



Friday 11th September 2026



Welcome back to school!

I hope you had a wonderful summer break and are ready for a fresh, exciting new year filled with learning, friendships, and growth.

Welcome to all our new families who have joined us over the last week, we look forward to working with and getting to know you.

Attendance Matters

Autumn 1 Attendance

	<u>Wk1</u>	<u>Wk2</u>	<u>Wk3</u>	<u>Wk4</u>	<u>Wk5</u>	<u>Wk 6</u>	<u>Wk 7</u>	<u>Wk8</u>
<u>Nursery</u>								
<u>Reception</u>								
<u>Year 1</u>	91.1	94.1						
<u>Year 2</u>	97.1	99.0						
<u>Year 3</u>	95.1	95.8						
<u>Year 4</u>	95.0	95.3						
<u>Year 5</u>	97.8	98.0						
<u>Year 6</u>	95.6	96.3						
<u>Whole school</u>	95.3	96.5						

Well done **Year 2** you have the best attendance this week.

Whole school Attendance is running at 96%



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Apply for your Reception Place – applications open Monday 15th September, please see letter below from Sandwell LA.



My ref: School Admissions

Parent Support Line: 0121 569 6765

Date: 11th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

PLEASE KEEP THIS LETTER SAFE FOR YOUR SCHOOL APPLICATION

Applying online for your reception or junior (Year 3) school place for September 2027

This is to give you notice that you will be able to apply for a reception or junior (year 3) school place for your child from Monday 14 September 2026.

Now is the time to start thinking about your options. When considering which schools to apply for, we suggest that you look out for details of open days/evenings which will be publicised on the [schools](#) website and local press. Consider how closely you meet the school's admission criteria and visit the LA website to view our parent guide.

To apply please first register or sign in (if you have an account already) on the [Parent Portal](#), you will then receive an email with a link to complete and submit your application (**Non-Sandwell residents should contact your home Authority**).

Please note: To have the best chance of getting the school you want, you must apply by the closing date of **15 January 2027**.

Applying online is easy and secure - over 95% of parents did last year. Don't worry, if you don't have a computer at home, you can also apply from one of Sandwell's 19 libraries and at Sandwell primary schools that offer computer support. You may also apply from a mobile device (e.g. smartphone or tablet).

Should you require further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us via email at annual_schooladmissions@sandwell.gov.uk, phone our Parent Support Line - 0121 569 6765 or view our [parent guide](#) online.

Yours sincerely

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Year 5 and Year 6 Parents

Please see below dates and times for open days at local secondary schools.

School	Date(s)	Type	Time
Bristnall Hall Academy	Saturday 19 th September 2026	Open Morning	10am – 1pm.
	Weeks commencing Monday 21 st and Monday 28 th September 2026	Open Fortnight	During school day (booking required – details on website)
George Salter Academy	Tuesday 22 nd September 2026	Open Evening	TBC – check website
Gospel Oak School	Thursday 17 th September 2026	Open Evening	6pm - 8pm.
Holly Lodge Secondary School	Wednesday 23 rd September 2026	Open Evening	5pm -7pm
	Saturday 26 th September 2026	Open Morning	9.30am -11.30am
	Friday 18 th September and Tuesday 29 th September	Open Morning (school day)	9.30am - 10.45am
Oldbury Academy	Monday 21 st September 2026	Open Evening	5:00pm – 7:00pm (booking required via school website)
	22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th & 25 th September 2026	Open Mornings	9.30am (booking required via school website)
Ormiston Forge Academy	Thursday 24 th September 2026	Open Evening	Evening (see website for details)
	Saturday 26 th September 2026	Open Morning	Morning (See website for details)
	Week commencing Monday 28 th September 2026	Tours	By appointment only
Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy	Tuesday 22 nd September 2026	Open Evening	TBC – Check website
	Wednesday 23 rd Thursday 24 th and Friday 25 th September 2026	Open Mornings	TBC – Check website
Perryfields Academy	Wednesday 9 th September 2026	Open Morning	9am – 10am. Bookings here .
	Thursday 17 th September 2026	Open Evening	5pm – 7pm. Bookings here .
	Saturday 19 th September 2026	Open Morning	10am – 11am
	Friday 25 th September 2026	Open Morning	9am – 10am. Bookings here .



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Phoenix Collegiate	Thursday 17 th September 2026	Open Evening	4pm - 7.30pm
Q3 Academy – Great Barr	Thursday 1 st October 2026	Open Evening	4:30 – 7pm.
Q3 Academy – Langley	Thursday 24 September 2026 Week Commencing 28 September 2026	Open Evening Open Mornings	5pm – 9pm. No booking required. 9am – 11am. Bookings via school website.
Q3 Academy – Tipton	Saturday 26 September 2026	Open Evenings	9am – 11.30am. Bookings here .
Sandwell Academy	16 th September 2026 5 th October 2026	Open Evening Open Evening	TBC – Check website
Shireland Biomedical University Technical College	Thursday 17 th September 2026 Saturday 19 th September 2026	Open Evening Open Day	4pm – 7pm 10am – 1pm
Shireland Collegiate Birmingham Symphony Orchestra Academy	16 th September 2026 19 th September 2026	Open Evening Open Morning	5pm - 7:30pm 9am - 11am
Shireland Collegiate Academy	Tuesday 15 th September 2026 Wednesday 16 th - Friday 18 th September 2026	Open Evening Open Day Tours	TBC – Check website.
St Michael's Church of England High School	Wednesday 16 th September 2026 Thursday 17 th September 2026	Open Evening Open Day	TBC – Check website
Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School	Thursday 24 th September 2026	Open Evening	6pm - 8pm
West Bromwich Collegiate Academy	Thursday 10 th September 2026	Open Evening	4.30pm - 8pm
Windsor Olympus Academy	Wednesday 24 th September Thursday 25 th September and Friday 26 th September	Open Evening Open Morning	5pm 9am
Wodensborough Ormiston Academy	Wednesday 16 th September Wednesday 21 st October	Open Evening Open Evening	4:30pm - 7:30pm 3:30pm - 5pm
Wood Green Academy	Wednesday 23 rd September 2026	Open Evening	5:30pm – 7.30pm

Year 7 applications

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](#)



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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

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor on the board. If you are at all interested, please see the letter at the end of this newsletter that has all the information you need. Nominations are to be handed into school by Friday 18th September 2026



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Dates for your Diary – 2026 – 2027

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

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



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	Tuesday 23 rd	Parent Consultation Day for Reception, Year 2, Year 4 & Year 6
	Wednesday 24 th	Parent Consultation Day for Nursery, Year 1, Year 3 & Year 5
March	Thursday 4 th	World Book Day
	2 nd	Year 3 to visit St Hildas
	11 th	Year 4 to visit St Hildas
	18 th	Rev Jenny assembly
	18 th	Rev Jenny working with year 6
	Friday 19 th	Red Nose Day
March/April	Friday 26 th March – Friday 9 th April	Easter Holidays
April	Monday 12 th	Return to School
	27 th	Reception to visit St Hildas
May	Monday 3 rd	Bank Holiday Monday
	6 th	Year 5 to visit St Hildas
	10 th – 13 th	Year 6 SATS – all year 6 must be in school all week
	13 th	Rev Jenny assembly
	26 th – 28 th	Year 2, 3, 4 5, and 6 residential trip to Edgmond Hall
	31 st – 4 th	Half Term Holiday
June	Monday 7 th	Return to School
	7 th – 11 th	Year 4 Multiplication test administered this week
	14 th – 18 th	Year 1 phonic screening test to be administered this week
	29 th	Year 6 to visit St Hildas
July	Friday 9 th	Reports out to parents
	Friday 16 th	Provisional date for year 6 production
	Monday 19 th	Provisional date for year 6 Prom, 6pm – 8pm @ venue to be confirmed – tickets £15.00 per pupil
	Wednesday 21 st	Year 6 leavers assembly



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Dear Parent/Carer

Election of Parent Governors

I am writing to invite you to stand for election as a parent governor or nominate another parent to do so. In our school we have provision for 2 parent governor(s) and there is currently 1 vacancy

The governing board, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing boards have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The role of governor can be demanding but very rewarding. Parent governors serve a 4 year term of office and under usual circumstances, can expect to spend between 10 and 20 days a year on governing duties. These include:

- attending meetings of the governing board, usually outside of school hours and contributing to governing board business;
- reading reports and papers and keeping up to date on the progress the school is making; and
- visiting the school from time to time during the school day.

You will be expected to sign a governors' Code of Conduct, and to have:

- a strong commitment to the role and improving outcomes for children;
- the inquisitiveness to question and analyse;
- the willingness to learn;
- good inter-personal skills;
- appropriate levels of literacy in English (unless a governing board is prepared to make special arrangements); and
- sufficient numeracy skills to understand basic data.



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No special qualifications are needed. However a DBS check is a statutory requirement and must be applied for within 21 days of election/appointment. The most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing boards work. Training is available for all governors and this governing board has an expectation that those new to being a governor attend induction training.

Parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours per academic year or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand in these elections. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day those nominations close.

If you would like to stand for election, please complete the enclosed nomination form and return it to the school no later than **Friday 18th September 2026**. You may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 250 words. Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent please seek their prior consent. If there are more nominations than vacancies the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

We must stress that new statutory guidance advises that the governing board publishes online for each governor certain information including their full name, relevant business interests, whether a governor serves on another governing board and relationships with staff in the school. There is a statutory requirement for all governors to have a DBS check and you would be expected to abide by and sign a code of conduct.

May I take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully,
Natalie Crozier
Head Teacher



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Nomination Form

Election of parent governors

Please enter IN BLOCK LETTERS the name and address of the person being nominated for election:

Name:

Address:

Being the parent/guardian of (name of pupil): -----

Signature of person nominated: -----

Signature of proposer (if different to nominee): -----

Name and address in BLOCK letters of proposer (if different to nominee):

Personal Statement (maximum 250 words) Please add this on a separate page if needed.

I wish to submit my nomination for the election of parent governor (subject to DBS check).

I confirm a) that I am willing to stand as a candidate for election as a parent governor and b) that I am not disqualified from holding office for any of the reasons set out in the School Governance Regulations.

I understand that neither the headteacher or the Director of Education bear responsibility for the validity of any statement made above.

Signature

(Date)

Completed nomination forms must be returned to the school by Friday 18th September 2026