



Nechells Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another busy week in school, with a number of children taking part in trips and activities. Our trips and visits link closely to the curriculum and support children's learning, which is why it is so important that all children attend.

We look forward to seeing Year 6 on Monday 24 February from 9.00am-12.00pm and everyone else on Tuesday 25 February 2020.

I wish you all an enjoyable half-term break.

Mrs L Mahony - Headteacher

w/c Monday 10 February 2020



Twitter

Please follow us on Twitter to keep up to date with activities taking place in school:
[@nechells_prim](https://twitter.com/nechells_prim)



Free School meals

If you think that you may be entitled to free school meals or pupil premium, please contact the school office.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Minecraft

Minecraft continues to remain popular with it being played by 112 million people every month. It is a great learning tool and is used in schools to teach skills such as planning, problem solving, simulation and 3D modelling. Minecraft is rated as PEGI 7, which means it is suitable for players above 7 years; however, the PEGI rating does not consider the chat facility available within Minecraft.

The chat facility can be switched off by following these steps:

- click 'options'
- select multiplayer settings
- click on chat choose shown, hidden or commands only.

If you choose to keep the chat facility on then make sure your child knows what to do if anything upsetting happens.

In addition, protect your child's privacy by using a nickname (don't include their age/birth year) and also chat to your child to make sure that when playing online they know not to tell others personal information such as where they live, what school they go to and their age.

More information is available here: <https://parentinfo.org/article/staying-safe-on-minecraft>



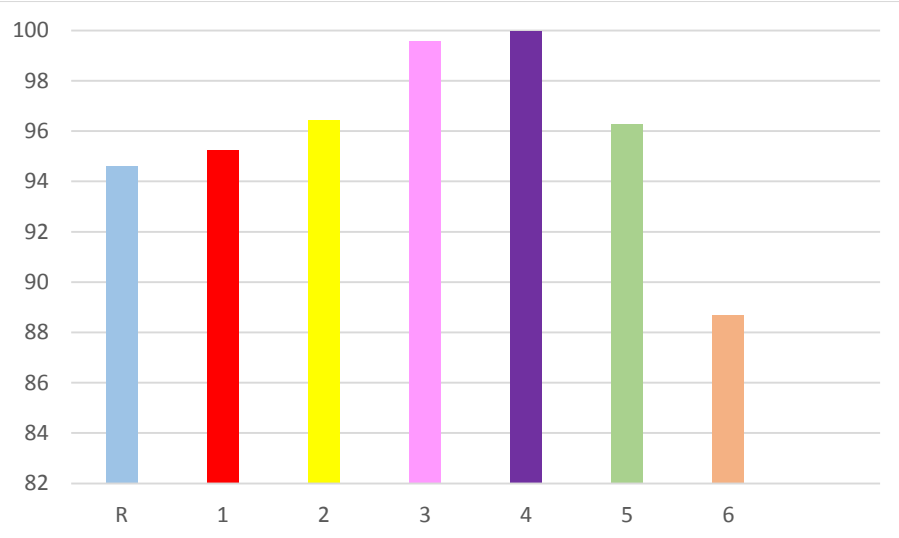
Swimming Lessons – Year 3

Year 3 will be beginning swimming lessons after half term, on Friday afternoons. Please can parents to ensure that their child's swimming kit and towel are brought into school each Friday. Thank you.

Year 6 - reminder

A reminder that school is closed for staff training on Monday 24 February 2020, with the exception of Year 6 pupils who should attend for the morning only, from 9.00am until 12.00pm.

Attendance



Our school target
is 97.00%

Overall attendance this week
was **95.43%**.

A family at Nechells primary have recently been fined £264 for taking leave during term time.

We urge families not to take children on holiday during the academic year, as this has a significant impact upon achievement.

Well done to Year 4 who had 100% attendance this week! The best attendance in school this week.



Dates for your diary

These are upcoming school dates for events in school. If there are any changes from the dates printed below, we will inform you as quickly as possible.

17- 21 February 2020	HALF TERM- school closed to all pupils
24 February 2020	Teacher Training Day- school closed to all pupils EXCEPT YEAR 6 (morning only)
5 March 2020	World Book Day- further details to follow
6- 17 April 2020	EASTER HOLIDAYS - school closed to all pupils
14-17 April 2020	Easter Holiday Club- further details to follow
20 April 2020	Teacher Training Day- school closed to all pupils EXCEPT YEAR 6 (morning only)