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NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL NEWS

Ofsted

As you may already be aware, we welcomed Ofsted to our school this week. The visit provided an opportunity to showcase the hard work, dedication and commitment of our staff, the enthusiasm of our pupils, and the support of our families.
The team were incredibly impressed by the behaviour and learning of all the children and wanted to say a huge thank you for making them feel so welcome.

Parents' Evening

A big thank you to all our parents and carers who attended Parents Evening. It was great to have the chance to meet up with you and share your child's progress. We really value the partnership between home and school, and your support plays a huge part in your child's success. We hope you found the food tasting and local service representatives enjoyable and useful.

After School Clubs

This term's After School Clubs have now ended.
Next term's After School Clubs will begin week commencing 2nd November 2026. You will receive a text to let you know if your child has been given a place or not. Any child that missed getting a place will be put on the waiting list. Places are given to ensure every child has the opportunity to take part in a club throughout the year, so please do not worry if your child did not get a place this time.

Children in Need

On **Friday 13th November** we will be holding a non-uniform day in aid of Children in Need. Our school is excited to be joining many others around the UK to participate in this fundraising programme. As part of the day, children will be encouraged to **wear something yellow or spotty**, whether that be a hat, scarf, top or trousers. **Donations will be welcome** and these can be placed on the Pudsey Bear that will be in the playground.

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Black History Month

Across the school, children have celebrated Black History Month by exploring inspirational figures, significant historical events and the achievements of Black British individuals. Through stories, artwork, poetry, research and discussion, pupils have developed their understanding of equality, diversity, courage and determination.

Assemblies and vibrant floorbook displays have showcased their learning, creativity and reflections, including the importance of everyday heroes in our families, school and community.

These experiences have brought our school values of Kindness, Resilience, Pride, Curiosity and Ambition to life, encouraging children to celebrate diversity, respect others and recognise their potential to make a positive difference in the world.

Parent Workshops

As previously shared with you, we have scheduled a programme of workshops over the course of the year and are excited to invite you to our upcoming **Phonics and Reading Workshops**! Please see Dates for your Diary section for dates and times of workshops.

The workshops will be **friendly, relaxed and fun**. There is no test, and nobody will be expected to read aloud or get anything right! You do not need to be good at reading or speak English confidently to come along. You do not need to know anything about phonics before you come. We will be showing you some **simple and fun ways** to help your child.

Everyone's warmly welcome and we would really love **all parents and carers to come along**. Everyone who does attend will be entered in to a prize draw, with a chance of winning a gift voucher!

If you have any questions, please speak with Mrs Rai, Family Support Worker.

Frank Chapman

Children in years 3 and 4 have the golden opportunity to visit Frank Chapman Residential Centre in Bewdley, Kidderminster from Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th June 2026. A visit to Frank Chapman would be a wonderful opportunity for your child to explore, learn new skills, build confidence and create lasting memories through exciting, hands-on experiences in the great outdoors. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Therefore, please submit an expression of interest by giving staff in the school office your child's name as soon as possible, as per the letter sent home.

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Flu Immunisations

There will be a catch-up session for Flu Immunisations on Tuesday 24th November 2026. The children's flu vaccine is a quick and painless nasal spray in each nostril, which helps the child's immune system produce antibodies to fight the flu virus, providing protection against the most common types of flu viruses. If you would like your child to receive an immunisation, please call the **Immunisations Team on 0121 592 1110.**
This does not apply to children in nursery.

Applying for a School Place

If you have a child starting Reception in September 2027 the online application process for applying opens on **Monday 14th September 2026** and closes on **Friday 15th January 2027.**

If your child is in Year 6, the online application process for applying for secondary school is now open and closes on **Friday 31st October 2026.**

If you require any support completing applications please see Mrs Rai, Family Support Worker.

Attendance

Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting regular school attendance and helping us to have a strong first term.
We are a leading school in Sandwell for attendance and Ofsted recognised this significant strength of King George V Primary during their visit.
You should all be really proud of your big part in achieving this. We really could not have done this without your hard work and support!

FREE Breakfast Club Provision

This is a reminder that we are now delivering a FREE breakfast club for all who want to use the service. Our free breakfast club runs from **8.10am to 8.40am.**

Should your child need to attend breakfast club before 8.10am, this will be chargeable. The cost for this would be £1.00 per day. **Children can attend the chargeable breakfast club from 7.45am.**

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Please note that, as we are now running a FREE breakfast club, toast and bagels are no longer provided of a morning.
Children in Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Two will continue to receive a piece of fruit each morning.

Family Support Worker

Family Support Worker Mrs Rai is here to provide support and to signpost for any issues you may have. Please speak to her at the gates; she is there every morning and afternoon, or contact the school office to arrange an appointment if you have any issues.
For families in Sandwell, Food Hubs often work alongside Sandwell Family Hubs and local community organisations to provide practical support and help families' access wider services. Food Banks help individuals and families who may be struggling with food costs, financial hardship, or accessing essential supplies. Services can vary by area, but typically include:

- Emergency food parcels for families experiencing crisis or hardship.
- Low-cost food memberships, where families can access affordable groceries each week.
- Advice and support with benefits, debt, budgeting, and money management.
- Signposting and referrals to other services, such as Family Hubs, housing support, employment support, and children's services.
- Healthy eating support, including cooking sessions and nutrition advice.
- Holiday food support for families with children during school holidays.

West Bromwich Food Bank
West Bromwich Community Church, 23 Victoria Street, West Bromwich, B70 8EX
Opening Times: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Access: Requires a referral voucher or email from a partner agency. Provides enough food for 3 days.
Contact: 0121 580 0068 or email keith@elimwestbrom.com
Website: West Bromwich Food Bank

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Sandwell J's Pantry (4Community Trust Hub)
Community Centre
Address: Wiltshire Way, Hateley Heath, West Bromwich, B71 1JU
Opening Times: Thursday 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Friday 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Contact: 07708 163 160 or email jspantry@4communitytrust.co.uk
For families in West Bromwich during half term, there are several free and low-cost activities available:

Family Hubs
The West Bromwich Family Hub offers:

- Stay and play sessions
- Baby and toddler groups
- Parenting support
- Family support and advice
- SEND support
- School readiness activities
- Health and wellbeing advice [sandwellfamilyhubs.com]

Off Claypit Lane, West Bromwich, B70 9EZ
0121 500 4011

West Bromwich North Family Hub
Connor Road, West Bromwich, B71 3DJ
0121 588 5431
Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm
Offers similar support including parenting programmes, health and wellbeing services, early years activities and SEND support.

Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for one parent governor and are seeking nominations for an enthusiastic and committed parent or carer to join the governing board. There is a training package offered for governors to make sure they feel confident for the role. Applications are welcome from any parents who are interested in this vacancy. Please see Miss Penny if you have any questions or would like to discuss this vacancy.

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HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Sandwell Valley Visitor Centre
Salters Lane, West Bromwich, B71 4BG
Sandwell Valley Visitor Centre now offers improved accessibility, **FREE** access to the courtyard, the Courtyard Kitchen with a new menu and additional seating, a new countryside shop, activities and events, a museum showcasing the history of Sandwell Priory and the wider Sandwell Valley Estate and a rabbit village.

Sandwell Museums
Sandwell Museum Service has a range of different sites, full of surprises, across the borough. Most of them are free to visit, and provide a host of different activities and experiences for you to discover.

Sandwell Libraries
The school holidays are a wonderful time to visit your local library! Libraries are full of exciting books, fun stories and new things to discover. Reading helps children learn new words, use their imagination and grow in confidence. It can take you on amazing adventures without even leaving your seat! Many libraries also offer fun activities and events for children during the holidays. Visiting the library is a great way to spend time together as a family, make new discoveries and develop a love of reading. So, why not pop into your local library this holiday and see what adventures you can find?

Cycling/Walking
We are fortunate to have such wonderful green spaces in our community, and we encourage all children to make the most of them. Walking, cycling, and spending time outdoors are great ways to stay active, enjoy nature, and support healthy wellbeing. We hope families will take every opportunity to explore these beautiful areas and help children develop a lifelong love of outdoor activity.

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Swimming



Children aged 18 and under can enjoy **FREE** swimming during the school holidays at leisure centres across Sandwell, providing a great opportunity to practise their skills and stay active. Please do take advantage of this offer for your child!

Go Play Sandwell

Free play sessions for children aged 6-12 (up to 16 with SEND), including:

- Arts and crafts
- Board games
- Indoor and outdoor play
- Holiday activities across Sandwell

Email: taylore@poweredbycan.org
Phone: 0121 530 8451 / 07447958239
Address: 6 St Michael's Court, West Bromwich, B70 8ET

Dynamic Kids CIC

FREE sessions in West Bromwich
Kenrick Park Community Centre, B70 6DU

- Multi-Sports Session
- Arts & Crafts Workshops

Please do also take a look on class Dojo where we have posted a range of local activities/events within Sandwell during the holidays.

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October	
Friday 23rd	Break up for half term at 3.20pm
November	
Monday 2nd	Children return to school at 8.40am
Tuesday 3rd	Year 1 Phonics **Parent Workshop** / 2.00pm-3.00pm
Thursday 5th	Year 5 Library Visit
Tuesday 10th	Year 2 Phonics **Parent Workshop** / 2.00pm-3.00pm
Wednesday 11th	Year 3 Reading **Parent Workshop** / 2.00pm-3.00pm
Thursday 12th	Year 4 Library Visit
Friday 13th	Children in Need Day / **Non-Uniform** wear something yellow or spotty
Tuesday 17th	Reception Phonics **Parent Workshop** / 2.00pm-3.00pm
Thursday 19th	Year 3 Library Visit
Tuesday 24th	Flu Immunisations Catch-Up Session
Wednesday 25th	Year 4 Reading **Parent Workshop** / 2.00pm-3.00pm
Thursday 26th	Year 2 Library Visit
December	
Tuesday 1st	Year 5 Reading **Parent Workshop** / 2.00pm-3.00pm
Thursday 3rd	Year 1 Library Visit
Friday 4th	Christmas Fair / 1.30pm – 3.20pm all warmly welcomed / **Non-Uniform**
Tuesday 8th	Pantomime – Years 1 and 2 Year 6 Reading **Parent Workshop** / 2.00pm-3.00pm
Wednesday 9th	Year 6 Trip to Birmingham Repertory Theatre
Thursday 10th	Reception Library Visit Pantomime – Years 3 and 4
Friday 11th	Pantomime – Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 16th	Christmas Lunch for Children and Staff – **Optional wear Christmas jumpers**
Thursday 17th	Christmas Parties / **Non-Uniform**
Friday 18th	Break up for Christmas holidays at 3.20pm

Ambition | Pride | Curiosity | Resilience | Kindness

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School Term Dates and Holidays 2026/27

Half-term holiday: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026
Term ends: Friday 18th December 2026
Christmas holiday: Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

Spring term starts: Monday 4th January 2027
Half-term holiday: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027
Term ends: Thursday 25th March 2027
Easter Holiday: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027

Summer term starts: Monday 12th April 2027
Half-term holiday: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027 (there is also a Bank Holiday on Monday 3rd May 2027)
Term ends: Wednesday 21st July 2027

Training Days 2026/27

4th January 2027