

Lyndon Green Junior School



"Pupils love attending this nurturing and inclusive school."

Newsletter

16/01/2026

Messages from Mrs McKinley:

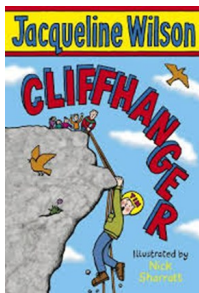
Welcome to the new school year! It has been a fantastic start, with the children showing a very positive attitude towards learning. They have risen to the challenge of improving handwriting across the school, recognising how this helps free up working memory so they can be more creative and fluent in their writing. We are already seeing great effort and pride in their work.

I would also like to thank parents and carers for your continued support during the recent adverse weather conditions. We know it hasn't been ideal, and we really appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

A big well done to our boys' football team, who did us proud this week. They drew three matches and won one, without conceding a single goal—an excellent achievement and a real display of teamwork and determination.

Years 3 ...

Year 3 are really enjoying our class book *Cliffhanger* and are finding it very amusing! In Geography, we have been learning about the four layers of the Earth and can explain how mountains are formed. In English, we are preparing to write our own stories inspired by the picture book *Chalk*, which we are thoroughly enjoying.



Years 4 ...

This week, Year 4 began making their torches in Design and Technology. Over the coming weeks, they will be building a working electrical circuit with a switch, which will be housed inside a sturdy plastic casing. In History, we have been exploring the burial site at Sutton Hoo. The children thoroughly enjoyed examining and discussing the artefacts and showed fantastic historical thinking. They were wonderful historians, and it seems we may have some budding archaeologists among us!

Attendance Matters:

Our attendance figure this week is 95.33%. 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.

12R... Our topic in 12R this term is *The Great Fire of London*. In English, we are reading *Toby and the Great Fire of London* by Margaret Nash and Jane Cope. During one of our lessons this week, we explored the main character and used a word bank to describe who he is and how he feels throughout the story. This helped us to develop a deeper understanding of his experiences and imagine what life might have been like during the Great Fire of London.



Year 5... Year 5 have returned to school brilliantly and have kicked off the term with some fantastic space-themed artwork. The children have been exploring the work of artist Peter Thorpe, evaluating his bold, eye-catching style and using it as inspiration for their own creations. In our reading sessions, we have begun the novel *War of the Worlds*, which is already capturing pupils' imaginations and providing a strong foundation for our upcoming space-themed narrative writing. The enthusiasm and creativity shown so far this term has been wonderful to see.

Years 6 ... Year 6 have settled into the new term brilliantly and are highly engaged with our brand-new class novel, *Impossible Creatures*. The book has already become a real talking point, with each chapter ending on a cliffhanger that leaves us eager to discover what happens next. In our writing sessions, pupils have been exploring mythical creatures while developing key skills such as using semicolons, parentheses and a wide range of sentence starters to engage the reader. Their enthusiasm and creativity have been fantastic to see.

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

- 26 Nov - Swimming 4G (10 weeks)
- 4 Feb - Family Fun Workshop
- 6 Feb - National Number Day
- 5 Mar - World Book Day
- 16-18 Mar - Yr6 Residential Trip
- 23 & 24 Mar - Parents Evening 3:45 - 6pm
- 24 Mar - 12R Bowling Comp
- 11-14 May - SATs Week
- 12 Jun - Summer Fayre 3:45 - 5:15pm



Infant and Junior Teacher Training Day
20th July

Uniform

Free preloved school uniforms - contact them at 07736 958249 or via email at ruberyswop-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](#)

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

PE Lessons ...

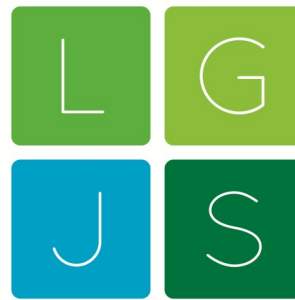
Your child will be having PE twice a week. On the day of PE, the children must come to school already in their PE kit which is black jogging bottoms, white polo shirt, school jumper and trainers. All long hair must be tied back for the lesson. We do not allow jewellery to be worn in school. If children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

Monday	4G	4C	4L
	5M	5U	5J
Tuesday	5J	5M	5U
			12R
Wednesday	3S		
	4L	4G	
Thursday	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.

Week Beginning	Tues	Wed
19-01-2026	3K	5M
26-01-2026	3S	5U
02-02-2026	3H	5J
09-02-2026	3K	5M
FEBRUARY HALF TER		
23-02-2026	3S	5U
02-03-2026	3H	5J
09-03-2026	3K	5M
16-03-2026	3S	5U
23-03-2026	3H	5J
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
13-04-26	3K	5M
20-04-2026	3S	5U
27-04-2026	3H	5J
04-05-2026	3K	5M
11-05-2026	3S	5U
18-05-2026	3H	5J
JUNE HALF TERM		
01-06-2026	3K	5M
08-06-2026	3S	5U
15-06-2026	3H	5J
22-06-2026	3K	5M
29-06-2026	3S	5U
06-07-2026	3H	5J
13-07-2026	3K	5M



Stay Connected with School



Download the Arbor Parent App Today!

The Arbor Parent App helps you stay informed and involved in your child's school life.

Why download the app?

- View your child's attendance quickly and easily
- Receive all school communications directly on your phone
- Never miss important updates, messages, or announcements

How to get started

1. Download the Arbor Parent App from the App Store or Google Play
2. Log in using your email address held at school
3. Enable push notifications

Scan the QR code to download the Arbor Parent App, and use your email address to log in



Important!

To make sure you receive messages on time, please accept push notifications when prompted.

This allows the school to contact you efficiently in the future.

Thank you for helping us keep communication clear and up to date!