

Earlsdon Primary School NEWSLETTER



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Autumn 2 Week 3

Junior Parkrun

Thank you to all the families who have registered for the Junior Parkrun on Sunday 30th November. Please could you let the school office know by the end of the day on Monday if you are planning to join the run and also if you are planning on coming back to school for a hot sausage sandwich (£2.50).



On the day, please meet at the War Memorial Park near the play park at 8.45am. Miss Higgs and Miss Haines will be there to welcome you. There is a fun warm up and then the run starts at 9am. After the run, you are free to make your own way back to school and come in through the car park entrance. Alternatively, Miss Higgs will wait for the run to finish and will walk back with any families who would like to walk together.

As well as hot drinks and sausage sandwiches, there will be a Christmas craft activity linked to the Light Trail at the allotment. Please note that this is the first time we have done this and we will be buying food to cater for the people who have requested it. Although we will have a little extra food for last minute decisions, we don't want to waste food so we can't guarantee food that hasn't been pre-ordered.



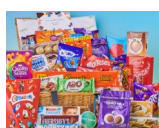
Parent workshops

Thank you very much to all the families who have attended the Reception phonics workshop and the Year 2 Maths Mastery workshop. We are very lucky as a school to have such great support for learning from parents. The Education Endowment Foundation has conducted research on the impact of parental engagement on children's academic outcomes which has shown that it makes a huge difference. We are always happy to help if you have questions about how to support your child with learning at home.



Chocolate Tombola

Thank you very much for all the generous donations for the PTA Festive Tombola. The tombola will take place on the school playground on 1st and 2nd December after school. The PTA will be sharing more information about this in next week's newsletter. The PTA are working hard to ensure that they have prizes suitable for dietary requirements. They will also ensure that all children who would like to take part, get the opportunity to do so.



Christmas performances

We are looking forward to our KS1 Christmas performances which are taking place on 9th and 10th December at 2pm. All families have been allocated two tickets due to space limitations at the Methodist Church. The tickets will be available at the beginning of next week we will send out information on Monday.

Reception super hero party

The PTA are holding a Superhero themed party for the Reception children on Wednesday 26 November. The event costs £3 per child and will run from 5-6 pm. The Reception children should return to school wearing super hero/dress up clothes at 5pm. Drama-tots will be providing the entertainment! Please note that snacks will not be provided, and the children should bring their own water bottle to this event. Reception children who attend Afterschool club will be collected in order to join in if required (please remember to send them to school with their dress up clothes in their bag).

To book a place for your child at this PTA event, please pay by putting £3 in an envelope and posting it into the **red PTA box** in the school reception area. Please write Reception PJ party and your child's name clearly on the envelope or by scanning the QR code on the poster so a place can be reserved for them.



Letters sent out this week

Mastering number at home letter YR 1

Cut your carbon

Class allotment visit letter 3H

Robotics club parent letter Nov 2025

Winter Wreath making

Christmas Menu 2025

Festive Season at the Allotment

Festive Light Trail

We have just a few tickets left for the Festive Light Trail at the allotment on the 4th and 5th December from 4pm-5pm. Tickets include entrance to the light trail, a gift from Father Christmas, opportunity to buy mulled wine, hot chocolate, warm samosas and other refreshments.

Wreath making

There are limited tickets still available for the wreathmaking session on 6th December. This is a lovely afternoon and you will get all the materials to make a beautiful festive wreath. There is also a children's event on at the same time where the children will make festive table decorations. These sessions were very popular last year and everyone who came told us how they enjoyed being able to relax in the green space of our allotment.



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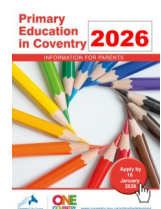
Our HADO teams had an excellent tournament, and our teams came first, second and fourth. We are very proud of them as they had some very strong competition. They are now through to the next round of the Schools Games tournament.



Starting Primary School in September 2026

The application process for children starting primary school in September 2026 is open. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2026. Parents are asked to apply on line at:

www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions



Our learning this week:

Reception

This week, the children have continued to build on their learning about the emergency services as well as being introduced to maps. Using their fine motor skills and writing skills they have made themselves as a firefighter. As mathematicians, they have been learning the names of 2D shapes and their properties, they have used this knowledge to independently make a 2D shape fire engine. As writers, in their English lesson they have been segmenting and blending the word m-a-p which they have written independently using the correct pencil grip. They are continuing to learn about letter formation, focusing on c and e as well as developing their fine motor skills through various strengthening activities such as playdough through their continuous provision. In guided reading sessions, the children are becoming familiar with how to sit in small groups, hold their books correctly, enjoy their book and discuss what is happening on each page. Finally, the children have been introduced to junk modelling, using their PITRIC skills of problem solving, imagination, thinking, reflection, investigation and collaboration to build, make and create some masterpieces!

Year 1

As mathematicians Year 1 have begun to add by counting on, holding a number in our head and then adding on a small number. We have used manipulatives (counters and cubes) to help visualise this and stem sentences to help us explain our adding and record our thinking. As writers we have been writing character descriptions using adjectives to describe nouns. We focused on 'Bramwell Bear' one of the central characters of our story 'Old Bear', describing his appearance and emotions. In our sentence writing we have continued to think about securing basic punctuation; capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, but we have now begun to think about extending our sentences by using the word 'and' to add on an additional detail/ idea.

As scientists we have thought about the parts of our body and have drawn around each other on large sheets of paper and labelled the external body parts that we know (leg, head, knee, arm etc). It has been a fun-packed week of learning!



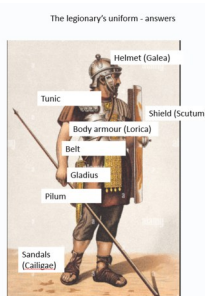
Year 2

This week as mathematicians Year 2 have been learning to group objects, firstly in unequal groups, then in equal groups. They have used practical equipment to make groups and started to relate the groups to repeated addition and multiplication. As writers the children have looked at the language features of Rosie Revere, they have designed their own invention and written about it using compound nouns and some of the grammatical features we have been learning about it. In addition, the children have been observing how vehicles move with an axel attached to the wheels and learning how to identify them.



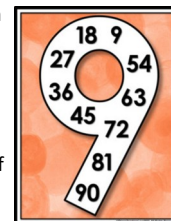
Year 3

This week the children have been writing their own explanations about a trap they designed for the Iron Man, using a range of grammatical features including prepositions, noun phrases, commas in a list and more! As historians, they learned about the Roman Army, looking at why it was so effective, and the different parts of a legionary's uniform. As mathematicians, the children have been learning how to use column subtraction with renaming. And, in PE, they are beginning to create their own dance based on the Nutcracker ballet.



Year 4

This week, as mathematicians, the children have focused on the 9 times table, exploring multiples of 9 and using their knowledge to solve problems with increasing confidence. As writers, the children enjoyed designing their own Viking mythical creatures and magical items, using these imaginative ideas to plan and begin writing their own narratives inspired by *Arthur and the Golden Rope*. As scientists learning about electricity, the children investigated conductors and insulators, testing different materials to see which allowed electricity to flow. As historians, they explored Viking beliefs, discovering how myths and traditions influenced Viking life. Meanwhile in PSHE, the children discussed the importance and value of positive friendships, reflecting on what makes a good friend and how they can support one another.



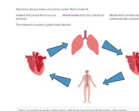
Year 5

This week, as mathematicians, Year 5 have continued their work on division. They have been learning to divide 3-digit numbers by a single digit using informal methods and short division. As writers, the children have planned and started to write their own exploration narrative based on one of the Apollo moon missions. As scientists, Year 5 have been learning about the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky. As computer scientists, they have been programming in Scratch and learning how selection directs the flow of a program. As historians, the children have continued to analyse significant events in the space race between the USSR and the USA.



Year 6

Year 6 have been exploring division in mathematics, starting with short division and representing remainders as both fractions and decimals. They have now begun learning long division and applying this method to solve word problems. As writers, they have written and refined a celebratory speech for *Rose Blanche*, paying tribute to her bravery and carefully incorporating the writing skills we have developed throughout this unit. As historians the children have been representing the events of the Coventry Blitz through art. They have created pieces of silhouette artwork, showing the impact of the Blitz on the Coventry skyline. The children have used blending skills with paint and their knowledge of iconic Coventry buildings to create the piece. As scientists the children have learnt about the circulatory system in humans and animals. They can describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported, using scientific diagrams to support this.



Diary dates:

Wednesday 26 November

Saturday 29 November

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Sunday 30 November

Thursday/Friday 4/5 December

Saturday 6 December

Tuesday/Wednesday 9/10 December

Friday 19th December

PTA Reception super hero party 5-6pm

Choir performances at the Coventry Vision Hub and Earlsdon Library

Earlsdon Library Christmas Fair—we have a PTA stall from 12 – 3pm

Junior Parkrun—meet at Memorial Park at 8.45am

Allotment festive Light Trail 4pm—5pm. Pre-booking essential

Winter wreath making at allotment

KS1 Christmas performances

Last day of the Autumn term