

Dates For Your Diary

DATES	YEAR/ CLASS	EVENT
17th July	All	Pupils break up for the summer holiday
7th September	1 - 6	Pupils return to school
14th September	Rec	New Reception pupils start (part time)
15th October	All	School Photographer in

Our Value Word
this month is
QUALITY -

Creating your own
best learning
environment.



We hope you all have a wonderful summer break.
Pupils return to school on Monday 7th July. Happy Eid
to all our families celebrating Eid.



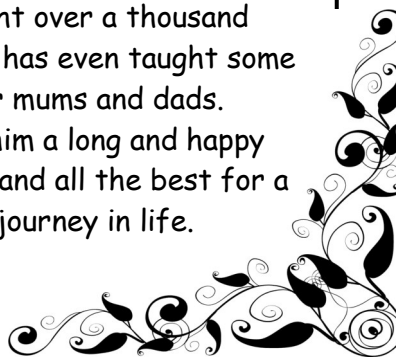
School Dinners

A quick reminder for Parents,
School Dinner Money is
£10.50 a week. If you would
like to change your child from
school meals to sandwiches or
sandwiches to school meals,
please inform the school
office before the start of a
new week.



Mr Benbow is sadly leaving us. He
has been at BHPS for 38 years, he
has taught over a thousand
children, he has even taught some
of your mums and dads.

We wish him a long and happy
retirement and all the best for a
new journey in life.



There will be no
After School
Clubs on the first
week back in
September.

GOODBYE

We say goodbye to two wonderful
teachers who are off on new
challenges, wish them all the best.

Miss Eustace is travelling over
5000 miles to Ecuador to teach.

Miss Bi has been a supply teacher
at BHPS for two years she is now
leaving us for a new challenge.



Learning Mentors

This has been a busy year for the Learning Mentor Team. We have participated in a wide variety of projects and we have also run some new projects in school.

In the Autumn Term, some of the children from Year 3 took part in an afterschool 'Rainbow' club. Each week the children completed a different activity ranging from art and crafts to cooking to playing games. In the Spring Term, Year 2 took part in a 'Talking Homework' project. Run over 6 weeks, the project aimed to promote reading especially at home. At the end of the project, the children and their parents visited the Library of Birmingham.

The Summer Term saw School Council and some of our Prefects taking part in the Junior Traffic Warden Scheme. On a weekly basis, children went out to speak to Parents/Carers about the importance of parking safely around school.

In school, we have run some very exciting projects for children. In Year 4, a group of girls have taken part in a 'This Girl Can' project that runs alongside the 'This Girl Can' campaign, to empower them. We have also been involved in Family Learning, running Transition projects across the School and trialling a new emotional resilience project.



Phase 1

Year One have had a great year this year. We've been so busy visiting Blakesley Hall, creating our own houses and growing plants. However, our favourite time this year was the delivery of the chicks.

They were amazing! They arrived as eggs and left us as chicks. WOW! We were so lucky to observe their very first weeks and every day they made us laugh jumping all over each other and trying to get the most food. We even forgave them for being a bit smelly!



Year Two have had a fantastically busy year but we have enjoyed every minute of it!

It started with a trip to Birmingham City Centre where we visited the German Market, Museum, the canals and Birmingham Central Library. Some of us were even brave enough to climb the 90 steps to the top. The view was amazing!

We've learnt lots of exciting things this year. We grew our own sunflowers from seeds, learnt all about India and had an Indian bazaar and looked at lots of extreme weather all around the world.

Our favourite topic has to be The Great Fire of London. We are now experts. We also had a visit from the fire service who taught us about fire safety - every home needs a smoke alarm!

I think we are all tired out from our exciting year but we'll be back in September ready to face the challenges of Year Three.



Phase 2

Phase 2 have had a fantastic year. The children have taken part in a range of exciting learning opportunities. Here's what some of them had to say:

"We loved the Egyptian Maths workshops, we learnt so much!"

"Professor McGinty really made me laugh, it was fun!"

"Camping was great I'd never done that before"

Phase 3

Year 6 have had a fabulous fun packed year with lots of different learning. Here's what they have had to say:

"This year mentoring has helped me to feel more confident. Having someone to talk to, work with and listen to my worries about SATs really helped me. I also enjoyed talking to lots of different people on the mentoring days".

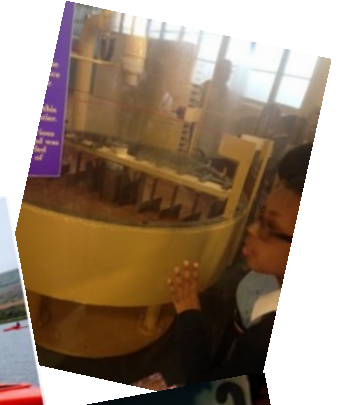
-Danny Quinn

"As a treat in Year 6, we went to Cadbury World. It was really difficult to manage my distractions with all that lovely chocolate around! I especially enjoyed the 4D cinema because the chairs moved which made it feel real".

-Roshane Neale-Merchant

Year 6 went to Redridge this year. There were lots of different activities that we had never tried before like abseiling, rock climbing, kayaking and caving. It was challenging but great fun, I would love to do it all again! I'm proud of persevering and facing my fears".

-Megan Beckett



Reception

Reception have had a great year, they settled in brilliantly. We have had lots of fun through learning.

Visit to Ash End House Farm - The children had the opportunity to handle and feed various animals. They learnt how to care for the animals and the vital roles the animals have in everyday life.



People who help us - The Ambulance service came into school to give a demonstration to the children regarding what their jobs are. Various children had bandages applied, were attached to an ECG machine and we even got Miss Dallimore strapped to a spinal board.



Shape Week - The children took part in a competition where they had to make a model using as many different shapes as they could find.



www.recordbreakers.org.uk

Our local library staff have been telling the children how to take part in Record Breakers, this year's **Summer Reading Challenge**.

The children will tell you all about it! All they have to do is read **SIX** library books and visit the library regularly over the summer, collecting rewards and stickers along the way.

It's FUN! It's FREE! It's LOCAL!

Please encourage your children to visit the library and sign up and see the difference the **Summer Reading Challenge** makes to their reading.

We will be celebrating and rewarding all children who took part at the beginning of the new school year.

Download the App: sol.us/records



YR 4 SCIENCE EXPERIMENT

We carried out an experiment whereby yeast, warm water, and sugar were added to a plastic bottle, followed by an unused balloon placed over the top of the bottle. When the yeast and sugar dissolved into the water, it produced carbon dioxide, and subsequently blew up the balloon as the gas rose up into the balloon. It's a similar process when yeast is added to dough to make bread rise.



Year 4 & 5 Guitar Concert went really well, parents and children enjoyed it. Children played French and Spanish music.

School Year 2015 - 2016

Autumn Term 2015

Inset Days: Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September 2015

School Opens: Monday 7th September 2015

Half Term: Monday 26 October 2015 -

Friday 30 October 2015

Term Ends: Friday 18 December 2015

Spring Term 2016

Term Starts: Monday 4 January 2016

Half Term: Monday 15 February 2016 -

Friday 19 February 2016

Term Ends: Thursday 24 March 2016

Summer Term 2016

Term Starts: Monday 11 April 2016

Half Term: Monday 30 May 2016 -

Friday 3 June 2016

Term Ends: Friday 22 July 2016

Teacher training days may still be added to the term dates shown above.

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