

# Lyndon Green Junior School



*"Pupils love attending this nurturing and inclusive school."*

## Newsletter

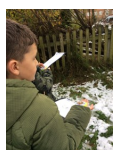
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### Messages from Mrs McKinley:



What a busy week at LGJS. We have had a visit from Charlie Fogarty (MBE) who is so inspirational, a trip to the Birmingham mosque which was an invaluable experience for our children, movie night for year 5/6/12R and to top it all off an invasion of elves in school! Who would have thought 5 elves would cause more mishaps than 372 children! I am exhausted and cannot wait for our little visitors to go back and help Santa in two weeks time!

### Let's see what 12R have been up to:



In Geography, we have been learning how to use a compass! We started by talking about the different compass directions—North, East, South, and West—and practiced moving in those directions.

Next, we were introduced to a real compass and learned how to use it step by step. First, we practiced indoors in the classroom. Then, we took our compasses outside to explore and locate the directions in the real world. Using our compasses, we discovered what we could see in each direction. It was a fun and exciting way to explore and learn about navigation.



### Let's see what year 3 have been up to:

Year 3 have been enjoying our Geography topic learning about the local area and how land use has changed over time. We have followed a map to go on a local walk where we spotted human and physical features. We have loved looking at a map of Sheldon from over a hundred years ago and seeing how the area has changed over time.

Urgent request: Last call for boxes for our DT project. **Everyone** needs a small box with a lid attached, e.g. egg box, shoe box. Please bring into school by next Friday.



### Let's see what year 4 have been up to:

Year 4 have been producing some amazing writing based on A Christmas Carol. We have been writing about Scrooge's encounter with the Ghost of Christmas Present. The language choices of the children and their description have been phenomenal and we are incredibly proud of what they have produced. We have also been learning about children's lives in different time periods and the work of Lord Shaftsbury.

### Let's see what year 5 have been up to:

This week, Year 5 have displayed their creativity by writing captivating fantasy stories inspired by Norse mythology. In science, they have investigated conductivity and explored reversible changes through hands-on experiments. They have also tasted a range of pasta sauces in Design Technology and used their observations to develop their own recipes.

We have now handed out maths homework books and want to remind the children to hand them in every Friday.

### Let's see what year 6 have been up to:

This week, Year 6 have been showcasing all their writing skills when writing in role as Percy Jackson. They have been creating detailed descriptions of mythical creatures such as the minotaur. In history lessons, we have been learning about the roots of democracy in Ancient Greece, and even took part in a debate as ancient Athenians! For our Design Technology project, to create an automata toy, we will be practising precise measuring and wood cutting skills.

West Midlands Police Op Snap Team want to receive your clips of dangerous driving - including drivers using their phones behind the wheel, motorists driving too close to cyclists, and people jumping red lights. The team can send out warnings, get drivers to go on awareness courses, or issue fines or even court summonses.

You can send your clips here [Operation Snap | West Midlands Police](#)

## Accelerated Reader:

Accelerated Reader continues to make an impact on the progress of our reading in school. Please ensure that your child reads their book regularly. They can read the paper version or an online version using Myon. The next draw will be after half-term so... keep quizzing!



## PE Lessons ...

Your child will be having PE twice a week. On the day of PE, the children must come to school already in their PE kit which is black jogging bottoms, white polo shirt, school jumper and trainers. All long hair must be tied back for the lesson. We do not allow jewellery to be worn in school. If children have pierced ears they are allowed to wear stud earrings.

Monday	5J	5M	5S
	4W	4T	4C
Tuesday	3S	3G	12R
	5J	5M	5S
Wednesday	4W	4T	4C
	6P	6E	
Thursday	6P	6E	6H
	3S	3G	3H
Friday	3H	12R	

## Forest School Lessons ...

Please could children come to school in their school PE kit (jogging bottoms not shorts) and bring their own waterproofs and boots for Forest School lessons. Thank you.



Autumn 2	Tuesday PM	Wednesday PM	Thursday AM	Thursday PM
Week 8 Begins 4.11.24	<b>6H</b>	<b>3G</b>	<b>12R</b>	<b>5M</b>
	5.11.24	6.11.24	7.11.24	
Week 9 Begins 11.11.24	<b>6E</b>	<b>3S</b>	<b>12R</b>	<b>5S</b>
	12.11.24	13.11.24	14.11.24	
Week 10 Begins 18.11.24	<b>6P</b>	<b>3H</b>	<b>12R</b>	<b>4W</b>
	19.11.24	20.11.24	21.11.24	
Week 11 Begins 25.11.24	<b>6H</b>	<b>3G</b>	<b>12R</b>	<b>4T</b>
	26.11.24	27.11.24	28.11.24	
Week 12 Begins 2.12.24	<b>6E</b>	<b>3S</b>	<b>12R</b>	<b>4C</b>
	3.12.24	4.12.24	5.12.24	
Week 13 Begins 9.12.24	<b>6P</b>	<b>3H</b>	<b>12R</b>	<b>4W</b>
	10.12.24	11.12.24	12.12.24	
Week 14 Begins 16.12.24	<b>6H</b>	<b>3G</b>	<b>12R</b>	<b>4T</b>
	17.12.24	18.12.24	19.12.24	

## Attendance Matters:

Our attendance figure last week was 93.78%. It is really important that your child attends school every day possible. Record absences on 0121 675 2983, Option 1 no later than 8.45am.



## Important Dates: *\*amendments to dates/times will be communicated directly with parents.*

23 Oct - 6H Swimming lessons (6 sessions)  
6 Dec - Christmas Post Box open  
10 Dec - Yr 6 Visits to B'ham Central Mosque  
10 Dec - Yr3,4 & 12R - Christmas Dinner  
11 Dec - Yr 5 & 6 - Christmas Dinner  
12 Dec - Yr 3, 4 & 12R - Movie Night  
16-20 Dec - Santa's Gift Shop  
17 Dec - Christmas Service at Yardley Baptist Church  
20 Dec - Teacher v Kids Quiz & Class Christmas parties  
**Year 2 parents apply online for LGJS Year 3 places by 15 January 24 - [Click here](#)**

## Pastoral Coffee Mornings:

Our Pastoral Team holds coffee mornings **every Wednesday** from **8:50 to 9:15 AM** in the **dining hall**. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the team in a relaxed and informal setting.

## Infant and Junior Teacher Training Days 24/25 4th November 2024, 6th January 2025, 21st July 2025 Uniform

Please ensure that your child is in the correct school uniform wearing black shoes or black trainers. Requests for wanted uniform can be sent to [office@lgjs.co.uk](mailto:office@lgjs.co.uk).

## Water bottles

All water bottles must be clear and appropriately sized, as pupils are able to refill throughout the school day. Only water bottles containing water will be permitted in the classroom. Other soft drinks (non fizzy) will only be permitted during break and lunch times.

## Trim trail

Children are not permitted to use the trim trail afterschool for health and safety reasons.

## Mobile Phones

This is a polite reminder that the use of mobile phones on school premises is restricted. Please refrain from using or displaying your mobile phone on the school grounds, as this is to safeguard our pupils.

## Road Safety

Please discuss and practice with your children how to cross the road safely and be considerate of the safety of families when driving and/or parking around school. Any parking related issues can be reported to the community policing team: [sheldon@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sheldon@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)

**Follow us on X:** Keep up to date with school life via [@LyndonGreenJnr](https://twitter.com/LyndonGreenJnr)

## Online safety

There is a growing movement of parents across Britain who believe that childhood is too short for their children to be spending so much of it on a smartphone. As a result, parents are signing up to a 'Parent Pact' to not provide smart phones until the end of Y9. If you would like further information around this then please follow the link below.

<https://parentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

# Toy safety

*“I would hate for any other child to go through what Becca suffered because of buying dangerous toys via online marketplaces.”*

Mum of two-year-old Becca who swallowed magnets from a toy

**Toys from reputable brands are made to be safe. But if they've come from an unknown seller on an online marketplace, a market or small discount store, they could be dangerous.**

## Buying safely

- 👉 Buy toys from brand names you know. If you've never heard of the seller or the brand and price is really tempting, it could be dangerous
- 👉 Watch out for cheap copies of popular toys. They may not be made to UK safety standards.
- 👉 Check if the toy has been removed from sale because it's unsafe. Visit [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) and search 'product recalls'
- 👉 If you buy something that looks unsafe, trust your instincts and send it back.

## Under 3s most at risk

Babies and toddlers are curious and naturally put everything in their mouths. So dangerous toys can pose the biggest risk to small children. Be especially careful when buying for under 3s.

Watch out for missing or contradictory age warnings. If a toy is pictured with a toddler but marketed as unsuitable for young children, pick something else.

## Which toys are most dangerous?

- 👉 Toys with:
  - accessible button batteries that can burn through your child's food pipe
  - super strong magnets that can rip through your child's belly
  - long cords that can strangle your child
  - small parts that can choke your small child
- 👉 Water beads that can block your child's bowel if swallowed
- 👉 Electrical toys with exposed wires or chargers that can catch fire.



## Checking toys

If you're unsure about the safety of a toy, here are some checks you can do:

- 👉 Check battery compartments for accessible button batteries or loose spares in the box
- 👉 Check for any loose small magnets
- 👉 Give the parts on the toy a quick tug and check for small parts that come off
- 👉 Look for long cords or access to stuffing
- 👉 Check if there are any age restrictions or safety warnings on the product.

## Report dangerous toys

If you spot or buy a toy you're concerned about:

- 👉 Citizens Advice consumer helpline: 0808 223 1133
- 👉 Citizens Advice consumer helpline (Welsh-speaking adviser): 0808 223 1144
- 👉 Advice Direct Scotland helpline: 0808 164 6000
- 👉 Northern Ireland Consumerline: 0300 123 6262

 [capt.org.uk](http://capt.org.uk)

 [@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust](https://www.facebook.com/ChildAccidentPreventionTrust)

 [@capt\\_charity](https://www.instagram.com/capt_charity)

child accident  
prevention trust 



**5 DECEMBER**

**YEAR 5/6 MOVIE NIGHT**

**6 DECEMBER**

**NON UNIFORM DAY  
BRING IN CHOCOLATE**

**10 DECEMBER**

**YEAR 3/4/12R XMAS  
DINNER**

**11 DECEMBER**

**YEAR 5/6 XMAS  
DINNER**

**12 DECEMBER**

**YEAR 3/4/12R MOVIE  
NIGHT**

**16 - 20 DECEMBER**

**SANTAS GIFT SHOP**

**17 DECEMBER**

**CHURCH VISIT**

**20 DECEMBER**

**TEACHER V KIDS QUIZ  
& PARTY DAY**

