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NEWSLETTER

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Harvest Celebrations

I wanted to say a big thank you for all the food donated into school and that food parcels have started to be given out. I am very proud that as a community school we are able to do something for the families of Great Barr, your kindness is greatly appreciated and will make a big difference. The children sang beautifully and it was lovely to see so many parents coming in to support the school.

'We celebrated Harvest Festival and sang songs to thank God for the food we eat.' – Lacey (3O)

'I liked all the vegetables. It is good to give to the community.' – Nora (3T)

'I like Harvest Festival because it's a time to give food to people who need it the most.' – Brody (3O)

'We sang the 'Five a Day' song and I held up the mango.' – Arthur (3T)

Year 4 INSPIRE Workshop

On Wednesday, we had our Year Four INSPIRE Reading workshops for parents and it was lovely to see how many of you were able to come in and join the children doing their work. The children were wonderful and I want to thank Mr Mitchell and Mrs Jones for organising this informative workshop. The children have been showing me their book marks and telling me how useful they are when reading all the books they enjoy.

'The Inspire Workshop was amazing and really inspired me to keep reading. Reading can take you places you would never imagine.' – Leo (4M)

'The Inspire Workshop was fun, especially when we did the activities with our parents. I liked colouring our bookmarks for reading books.' – Inaayah (4J)

'The Inspire Workshop was so fun and exciting! My mum helped me with the comprehension activity. Reading is fun!' – Divneet (4M)

'We talked about 'Wonder' and wrote about it in a picture book. We then designed a picture story book.' – Malik (4J)

Mental Health Awareness Day!

I wanted to say a big thank you for all the support from parents with our Mental Health Awareness Day this week. The children enjoyed learning strategies, alongside using the Myhappymind scheme, to help support their well-being. '

To access the Myhappymind materials just go to https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code (103391) or scan this QR code to sign up.

Parents' Evening

Next week, we will be holding our first set of Parents' Evenings for this academic year. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday between 3.30–5.00pm and Thursday 3.30–7.00pm. The book fayre will run at the same time. Please note at the book fayre we can take cash or there is an online QR code which you can scan (using a phone) to make payments with, all books are supplied by Scholastic Books.

Year 6 Parents - Secondary School Places

At this time of year, many Year 6 parents will be busy attending secondary school open days, which is a wise thing to do. Just a reminder that applications for secondary schools can be made online by visiting the Birmingham City Council website www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and the deadline for applications is 31st October 2025. If you require assistance, please ring the Admissions and Appeals Department on 0121 303 1888. If you live outside of Birmingham, you have to apply directly to the Local Authority that you live in.

Reception and Nursery Open Days

The Reception and Nursery Open Days for prospective pupils for September 2026 are being held on **Wednesday 12th November (9:30am – 10:30am)** and **Thursday 13th November (4:30pm – 5:30pm).** Please ring the school to confirm your attendance. If you know of anyone in the area that is considering Reception places for next year, please pass on Calshot School's details.

School Fund

This week £22.50 was collected in School Fund this week, which is superb! May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid. It does mean we can buy those 'extra' things for the children.

Mr. M. Wingrove

(Head Teacher)