

Headteacher's Roundup

What a great start to 2026! It was wonderful to see everyone return after the Christmas break, refreshed and ready for this busy term. Children settled back into routines quickly, showing great enthusiasm for their learning and school life.

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a wonderful trip to the National Memorial Arboretum. They represented the school beautifully and learned a lot from the experience.

We have offered many different clubs throughout this half-term such as chess, dance, football, yoga, sports, and table tennis. It's great to see so many pupils getting involved.

A sincere thank you to all parents and carers for continuing to support with homework. This makes a real difference to pupils' progress and confidence.

Please continue to check the My Child at School app regularly for important and information messages, updates, and information for the coming half term.

Parents/carers, look out for the NHS Parent Wellbeing Newsletter that we will send separately — filled with tips, advice, and updates to support your family's health and happiness.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school.

Mrs S McMahon



Headteacher

Reminders

All children should be in school for 8.30am



Term Dates

SPRING 2 TERM 2026

MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY - TEACHER TRAINING DAY

**Tuesday 24th February 26
- Friday 27th March 26**

**~ HALF-TERM ~ Monday 30th March -
Friday 10th April**

SUMMER 1 TERM 2026

**Monday 13th April 26
- Friday 22nd May 26**

**~ HALF-TERM ~ Monday 25th May 26 -
Friday 29th May**

SUMMER 2 TERM 2026

**Monday 1st June 26 -
Friday 17th July 26**

~ SUMMER HOLIDAY ~

Pastoral Manager



Hello everyone, my name is Miss Long and I'm really pleased to be joining the school as the new Pastoral Manager. I already feel incredibly welcomed by both staff and pupils and I'm looking forward to getting to know our school community better.

My role is centred around supporting children's well-being and helping them feel safe, happy, and ready to learn. I'll be working closely with families and staff to offer support when it's needed and to ensure every child feels listened and valued.

If you ever have a worry, a question, or simply feel your child may need a little extra support please do not hesitate to get in touch. I'm always happy to chat and work together to support your child in the best way possible.

I'm really excited to be part of the school and look forward to meeting many of you over the coming weeks.

Supporting Children's Mental Health

Children's mental health is just as important as their physical health. Feeling listened to, supported and safe at home plays a key role in helping children thrive.

You can support by:

- talking regularly and openly about feelings
- Listening without judgement and taking concerns seriously
- Encouraging routines, good sleep, healthy eating, and physical activity.
- Noticing changes in behaviour, mood, or friendships.
- Reassuring children that it's ok to ask for help.

For further advice and support visit:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>



Diary Dates

Monday 23rd February 26	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all children
Tuesday 24th February 26	Children return to school	
24th - 25th February	Nursery Nature Walk	15 minute walk around the local area - please give consent on MCAS
Wednesday 25th February 26	Year 5 trip to the Think Tank	Children must wear their uniform to school
25th, 26th and 27th February	Reception Nature Walk	15 minute walk around the local area - please give consent on MCAS
Thursday 5th March 26	World Book Day	Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or in comfy clothes
Tuesday 17th March 26	KS1 Animal Man Visit	The children will have chance to see and handle different types of animals
Thursday 26th March 26	Year 3 Religious Visit to St Michael's Church	Children must wear their uniform to school
Friday 27th March 26	Break up at 3pm for Easter Holidays	
Monday 13th April 26	Children return to school	

Medication Reminder



If your child requires medication during the school day, please ensure that the school has an up-to-date supply. It's important that all medicines are clearly labelled with your child's name and are within their expiry date. Expired or unlabelled medication cannot be administered by staff. If you're unsure whether your child's medication is still valid or how much we have on site, please contact the school office to check. Keeping this information current helps us support your child's health and safety while they're at school.

Please like our Facebook Page to keep up to date with what's going on in school

facebook.com/SevernePrimary



Safeguarding

For school holiday support in Birmingham, parents can contact:

Children's Advice Support Service:

Provides support and advice regarding children's welfare. They are available during the week and also have an emergency out-of-hours service.

- Monday to Thursday: 8:45 am to 5:15 pm
- Friday: 8:45 am to 4:15 pm
- Emergency out-of-hours: 0121 675 4806

NSPCC:

Offers a helpline for child protection and welfare concerns.

- 0808 800 5000

Domestic Violence Support:

Birmingham City Council provides support for domestic violence situations.

- 0121 303 0368 or 0121 303 0369

Gateway Family Services:

Offers early help services.

- 0121 456 7821
- email: earlyhelpedgbaston@gatewayfs.org

Supporting Safer Internet Use

Safer Internet day is a great opportunity to help children use the Internet safely, responsibly, and positively. You can support by:

- talking regularly with them about what they do online.
- agreeing clear, age-appropriate rules for screen time and apps.
- Using privacy settings and parental controls
- Reminding children not to share personal information and to be kind online.

For further advice and support visit

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Please download the My Child At School App

Respect ● Succeed ● Celebrate

**DON'T
BE LATE!**

What time does school start?

School starts at 8:30am.

Parents/carers should arrive at school at 8:25am so that once the doors are open at **8:30am**, children can make their way into their classroom, enjoy the breakfast snack that is being offered and prepare themselves for the day ahead.

This is a really important part of the school day and allows children to settle, join their class friends and make the most of every moment.

Being late results in children having to enter a classroom when everybody else is settled and learning has already begun- this often causes distress and worry.

PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD BY GETTING THEM TO SCHOOL ON TIME AT 8:30AM EVERY DAY.

Reporting Absence



If a child is unwell and unable to attend school, it is the responsibility of parents /carers to inform the school before 8:30am. Notification can be made by phone call **0121 706 2743** or email **enquiry@severne.bham.sch.uk** to the school office. Early communication ensures accurate attendance records and helps staff account for all students' safety and wellbeing.

Uniform Hub

Each Wednesday between 8:15am and 8:30am, 'The Elsie Carter Room' will be opened to all Parents/Carers, please come along if you require uniform for your children as we have all sizes. **There is no cost for this uniform.** Please pop over and use this facility. We have lots of **new** uniform in many sizes available.

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Drawing Competition

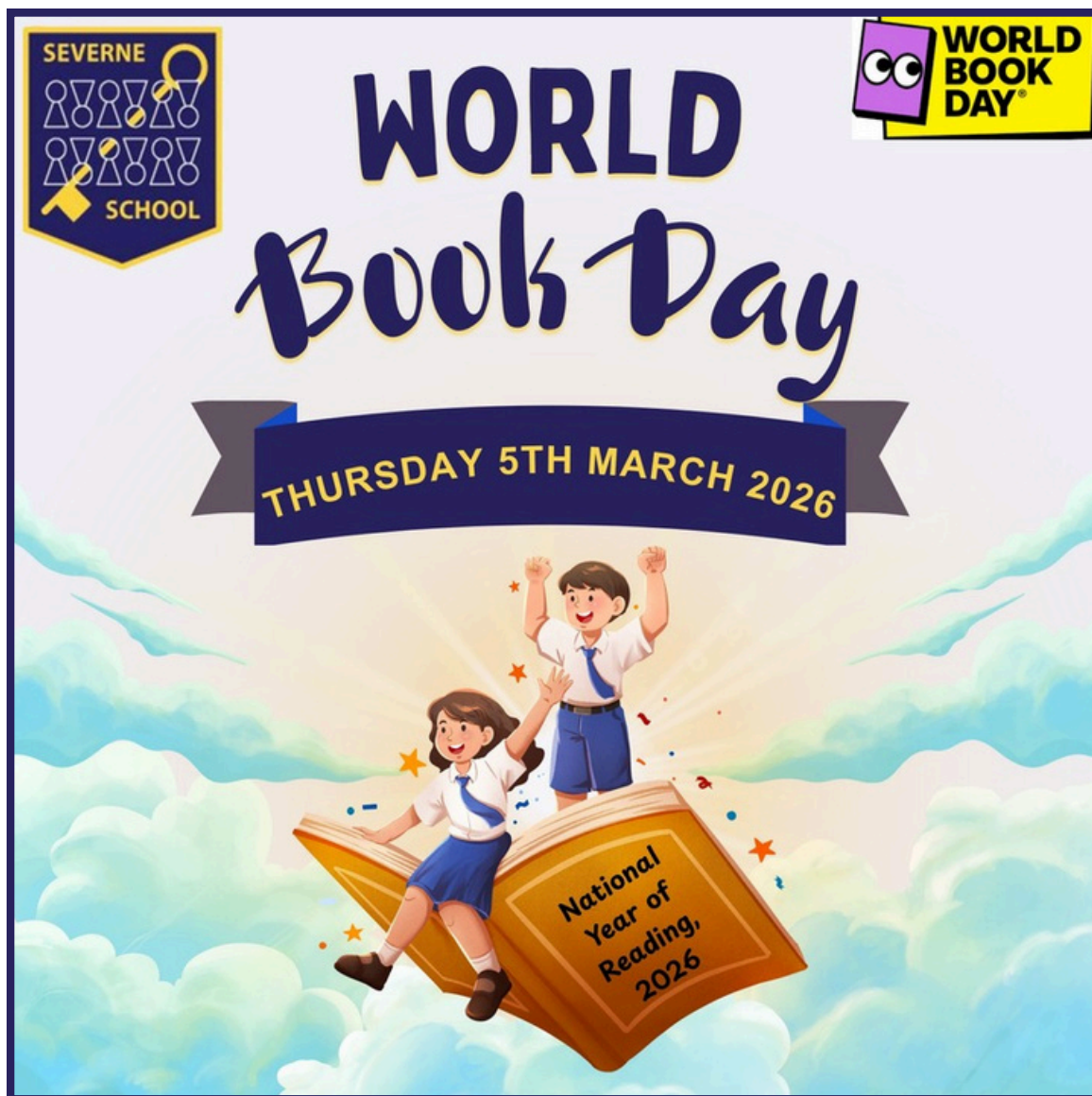
Our Reception children have been superstars and drawn creative portraits of their families. Their amazing portraits have been entered into the "Me and My Family" competition run by (<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/>) for their chance to be published in a book! Here are a selection of their artworks.





World Book Day Celebration

World Book Day is just around the corner, and it's time to celebrate the joy of reading! Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in their comfiest 'chill out' clothes, ready to dive into a day full of stories and imagination. It's a wonderful opportunity to share a love of books, discover new adventures, and celebrate the magic that reading brings to everyone.



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Please label uniforms



Severne Primary School Uniform Policy



Uniform is **compulsory** including PE uniform. It's smart, comfortable and practical. It can be bought from most supermarkets.

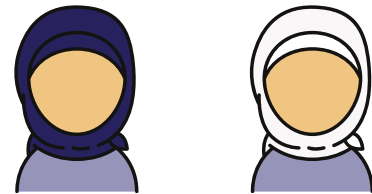


Boys - Navy blue sweatshirt, white shirt or polo shirt and grey trousers. For the summer months, grey school uniform shorts are acceptable.

Girls - Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan, white shirt or polo shirt and grey skirt. Girls may also choose to wear grey trousers. Dark blue check gingham dresses may be worn during the summer months.



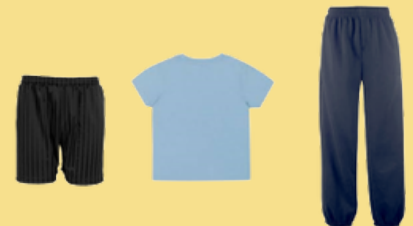
Shoes - Must be black school shoes or trainers
(All items should be plain without logos or decorations.)



If headscarves are worn, they should be plain blue or white which are in keeping with uniform colours.

PE

- plain (no logos) pale blue T-shirt or polo shirt
- Plain navy blue school shorts
- Plain (no logos) navy blue joggers/jogging suit for colder days



All children must have appropriate footwear and socks, it is recommended that younger children should have plain black Velcro fastening pumps or black trainers for easy access.

SWIMMING

Boys: trunks must be swimming trunks and not summer shorts.

Girls: swimsuits must be one-piece suits and not 2-piece bikinis.

Please note: full body swimsuits (burqini) are permitted swimwear alternatively; lycra leggings and leotard can be used. Swimming caps are advisable but not essential.

All swimwear to be navy blue or black if possible.

JEWELLERY

Jewellery is **NOT** permitted in school. Children are allowed to wear stud earrings only, there should be **NO** loops or drop earrings. This is to ensure the safety of our children in the playground.



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2026



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with one paying adult

BILLS

Kids eat free Monday 17th - Friday 28th Feb

BREWDOG

Kids eat free this Feb Half Term

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 under 16s get free breakfast daily with 1 adult!

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat FREE from 10th to the 16th of Feb 2026.

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE during all school holidays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PREZZO

Kids eat for £1 from 6th Jan to 11th February 2026.

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1. Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free all day Feb 16th - 20th 2026