



# Nechells Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers

This week I wanted to inform parents of all the positive initiatives which took place this week.

Parents collecting their children may have seen our amazing new pirate ship playground equipment (photographs on page 3) which was installed last week. Children now have a variety of equipment to play on. I hope you can all agree on how amazing our outdoor play area now looks.

Pupils have been producing some amazing pieces of artwork since the start of term. Some of the artwork has been made into a collage wall display and was hung in the stairwell this week. It has been heartening to see staff and pupils walking past and suddenly pausing to enjoy the display.

On Wednesday staff and pupils solemnly observed the 2 minute silence in memory all those who fought and died in the line of duty so we can enjoy the freedoms we have today.

We were again visited this week by our local police officers who worked with year 5 and 6 online to raise awareness of keeping safe, focusing on resisting peer pressure and drug use. The pupils found these workshops very informative. The officers informed staff how much they enjoy coming to our school to meet our lovely pupils – even virtually!

Today we celebrated Children in Need with a non-uniform day and lots of fun activities took place to raise money for the charity.

The afterschool clubs are now in full swing with some clubs being so popular that some pupils have had to be put on a waiting list. The Dance and Art afterschool clubs are also up and running. An extra Dance class has been added this term to give our Year 1 pupils a chance to participate and enjoy being part of a club.

To all those who are celebrating Diwali this weekend I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all peace, prosperity, happiness and good health for the coming year.

I hope you all have a safe and relaxing weekend

Mrs L Mahony  
Headteacher



## Safeguarding

*Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility*  
**Staying home alone**



There's no legal age a child can be left home alone. Every child matures differently, so it would be almost impossible to have a "one size fits all" law.

However, parents and carers are responsible for keeping their children safe. If leaving your child home alone puts them at risk of harm – because they're too young to care for themselves for example – the law might consider this neglect.

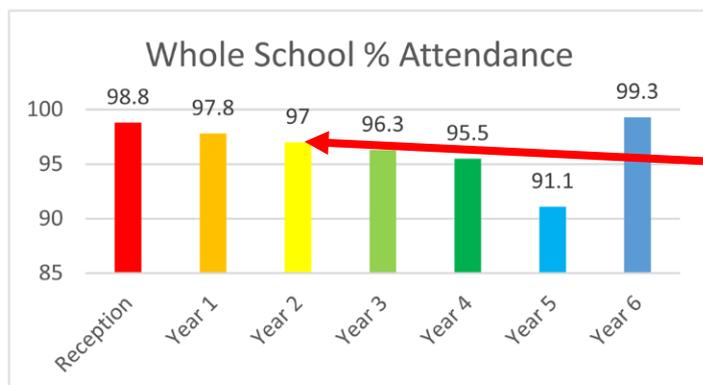
While every child is different, we wouldn't recommend leaving a child under 12 years old home alone, particularly for longer periods of time.

Children in primary school aged 6-12 are usually too young to walk home from school alone, babysit or cook for themselves without adult supervision. If you need to leave them home, it's worth considering leaving them at a friend's house, with family or finding some suitable childcare.

For further advice and guidance please visit: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/in-the-home/home-alone/>

# Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to **Year 6** who had **99.3%** attendance! The best attendance in school this week.



Overall attendance this week was **96.5%**.

Our school target is 97%.

It is really important that your child attends school unless they are genuinely ill so that they can receive the education they are entitled to.

## Punctuality

**'If a child is 10 minutes late once a week- they will miss a will miss a whole day's learning over the academic year'**

**Children need to be in school before 8:50am!** Below is an overview of late marks for each class:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3	1	1	1	0	0	1

Well done to Years 4 & 5 for achieving no late marks!



## House Points



These are the current House Point Totals collected by each House Team this week:

Cadbury	Simmonds	Yousafzai	Zephaniah
301	238	268	283

Well done to Cadbury

## Reminders:

- If you are unable to collect your child at the end of the school day, please remember to **inform the office with enough time for class teachers to be informed**. Pupils will not be released into somebody's care until staff are reassured the correct person has come to collect the child y). This procedure is in place to safeguard your child!

## **Pupils of the Week**

These pupils have been chosen by their teachers for their excellent work this week:

	Reader of the week	Learner of the week	Star of the week
<b>Reception</b>	Ke-Yaunte	Zakariya	Haseeb
<b>Year 1</b>	Romero	Ayan	Fatimah
<b>Year 2</b>	Armaan	Hamza	Fareeha
<b>Year 3</b>	Sumayyah	Faisa	Maryam
<b>Year 4</b>	Ella-Grace	Kudret	Mohammed
<b>Year 5</b>	Abdikarim	Saida	Meykell
<b>Year 6</b>	Musa	Layla	Abubakr

Children will receive their certificates in class.

## Key dates for your diary



13 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Diwali
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety & Anti-bullying week
07 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Online safety week
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper day in support of Save the Children charity – Please note the date amendment as the wrong date was printed in error in the last newsletter
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Term end – normal school day
04 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET day – no pupils to attend school
05 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	New term starts – all pupils return

## Playground photographs



## Collage of pupil's artwork in stairwell



## Pupils watching online Police workshop





# After School Sport Club

Weekdays – 5pm

#YSTAfterSchool



Many children and young people across the UK will be missing out on their usual sport clubs. We're here to help all young people feel part of a club that helps them develop skills and learn something new. The Youth Sport Trust's After School Sport Club is about much more than physical fitness. It will help children develop physical literacy and confidence to try lots of new sports, helping all children find a sport for them.

The After-School Sport Club will be led by Athlete Mentors from different backgrounds, abilities and sports. The first session will take place on Thursday 12 November at 5pm, with the world's number one female inline skater and ten times British Champion, [Jenna Downing](#).

Every day at 5pm from 16 November until 18 December, children and young people can join in with the live broadcast for free on our [YouTube](#) channel. Join in the conversation on social using #YSTAfterSchool and tagging [@YouthSportTrust](#) across all social media channels. You might need items from around your home for some sessions, but we'll give some ideas ahead of each club to adapt if you don't have these items.

The different daily themes are below:

- **Adventure Monday** – This might involve getting children to do floor, wall climbing and map reading all within their living room
- **Tuesday Play** – Imaginative play utilising resources in the house to create games and activities to get active
- **Wild Wednesday** – Some high tempo competitive activities involving personal challenges
- **Thinking Thursday** – Introducing cognitive challenges for children through movement. Active noughts and crosses and introducing an element of competition – whether that be against themselves, the clock, their siblings or remotely with friends
- **Fun Friday** – A chance for children to let loose and have some fun. Dancing and doing what makes them feel good.

To join the above activities, please log onto:

Link: <https://www.youthsporttrust.org/AfterSchoolSportClub>