



# School Newsletter

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2026

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## FAB TIME ON FEEL GOOD FRIDAY!

Earlier today, I shared a video and some photos of a talented Year 5 writer on class Dojo. Not long afterwards three more wonderful children came to see me, proudly bringing along their excellent written work on balanced arguments.

During our conversation, Charlie raised a thoughtful point: that children being evacuated, during the war, might find their mental health affected. This was expressed with great maturity and sensitivity, and it sparked a wider discussion about Mental Health Week, which we have been enjoying together across the school. We also talked about today's theme—wearing clothes that make us feel good—and the children were all looking fantastic!

The discussion was so inspiring that I couldn't resist getting a photo with the group. It has been a long time since I felt good about wearing a Man United top, but their recent return to form has certainly lifted my spirits and it was nice to leave the usual shirt and tie at home today!

A huge thank you to these children for their hard work, their thoughtful conversation, and for making my day brighter with both their ideas and their enthusiasm.



*We didn't let the wet weather dampen our enthusiasm on Feel Good Friday, when we wore whatever made us feel good!*

## PANCAKE FUN IN NURSERY



Creating a mess & having fun is all part of the Wycliffe Nursery experience, so celebrating Pancake Day (a little early!) was an opportunity for too good to miss. The children had a wonderful time in the role-play area, practising pancake-making skills, & they even enjoyed a very successful tasting session too! Oh, to be three again!

A big well done to all our Nursery children—and a huge thank you to the Nursery Team for providing such fun, engaging and meaningful real-life experiences for our youngest learners.

## DRB SOUTH HUB ATTENDANCE LEAGUES

If you have been following on Dojo, you will know we are running two Attendance Leagues with Woodthorpe Junior and Infant School, and The Oaks Primary School. Both schools are part of the drb Multi Academy Trust. All classes in both leagues play each other over 15 weeks, with the highest attendance in each match getting 3 points. The children across the three schools are really enjoying this new attendance challenge. Wychall classes hold five of the top 5 places in both leagues and are doing us proud!

### drb South Hub Premier Attendance League

Position	Class Name	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1	Wychall - Class 4	4	4	0	0	12
2	Woodthorpe Y3	4	4	0	0	12
3	Woodthorpe Rec	4	3	0	1	9
4	Woodthorpe Y6	4	2	0	2	6
5	Wychall - Y6 ST	4	2	0	2	6

### drb South Hub Championship League

Position	Class Name	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1	The Oaks - Year 4 Herons	4	4	0	0	12
2	Wychall - Year 3 RL	4	4	0	0	12
3	Wychall - NUR	4	3	0	1	9
4	The Oaks - Year 5 Kestrels	4	3	0	1	9
5	Wychall - Ladybird	4	3	0	1	9

# PLAYGROUND

# SIGN DESIGN COMPETITION!



Help us design signs for our  
bike and scooter parking areas!



Design a sign for  
Wychall Bike Park

Design a sign for our  
scooter parking area!

Use your imagination to create one or both signs!  
Keep it simple, fun, and colourful.



Design one or both of the signs and  
draw it on A4 landscape paper.



Take a photo and send it to...

[competition@wychall.drbignitemat.org](mailto:competition@wychall.drbignitemat.org)



Deadline: Friday  
27th February



PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN TO THE  
\* TWO WINNING ENTRIES!

WYCHALL  
Competition  
Entries

Good luck and have fun!



## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](#)

# attendance **MATTERS**

Attendance this year is currently 92.9%, which is down 0.4% on the same period last year. Whilst this is disappointing, we know with a concerted effort over the coming months we can significantly improve this.

## IMPORTANT DATES



### SPRING TERM

**Thurs 27th Feb - Deadline for Sign Design Competition**

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Y5 Reading Workshop – 1.45 pm**

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March - EYFS - Reading workshop - 1.45 pm**

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day**

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> March - Science Week Workshops**

**Tue 17<sup>th</sup> March - Eid Celebration**

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March - Comic Relief**

**Tue 24<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Celebration**

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Ball - Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3**

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Assembly and Bonnet parade - EYFS**

### SUMMER TERM

**Tue 14<sup>th</sup> April - Vaisakhi**

**Fri 17th April - World Autism Day**

**Thurs 7th May - Polling Day (Please note. only Year 6 will be in)**

**Mon 11th May - SATS Week**

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> May - Diversity Week – Elmer Week**

**Thurs 18th June - EYFS Sports Day - Times TBC**

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

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Class and Individual Year 6 Photos**

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fayre**

**Tues 14th July - Parents Evening Drop In 3:30pm - 5:00pm**

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers Show – 4pm**

**Fri 17th July - Break up for Summer Children can be collected from 1:30pm**

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



**COFFEE MORNING**  
POWER IN UNITY

We strongly believe that parents should be part of the decision making process that shape and develop the services available to support your families.

We are happy to discuss all subjects that are important to you.

We have access to helpful resources, and a wealth of knowledge and real life experience.

The group will run fortnightly, on Tuesday mornings, 9.15-10.30 from the Wychall Community Room, Wychall Primary School.

Come along and meet the team, share your thoughts, listen or talk and enjoy a tea or coffee with us.

We are inclusive. We are a Community. We are InUnity.

**Tuesday @ 9.15-10.30**  
Term Time Only!

**Wychall Primary School**

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Tuesday 24th February  
Tuesday 10th March  
Tuesday 24th March  
Tuesday 14th April  
Tuesday 28th April  
Tuesday 12th May





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.



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**