

NEWSLETTER

29th September 2023



The Woodhouse Support Hub

<https://sites.google.com/woodhouse.academy/support>

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- Use this for any queries. Monitored by the Inclusion Team
- You can also send us anything you'd like put in the newsletter. This can be photos, learning, resources and any good news stories you may have.



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- Use this for any queries about any additional learning needs or concerns.

PE KIT

At Woodhouse, we want our children to look smart when at school and feel proud to wear their uniform.

Please remember that children should wear their PE kits to school on their PE days. This should include:

- A bottle green Jumper or Cardigan or A Woodhouse PE Top
- A plain white t-shirt or a Woodhouse PE T-Shirt
- Black, grey or dark tracksuit bottoms / shorts or Woodhouse PE trousers
- Trainers/pumps suitable for indoor or outdoor PE

Woodhouse PE kits can be purchased here:

<https://www.cicadasports.co.uk/index.php?route=product/search&search=woodhouse>

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery (rings, necklaces, bracelets, earrings etc.) at Woodhouse Primary Academy.

The exceptions to this rule are: religious bracelets, medical alert bracelets, earring studs in pierced ears and a watch, although this should **not** be a "smart watch" which can be linked to a mobile phone. If you feel your child will need an exception made, then you should speak to the head teacher to agree this in advance.

Children must remove or cover these items during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury to themselves and others. We thank you for your continued support in helping our children.

Stars of the Week

The following children are Stars of the Week
for the week ending 29th September.

Reception

Z Raeyah
Noah
Tillie
Zahra

Year One

Lana
Logan
Bezawit
Noah R

Year Two

Mia
Raine
Georgia
Ryan

Year Three

Harriet
Amiyah
Carter
Ali

Year Four

Abdullah
Lucas S
Violet S
Joel D

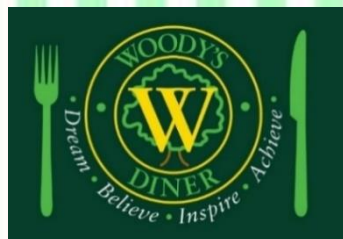
Year Five

Jannat
Yunus
Safina
Ruben

Year Six

Lexi
Sonny
Sarah M
Remario





School Dinner Menu

2nd – 6th October

NOTE: We operate a 3-week rolling menu. Keep an eye on the menu each week for changes.

We use a range of suppliers, including local businesses so menus are subject to change if items are unavailable.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Nuggets	Fish Fingers	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Pizza Day	Picnic Day
Vegetable Fingers	Vegetable Samosa Cheese &	Roasted Quorn with Stuffing	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Cheese, Ham or Tuna Sandwich
Potato Croquette	Onion Roll	Assorted Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables	Or Pepperoni Pizza	Vegan Sausage Roll
Baked Beans or Vegetables	Savoury Rice and Chip Shop Curry Sauce		With Chips and Fresh Salad	Crisps
Selection of Fruit Desserts	Peas and Sweetcorn	Jam Doughnuts	Arctic Roll	Fresh Tossed Salad
	Chocolate Concrete & Custard			Fruit Shortbread
Fresh Fruit and Fresh Salad Bar available daily				

Food Allergies

In order to keep our dietary records up to date, please inform the main office of any changes to your child's dietary requirements, allergies and intolerances. We are able to cater for most requirements but must know in advance.

If your child only eats Halal meats but can eat fish, please also let the main office know. We do not serve Halal meats.

Please either contact the main office on 0121 464 1769 or email us on families@whp.greenheartlearning.org

Please also remember that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL

Academic Year 2023 – 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Wednesday 4th October – Parents Evening – 3:30 – 6

Tuesday 24th October – Year 2 Tamworth Castle Visit

Friday 27th October – Harvest Assemblies

- KS2 9:15 – 9:45

- EYFS & KS1: 2:30 – 3

Friday 27th October – Flu Vaccinations (Years Rec – 6)

- Consent forms being sent out 22/9/23

Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November

– Half Term break. School closed to children

Monday 6th November – Inset day, school closed to children

Tuesday 7th November – First day of Autumn Half Term 2 for children

Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th November – Individual School Photos

Monday 13th November – 6WO Class Assembly – 9am

– Class parents invited

Friday 17th – Children In Need – Details to follow

Monday 20th November – 5W Class Assembly – 9am

– Class parents invited

Monday 27th November – 4H Class Assembly – 9am

– Class parents invited

Friday 1st December – Terrific Topic Projects due in

Wednesday 6th December – Reception Nativity – Two performances at 9:15 & 2:30

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Fayre – Details to follow

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 12th December – Nursery Nativity – 9:15

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 13th December – KS1 Nativity – Two performances at 9:15 & 2:30

Thursday 14th – Nursery Nativity – 9:15

Thursday 14th December – Choir Christmas Concert – 3 – 5

Monday 18th December – Inset day, school closed to children

Tuesday 19th December – Year 1 Peter Pan Theatre Visit – 10:15 – 1

Friday 22nd December – Last day of Autumn Term

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January – First day of Spring term for children

Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024 - Half Term break. School closed to children

Friday 22nd March – Last day of Spring Term

Summer Term 2024

Monday 8th April – First day of Summer Term

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May - Half Term break. School closed to children

Friday 19th July – Last day of school for children

Monday 22nd July – Inset day, school closed for children

Monday 22nd – End of Summer Term

Further dates here: <https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/school-events>



attendance ~~MATTERS~~

6th – 22nd September

Whole School Attendance for the year currently running at: 94.66%

Last week's attendance:

EYFS & KS1: **94.65%** KS2: **94.67%** Whole School:
94.66%

Our Attendance target for this coming year is 97%

Class	Attendance for the week		Class	Attendance for the week
Nursery	88.61%		3A	94.97%
RL	93.75%		3S	95.59%
RW	93.06%	★	4H	93.17%
1B	98.96%		4R	92.58%
1O	96.84%		5H	97.97%
2F	87.59%		5W	96.67%
2P	97.22%		6D	94.84%
RR	85.53%		6WO	94.84%

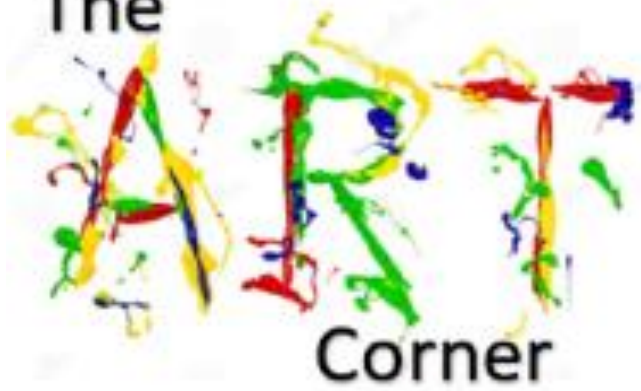
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Congratulations to **1B** who had the best class attendance last week.

Well done to **5H** had the best class attendance in KS2 last week.

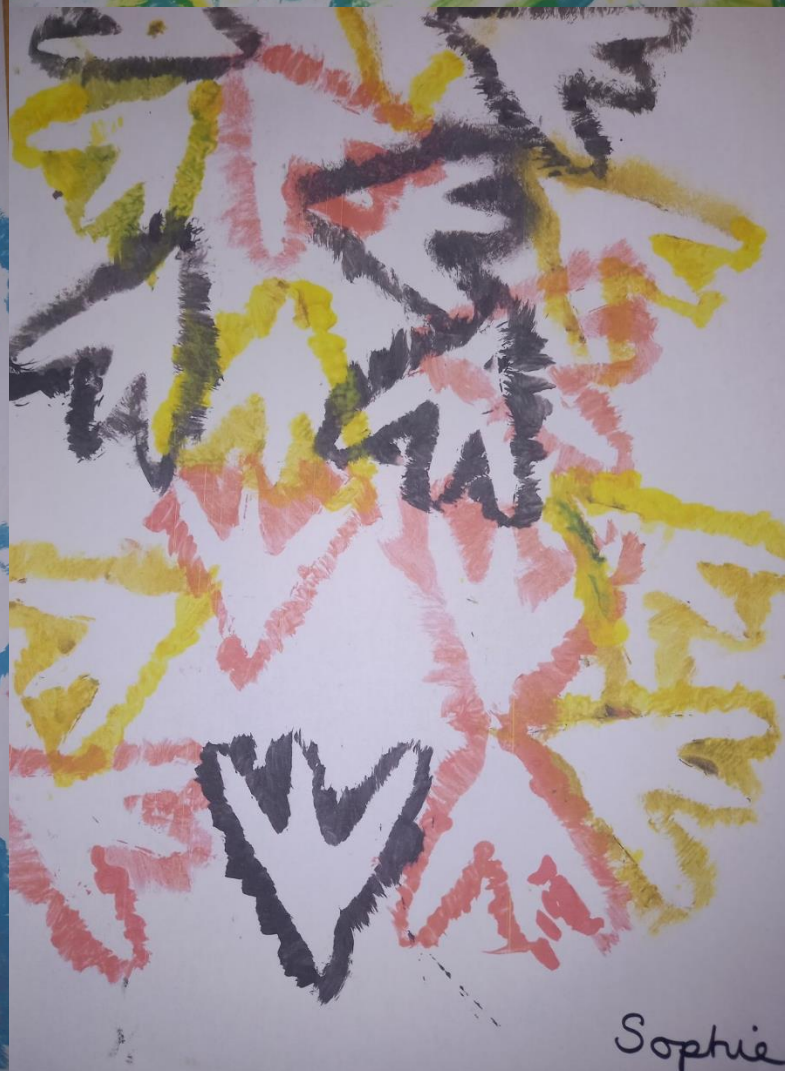
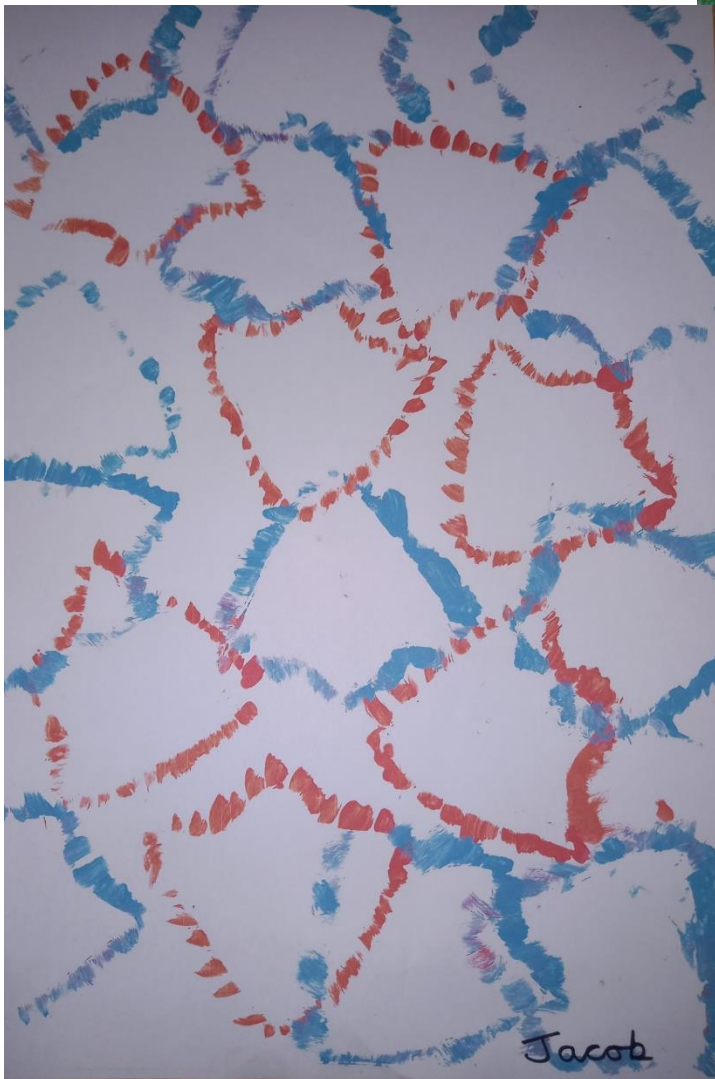
Will you help your class have

The



Corner

Year 3 have been making animal footprints using templates and paint.





WOODHOUSE PRE-LOVED ESSENTIALS

After introducing the clothing and uniform bank in the Autumn term, we have now rearranged and improved access to our stock. There are all necessary uniform items for boys or girls of every age and size, with a mix of pre-loved and brand-new donated clothing.

Alongside the uniform, we have school shoes, trainers, wellies and pumps - again, in a wide range of sizes. Our new clothing rails mean that the impressive array of outdoor coats can be properly displayed and can be better selected from. Hats, scarves, gloves and bags complete the offerings.



Since setting up the uniform and clothing bank, we have been inundated with support from families in school, with the community at Woodhouse committed to helping others in this way. We are excited about what else we can do to help, and will continue to grow this provision.

We have plenty of variety of all items now so please come and see us if this would be of use.

Our uniform items, coats, bags and shoes are all on display outside the hall and you are more than welcome to have a look and help yourselves.

Other non-uniform items aren't on display at the moment due to lack of space but you are more than welcome to look through what we have or let us know what you need.

Christmas Fayre

With our annual Christmas Fayre not too far away, we are looking for any donations of unwanted toys and gifts in a suitable condition to be rehomed.

Any donations can be made to the main office.



Christmas Jumper Swap

Christmas Jumper Day is one of the highlight days of the festive period with all the brightly coloured jumpers on display.

With this in mind, we are collecting pre-loved festive jumpers that may now be too small and providing a swap-shop service where families can come and get one free of charge. This will be available closer to Christmas.

So check the backs of cupboards and in the loft for any festive jumpers that you can donate and trade.





We are now a cashless school so this is the only way to pay for visits, lunches and wrap around care going forward.

The platform is simple to use and is available on all smart mobile devices via their app stores.

If you haven't set this up already, please come and see the main office or email us on families@whp.greenheartlearning.org

If you have an invitation code already, you can redeem this by visiting

<https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>

and selecting 'redeem invitation code'. Please bear in mind these codes are time sensitive so if you've had it for a while, you'll need another.

Battery Recycling

We can recycle all of your used household batteries in school.

Each class has a box to put batteries in and then we send them away to be recycled safely and environmentally.





<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/blue-peter-book-club>

Join the Blue Peter Book Club where awesome stories and fun await you!





For our Harvest Festival this year we will be splitting our donations between our usual support of the Quinton and Oldbury Food Bank and Anawim, a Birmingham charity that supports women with multiple complex needs such as domestic abuse, substance misuse, mental health and financial hardship.

We will be taking donations to both charities from Monday 23rd October. The donations will be displayed in our annual harvest festival assemblies.

Children can bring any donations, as outlines below, into class from Monday.

ANAWIM HARVEST COLLECTION

Anawim
Birmingham's Centre for Women

Can you help Anawim - Birmingham's Centre for Women by providing food bank items? We especially need:

- Tinned fruit
- Soup
- Pulses and Grains
- Tinned meat and fish
- Tinned vegetables
- Long life milk
- Tea and coffee
- Flour
- Sugar
- Biscuits
- Curry Sauces
- Pasta Sauces
- Noodles
- Rice
- Pasta
- Body wash
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Hand soap
- Gifts/nice toiletries



Follow our social media:



Anawim_BCW



anawim.bcw



anawim_bcw



Anawim

If you are unable to donate items, you can also support our work by scanning the QR code below, via our website www.anawim.co.uk/donate or by sending the word ANAWIM by text to 70085 to donate £5 (the money will be taken from your next phone bill).



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TO
DONATE
HERE

Anawim - Birmingham's Centre for Women is a registered charity, number 1159706 and a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales (company number 9322109)

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OCTOBER SPORTS CAMP

Woodhouse Primary Academy
Woodhouse Road, Quinton, B32 2DL

SPOOKTACULAR

EARLY BOOKING SPECIAL OFFER

OCTOBER

Monday 30th to
Thursday 2nd Nov

Bookings before Monday 16th October:

Full week **£50** Full day **£14** Half Day **£8**

Bookings after Tuesday 17th October

Full week **£70** Full day **£20** Half Day **£10**

Boys & Girls

Ages 6 - 13

FULL DAY

8.30 - 3.30

HALF DAY

AM 8.30 - 12.30
PM 11.30 - 3.30



WE ACCEPT

Childcare Vouchers

Tax-Free Childcare

Payment plans available

(Ask for details)



HOW TO BOOK



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STA AND ASA QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED TEACHERS

- CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR BEGINNERS THROUGH TO ADVANCED
- SWIM INSTRUCTOR IN THE WATER FOR REASSURANCE
- SMALL CLASSES 6 CHILDREN TO 1 INSTRUCTOR
- COMPETITIVE PRICES FOR A BLOCK OF 30 MINUTE LESSONS

BARTLEY GREEN

KING EDWARDS VI
FIVE WAYS SCHOOL
BARTLEY GREEN B32 4BT

WEDNESDAYS
5.15 - 6.45PM

OLDBURY

THE ORCHARD SCHOOL
CAUSEWAY GREEN ROAD
B68 8LD

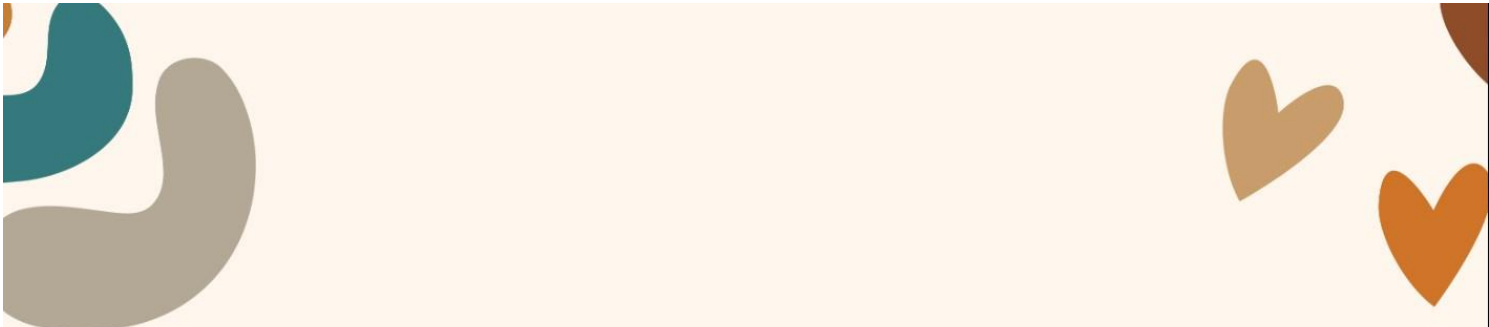
TUESDAYS: 4 - 6PM
THURSDAYS: 4 - 6PM

EDGBASTON

THE MORRIS CENTRE
CLUB POOL
Q.E. HOSPITAL B15 2TH

FRIDAYS
6 - 8PM

For more information contact Heidi Holloway:
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Let's talk about Neurodiversity

Are you a parent/carer of a **Neurodivergent** child and based in or around the Quinton/Harborne area?

Hi, I'm Rebecca, a Neurodiversity advocate and mother to three amazing children, two of whom are Neurodiverse. I love empowering parents/carers of Neurodivergent kids and raising awareness. Join us for a cup of coffee, it will be worth every penny. Let's chat and meet other incredible parents.

Date: Monday 6th November 2023

Time: 9:30 - 11am (drop in anytime)

Location: No. 393 Cafe, 393a Hagley Road West, Quinton, B32 2AL



@QueenGudo



neurodiversityfriendly@gmail.com





AN ONLINE WORKSHOP FOR TIRED FAMILIES

Sleep Wise – a short presentation by Hunrosa Sleep Consultants, to help parents with sleep strategies to use at home. For parents and carers of autistic children and young people.
In partnership with All Ages Autism.



9 November 2023
12:30 - 2:00 pm
Online | Follow the link
or QR code to register
and more details will be sent to you.

Follow our easy referral route link
for self-referrals and professional referrals:

[Hunrosa - The Art of Sleep | All Age Autism \(aaadirectory.co.uk\)](https://aaadirectory.co.uk)



Birmingham Family Hubs - Newsletter



Newsletter Highlights

Partnership working is key

Working towards a breastfeeding friendly city - infant feeding

Resources already available to families

Partnership Working

The need for effective, joined up working is ever more essential both to deliver organisational efficiencies and the best outcomes for families in Birmingham. The Family Hubs programme has partnership working at the heart of everything we do as it is a collaboration between the **City Council**, **Birmingham Children's Trust**, **Birmingham Voluntary Services Council**, **West Midlands Police** and the **NHS**.

We are also working with colleagues in the **Insight, Policy and Strategy (IPS) Team** to improve the outcomes for children and young people in Birmingham by working closely together on data. The sharing of data, with a wide range of partners across and beyond the city provides a 'single source of the truth' about Birmingham. Using the [City Observatory](#) run by the IPS team, we have a shared understanding of our city's issues.

We are also working closely with our colleagues in **Early Intervention and Prevention**, in Adult Services. We are joining up work on Family Hubs, Best Start for Life and 'Help in Brum' which all offer citizens practical family support. We are aligning our Communications so that families can find the help they need quickly and easily and in one place, no matter who it comes from.

We are also very much part of the [Change for Children and Young People's Plan](#), and working with colleagues as we work towards becoming a UNICEF Child Friendly City.

Have a look at our 'Best Start for Life' website which provides support, advice and guidance; please comment via our survey if you wish to <https://forms.office.com/e/4ggS8SB1yz>.

If you want to know more about Family Hubs, please email familyhubs@birmingham.gov.uk

Supporting Infant Feeding in Birmingham

Birmingham has a lower breast feeding rate than the national average; 65% of babies' first feed is breastmilk, whereas the national average is 71%. This rate drops yet lower as women are sent home from hospital.

Not all women are able to or want to breastfeed, but where infant breastfeeding is possible, it can lead to better health outcomes for mothers and their children.

The Infant feeding team held its first city-wide workshop in July where we explored how to make Birmingham a better breastfeeding city in which to live and work.



Infant feeding is one of its four main workstreams of the Family Hubs programme. It attracts additional government money which will provide new resources in the city. Family Hubs is planning to support infant feeding in the following ways.

- Boost infant feeding staffing resource in maternity services
- Commission the development of a coproduced infant feeding strategy
- Offer a better support pathway for parents including:
 - A new community peer support offer
 - Setting up of additional community breastfeeding help and support
- Breast pump loans (already underway)
- Creative initiatives to develop ourselves as breastfeeding friendly places to live and work

Birmingham is also working to adopt the UNICEF UK Baby Friendly Initiative. This enables public services to better support families with feeding and developing close and loving relationships so that all babies get the best possible start in life.

If you want to know more about this work or get involved, please contact joann.bradley@birmingham.gov.uk

Resources already available to families - a reminder

Family Hubs is already offering resources for parents, carers and professionals to access for free:

The Solihull Approach – free online Parenting Courses

The Solihull Approach offers a range of free online courses for parents/carers and professionals covering a wide range of subject from conception to parenting 19 year olds. Birmingham City Council has bought the licence to the course (worth £88 each) for everyone in the City. Just use the word 'COMMUNITY' as the password.

- The evidence based courses range from 'Understanding Your Baby' to 'Understanding the Teenage Brain' and include help with children and young people's mental health
- There are additional courses for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities
- The courses have been developed with practitioners and parents since 1996



The EasyPeasy App – free resource for professionals and families

The EasyPeasy App brings together the best ideas, advice, and inspiration from a global community of parents, experts, and parenting brands for parents and their 0-5 year olds.

- EasyPeasy has partnered with the Department for Education and Speech and Language UK to give families in Birmingham the skills and tools they need to support children's speech, language and communication development as part of the Talk and Play Project
- Early years providers, local partners and families have free access to the EasyPeasy App.
- The App provides families with premium access to thousands of tips, advice, activities and inspiration from a global community of early years experts, partners and other parents and carers.



Resources already available to families - a reminder

Things to Do in Birmingham before you are 5 – free App to help with home learning and language development

50 Things to Do helps parents/carers develop their home learning environment so that far more children thrive by the age of five. As a result, more children develop the skills, language and resilience needed in school and beyond.

- A menu of exciting activities for families with young children, giving them great suggestions for how to have fun and learn at the same time.
- Parents and carers will be helping their children to have exciting life experiences, developing confidence and a passion for learning new things, recognising the vital role that they play in helping to realise their children's potential
- The initiative is based on the simple notion that access to life-changing, fun, low or no-cost experiences with your family, indoors and outdoors, is a great way to support young children's development.

Download the App from App stores or via the website linked above



First Words Together:

Parents and carers can head to the National Literacy Trust's Words for Life website and discover five tips to help your baby learn to talk.

These are fun activities that you can fit into your day-to-day life and will help your toddler learn their first words. As part of the First Words Together programme, sessions are taking place across the city for parents and carers to learn and practice the tips in person.

A full list of venues can be found on the same webpage: <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/how-to-encourage-baby-to-talk/>

**First Words
Together**