

Harvest Festival

I should like to thank the year 5 parents for joining us at Emmanuel Church last week for our annual Harvest celebration. The children performed superbly with some lovely singing, impressive dance and confident readings.

Thank you to all of our families who donated food to the Bethany Food Bank, it is very much appreciated.



Key Dates

Wednesday 22nd October	Year 1 Phonics Workshop
Friday 24th October	School Closes for Half-Term
Monday 3rd November	School Re-opens
Wednesday 5th November	Open day for Reception 2026 Parents
Thursday 6th November	Flu Vaccinations in school
Monday 10th November	Year 6 Trip to Space Centre
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Wednesday 12th November	Open day for Reception 2026 Parents
Thursday 13th November	Year 1 Trip to Black Country Living Museum
Friday 14th November	Children in Need PTFA Disco
Tuesday 18th November	Year 5 Back to Backs Visit
Wednesday 19th November	Year 5 Back to Backs Visit

Applying for Secondary School Places

A reminder to our Year 6 parents that the deadline for applying for secondary school places is 31st October. It is very important to apply in time to avoid disappointment. All the information on the application process for Secondary Transfer is available on the Council's website www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Parents can also call 0121 303 1888 if they wish to speak to a member of the team or alternatively email admissions@birmingham.gov.uk

It is important applications are submitted on time and no later than 11.59 pm on 31 October 2025

Families will be notified of the school place offered to their child on 2 March 2026.

House Points

Following the introduction of our new houses, we have been keeping a running total for the half term. At present the positions are as follows:

Sycamore	2320
Oak	2377
Rowan	2408
Hawthorn	2291

This reflects the weekly Housepoint count and our recent inter-house quiz results. Well done to Oak House who won overall in the General Knowledge Quiz.

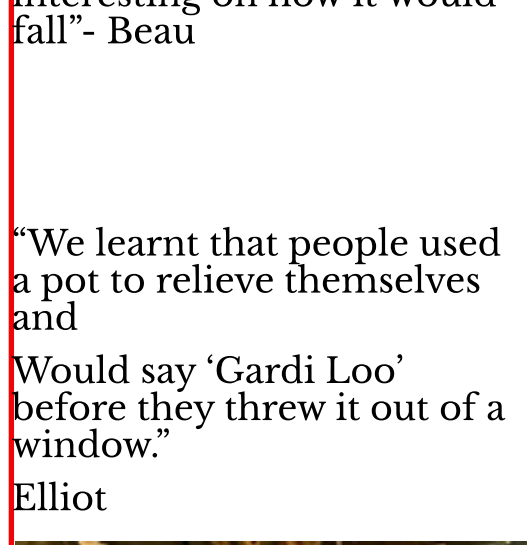
Overall: 1st- Oak

2nd- Sycamore

3rd- Hawthorn

4th- Rowan

Year 2's Visit to Selly Manor



On Monday 6th October, Year 2 enjoyed an exciting and educational visit to Selly Manor Museum as part of their topic on the Great Fire of London. The children explored what life was like in the 1600s, learning how houses were built and gaining fascinating insights into how people lived during that time – from the clothes they wore and the food they ate, to the tools and objects they used in daily life. A highlight of the day was dressing up as key historical figures such as Thomas Farriner, Samuel Pepys, and King Charles II, bringing the events of the Great Fire to life through role-play and drama. To finish the day, the children had fun playing with traditional toys from the 17th century. It was a fantastic day full of hands-on learning and memorable experiences

"I loved dressing up as Jacob's ladders – It was very interesting on how it would fall" - Beau

I loved dressing up as King Charles – I felt like royalty" - Rory

"We learnt that people used a pot to relieve themselves and

Would say 'Gardi Loo' before they threw it out of a window."

Elliot



Wonderful Year 6 Descriptive Writing

WALT: include descriptive language.

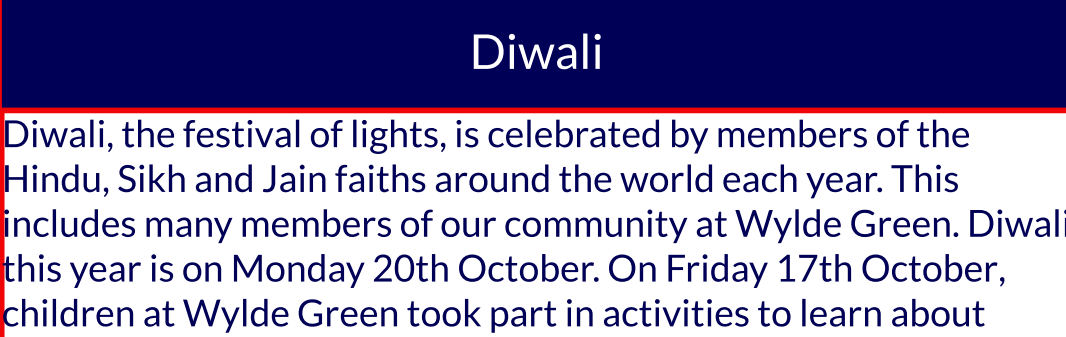
In a circle, gathered around the unsteady fire, were the innocent children. The moon, a heavy eye staring down on the enormous earth, shone like the torch of the universe. The pea-green leaves on the towering trees whispered to each other about the wonders of the forest before being nibbled away by the sluggish snails. The quaint, dashing waterfalls, flowed, guiding the radiant flowers to the rushing river. Plop, plop, plop, plop. The rain was rapid like a hose on jet mode, the sun had finally risen, watching over the river, Max was fascinated by the sight of the pure water reflecting the reality of the rainforest like a mirror in disguise.

Odd Socks Day



To mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week, Odd Socks Day 2025 will take place on Monday 10th November.

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's a wonderful opportunity for children to express themselves, celebrate their individuality and recognise what makes each of us unique. Let's join in the fun and remember that everyone is different — and everyone is special.



Black History Month



Children shared their experiences of Diwali and information about its importance in different faiths in a special assembly. We also offered a samosa sale for families after school. We hope all of our families who celebrate Diwali have a wonderful time during this special festival.

Throughout October, we have been celebrating Black History Month. The theme this year, "Standing Firm in Power and Pride," has encouraged us all to recognise the strength, resilience, and achievements of Black people throughout history and today.

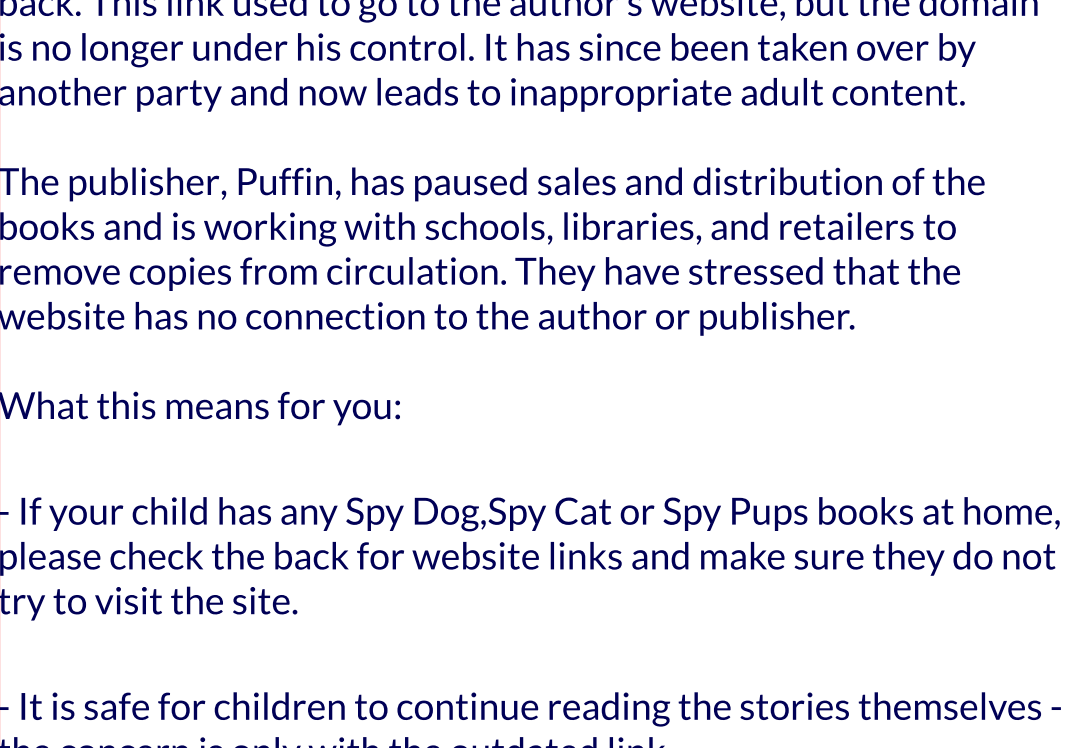
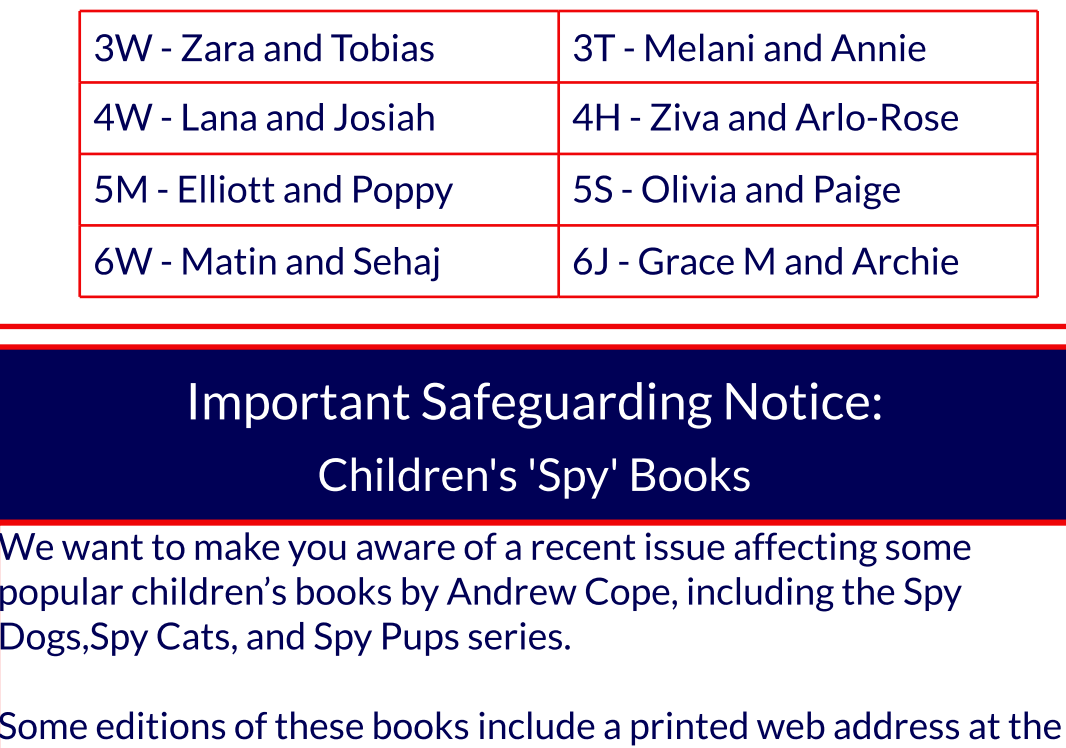
Each year group has been learning about significant individuals who have helped shape the world we live in, from authors and artists to activists and leaders. The children have explored their stories through reading, research, art, and discussion, developing a deeper understanding of the contributions made by Black people across many fields.

Pupils have also enjoyed sharing their learning with other classes, presenting their work and celebrating one another's efforts. It has been wonderful to see how thoughtfully and proudly the children have engaged with this important theme, showing curiosity and respect.



Attendance at Wylde Green:

3rd September 2025 – 15th October 2025:
96.77%



Diwali

Diwali, the festival of lights, is celebrated by members of the Hindu, Sikh and Jain faiths around the world each year. This includes many members of our community at Wylde Green. Diwali this year is on Monday 20th October. On Friday 17th October, children at Wylde Green took part in activities to learn about Diwali. Classes decorated their doors with traditional decorations and children wore clothes fit for a celebration. Activities included creating diwa lamps, creating rangoli patterns and listening to traditional Indian music. Children shared their experiences of Diwali and information about its importance in different faiths in a special assembly. We also offered a samosa sale for families after school. We hope all of our families who celebrate Diwali have a wonderful time during this special festival.



Children in Need

Children in Need will take place on Friday 14th November. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes. Voluntary donations will be welcomed.

This year's theme is challenge yourself to 25 where children will participate in an activity 25 times! Some of these activities may include:

- Solve 25 riddles.
- Create a 25-piece mosaic.
- How many countries can you name in 25 seconds.
- Learn 25 words of a new language.
- Count to 25 in a new language.
- Read 25 pages of a book.
- Complete 25 acts of kindness.
- Joe Wicks' 25-move workout.

Keep an eye out for what your child will get up to on X!

ECO CLUB

We're excited to announce that the Eco Club is starting up again! We are ready to jump back into action to make our school a greener, cleaner and more sustainable place.

Our Eco Club is full of passionate pupils who care about protecting the environment and inspiring others to do the same.

Here are our Eco Club members:

3W - Zara and Tobias	3T - Melani and Annie
4W - Lana and Josiah	4H - Ziva and Arlo-Rose
5M - Elliott and Poppy	5S - Olivia and Paige
6W - Matin and Sehaj	6J - Grace M and Archie

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's 'Spy' Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for your child to continue reading the stories themselves - the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

Setting Parental Safeguards

