



School Newsletter

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ENRICHMENT BRINGS THE CURRICULUM TO LIFE!

January has flown by, and what a fantastic month it has been! Our children have taken part in some exciting enrichment activities, with Early Years enjoying a particularly special experience on Friday 23rd January when Lori visited to share a traditional Indian story through beautiful songs and dance. The children were captivated from start to finish and thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in the rhythms, movements and storytelling. Following the visit, we received a wonderful email expressing how warmly Lori and the team were welcomed, noting that,

“every staff member and all the children we came into contact with were so positive and friendly; the school had such a lovely feel and it was a great place to have our first performances in.”

It's always heart-warming to hear such positive feedback from visitors—something we sometimes forget isn't the norm everywhere. Take a look at the pictures below to see the magic of the day in action.



YOU CAN'T 'BEAT' A BIT OF DRUMMING!!

Can you see what I did there!? To enrich our curriculum Mrs Benson, organised. African Drumming workshops for KS2. The sessions were lively, energetic, and required real concentration, and the children rose to the challenge brilliantly. The workshop leader commented on how exceptionally focused and enthusiastic

our children were, noting that they were a real credit to the school. Take a look below to see a selection of photos from these fantastic experiences.



WRAP-AROUND-CARE UPDATE

As many of you will know, WigWam closed in December 2025. Since then, the school has taken over the provision of Wrap-Around-Care (WAC). I have been in discussions with both the Trust and the Local Authority, who are keen for this provision to continue in the coming years so that we can keep supporting our children and families effectively. However, opening and running Wrap-Around Care is costly, and the Local Authority may be able to support us with funding. One of their requirements is that we gather the views of parents and carers on a range of key areas—including cost, demand, and priorities for the service.

To help us do this, we have created a short questionnaire that should take no more than five minutes to complete. We need as many families as possible to respond as soon as they can. Your feedback will give us the essential information we need to submit a strong funding bid.

Even if you do not intend to use the provision yourself, your views are still extremely valuable.

Please click the link below and help us shape the best possible Wrap-Around-Care for our school community.

[Wychall Primary School - Wrap Around Care - Funding Support](#)

A LETTER FROM THE TRUST CEO—Mr BOWATER

drb Ignite Multi Academy Trust is consulting on proposals to establish SEND bases at Princethorpe Schools, The Oaks Primary School and Nursery, and Wychall Primary School. Our Trust is committed to ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education, regardless of their needs or circumstances. The establishment of these Resource Bases will allow us to provide specialist support for pupils with complex communication and interaction needs, while maintaining their opportunities to learn within an inclusive mainstream environment. This initiative reflects our ongoing partnership with Birmingham City Council, whose support has been instrumental in developing these proposals.

Birmingham City Council (BCC) has a statutory duty to ensure that every child in its area has access to an appropriate school place, including suitable provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

There is an identified and growing need across Birmingham for additional specialist provision for pupils with complex communication and interaction needs, including Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC) and Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN).

With the full support of Birmingham City Council, drb Ignite Multi Academy Trust is proposing to establish inclusive Resource Bases at the three schools mentioned above. Collectively, these Resource Bases will provide specialist provision for up to 84 pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan, enabling them to be educated within their local communities while benefiting from both specialist and inclusive mainstream opportunities.

We are confident that these Resource Bases will make a meaningful difference for children and families across Birmingham, offering a tailored, high-quality education close to home. We value your views and encourage you to share them through this consultation.

This Notice is an extract from the full proposal and copies of the proposal can be obtained [here](#). This document sets out the proposal and invites stakeholders to share their views as part of a formal public consultation.

All responses must be received by **Friday 20th February 2026** i.e. within three weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, excluding school holidays, any person may support, object to or make comments on the proposal by emailing consultation responses to **enquiry@drbignitemat.org**.

Rob Bowater
Chief Executive Officer
drb Ignite Multi Academy Trust

For more information, visit the following link

[Public Notice: Consultation on the proposal to establish SEND Resource Bases within drb Ignite Multi Academy Trust - drb Ignite Multi Academy Trust](#)

IMPORTANT DATES



SPRING TERM

Tue 3rd Feb - Y4 Multiplication Workshop - 2.00pm

Mon 9th Feb - Fri 13th Feb: Mental Health Awareness Week

Tues 10th Feb - Safer Internet Day

Parent's Evening Tues 10th Feb: 4pm to 6.30pm and **Thurs 12th Feb:** 3.30pm to 5pm

Tues 3rd March - Y5 Reading Workshop – 1.45 pm

Wed 4th March - EYFS - Reading workshop - 1.45 pm

Thurs 5th March - World Book Day

Mon 9th March - Science Week Workshops

Tue 17th March - Eid Celebration

Fri 20th March - Comic Relief

Tue 24th March - Easter Celebration

Thurs 26th March - Easter Ball - Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3

Fri 27th March - Easter Assembly and Bonnet parade - EYFS



SUMMER TERM

Tue 14th April - Vaisakhi

Fri 17th April - World Autism Day

Mon 11th May - SATS Week

Mon 18th May - Diversity Week – Elmer Week

Thurs 18th June - EYFS Sports Day - Times TBC

Fri 19th June - KS1 and KS2 Sports Day - Times TBC

Fri 3rd July - Class and Individual Year 6 Photos

Thurs 9th July - Parents Evening Drop In

Mon 13th July - Year 6 Leavers Show – 4pm

Summer Fayre Date TBC

Autumn 1 - Monday 1st Sept 2025 - Friday 24th Oct 2025

Autumn 2 - Monday 3rd Nov 2025 - Friday 19th Dec 2025

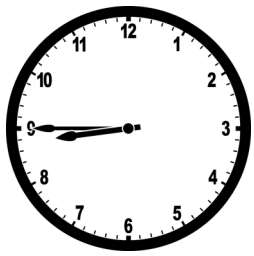
Spring 1 - Monday 5th Jan 2026 - Friday 13th Feb 2026

Spring 2 - Monday 23rd Feb 2026 - Friday 27th Mar 2026

Summer 1 - Monday 13th April 2026 - Friday 22nd May 2026

Summer 2 - Monday 1st June 2026 - Friday 17 July 2026





We are monitoring punctuality in school - please be on time.



Since returning in September, we have seen a high increase in term time holidays. Please be reminded term time holidays will not be authorised. Taking children out of school during term time can have a significant impact on their learning and progress.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY! CHALLENGE!



**Come to school on
Wednesday**



**Get entered into
the Friday Reward!**

THIS TERM'S PRIZE:



**POPCORN
& MOVIE
AFTERNOON**



**The more Wednesdays you attend,
the more chances you have to win!**

If you have any of the following items,
we would appreciate any donations you
have:

Toys

Small World Play

Outdoor Toys



**Food Bank support - Foodbank support please
speak with Miss Stanley in confidence**