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Friday 10th October 2025

Parent/Carer Information

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We have removed effected copies of the book from our school library and classroom book corners.





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Attendance Matters

Autumn 1 Attendance

	<u>Wk1</u>	<u>Wk2</u>	<u>Wk3</u>	<u>Wk4</u>	<u>Wk5</u>	<u>Wk6</u>	<u>Wk7</u>	<u>Wk8</u>	<u>½ term</u>
<u>Nursery</u>		95.8	93.3	95.8	93.7	92.6			
<u>Reception</u>		99.6	94.9	92.4	99.3	97.1			
<u>Year 1</u>	98.3	100	97.7	94.0	96.3	99.7			
<u>Year 2</u>	94.0	96.0	97.9	99.6	98.7	97.4			
<u>Year 3</u>	99.2	98.3	95.7	95.3	97.3	94.7			
<u>Year 4</u>	98.8	97.7	99.7	100	100	98.6			
<u>Year 5</u>	93.5	94.8	95.0	95.0	98.4	100			
<u>Year 6</u>	89.5	89.4	96.9	98.3	94.1	93.1			
<u>Whole school</u>	95.6	96.4	97.3	97.2	97.5	97.3			

Well done Year 5 you have the best attendance this week with 100%

Musician of the Week

Each week in school we have a musician of the week to promote a range of music from different genres, countries and time periods. Here is this week's musician of the week

Musician of the Week

Name: Aretha Franklin

FACTS ABOUT OUR MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK!

1. Aretha Franklin was born on March 25th, 1942
2. Franklin influenced countless soul, R&B, and pop artists over the past several decades.
3. Her song "Respect" became a mantra for both the women's rights and civil rights movements.

GENRE
Soul, Gospel, R&B





Singers of the week

Y1 - Destiny
Y2 - O'Shea
Y3 - Kaiden
Y4 - Sarvani
Y5 - Lemari
Y6 - Minnie

Our class choir of the week is Year 2! 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.

Italian Brainrot

Italian Brainrot is a viral trend consisting of AI generated characters featuring in memes and videos. The trend started on TikTok in early 2025 but can now be seen on other platforms. There are also lots of spinoff content including a game on Roblox as well as plush toys being sold in various places. Whilst the content is generally suitable and something that children will find comical, some content can include inappropriate/offensive language and content that might not be suitable for your child's age.



Year 6 Parents – Apply for Secondary School Place

You can now apply for your child's secondary school place. **The application process closes on 31 October 2025.** Please click on the link below and this will take you to the application form you need to complete, applications are made via the online form

Applying for secondary school

[Home](#) | [Schools and education](#) | [School admissions](#) | [Applying for secondary school](#)

[You can now apply for a secondary school place for children starting Year 7 in September 2026.](#)

[Apply for a secondary school place](#)

The application process closes on 31 October 2025.

You can only apply if your child's date of birth falls between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015.

[Applying for secondary school | Sandwell Council](#)

You can only apply if your child's date of birth falls between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015.

If you need any help with this please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Parent consultations

Please contact the school office to sign up to see your child's class teacher

Tuesday 21 st October	Parent consultation day 8am – 6.30pm (N, 1, 4 & 5)
Wednesday 22 nd October	Parent consultation day 8am – 6.30pm (R, 2, 3 & 6)



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Dates for your Diary – 2025 – 2026

(don't forget you can download our calendar by following this link

[Calendar \(annielennardprimary.co.uk\)](http://annielennardprimary.co.uk)

Month	Date	Event
October		
	Tuesday 21 st	Parent consultation day 8am – 6.30pm (N, 1, 4 & 5) Hindu Festival of Divali
	Wednesday 22 nd	Parent consultation day 8am – 6.30pm (R, 2, 3 & 6)
	Thursday 23 rd	Year 5 & 6 trip to the Royal Opera House London to watch The Magic Flute
	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st	Half Term Holiday – school closed
November	Monday 3 rd	Training Day – school closed to pupils
	Wednesday 5 th	Guru Nanak Birthday Bonfire Night
	Wednesday 5 th	Year 1 and Year 2 theatre trip to see Gruffalo's Child
	Thursday 6 th	School Disco – times to be confirmed
	Tuesday 11 th	Remembrance Day
	Tuesday 18 th	Bible stories assembly with Paul Wilmott – years 1 to 6
	Friday 21 st	Children in Need day
December	Tuesday 2 nd	Y1 visit to St Hildas Church
	Monday 15 th	Christmas Dress up fundraising day
	Tuesday 16 th	KS1 Christmas Play 2.30 school hall
	Wednesday 17 th	EYFS Christmas Play 9.15 school hall
	Thursday 18 th	Christmas Party Day
	Friday 19 th	Break up for Christmas Holidays
	Monday 22 nd – Friday 2 nd Jan	Christmas Holidays – school closed
January	Monday 5 th	School reopens to pupils
	Wednesday 7 th	Young Voices Year 3/ Year 4 and the year 5/6 choir 12pm – 9.30pm @ NEC arena
February	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th	Half term holiday – school closed
	Monday 23 rd	school reopens to pupils
	Tuesday 24 th	Parent consultation day 8am – 6.30pm (N, 1, 3 & 5)



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	Wednesday 25 th	Parent consultation day 8am – 6.30pm (R, 2, 4 & 6)
March	Monday 2 nd	St Davids Day –
	Thursday 5 th	World Book Day – children to dress up as their favourite book character
	Tuesday 17 th	St Patricks Day –
	Friday 20 th	Red Nose Day
	Friday 27 th	Pupils break up for the Easter Holidays
	Monday 30 th – Friday 10 th	Easter Holidays – school closed to pupils
	April	
April	Thursday 23 rd	St Georges Day
May	Monday 4 th	MAYDAY Bank Holiday – school closed
	Monday 11 th	Year 6 SATS paper SPAG
	Tuesday 12 th	Year 6 SATS paper Reading
	Wednesday 13 th	Year 6 SATS paper 1 & 2 maths
	Thursday 14 th	Year 6 SATS paper 3 maths
	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th	Half Term Holiday
June	Monday 1 st	Training Day – school closed to pupils
	Tuesday 2 nd – Friday 5 th	Year 4 Multiplication test to be administered this week
	Friday 5 th	Class Photos
	Monday 8 th – Friday 2 th	Year 1 phonic screening test to be administered this week
July	Monday 6 th	Sports Day
	Friday 10 th	School reports sent home today
	Monday 13 th	Year 6 Prom 6pm – 8pm @ Thimblemill Recreation Club – tickets £15.00 per pupil
	Wednesday 15 th	Class swap – pupils will meet their new teacher
	Monday 20 th	Training Day – school closed to pupils



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PE days for the coming year

PE						
	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer term	
	1pm – 2pm	2pm – 3pm	1pm – 2pm	2pm – 3pm	1pm – 2pm	2pm – 3pm
Monday	Y3	Y1	Y4	Y1	Y4	Y1
Tuesday	Y3	Y2	Y4	Y2	Y3	Y4
Wednesday	Y1	Y5	Y1	Y5	Y1	Y2
Thursday	Y6	Y2	Y6	Y2	Y6	Y2
Friday	Y6	Y5	Y6	Y5	Y6	Y3

Uniform

From September 2025 we are proposing a more relaxed approach to our uniform policy. If children wish to wear grey/ black joggers and red hoodies on non-PE days this now permitted. We want our pupils to feel comfortable throughout the day. We encourage all pupils to wear uniform every day; however, we know things happen and sometimes this isn't possible due to a variety of reasons and that is ok, what is more important is that your children are in school, we just ask for it not to be long term.

To view the updated policy, a list of school uniform and where you can buy embroidered uniform please follow the link below.

<https://annielennardprimary.co.uk/School-Information/Uniform>

We do not require you to buy uniform with the school logo on, it is there as an option. Supermarkets are a great place to buy uniform from for reasonable prices, as is shops such as Primark (I'm keeping a close eye on to see if they have red hoodies come in for children as they had them for adults). Amazon also do reasonably priced plain red hoodies. I have also been told that Shein do some reasonably priced red hoodies too