

Welcome back after October half term!

We have a very busy half term ahead of us and look forward to continuing to work with all our families. Please see details below of our Communication and Language workshops, which will be taking place this half term. Parent consultations will also be taking place to give you the opportunity to speak with your child's key worker. These will be taking place in the week beginning Monday 11th - Friday 15th November and Monday 9th - Friday 13th December. Key workers will be in contact in due course to arrange timings.

Reception class places September 2024

The admissions process for a place in reception class for **September 2025** is now open.

If your child will be 4 before 31st August 2025 you should apply now for a place in a reception class.

It is important that you find the right school for your child, so please look on their school website and read their latest Ofsted report, so that you can make an informed choice.

Most schools will have open sessions between September 2024 and January 2025. Please visit the school's website for further details.

It is important that you apply for a place as soon as possible. You can find out about school open days and apply for a place online by following the link below.

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1786/apply_for_reception_primary_school

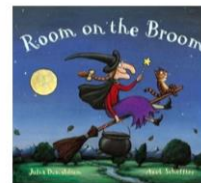
Core books we will be reading this half term

We focus upon particular books each half term to read to the children regularly so that children develop a bank of well known and loved stories.

You can help by getting the story from your local library and reading it at home to your child.

These stories will be a stimulus for imaginative role play, mark making, creating models and many other learning opportunities.

Sunflowers (3-4 year olds):

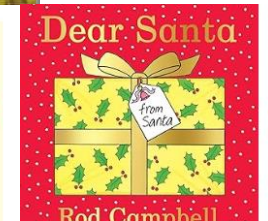
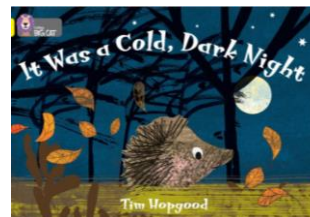


No Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson

Stick Man by Julia Donaldson

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler

Daisies (2-3 year olds):



It was a Cold, Dark Night by Tim Hopgood

Seasons Come, Seasons Go by Patricia Hegarty

Squirrel's Snowman by Julia Donaldson

Dear Santa by Rod Campbell

Children In Need Wednesday 13th November

We will be celebrating Children in Need by wearing our own clothes. Please bring a small donation if you are able to for such a worthy cause. The children will be accessing lots of fun activities linked to Children in Need.

Goodway Book Bags

Your child will be bringing home their own book bag to keep their school library book safe. We love our new book bags and would really like a donation of £6 from families, payable on school money. At Goodway we want to encourage a love of reading. It's really good practice for primary school as well. (And the bags are super cute!)



We're learning to say 'hello' in Punjabi

We teach children to say hello in a different language each half term. This half term we are learning to say hello in Punjabi

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Breakfast

All children have breakfast as part of our universal offer. Each classroom has a choice of cereals and fruit for the children to access at the start of their day.

Unicef Rights Respecting School

We are very proud to have achieved our Gold Unicef Rights Respecting School award which demonstrates our commitment to Children's Rights.

This half term we will focus upon the following rights:

Article 12: Respect for the views of the child Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.

- o Introduce Leadership roles
 - Leader
 - Eco Warrior
 - Helper
 - Rights Champion

Article 27: I have the right to have a proper home, food and clothing

- Children in Need

Article 14: I have the right to have my own thoughts and beliefs

- o Learning about our families and celebrations
- o Diwali
- o Christmas (Christian celebration)

Article 31: I have a right to relax and play

- o Consolidating Class Charters
- o Safe play

Learning at home

We suggest 'next steps' for your child's learning and development on their termly Tapestry observations that you can access and also add your own pictures and comments.

More ideas for learning at home are available on our website under the 'Teaching & Learning' section.

www.goodwayn.bham.sch.uk

Please choose a book each week to read with your child and read with them every day. Sharing a story together every day is the most important thing you can do to support your child's early reading development.

Great Apps to support Learning-

50 Things to Do before You Are Five

<https://scnv.io/1awN?qr=1>

Look, Sing & Say

Coffee Morning- Tuesday 26th November 9:15am

Join us for a coffee morning with our speech and language therapist who will be available to answer all of your questions around speech and communication. Please pop along after drop off.

Communication & Language Development Workshop for all children.

Weds 27th November

Families are invited to come into school for a short session to support their children's Communication and Language skills. The children love having their families in school, we look forward to seeing you!

11.15am: Part time Mon. Tues. Wed children

2.45pm: Full time children and Part time Wed, Thurs, Fri children



Christmas Parties and Christmas Singalong Wednesday 18th December.

Children's Christmas parties with Father Christmas and games. Please send your child with a party lunch on this day.

**Christmas Sing A Long –Wednesday 18th December at: 11.15am Part time Mon. Tues. Wed children
2.45pm Full time children and Part time Wed, Thurs, Fri children**

Christmas break

Just a reminder that we close for the Christmas break on Friday 20th December at 1pm. There will be no Barn Owls on this day.

We will be closed for staff training on Monday 6th January 2024.

Children return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2024.