

SEVERNE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



Headteacher's Roundup

As the summer term draws to a close, it's wonderful to reflect on the many exciting experiences and achievements that have taken place across the school. The past few months have been filled with learning, creativity, and memorable adventures for every year group.

Nursery and Reception enjoyed a special visit from Ark Farm, where they had the chance to meet and learn about a variety of animals up close. The children loved the hands-on experience and showed great curiosity and care throughout the day.

Year 1 stepped back in time with their visit to Kenilworth Castle, exploring the historic ruins and imagining what life was like in medieval times. Their enthusiasm and questions made it a truly enriching trip.

Year 2 had a busy and fascinating term, visiting Selly Manor to learn about Tudor life and taking part in a Jewish workshop that deepened their understanding of different cultures and traditions.

Year 3 had a particularly sweet experience at Cadbury World, discovering how chocolate is made and learning about the history of the famous brand. The trip was both educational and delicious!

Year 4 immersed themselves in history through an exciting Viking workshop, where they explored Viking life, artefacts, and even tried their hand at some traditional crafts and activities.

Year 5 travelled back to ancient times with a Greek workshop, learning about myths, gods, and the influence of Greek culture on the modern world. Their enthusiasm for history shone through in their creative follow-up work.

Year 6 enjoyed their final primary school trip to Umberslade Adventure, where they spent time outdoors, working together and celebrating their years at school. It was a fitting and memorable way to mark the end of their primary journey.

Parents were invited into school throughout the term to enjoy two special musical performances. Students showcased their talents in an energetic dhol drumming concert, featuring the traditional Indian drums, followed by a vibrant steel pan concert that brought Caribbean rhythms to life. The events provided a wonderful opportunity for families to celebrate the diverse musical skills being developed at school and enjoy the students' hard work and dedication over the term.

Year 6 showcased their talents during their Leavers Assembly, a memorable performance that was filled with laughter and only a few tears. Good luck as you move to the next chapter of your education, you will all be great.

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Murfin, Mrs Dwyer, Miss Francis and Mrs Woodward and thank them for all their hard work and dedication to Severne. Good luck for your new adventures.

As we look ahead to the next academic year, we welcome Mrs Mitchell, who will be the new Head Teacher from September, Miss Hassan, Miss Walsh and Mrs Hodges who will also be joining the teachers team from September.

A huge thank you goes to all the staff, pupils, and families for their hard work and support this year.

Finally, thank you all for your kind words and generous gifts, I know that the school will go from strength to strength next year, the children are in good hands.

Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Happy

Summer

Holiday

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S. McMahon
Headteacher

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Your new Headteacher, Mrs Mitchell

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to write to you as the newly appointed Headteacher of Severne Primary School and to introduce myself ahead of joining the school in September.

It is a real privilege to take on this role, and I feel incredibly proud to be joining such a warm, welcoming and vibrant school community. It was very clear from my first visit that Severne is a school where children are cared for deeply and where strong relationships are at the heart of school life.

Although I have not yet officially started, I have already been impressed by the school's commitment to its children and families. My priority as Headteacher will be to ensure that every child feels safe, valued and supported, while also being challenged to achieve their very best. I am passionate about high-quality teaching and learning and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive and succeed.

I strongly believe that successful schools are built on strong partnerships with families. When I join the school in September, one of my first priorities will be to get to know the children, staff and families that make Severne such a special place. I will be spending time on the playground at the beginning and end of the school day and would love the opportunity to meet you. Please do come and say hello if you see me.

I am also keen to create opportunities for parents and carers to get to know me. During the autumn term, I will be organising a number of informal "Meet the Headteacher" mornings and afternoons, where you will be warmly invited to join me for tea, coffee and cake. These sessions will provide an opportunity for us to get to know one another, share ideas and have a friendly conversation about our aspirations for the school and our children.

Over the coming months, I look forward to listening, learning and working alongside you to build on the many strengths of the school and ensure the very best outcomes for all of our children.

Thank you for the warm welcome that I have already received. I am very excited to be joining the Severne community and look forward to meeting you all in September and beginning this exciting new chapter together.

I hope you have a wonderful summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Shelley Mitchell



Diary Dates



Tuesday 2nd September	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all students
Wednesday 3rd September	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all students
Thursday 4th September	Reception to year 6 children return to school	Children must wear their school uniform
Monday 7th September	Nursery children to start school	Children must wear their uniform to school
Friday 24th October	Break up for Half Term	
Monday 2nd November	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all students
Tuesday 3rd November	All children return to school	Children must wear their uniform to school
Friday 19th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays	

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

facebook.com/SevernePrimary





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.

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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

Parenting Support

At Severne we know that parenting can be both rewarding and challenging, and you don't have to navigate it alone. Our pastoral team is always here to offer guidance, a listening ear and practical support whenever you need it.

Whether you're looking for advice, help with routines, or someone to talk things through, please reach out. We're here to work together to ensure every child and family feels supported.

For local Parenting and Family support near you, please visit:

- [Birmingham Family Hubs | Welcome to Family Hubs | Birmingham City Council](#)
- [Home - Home-Start Birmingham](#)
- [Birmingham Children's Trust Homepage](#)

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Family First

Proudly supporting  **NHS** in improving the physical & mental wellbeing of families living in England

Family First was founded in 2017 with a simple mission: to empower parents and schools with the necessary resources to improve the well-being of children and young adults across the UK. By promoting a happier and healthier family lifestyle, Family First has achieved remarkable success since its inception. This success has attracted the attention and support of esteemed organisations such as Public Health England's Change4Life, Mumsnet, Argos, ASDA, Sainsbury's and many more, as well as prominent sports entities and leading family brands in the UK. Through these partnerships, Family First has been able to expand its reach to even more parents, encouraging them to reduce screen time, engage in physical activities, and adopt healthier eating habits.

Please use the following link to access the magazine:

<https://familyfirst.co.uk/magazines/family-first-issue-3-2026/>



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Water Safety



Water Safety Awareness Message from West Midlands Fire Service

During the hot spell over the late May Bank Holiday weekend and half-term holiday, there were a number of tragic incidents around the country, many involving young people. The forecast over the coming weeks is for temperatures to rise again.

To keep yourself and your loved ones safe around water please be aware of the following:

- Of all drownings in 2025, 57% took place in inland water – canals, rivers, lakes, ponds – the type of bodies of water we have lots of in the West Midlands.
- Even if the weather is warm the water may be cold, causing your body to go into cold water shock.
- If you fall into water Float to Live – put your head back, float on your back and keep yourself stable by using small movements of your hands.
- Once you are stable you may call for help or swim to the bank if it is feasible.
- Do not go into the water to save people or pets. Call 999 and ask for the Fire Service.

For more information about staying safe around water please visit the West Midlands Fire Service water safety page (<https://www.wmfs.net/safety/water-safety/>) or the RNLI Education Resources page (<https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources>).



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Sun Safety

HOW TO STAY SAFE IN THE SUN

Enjoy the sunny days while staying safe and protected!



Always wear sunscreen.



Apply sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher at least 15 minutes before going out. Reapply often.

Wear protective clothing.



Cover up when out in the sunshine. Put on a hat to protect your face and neck.

Wear sunglasses.



Keep your eyes protected with sunglasses that are designed to block UV rays.

Don't stay out in the sun too long.



Limit your time in the sun, especially between 11 AM and 3 PM. Seek shade if you can.

Weather



Our skin can burn even if it's cloudy! Apply sunscreen to protect your skin.

Splish, Splash



Water washes sunscreen off. Sunscreen should be reapplied straight after you have been in water.

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Road Safety

Road safety is crucial, whether cycling or travelling by car. Here are some tips for keeping children safe:



Teach children to look both ways before crossing the street and use pedestrian crossings.



Encourage children to wear helmets and visible clothing when cycling or scootering.



Use car seats and seat belts correctly for children of all ages when travelling in the car.



Remind children to stay on pavements and be cautious near parked cars or driveways.

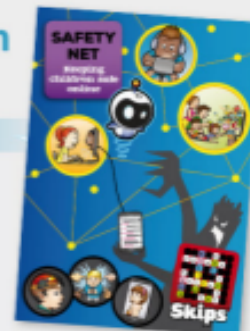


Set a good example by following road safety rules yourself.

For further information please visit: <https://www.brake.org.uk/get-involved/take-action/mybrake/knowledge-centre/advice-for-parents-and-families>

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When Something Goes Wrong Online — A Simple Action Plan for Parents

1. Stay Calm First

If your child tells you something worrying:

- Thank them for telling you
- Avoid blaming or panicking
- Reassure them: "We'll deal with this together."

2. Keep the Evidence

- Take screenshots (include usernames and dates)
- Save messages
- Keep profile links

3. Use Official Reporting Routes

Grooming or exploitation – CEOP: www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre

Illegal images – Internet Watch Foundation: www.iwf.org.uk/report

Nude images shared (under 18s) – Report Remove: www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove

If in immediate danger, call 999.

4. If You Feel Overwhelmed – Use Structured Support

You can use free ChatGPT to help structure next steps.



Free access: <https://chat.openai.com> Example prompts:

- My child received inappropriate messages. What steps should I take in the UK?
- How do I report online grooming?
- What should I say to my child after cyberbullying?

Important: ChatGPT is a support tool and does NOT replace official reporting or police action.

5. Ongoing Protection at Home

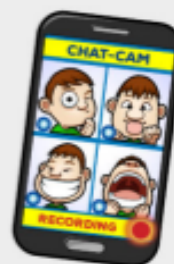
- Keep regular, calm conversations
- Review privacy settings together
- Monitor gaming contacts
- Encourage early disclosure

Children will make mistakes online, just as they do offline.

Trust and communication protect them more than punishment.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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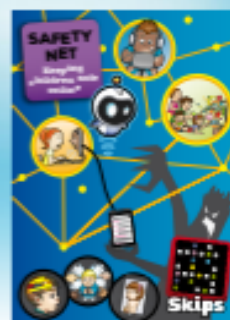
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School's out for summer!

It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



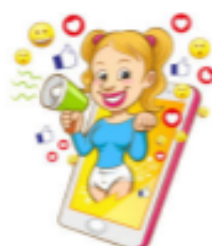
A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



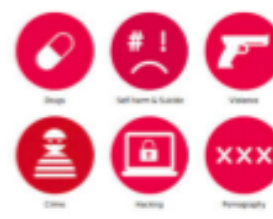
A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

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Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

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Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Summer Savings

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

As part of this campaign, they have launched an attraction finder website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>

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PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 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

2 Kids eat free every day until Sept 6th 2026

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays until September 1st 2026

BREWDOG

1 Kid eats free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

CAFE ROUGE

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

CHIQUITO

Kids eat free during all school holidays

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free Mon 13th July - Sun 6th Sept

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 Kids eat FREE this summer holidays

FLAMING GRILL PUBS

Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE during school holidays

FRANCO MANCIA

Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER

Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE via the 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

PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

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 up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

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

TESCO

Kids eat free every day this summer with a 65p spend

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free until 6th September (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for £1 with 1 adult breakfast

TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026

TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app

VILLAGE HOTELS

Kids eat free 20th July - 4th Sept via the village app

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 via app during school holidays