



Lyndon Green Junior School



"Pupils love attending this nurturing and inclusive school."

Newsletter

19/12/2025

Messages from Mrs McKinley:

As we come to the end of term and head into the Christmas break, it's been a joy to see the school filled with so much festive fun and laughter. The children have loved taking part in our movie nights, visiting Santa's gift shop, winning the teacher vs kids competition, and tucking into a delicious Christmas dinner. Class parties have been a wonderful way to celebrate together, rounding off a very special term.



Our mischievous elves have certainly kept everyone on their toes too! From snowball fights and wrapping the Christmas trees in toilet roll, to 6s and 7s appearing everywhere, tightrope walking, swinging antics, and even walking on the ceilings—there's been plenty of excitement and smiles all round.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. We wish all our families a happy, peaceful, and restful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year.

Messages from Mrs McKinley:

We value the strong partnership we have with our parents and carers and believe that working together is key to ensuring children get the very best from their time at our school. Open, respectful communication helps us support every child effectively and address any concerns quickly and appropriately. We kindly remind parents that social media is not the right platform for raising concerns or seeking to resolve issues. If you have a question or worry, please speak directly to the school in the first instance so we can work with you to put things right. Should concerns remain, our complaints procedure is available and can be followed to ensure matters are handled fairly and thoroughly. Thank you for your continued support. It truly makes a difference.

Elf Mischief Finale!

For their final trick, the elves revealed their master plan—turning our staff into Grinches and transforming the school into *Lyndon Grinch Junior School!*



Luckily, festive cheer saved the day, leaving us with lots of laughter and a fun-filled end to our elf adventures.

B'ham Luminare ...

A message from one of our lucky winners...
"Just want to thank you again for the Luminare tickets to the botanical gardens. We went tonight and had a lovely evening. Here is a little picture wanted to share with you".



12R...

In RE this half term, we have been learning about different festivals and celebrations. We found out that Diwali is the Festival of Lights and celebrates how good wins over evil. We listened to the story of Rama and Sita and earned about Diya lamps. We then made our own Diya's to help light the way for Rama and Sita to find their way home.



Years 4 ...

What a week we have had! The elf has caused havoc in the corridor, bringing in his friend, rowing to the North Pole, and filling the office with balloons!

In class, we've explored what makes a solid, travelled back in time to find out why the Anglo-Saxons invaded, and created the most AMAZING pictures inspired by Lowry. The children have worked incredibly hard to finish their Christmas Carol story, and they should be very proud of their hard work in the final week!

Years 6 ...

Year 6 have had a brilliant half term filled with creativity and enthusiasm. We finished our class novel *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*, which inspired some fantastic learning across the curriculum. The children created impressive double-page spreads explaining who they believed was the most powerful Greek God, using thoughtful arguments and eye-catching designs. They also amazed us with their incredible automator toys, all inspired by their favourite books, showcasing brilliant engineering skills and imagination. If you haven't ordered a hoodie yet, the deadline is approaching. Make sure you have ordered before then to avoid disappointment!

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

26 Nov - Swimming 4G (10 weeks)
6 Jan—Children return to school
9 Jan—Year 6—School Nurses—BMI
14 Jan—Parent Workshop—Online safety

Dates for the Diary:

Infant and Junior Teacher Training Days 25/26

5th Jan and 20th July

Uniform

Free preloved school uniforms - contact them at 07736 958249 or via email at ruberyswoop-shop@outlook.com.

Water bottles

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 classrooms.

Trim trail

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

Mobile Phones etc

This is a polite reminder that the use of mobile phones on school premises is restricted.

Road Safety

Any parking related issues can be reported to the community policing team: sheldon@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

Online safety Click the links for useful online/mobile safety advice [NSPCC Online Safety advice](#) [Is WhatsApp safe for my child?](#)

This guide will help you support children to agree to digital boundaries, make smart choices, and building healthy online habits. [Watching and browsing online](#)

Attendance Matters:

Our attendance figure this week is 92.7%. It is really important that your child attends school every day possible. Record absences on 0121 675 2983, **Option 1 by 8.45am.**

Childhood illnesses:

[Click here](#) for some useful information from the NHS on symptoms and treatments for common childhood illnesses.

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.

Mon-day	4G	4C	4L
	5M	5U	5J
Tues-day	5J	5M	5U
			12R
Wedne-sday	3S		
	4L	4G	
Thurs-day	3H	3K	12R
	6H	6S	6E
Friday	6E	6H	6S
	3S	3K	3H

Forest School Lessons ...

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

[Beezee Families in Birmingham – Healthy Lifestyle Programme](#)

Please share this exciting opportunity with parents and carers! Beezee Families Birmingham is a FREE healthy lifestyle programme designed for the whole family – available in-person or online.

This programme is perfect for families with children aged 5-12 years who are above their ideal weight (based on the NHS BMI centile chart). Checking is quick – use the [NHS BMI calculator](#) or let the Beezee team help you.

Don't miss out – sign up today and start your family's journey to healthier living!
Find out more and register here: <https://bhx.maximusuk.co.uk/beezeefamilies/>

Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience.

Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right!

We have ensured that a member of our staff (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care.

Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident.

This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want.

We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this.

www.operationencompass.org

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It's Christmas Time!

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. This guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers

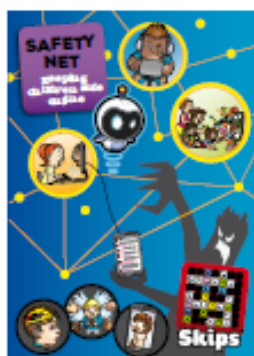


A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.



Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

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Rocksteady pupil

"Socially, it's great - learning skills, performance confidence - the list is endless."

Maxine

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According to Humphrey...

You may recall that there was an issue with a link in the Spy Dog/Spy Cat series of books which was quickly rectified.

- Currently, several titles in the 'According to Humphrey' series contain a weblink at the back of the book that does not direct people to information about the books.
- The link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material not suitable for children.

