyond with our FREE culturally appropriate, community based antenatal course, consisting of 10 structured sessions led by GPs, neonatal nurses, midwives, dietitians and providing wraparound support with advice services and family support.

- ✓ Self-Care & Staying Healthy
- ✓ Baby Feeding
- ✓ Baby Bathing
- ✓ Preparing for Birth
- ✓ And Many More!

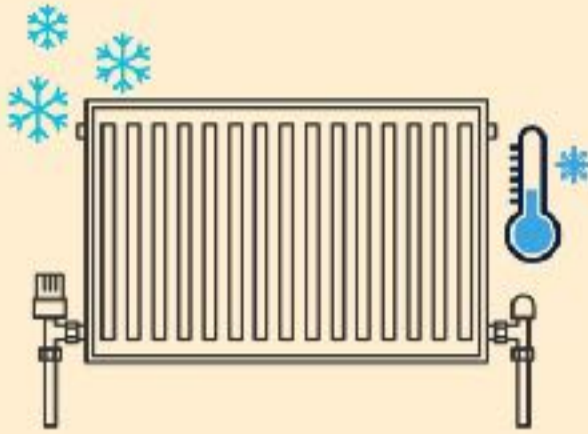
SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION



New classes begin in Jan/Feb 2025 [JOIN NOW](#) ☎ 0121-616-4228 [www.ncu4.org](http://www.ncu4.org)



# Himaya Haven Energy Fund



Up to £294 voucher for Gas!

You can only apply if you are:

- ✔ • A Social Housing Tenant (housing association, local authority, ALMO)
- ✔ • On a pre-payment meter
- ✔ • Facing financial difficulty or at risk of their meter cutting off due to lack of funds.
- ✘ • If you have British Gas or Scottish Power as your gas provider you are not eligible.

Contact: Mob: 07596 864 617



If you meet the criteria we will need the following information from you to process the application:

## Step 1

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Age
- Employment Status
- Ethnicity
- Any Physical/Mental Health Problem

## Step 2

### Evidence

- 1) A recent photo of your prepayment meter app
- 2) Proof of rent arrears or evidence of benefits/UC entitlement
- 3) Proof of tenancy

### Evidence 1 - Prepayment meter

- Meter must be visibly ON
- Picture must display a current balance/debt
- Picture must be clear and not blurry
- Picture of a prepayment meter in your home or a screenshot of your online energy account.

### Evidence 2 - Proof of rent arrears or benefits/UC

- Evidence of rent arrears (overdue rent): Through a screenshot of internal systems/letters sent to you detailing debt amount **OR**
- Evidence of benefits/UC entitlement: Benefits letter or a screenshot of full bank statement with reference to the payment being made



### Evidence 3 - Proof of tenancy

- Provide a picture of your lease or an email from your landlord to prove your tenancy agreement.

All Evidence should be within the last 3 months of referral being made, though we do know that in some cases it may be longer, e.g. confirmation of TTP letters

Contact us only when you have your evidence ready, so we can have a smooth process.

Contact: Mob: 07596 864 617



Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust



Erdington District Family Hub at Lakeside Children's Centres

### Activity Calendar

Groups to start back on week commencing 13th January 2025

Nothing makes children happier than having someone to play with.  
Children learn so much through play,  
we are helping their minds grow and develop when we take the time to play with them.

# GIRLS' FOOTBALL

## TOURNAMENT

AGED 12-17 YEARS, BY INVITE ONLY

Sunday 23rd February 2025  
10.30am - 6pm

VENUE:

**TALLY HO SPORTS GROUND**  
329 PERSHORE RD  
BIRMINGHAM, B5 7RY



ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES & SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCES

TO REGISTER YOUR CLUB. SCAN HERE:







As much as we love telling you of all the AMAZING things that your children do whilst in school we want to hear from you!

Any achievements, activities or celebrations that you would like to share with Slade and all our families, please do. We would love to hear and celebrate with you.

**LET US KNOW**

Send any information/photos to [enquiry@slade.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@slade.bham.sch.uk) with the subject title 'my magical moments'

We can't wait to see and share.





The school gates open daily at 8.40am and lessons start promptly at 8.55am. Please make sure your child is on time so that they do not miss any of their learning time.

Nursery AM 8.30-11.30am.

Nursery PM 12.15-3.15pm.

KS1 8.45am - 3.20pm.

KS2 8.45am - 3.25pm.

Please can we remind you that you are unable to drop your child to the office before school time without prior arrangements being made and confirmed. This would only be considered in the case of an emergency. Also, a reminder that it is of high importance that your child is collected on time from the classrooms. Ensure that you call the office if you are running late, and time after 3.30pm your child will be sent to kids club at a late charge of £5 every 30 minutes.

If your child is unwell and not be able to attend school, it is essential that parents call the office.

0121 675 0618 from 8am or email [enquiry@slade.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@slade.bham.sch.uk).

Please make every effort to get in touch so that we can ensure the safety of your children.

If you are unable to collect your child yourself and have made other arrangements please contact the office asap with a name and password to ensure that we are following our safeguarding rules.





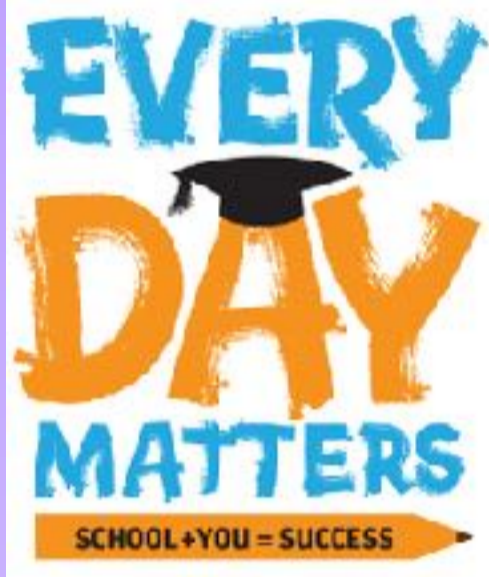
Purple jumper or cardigan  
White polo shirt or blouse  
Grey trousers/skirt/dress  
Black shoes (no trainers)

Please can you ensure that  
your child's uniform is labelled  
with their name and class.

Children should not wear  
jewellery to school. Where they  
have their ears pierced, they  
should only wear stud  
earrings.



# Attendance



Please can you ensure that non-emergency dental and optician appointments are booked outside school hours.

For any other medical appointments, we ask for evidence with via letter, appointment card or email. This is to support your child's authorised absence.

All lessons start promptly at 9.00am. Please can you ensure your child arrives by 8.55am through their allocated gate to avoid any learning time being missed.

We want our children in school and learning. Please support us with this by avoiding any unauthorised leave during term time. This ensures your children do not miss out on any learning and avoids any potential fines you may receive for taking unauthorised leave.

We aim for all children to achieve 96% or above attendance.

If your child is absent from school please report to the school office 0121 675 0618





## PE / SWIMMING KIT(Yr2-Yr6)

A plain white t-shirt - with or  
without logo

Black shorts/joggers

Trainers/black pumps

Girls - One piece swimming costume

Boys - Above knee trunks

Towel

No earrings are to be worn on swimming days

