



BROAD SQUARE NEWSLETTER

2nd May 2025

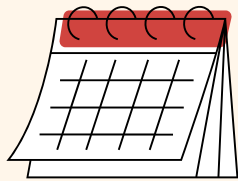
Overall Attendance: 93%

Early Years Winning Class - RL - 97.0%

Years 1 & 2 Winning Class 2B - 98.6%

Years 3 & 4 Winning Class 4M - 94.1%

Years 5 & 6 Winning Class 6O - 95.0%



Dates for the Diary:

May Bank holiday - Monday 5th May

Year 6 SATs week - Monday 12th - Friday 16th

May Half term - Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May

INSET DAY - Monday 2nd June (school closed to all pupils)

Children return to school - Tuesday 3rd June

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a really successful and positive start to the summer term.

This week particularly, the children (and staff) have coped very well with the heat. Can I remind parents that summer school uniform is; red summer dresses or grey shorts/skirts with a white polo. Our School PE kit is navy shorts and a white t-shirt. On PE days children should still wear their school jumpers or cardigans or fleeces (not own clothes). Can I also ask that all jumpers and cardigans are named; in the warmer weather children take them off and it is hard to return them to their owners if they are not labelled with the child's name.

All children have had a road safety assembly this week, where they were told the exciting news that we will finally be getting a crossing patrol officer. Andy will be our new 'lollipop man' and we are grateful that he will be helping our children safely cross a busy road. I have included a map at the bottom of this letter to show where he will be. I am sure that all children and families will make him feel welcome.

I hope that everyone enjoys this extended

Bank Holiday weekend,

Thank you,

Mrs Foden, Headteacher



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Broad Square Reading



It is important that we work together to foster a love of reading in our children.



At Broad Square, we strive to provide a rich and diverse offer of reading materials that cater to all interests and abilities. Our classrooms are filled with an array of books—from timeless classics to modern adventures—that aim to ignite curiosity and inspire a passion for reading. However, we have noticed a concerning trend regarding home reading engagement with some of our pupils. It has come to our attention that some books have not been returned to school since last year, which may reflect a lack of engagement in regular reading activities at home. We understand that life can become busy, but encouraging consistent reading at home is vital for your child's development. Reading not only enhances literacy skills but also boosts comprehension, vocabulary, and imagination. To support your child's reading journey, we recommend setting aside dedicated time each day for reading. This could involve you reading together, discussing the story, or encouraging them to articulate their thoughts about the book. The aim is to make reading a shared and enjoyable experience. Please can we all make an effort to return school books regularly so they can be changed.



Spotlight on curriculum

We are thrilled to announce that Team Shakespeare are the overall house winners from last term! Their incredible dedication to our school values – Excellence, Responsibility, Respect, Community, Enjoyment, Compassion, and Perseverance – has truly shone through, as they have consistently earned points by demonstrating good behaviour and producing outstanding work. To honour their fantastic achievement, Team Shakespeare will be treated to an exciting and fun-filled afternoon next Wednesday! It's not just a celebration of their success, but also a fantastic opportunity to strengthen the bonds within our school community. Congratulations to all members of Team Shakespeare! Let's continue to inspire and motivate one another in the spirit of friendly competition. We can't wait to celebrate this well-deserved reward!

Mental Health & Wellbeing

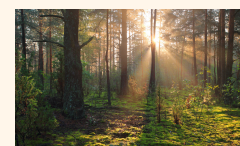
Why not make the most of what our local nature has to offer this bank holiday weekend?

Colours, smells, sounds! The golds, reds, purples, russets and oranges that provide a burst of joy. Spending time in nature outdoors can help improve your mood and reduce feelings of stress and anger. Try to pay attention to your surroundings and find things to see, hear, taste, smell and touch.

Lots of people find that being with animals is calming and enjoyable. You could try pet-sitting or dog walking, feed birds from your window, or visit our local Croxteth community farm.

You can even bring nature indoors! This can give you the benefits of nature without having to go to a park or public garden. You could buy flowers, potted plants or seeds for growing on your window sill. Or you could collect natural materials from outdoors, such as leaves, flowers, feathers, and use them to decorate your living space.

Stay safe and have lots of fun.
Mr Singleton.



Talk about why you believe this story became news across the UK this week.

How would you feel if this was your local area? Why?

Why is the role of bin men in our society so important?

What can we do to help reduce littering and rubbish in our streets? Why is this important?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rru4g5HDp4w>

Let's look at this week's story



Many workers in Birmingham have been on strike (choosing not to work) since January, because they believe they are not being treated or paid fairly. The workers on strike are the people whose job it is to collect rubbish and empty the bins from outside homes and streets. As an all-out strike has now been going on since 11th March, huge piles of rubbish are building up around the city.

UN Rights of a Child

Every child has the right to a clean and safe environment. When rubbish piles up, it can affect children's health and safety. Governments should work to solve problems quickly, so that children have clean places to grow up.



Whose job is it to keep our local places clean and tidy?



Mutual Respect

Everyone deserves to feel valued and respected at school or work. By showing respect to others, we can help make sure everyone feels fairly treated and listened to.

Protected Characteristics



Both men and women work as refuse collectors, but sometimes people wrongly think it's a 'man's job'. It's important not to stereotype. Everyone, no matter their sex, deserves fair pay and respect at work.

Broad Lane/Lorenzo Drive School Crossing

Key:

- **White arrows** = Crossing areas covered by School Crossing Patrol
- **Yellow circle** = School Crossing Patrol's post

