



# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Dear Parents & Carers,

A big thank you to all of our families for your donations for the tombola on Monday- the children enjoyed a day of non-uniform, and our tombola boxes are brimming with goodies ahead of Saturday's Christmas Fair!

Our Twitter feed has started to fill with World Cup reading selfies as part of our reading challenges (see below if you have missed this info previously).

Each year group has also received a delivery of football related books to enjoy and share over the coming days:

- **Kicking a ball-** a picture book by Allan Ahlberg
- **World of football-** a non-fiction book full of facts
- **World at your feet-** features illustrations of 16 famous World Cup goals and 16 miniature poems to go alongside them

We'd love as many children (and families) to get involved as possible, here's how you can join in:

## WORLD CUP READING CHALLENGE

The World Cup kicked off in Qatar on Sunday so we would like to mark the event with a reading challenge!

### [Challenge 1: Children's World Cup reading selfies](#)

Do you enjoy a good book, magazine or newspaper about football? Share your love of reading via a reading selfie. Ask a grown-up to take a picture of you enjoying your favourite football text and ask them to share it with us on Twitter. Tag @Bnvillevillage in the photo and include the hashtag #BVPworldcupreadingchallenge

### [Challenge 2: Football goal reviews](#)

In the library, we are busy working away on a World Cup reading display. Children are invited to read or borrow a book about football and write a ball-shaped review which will hit the back of the net or go wide of the mark!

## DATES FOR DIARIES

Sat 3 Dec	PTA Christmas Fair
Mon 5 Dec	Y2 Edgmond Hall Residential
Tue 6 Dec	Y2 Edgmond Hall Day Visit Y4 Theatre Trip Y6 Greek Parthenon Workshop
Wed 7 Dec	Y5 Choir Members to sing for Memory Café, St Francis Church – 12.30pm - 1.30pm
Fri 9 Dec	KS1 Christmas play St Francis Church - <b>1C - 9.15 - 10.00am</b> <b>1T - 10.30 - 11.15am</b> <b>1G - 12.00 - 12.45pm</b>
	5GW BCMG Workshop 5M & 5E BCMG Workshop
Sat 10 Dec	Choir Concert at St Francis Church - 3pm
Mon 12 Dec	YR Musical Showcase - 9.15am Y6 Choir & Handbell Group to Quadrangle, Mary Vale Road – 1.30pm – 3pm
Wed 14 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 16 Dec	KS2 Carol Service - 9.30am Christmas Parties <i>Pupils Break up for end of term</i>

We were pleased to see Mrs Cooper in school again this week- this time, she spent some time with and getting to know our fantastic admin team. She was also joined by Matt Rogers who will also be joining us in January as our new School Business Manager.

Mrs Cooper also met with the school council this week who shared their action plan for the year with her- thank you for your hard work school councillors!

We do hope you are able to pop in and see us at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday: 11-3pm in George building!

Have a lovely weekend.

Jess Mattocks  
Interim Head Teacher

### **Polite Notice- Parking**

Please park legally and considerately: we have had further reports of inconsiderate parking which has led to near accidents due to a lack of visibility. There are many park and stride options to choose from including the ongoing agreement with Cadbury World, who allow us to use their car park at drop off and pick up times.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Those children who usually bring sandwiches, but would like a Christmas lunch, are able to pay on ParentPay.

### **Music News**

Today, our percussion ensemble played for the school during assembly. Thank you to Ms Reid for all her hard work and encouragement in running this group. We can't wait to hear you in the Symphony Hall next year!

This week, Y5 have received the 2nd of their 3 workshops with their composers as part of the BCMG 'Listen, Imagine and Compose' project. It is wonderful to hear such inspired composing and see the children working so well together. May we remind you that Y5 must bring their instruments into school for these workshops.

All our musicians are gearing up for a wonderful couple of weeks of Christmas music making. Our Year 5 choir members are performing for St Francis Centre Memory Cafe on 7th and Year 6 choir members for the Quadrangle on 12th December. Please do also come and support our choir and hand bell group when they perform as guests of the Friends of Bournville Carillon at their Community Christmas Concert on December 10th at St Francis Church. 3pm start.

### **Stopping Music Lessons - Deadline Passed**

The deadline has now passed to stop lessons for the Spring Term. The next opportunity to stop will be 17th March 2023.

Music lesson next term will start on Wednesday 4th January 2023 and finish on Friday 31st March 2023.

If you have any questions about music in school, please do email Claire Vaughan  
[music@bournvillevillageprimary.org.uk](mailto:music@bournvillevillageprimary.org.uk)

### PTA NEWS

The Christmas Fair is finally here!

As a reminder, here are some details for tomorrow's Fair:

Enter through the main doors off Woodbrook Road between 11:00 and 15:00 and enjoy the following:

- Santa's grotto (£2.50) with a gift and some goodies for each visitor.
- Craft room- Choice of four craft activities (50p each)
- Parent Gift Room (£5) where your child can pick from a selection of presents and be helped to wrap them up ready to give to you for Christmas
- Games run by Y6 Enterprise Teams in classrooms off the main hall (10p per go)
- Bring & Buy- All the donations of books, toys and Christmas Jumpers that you have donated will be available for you to "Pay what you feel"
- Christmas café with cakes, biscuits, samosas, crisps, tea/coffee and soft drinks also off the main hall. Prices as marked
- Tombola under the Christmas tree, 20p per go
- Raffle £1 per ticket, a range of donated gifts from stall holders, local businesses and parents and a hamper donated by school staff
- 12 craft designer/maker stalls from current and previous pupils and parents of the school in the main hall
- Silent disco playing Christmas Party tunes in the canteen downstairs including a paid for tuck shop and teas/ coffee

The team have tried hard to keep costs down so whatever your circumstances you can choose to come along and enjoy the activities and stalls. No one is excluded so please speak to a member of SLT if you feel unable to attend due to the cost.

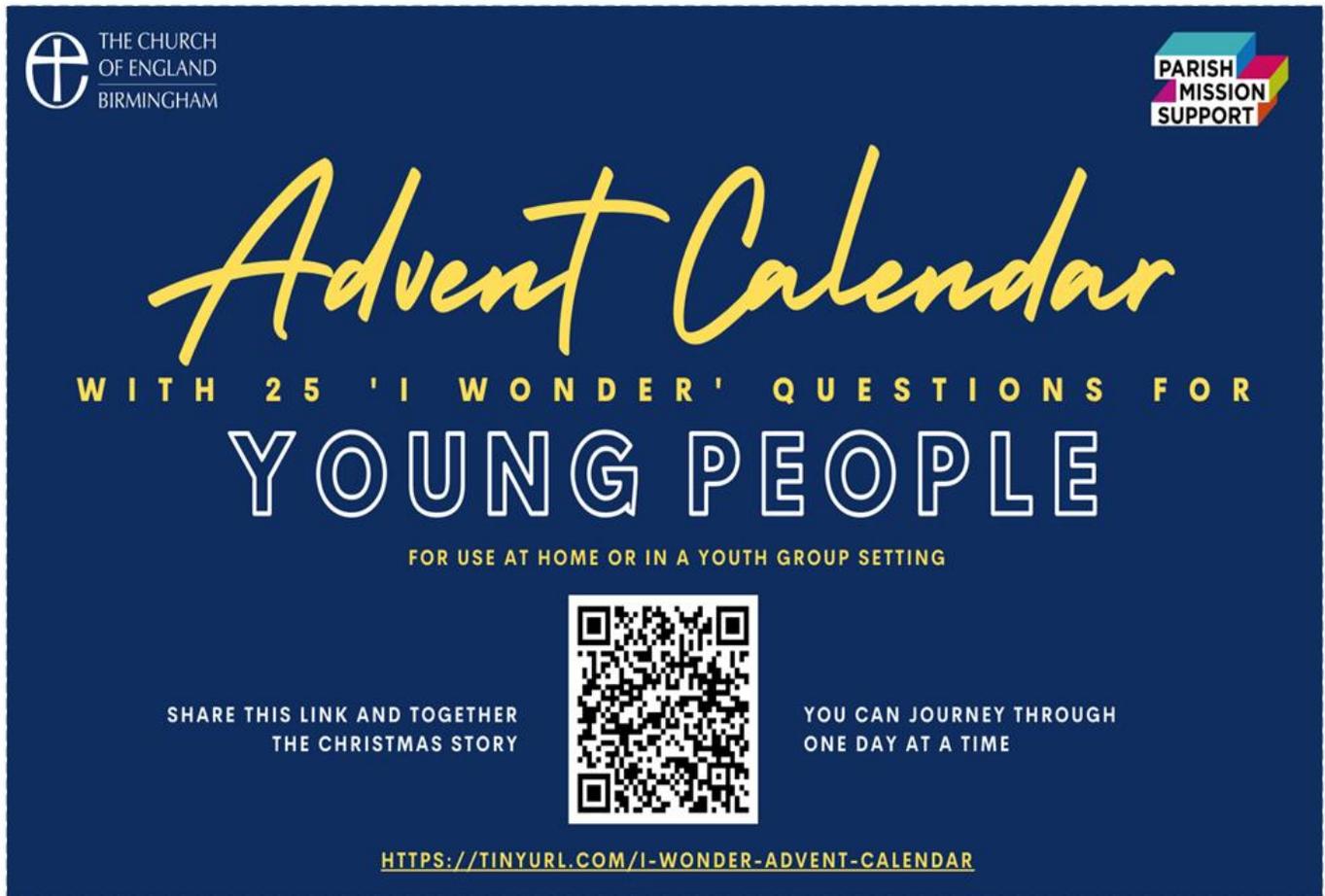
Please note, we are not doing hot food this year so please bring a packed lunch or snacks to keep you going should you wish to. We have set aside two classrooms for people to sit and enjoy their purchases from the café as well as any packed lunches.

We will be accepting cash throughout the event, but there is also the option to use a card. There will be card machines in the Café, Bring & Buy room and on the Raffle Ticket table where you will be able to purchase tokens for the various activities if you don't have cash on you.

We look forward to seeing you and your families on Saturday, from all the parent volunteers, year 6 helpers, staff and elves.

**A Message from Revd Richard Wharton, St Francis Church regarding a Diocesan "Advent Calendar"**

*"Here is a link that may help enrich our journey through Advent. It offers 25 'I Wonder...' windows for young people to use alone, with friends, or with their families. Simply click the QR code each day to open the next window and explore what lies at the heart of Christmas for you".*



The graphic features a dark blue background with white and yellow text. In the top left corner is the logo for The Church of England Birmingham, consisting of a white cross inside a circle. In the top right corner is a logo for Parish Mission Support, which is a colorful 3D cube with the text 'PARISH MISSION SUPPORT' on its faces. The main title 'Advent Calendar' is written in a large, yellow, cursive font. Below it, the text 'WITH 25 'I WONDER' QUESTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE' is displayed in a white, outlined, sans-serif font. Underneath that, in a smaller yellow font, it says 'FOR USE AT HOME OR IN A YOUTH GROUP SETTING'. In the center is a square QR code. To the left of the QR code, the text 'SHARE THIS LINK AND TOGETHER THE CHRISTMAS STORY' is written in white. To the right, 'YOU CAN JOURNEY THROUGH ONE DAY AT A TIME' is written in white. At the bottom, the URL 'HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/I-WONDER-ADVENT-CALENDAR' is written in yellow.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND BIRMINGHAM

PARISH MISSION SUPPORT

# Advent Calendar

WITH 25 'I WONDER' QUESTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

FOR USE AT HOME OR IN A YOUTH GROUP SETTING

SHARE THIS LINK AND TOGETHER THE CHRISTMAS STORY

YOU CAN JOURNEY THROUGH ONE DAY AT A TIME

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/I-WONDER-ADVENT-CALENDAR](https://tinyurl.com/i-wonder-advent-calendar)

**Be Empowered.....****Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers****Be Empowered Workshops****The first Face to Face workshop of this academic year****Wednesdays 10am – 1pm (for 6 weekly sessions)****Starting Wed 11<sup>th</sup>, Wed 18<sup>th</sup>, Wed 25<sup>th</sup> January, Wed 1<sup>st</sup>, Wed 8<sup>th</sup>, and  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023****At Northfield Community Partnership, St Nicholas Place, 81 The Green,  
Kings Norton, Birmingham, B38 8RU.**

Are you a parent of  
a child with special  
or additional  
needs?

Do you want to meet with other  
parents and learn more about  
local and national services and  
what they can offer?

Do you want to feel more  
confident about working with  
practitioners and making  
decisions about your child's  
journey?

We warmly invite you to a series of workshops that have been written by and are led by trainers who are parent/carers of a child with additional needs themselves.

These workshops are for parent/carers of children and young people of any age, with any additional need, with or without a diagnosis. They are an attempt to support parent/carers through times of change and at whatever stage of the journey participants may find themselves.

**TO BOOK – Complete the booking form and return to:****[BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk)**

For more information please contact: Christine Legore on **07770 762 056**

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING COMPLETED BOOKING FORMS IS WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022!****N.B We are unable to provide creche facilities.**

### Message from the NHS

Birmingham Children's Hospital's Emergency Department has been under significant, sustained pressure due to high levels of respiratory infections locally and unprecedented attendances.

Across the country, Children's EDs are seeing approximately a 20% increase on previous record attendances, with a number of units reporting a lack of beds for paediatric admissions.

BWC is asking colleagues in the community, education and other sectors to help by sharing some key advice to children, parents and carers to ease the pressure on hard working staff.

Please share the following key messages through your channels, networks, websites and wherever you think it could help:

- The Children's Hospital Emergency Department is incredibly busy – those who are not seriously ill will face very long waits to be seen and may need to go elsewhere for help.
- Remember, the Children's Hospital Emergency Department can't help with dental or eye issues. For an eye emergency, please attend the Midland Eye Centre at Dudley Road open 9am-7pm. NHS 111 can help with finding and accessing an Emergency Dentist
- There are things you can try before visiting, such as:
  - View our 'virtual consultations' to hear our doctors' advice on the most common reasons people come to the Emergency Department. [Click here](#).
  - Visit Healthier Together, a website recommended by our doctors, which has advice and resources for parents and young people. [Click here](#).
  - Visit [111 online](#) (for children aged 5 and over) answer questions about your symptoms on the website and they will tell you what to do next.
- Take these simple steps to keep well this winter:
  - Wash your hands regularly just like you did during the pandemic
  - Get your flu jab and COVID-19 booster



# MOSELEY FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE



**AT: QUEENSBRIDGE SCHOOL**  
**QUEENSBRIDGE ROAD, MOSELEY, BIRMINGHAM, B13 8QB**  
**STARTING: FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023**

<b>Fridays:</b>	Group 1: Reception & Year 1.....	4.30pm-5.30pm
	Group 2: Year 2 & 3.....	5.30pm-6.30pm
	Group 3: Year 4, 5, 6 & 7.....	6.30pm-7.30pm

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last **22 years**, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in January 2023. The course will run for approximately 12 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

#### About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by **F.A qualified coaches**, who are **DBS** checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential football techniques, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
- Children will be fully supervised at all times, although parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice and their progress will be recorded each week.
- It is an **indoor** course held in the sports hall, therefore children may wear trainers and sportswear.
- **Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Fulham player Geoff Horsfield** quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- **Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson** quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"

#### Presentation of trophies and award

- On the final week of the course, we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including 'premier league' and 'penalty shoot out' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.

The cost of the course is £7.50 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks with the first payment of £30.00 due on week 1. **Please Note:** Places are limited, therefore bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis. *Mark Frith (course co-ordinator)* [www.soccercoachinguk.co.uk](http://www.soccercoachinguk.co.uk)

**TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:**  
**QUEENSBRIDGE + CHILD'S FULL NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2 or 3)**  
 and receive confirmation by text to:  
**07827 322780**



**Bournville &  
Cotteridge  
Ward Meeting  
12 December 2022  
7pm  
at St Francis Youth &  
Community Centre,  
Sycamore Road  
B30 2AA**

Join your local Councillors and join in  
the discussion on local issues in the  
ward.

Contact Officer: Kay Thomas, Neighbourhood Development & Support Unit,  
Email: [kay.thomas@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:kay.thomas@birmingham.gov.uk)



# HelpinBrum

## Find Help In Brum Are you concerned about the rise in cost of living?

Find some helpful contact details for advice and support.

Birmingham City Council and partners are working to support and offer guidance to our residents during the cost of living crisis in the UK.

We want to support as many of our residents as possible across key areas which are outlined in this leaflet.

### Warm Welcome:

We are working with the local community and a partnership of voluntary and community sector organisations to expand a network of warm spaces. These spaces will be available for people to use and visit during the winter period and beyond.

There are several existing Warm Welcome Spaces within local communities across the city. Warm Welcome Spaces are:

- inclusive and non-judgmental
- heated and free to access

The services at each space will vary but may include:

- information on further support and available guidance
- opportunities to participate in activities and learn new things
- free internet access, computers and charging points
- a friendly environment to connect with others within the community

You can find details of our current Birmingham Warm Welcome Spaces at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/warmwelcome](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/warmwelcome)

Keeping checking back online as more spaces will be launched weekly.

### Benefits and Money Advice:

During the cost of living crisis, it is also important to ensure you have access to the right benefits and money advice for you. There are several information portals below which can help.

To find out what benefits you are entitled to, it is best to use the Benefits Calculator provided by the Government. Find out more by using this link [www.gov.uk/check-benefits-financial-support](http://www.gov.uk/check-benefits-financial-support)

Birmingham City Council has also developed several support factsheets which provide useful information on a range of debt related issues. You can view and download Information on [www.birmingham.gov.uk/debtadvice](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/debtadvice)

If you are struggling with debt and need advice and support you can also visit [www.birmingham.gov.uk/helpinbrum](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/helpinbrum) which can help direct you to the right information.

There are also other services who offer free and confidential advice:

- The Project - Benefit, debt and housing advice  
0121 453 0606 | [www.theprojectbirmingham.org](http://www.theprojectbirmingham.org)
- Citizens Advice Birmingham - Advice on benefits, debt, housing and more  
0344 477 1010 | [www.bcabs.org.uk](http://www.bcabs.org.uk)
- Disability Resource Centre - Advice and advocacy services for disabled people  
03030 402 040 | [www.disability.co.uk](http://www.disability.co.uk)

### Energy Efficiency:

As energy costs rise we are committed to reducing energy bills and helping everyone to keep warm as we head into the winter months.

There are several schemes already available for residents, with full information and guidance available at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/energyhelp](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/energyhelp)

There has been a significant rise in energy scams linked to the cost of living crisis.

There is some helpful support on the Birmingham City Council website to avoid these scams.

[www.birmingham.gov.uk/energyscam](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/energyscam)

### Food Support:

The cost of living crisis has made it much more difficult for many people to afford food. If this is something you are experiencing, there are several information points below which can help.

#### Foodbanks:

We know that accessing a foodbank or other projects for the first time can be daunting. However, the volunteers do their utmost to make visitors feel welcome.

With one visitor saying *"It was just a small personal touch that made you feel welcome and on the occasions where I was on a tiny budget, it also felt like somebody did care that times were tough."*

To find a foodbank or other food support please visit <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/foodhelp>

#### Healthy Start card

If you are 10 weeks pregnant or more, have a child under four years old, or you or your family get certain benefits, you may be able to qualify for a Healthy Start card.

The card has money on it to be used in shops to buy: plain liquid cow's milk; fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables; fresh, dried, and tinned pulses; and infant formula milk based on cow's milk. You can also get free vitamins.

To find out more and way to apply visit [www.birmingham.gov.uk/healthystart](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/healthystart)

#### Free School Meals

You can also check if your child can get free school meals, visit [www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-meals](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-meals) to see if you are eligible. (This will also automatically register you for the Holidays, Activities and Food Programme.)

### More Information Available

Even more information is available on the Birmingham City Council website [www.birmingham.gov.uk/helpinbrum](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/helpinbrum) which can guide you to various organisations depending on the help you may require. Alternatively, phone 0121 303 9944 and one of our customer service team will be able to help you.

### Other Support Available

There is also a lot of support at a local and national level. Here are some key contacts if you need information or guidance:

#### Age UK Birmingham

Information, advice and helpline services for older people (50+), their families and carers  
0121 437 0479 | [www.ageuk.org.uk/birmingham](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/birmingham)

#### Birmingham Mind

Providing advice, information and signposting for people affected by mental health issues  
0121 262 3555 | [www.birminghammind.org](http://www.birminghammind.org)

#### Moneyhelper

Advice to help improve your finances  
0800 138 7777 | [www.moneyhelper.org.uk](http://www.moneyhelper.org.uk)

#### Stop Loan Sharks

Investigates and prosecutes illegal money lenders and provides support for borrowers  
0300 555 2222 | [www.stoploansharks.co.uk](http://www.stoploansharks.co.uk)

#### Turn2Us

Information and financial support  
0808 802 2000 | [www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk)

#### Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid

Support for women and children affected by domestic violence and abuse  
0800 800 0028 | [www.bswaid.org](http://www.bswaid.org)

#### Shelter

Housing advice 0808 800 4444 | [www.england.shelter.org.uk](http://www.england.shelter.org.uk)

#### The Active Wellbeing Society

Listen and Connect support people to feel heard, connect with others, be active, live well and access information  
0121 728 7030 | [www.theaws.co.uk/listen-connect](http://www.theaws.co.uk/listen-connect)

#### The Refugee and Migrant Centre

Advice on immigration, housing & destitution, welfare & health, employment & education, resettlement and citizenship  
0121 374 0140 | [www.rmcentre.org.uk](http://www.rmcentre.org.uk)

#### Spitfire Services

Advice on money, benefit, housing and employment issues  
0121 747 5932 | [www.spitfireservices.org.uk](http://www.spitfireservices.org.uk)