



### Staff Updates

We're delighted to welcome back Mrs Long as she returns from maternity leave to start her role as Deputy Headteacher. We're also excited to extend a warm welcome to Miss Morris, who joins our leadership team as our new Assistant Headteacher. We look forward to the positive impact both will continue to have on our school community.



### Marathon Success for a Great Cause

Miss Barton, along with her family, proudly raised £1,600 for Birmingham Children's Hospital by taking part in the Manchester Marathon. After dedicating a year to training, she completed the 26-mile course in an impressive 4 hours and 24 minutes. A huge well done to Miss Barton and her family for their incredible effort and generosity!



# Y6 SATs

Don't get stressed...



Just do your best!

Remember you've been blessed...

With skills that SATs

**DON'T  
TEST!**







# BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE



EYFS Enjoy a Special Visit from British Transport Police

Our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) children were thrilled to welcome visitors from the British Transport Police this week. The officers spoke to the children about how they help keep people safe on trains and at stations, and answered lots of enthusiastic questions. The highlight of the visit was getting to explore a real police van—complete with flashing lights and sirens! Children also had the chance to try on police uniforms and role-play as officers. It was a fantastic hands-on learning experience that sparked curiosity and helped the children understand how the police support our communities. A big thank you to the British Transport Police for making the afternoon so memorable!





## VE Day 80th Anniversary: A Day of Reflection and Remembrance

Last Thursday, our school came together to honor the 80th anniversary of VE Day, celebrating the end of World War II in Europe. Students and staff wore red, white, and blue to show their respect and to commemorate this pivotal moment in history.

Throughout the day, a range of activities took place across the school, from history lessons focusing on the significance of VE Day, to art projects where students created their own tributes to those who served. The atmosphere was filled with a deep sense of gratitude and reflection as we remembered the courage and sacrifices of those who fought for our freedom.

In addition to our commemorative activities, we are pleased to announce that we raised a couple of hundred pounds for the Royal British Legion, a charity that provides support to veterans and their families. This generous contribution will go towards helping those who have served in the armed forces and ensuring that their sacrifices are never forgotten.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the day's events and supported the fundraising effort. It was a truly memorable occasion, and we are proud to have come together as a school community to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.





# Little Voices, BIG IDEAS

This month's discussion -  
'A dragon would make a  
great pet?' Do you agree or  
disagree?

Sentence stems -

I agree...

I disagree because...

Can I challenge that?



## Challenge

Disagree or present an  
alternative argument

### Start by saying:

- I disagree because ...
- To challenge you X, I think ...
- I understand your point of view, but  
have you thought about ...?



# MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK



Wear Green for Mental Health Awareness - Friday, 16th May

In support of Mental Health Week, we invite all pupils and staff to join in raising awareness by wearing green on Friday, 16th May. Green represents growth, harmony, and mental well-being, and together, we can show our support for mental health.

By donating just £1, you'll be contributing to raising awareness and funding for mental health initiatives that support individuals in need. Your donation will help provide resources and opportunities to continue spreading the important message of mental health care.

Let's come together as a community to stand for mental health, break the stigma, and show that we care. Whether it's a green t-shirt, scarf, or socks, wear something green and show your support!

Remember: All donations will go towards initiatives and resources supporting mental health awareness.

Thank you for your support, and let's make this day a meaningful one!

I WEAR  
GREEN  
MENTAL HEALTH  
AWARENESS

Ready  
to  
Talk?

Ready  
to  
Listen!

SEND Drop in Morning  
Come and have a chat and cuppa with  
Marie Smith.

Date : Tuesday 20th June 2025

Time : 9am

Location : Training Room

Refreshments will be provided.  
We look forward to seeing you  
there :)





**Mark  
your  
calendar**



12th-15th May - SATs

15th May - Lego Trip

20th May - SEND Coffee Morning

22nd May - Year 6 & Reception Height/Weight

4th June - Woodlands Trip

June - Batten Disease fundraising

11th June - Hatton Adventure  
Trip

16th June - Fathers Day Breakfast @815am (ticket only)

20th June - KS1 & KS2 Sports Day

26th June - Safari Trip

27th June - Wear own clothes ( Bottle donation)

3rd July - Wear own clothes ( Chocolate donation)

3rd July - Summer Disco (ticket only)

4th July - Teddy Bear Picnic

8th July - Star City Trip

9th July - Summer Fair 3.30-5pm

16th July - Symphony Hall Choir ONLY

18th July - Leavers assembly





# Our Curriculum

## Exciting Curriculum Development: Substantive Concepts

### Trade



### Transport



### Change



### Community



This term, we're spotlighting four cross-curricular substantive concepts - **Change**, **Transport**, **Trade** and **Community** - to help our pupils draw links between foundation subjects..

#### What are Substantive Concepts?

**Substantive concepts are the concrete “big ideas” that weave through each subject, giving pupils a shared language and helping them see connections across topics.**

History: Silk Road

Trade



Geography:  
Journey of  
Brazilian  
Rosewood

#### Why This Matters

Focusing on these ideas helps pupils to:

- **Make connections** between periods, places and disciplines
- **Develop critical thinking** by comparing how each concept plays out in different contexts
- **Build deeper understanding** through concrete, cross-subject case studies

DT: affordable materials

#### How to Explore at Home

Pick one concept and ask your child:

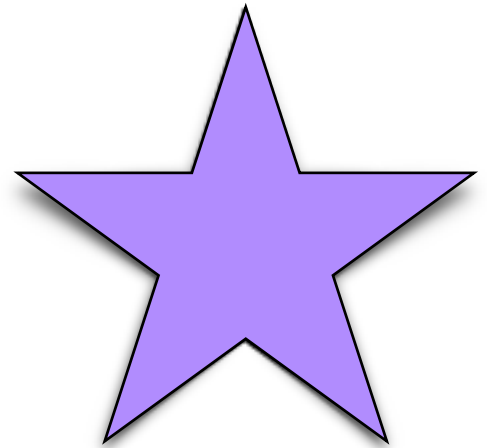
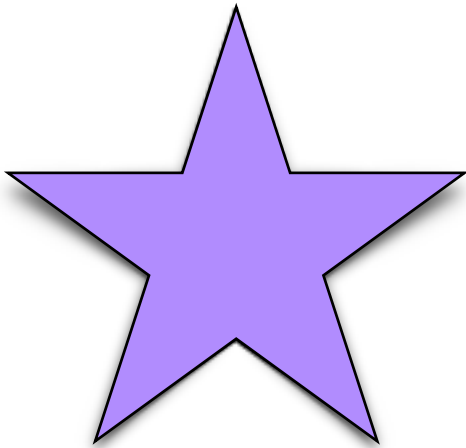
1. **Can you spot this idea in something you learned recently?**
2. **What example from another subject links to it?**
3. **How might it show up in today's world?**

You'll find a handy reference panel on the left listing this term's four substantive concepts—why not explore them together?

We can't wait to see how these ideas spark deeper connections and curiosity in our learners!

# Celebrate YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS.

We're excited to celebrate Sapphire, our Gymnast of the Week for their incredible achievements outside of school gymnastics! She has been putting in the extra work at their club, competing in and showing real growth in their skills and passion for gymnastics.



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.





Do you have any unused role play costumes that you can donate to our EYFS?

Please drop in to the main office.

"These centres are more than building they are lifelines for families. Helping us ensure our children have the best possible start in life. Forever grateful long they may continue." March 2025

### What does the Family Hub and Children Centre offer

At Erdington Family Hub we offer support to Families with Children aged 0-19 (25 with SEN)

Lakeside Children's Centre is the main Family Hub and Castle Vale and Featherstone Children's Centre our our Satellite Hub.

Our centres host a range of free services from

- Play and Learn
- SEND support
- Family Support
- Community Support
- Family Voices
- Duty Support
- Family Events
- Early Intervention support.

We have a daily Duty Worker and Family Support Practitioners who can offer advice and signposting around

- Low Level Housing Advice/ Signposting
- Debt, Welfare and Benefit Advice
- Community Signposting
- Childcare Choices Support
- Food Bank/ Baby Bank Support
- Safer Sleep Referrals
- Breastfeeding Support
- Domestic Abuse Support.



### Support

Families can be referred for support from the Children Centres either by calling their nearest Children Centre. Or via Birmingham Forward Steps Website as a self-referral or via a professional referral.

[www.birminghamforwardsteps.co.uk](http://www.birminghamforwardsteps.co.uk)  
[www.spurgeons.org](http://www.spurgeons.org) for further information

### Contact Information

- Lakeside Family Hub, Lakes Road, Erdington B23 7UH 0121 752 1970
- Castle Vale Children's Centre 372 Yatesbury Avenue, Castle Vale, B35 6DG 0121 752 1920
- Featherstone Children's Centre, 29 Highcroft Road, Erdington, B23 6AU 0121 752 1870

Erdington Childrens Centres



## Erdington Family Hub.

Find out what support local families can get receive from Erdington Family Hub.



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### Family Support

Sometimes children and their families might need some extra help, this might come from a range of different organisations, all working together.

Our Family Support Practitioners support local families via self referral or professional referral. This can either be from contacting the nearest Family Hub or via the Birmingham Forward Steps Website.

An Early Help Assessment is carried out between the Family and Family Support Practitioners, which is a way of recording down what is going well in your family, what are the worries and what needs to happen to help things improve.

You might need help in one or more of the following areas:

- School, Education or Training
- Home and Life Relationships
- Health and Emotional Wellbeing
- Work, Finances or Housing
- Domestic Violence or Abuse
- Crime or Anti-Social behaviour

### Community Support

Our Family and Community Liaison Navigators, help to establish links between Family Hubs and Health, Education, Faith, Community and Voluntary Sectors.

Community Support, help grow the local network of partners, to support how services can be delivered in different venues in each District, where you, our families tell us they are needed most, through Family Voices and Parent Consultations.

The team also supports with tackling poverty in the city by supporting families with Grants, Warm Clothes for Children, Safer Sleep schemes and supporting Families in Temporary Accommodation.

The team also lead on running events with our colleagues from SEND, Early Years and Family Support throughout the year from Eid, Christmas Parties to celebrating International Women's Day. They also support other local organisations with family events, such as Schools, Partner Organisations and Community Groups

"Today's event is about easter and at home you may do one or two events, but here there has been so much for the girls to do, that is dedicated to easter, there was a variety of crafts, food and we have loved the walk for the easter egg hunt. All staff have been really helpful." April 2025, Easter Party



### Early Years Support.



Our Early Years Practitioners deliver weekly Play and Learn sessions that take place at each centre, these are free to attend, no booking required for children aged 0-5 years.

Our Play and Learn sessions help develop your child with supporting School-Readiness, Parenting Skills and any Early Intervention.

The Play and Learn sessions encourage both Indoor and Outdoor play, with Social Interaction with peers.

Our Early Years Practitioners also support with 2 years development screening.

"I feel the staff are lovely and approachable to everyone they are a credit to the service."

March 2025

### SEND Support

Our SEND team, deliver Stepping Stones Groups across the district which is a specific Play and Learn groups for children aged 0-5, who are diagnosed and undiagnosed with additional needs. These are referral only groups ensuring small group numbers for those who are attending.

The SEND team also deliver a bespoke "Footsteps" programme which offers support to the parents of children with SEND and offer them on-going support when their children begin nursery and school.



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## ESOL Coffee Morning

### Free English Taster Session

Free Coffee Taster Session for parents to support their English

Thursday 19th June 2025 11.30am-12.30

At Featherstone Children's Centre, Highcroft Road, Erdington, B23 6AU

For more information please contact:

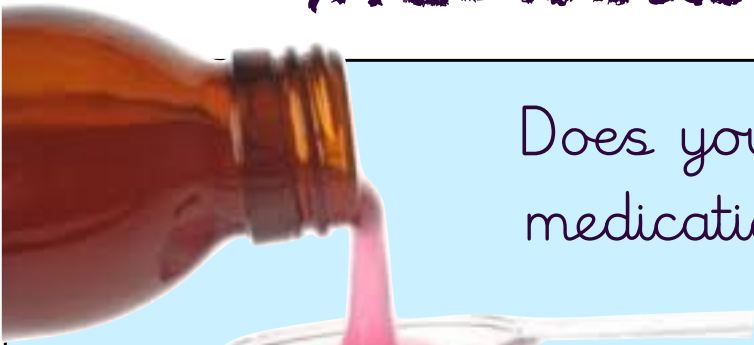
Kelly or Paige on 0121 752 1970 to find out more



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# Medication in School



Does your child need to take medication whilst in school?

1. Medication Forms: You need to fill out a form in the office for any medication your child needs during school hours.
2. Inhalers: If your child has an inhaler, the school will send you a text to inform you of number of puffs administered. All inhalers should be signed in with a spacer.
3. Calpol (or similar medications): If your child requires Calpol, the school will contact you for permission first. If you've provided a supply, they will use it; otherwise, they'll ask you to bring some in.
4. Medical Conditions: Any existing or new medical conditions should be reported to the office.
5. Antibiotics: These will be stored in the main office fridge and given to your child according to the form you've filled out.
6. Eczema Cream & Inhalers: These will be kept in the classroom for easy access.







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.

# Attendance



**EVERY  
DAY  
MATTERS**

**SCHOOL + YOU = SUCCESS**



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