



Ward End Primary School Newsletter

May 2025

We are, confident communicators, independent and proud !

Lots happening in school this Spring term.

The swimming pool is a huge success! Pupils are smiling from ear to ear whilst bobbing around in the water! We can see real progress in swimming and water skills due to swimming twice a week. Well done years 1 and 2.

Year 5 enjoyed a trip to The Tower of London this term. We really learned alot, and saw Queen Camilla too!

All year groups have visited the allotment and are busy planting their vegetables. We are growing pumpkins, strawberries, chillies and tomatoes.

Parking outside school is becoming an increasing concern and a safety issue. Parents **MUST** park away from school gates and walk pupils to school site. Parking on zigzags is a parking offense and is dangerous to pupils and parents entering by foot. Please park safely. Registration plates will be noted and forwarded to police where parents continue to park or drive dangerously. Thank you. I have discussed the parking issues with Liam Byrne MP on his recent visit to Ward End School, he will ask local police to support us.

I am liaising with the builders across the road from school and asking them to park away from school gates too.

Thank you parents for your support.

There are merit points & stickers for pupils, who have the correct uniform, PE kit and reading record- neatly completed daily.



Autumn 2024 Uniform






UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

- Grey or black trousers / skirt / salwar kameez
- White polo or shirt with or without logo
- Black school shoes - not trainers
- Black jumper or cardy – preferably with logo.
When buying new please note the new badge for jumpers/ cardy from September. See link on website (uniform page.)
Previous logo uniform is still Ok.
- Headscarves, in white or black, plain, and close fitted.
- No jewellery. Long hair should be tied up for school please.
- No extreme hair styles, colours, or patterns shaved into hair
- Summer dress **blue only** from Autumn 2024



PE KIT

- White T shirt (with or without school logo) otherwise plain.
- Plain black shorts / leggings / tracksuit (not baggy)
- Plain black pumps



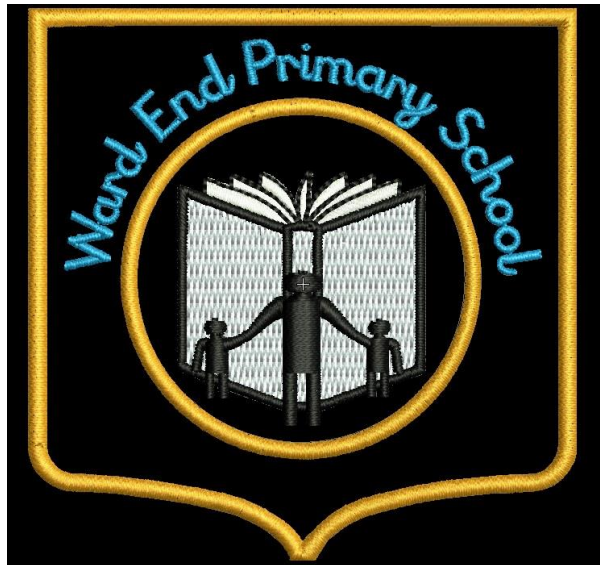
1 - Here is our Uniform from September 2024

For girls wearing headscarves please ensure they are either black or white and a good fit around the head. Scarves trailing on shoulders and back are a health and safety hazard.

Also children with longer hair - please ensure the hair is neatly tied up in ponytails off the face. Again this is for safeguarding the children and also to ensure they look smart. For pupils who arrive to school with long open hair, a hair tie will be provided by the school to help neaten the style.

Summer dresses - blue only (no yellow)

T shirts- white only too please



Jumpers, book bags and cardigans are available to purchase from the school office using Parent Pay, from 2nd June, please email enquiries@wardend.org.uk to order.

We have a selection of sizes so if you are unsure- please ask at the office to have a look at the ones we have in stock.

Items with the previous logo are still Ok to wear next year- when buying new please choose the new logo.

PE Kit - please ensure your child comes into school with the correct PE kit. If a PE is missing, one will be provided from school which then needs to be washed and returned to school.

Our School Day - a reminder

The school day is still the same as last year. Here is a reminder:

8.30 am - School Gates open to welcome pupils

8.40 am - Registration in class

8.45 am - School Gates are closed, teaching begins - anyone arriving after this time will be allocated a LATE mark

Friday school day - Morning times are the same but school will finish at 3.00 pm

NURSERY TIMES:

Monday to Thursday

Nur AM - 8.30 am - 11.30 am

Nur PM - 12.20 pm - 3.20 pm

Fridays

Nur AM - 8.30 am - 11.30 am

Nur PM - 12.20 am - 3.20 pm - Nursery pupils can be collected from 3.00 pm onwards

We encourage you to make ALL routine appointments (medical/dental etc) out of school hours. This causes less disruption to your child's school day.

PLEASE REMEMBER SCHOOL CLOSES AT 3.00 PM ON FRIDAY - EVERY FRIDAY! There are no after-school facilities for children who are collected late - please be punctual at the end of the day.

As a parent if you are running late at the end of the day please make alternative arrangements for collection of your children ie a family member, neighbour etc.

Gates close at 3.45pm - keeps our site safe and secure- to keep everyone safe, please ask pupils to leave promptly without stopping to play on climbing equipment at home time - thank you.

Dates for NEXT school year 2025-2026

School starts on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 -closes Thursday 23rd October for half term.

Open Monday 3rd November closes Friday 19th December.

Open Tuesday 6th January 2026. Half term Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026

Closes Friday 27th March 2026.

Open after Easter break on Tuesday 14th April 2026

half term Monday 25th May- Friday 29th May 2026

Closes Friday 17th July 2026

The new snack payment item has now been added onto your child's ParentPay account for the next half term (Summer Term 2). This new payment item will cover SNACK for your child from Monday 02 June 2025 - Friday 18 July 2025. Please ensure you select ONE choice only. Deadline for payment for snack is Friday 23 May 21025. No payments will be accepted after this date. Some of our children have a preference for certain fruits and vegetables from home. Parents now have a choice:

- to pay for snack from school via ParentPay

- to send in a piece of fruit or vegetable from home.

Snacks permitted from home are:

Banana/apple/orange/pear/raisins/carrots/cucumber

No grapes please - they can be a choking hazard even when cut into pieces.

This list may change if a child with allergies is admitted.

If you are having issues with Parent Pay please contact the Office for support. Thank you.

Happy Vaisakhi!



Our Punjabi families celebrated Vaisakhi in April - we would like to wish all our families who celebrated this festival a very happy Vaisakhi - hope it was a peaceful day full of family fun and laughter.

Leave in Term Time

The LA does not permit leave to be taken during term time and for this academic year the rules have changed. Letters have been sent out to parents regarding this. If you are thinking of taking time off the school needs to be informed. **Please collect a Pupil Leave of Absence Request form from the Office, complete and return it for the attention of the Pastoral Managers who will then have a chat with you. Please bear in mind the LA will issue a penalty notice for any time taken off during term time and your child also misses out on vital education. Please refer to letters on our website for the change in penalty notices and rules.**

Term dates 2024- 2025 (2025- 2026 see website)

Tuesday 29th April - Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 2nd June - Friday 18th July 2025

Please DO NOT take your children out of school during term-time without following the above protocol.

Unicef Article of the Week

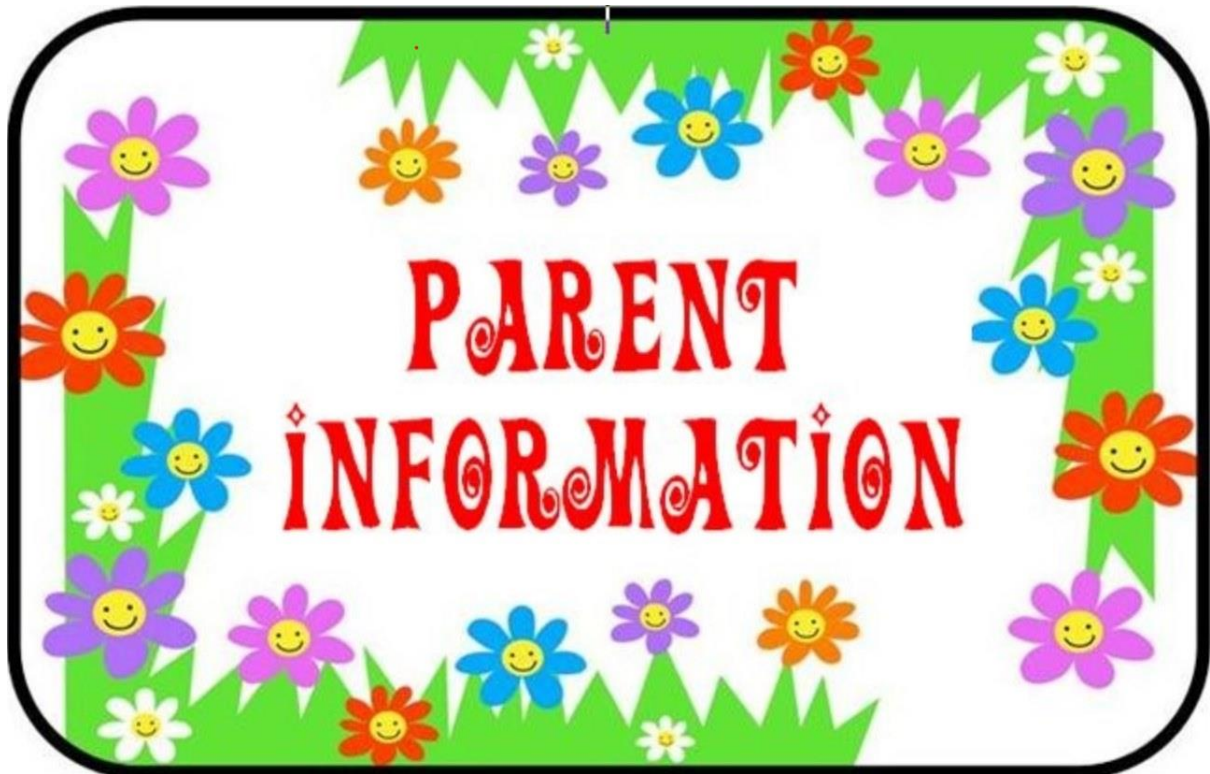


Article 24 – Mental Health Awareness Week (13th -20th May 25)

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health

and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Useful Information



ESOL - classes are provided by Birmingham Adult Education at our setting.

Classes continue at our setting every Thursday from 9-11 am and are well attended.

Family Support Drop will continue on a Wednesday after Coffee Morning from 10am - 12 noon. The FSWs are available to assist with any paperwork/queries etc. Please speak to them for a time-slot.

Community Trip to Llandudno



We are off to LLANDUDNO on Saturday 05 July 2025

Setting off from Ward End Primary School at 8.00 am

Arriving back at Ward End Primary School at 9.00 pm

£18 per seat

Please speak to the Pastoral Team for booking purposes - book now to avoid disappointment!

This is NOT school trip but a trip organised for the community. Payment needs to be made in full and parents are responsible for their children throughout the day. School bears no liability.

Unicef Gold SUMMER FAIR



What: Our UNICEF GOLD Summer Fair

When: Friday 27 June 2025 from 2.00 pm onwards

Where: Playground

So our Summer Fair has been arranged - details as above - further details will be sent via Dojo - please check.

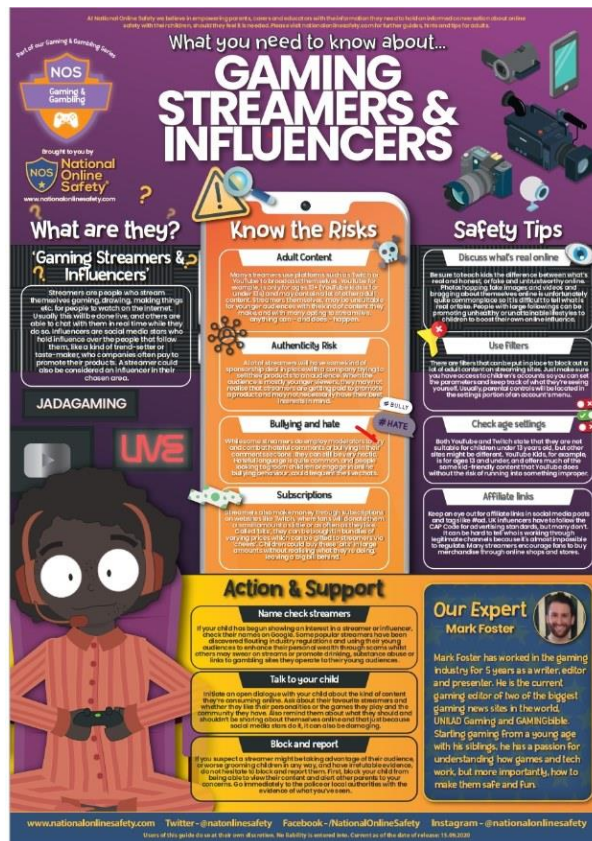
Look out for: Decorated biscuits/sparkly cupcakes/penalty shoot/Treasure Island/Ice lollies and much much more - not to mention the various food/drink/clothes/toys stalls.

This year we are celebrating our **UNICEF GOLD AWARD** by having a sparkly golden Summer Fair! Watch out for the glitz and glamour!

Non-Uniform Day is on Friday 20 June 2024 - wear your pretty clothes and bring in some chocolate in exchange! This will be your donation to the Chocolate Tombola for the Summer Fair. More details to be sent nearer the time.

Educate against Hate. Useful parental advice here:-

https://www.educateagainsthate.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/EAH_Parents-Booklet_2018_English_AW_V3-v7.pdf



2 - Some very useful information to protect your children against scammers especially if your children are playing online games- please have a read!

Please read Ward End Primary School's Safeguarding Policy on the website. The policy follows BCC advice and guidance and is updated annually and approved by our Governors.

How we refer Safeguarding, mental health and Child protection concerns: See page 15 onwards. Also see right help, right time booklet (link below and available in school office reception) Page 22 of the policy - involving Parents and Carers.

Support to keep pupils safe on line:- page 40-41

Strengthening Child Protection: The 3 Safeguarding Partners (Local Authority, Clinical commissioning group and Chief Police officer) are responsible for agreeing and implementing new safeguarding strategies to improve multi- agency working and the provision of safeguarding and child protection in each area. Safeguarding Partners must outline how they will work with all relevant agencies and make clear their arrangements for conducting local reviews.

Tower of London



Year 5 have been fortunate to have been to see the Crown Jewels and a Pastoral Manager had the pleasure of accompanying them. What a trip it was! The children were super excited about the visit - we had a lovely picnic in the grounds and then we all went to see the jewels - they were magnificent and sparkling! Lots of history was learnt on the day and our children also had a lot of prior knowledge.

London Bridge was a lovely sight as were the grounds and to top it all we had sight of the Queen Consort of the United Kingdom (The Queen to you and me). VE celebrations were being held and the Queen made a right royal appearance to celebrate. You can imagine the awe our children were in - they wanted to know why the Queen wasn't wearing her Crown and Robe. Lots of pictures and trip to the shop later we all made it back home - with lovely memories of a beautiful day. Please have a look at some of our photos that show off the day.

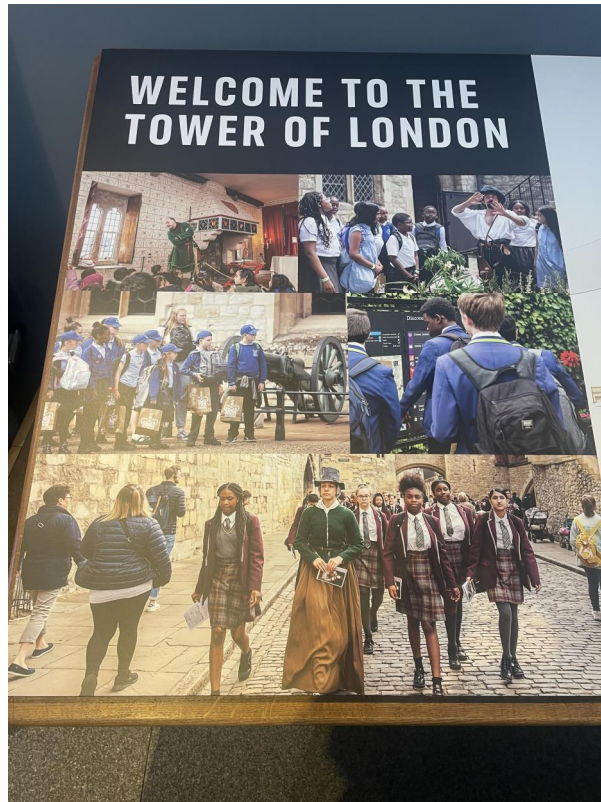
Photography wasn't permitted in the Tower where the Crown Jewels were displayed but please take our word for it - they are phenomenal to look at!



3 - The awesome London Bridge



4 - Story time! Our children participated wholeheartedly and thoroughly enjoyed the stories of pirates! There was also a bit of role play.



5 - Welcome to the Tower of London!



6 - Beautiful grounds - where we had our lunch



7 - Magnificent Armour!



8 - In preparation for VE Day celebrations

City of Nature - Primary School Nature Literature Pack



City of Nature 25 Year Plan for Nature and Green Spaces in Birmingham

Birmingham as a *City of Nature* is: Birmingham's City of Nature Plan | Birmingham City Council

A Green City	A Healthy City	A Fair City	An Involved City	A Valued City
<p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Net Zero ambitions are fulfilled. Sustainable, inclusive, green and resilient development is delivered. 	<p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People will easily find places to enjoy nature safely to enable nature connectedness for their wellbeing. Growing in the community will be supported leading to at least one community garden in every ward of the city. 	<p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is increased equality of access to and use of green space across our city, through the Birmingham Fair Park Standard. Citizens will be equipped with the skills to fulfil the future green jobs needed to deliver this vision. 	<p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our most passionate advocates of nature will become Green Champions - recognising the importance of their work looking after our blue and green spaces. Our children learn about the wonders of nature as Little and Young Green Champions. Citizens will be encouraged to bring their local green spaces to life using nature focused activities. 	<p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The city adopts a sustainable finance framework and a circular economy model for the future funding of the city's blue and green spaces. We make visible the invisible benefits to the city and citizens of good quality blue and green space.

We are delighted to introduce you to Birmingham's City of Nature Plan, an ambitious strategy designed to connect communities with the natural world and create greener, healthier spaces across the city. This plan recognises the vital role that schools play in inspiring the next generation to care for and enjoy nature.

As part of this effort, we are offering 10 primary schools in East Birmingham a gift of free Nature Literature Pack for primary schools, specially designed to engage pupils with local nature. The pack includes a range of books written to encourage pupils to develop a deeper connection with their environment and become involved with the City of Nature plan for Birmingham.

We want to work with schools to bring the City of Nature vision to life, whether through school garden projects, nature walks, or creative environmental workshops. By participating, staff and pupils will gain valuable experiences that support their learning, wellbeing, and appreciation of the natural world.

Book packs will be provided on a first come first served basis.

Please email: Cityofnature@birmingham.gov.uk



Contact Details

Have you changed your mobile number or email address? Please update your details via the School Office. It is imperative that we have correct contact details on our systems for safeguarding issues.

Communication from school is also via email and now Dojo. If you have not signed up for Dojo - please do so by scanning the QR code which is located on the inside of your child's reading record. Any issues? Please contact the Front Office for support.

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