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# Thought for the week

'Forgiveness is not an occasional act. It is a permanent attitude

Martin Luther King

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Mothers Day Celebrations

### Coffee Morning

It was lovely seeing so many Mothers, Grandmothers and Carers at this morning's special Coffee Morning. The interaction between all of you was a delight to see.

### 3/4S Class Assembly

Well done to all the children in 3/4S for an enjoyable and touching assembly. The children and staff worked really hard to make it a special occasion. Thank you for sharing your children's talents with us. Well done to Miss Swords and all the other staff who supported her. Thank you to the parents who attended and thank you for being so respectful to the occasion. We hope you have a lovely Mothers Day on Sunday.

Ava Sturridge-Packer CBE NLE

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Executive Head Teacher

**Our British Value this week is +**

**Mutual respect**



**Kind and Thoughtful**

**One of our anti-bullying strategies**

The following children will receive the 'Kind and Thoughtful' certificate and care of a cuddly teddy bear. The award will be presented in Celebration Assembly on Monday 7 March 2016. The lucky children will also have fruit and milk with Mrs Packer in her office and swing on her chair.

<b>Saqqara</b> For helping another child get dressed for PE	<b>Chantelle</b> For having a kind and thoughtful nature
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## Celebration Assembly

The following children will receive certificates for good work and behaviour in Celebration Assembly on Monday 7 March 2016. All Parents/Carers are welcome to attend. If Parents/Carers do attend could I please ask them to stay until the assembly finishes. This demonstrates to all the children that the entire assembly is valued by Parents/ Carers. Thank you for your support.

<b>Rumaysa Nursery</b> For confidently recognising numbers to 9 and ordering them	<b>Zalariya RW</b> For his independent writing of the 'Gingerbread Man'	<b>Kaelan RB</b> For improved pencil control - now forming many of his letters correctly
<b>Mercy 1L</b> For working hard with her handwriting and phonics	<b>Hiba 1S</b> For gaining confidence in her speaking	<b>Lauren 2C</b> For always giving 100% to her school work <u>and</u> homework
<b>Harleen 2N</b> For an excellent improvement in all subjects	<b>Whole Class 3J</b> For super behaviour on our trip to the Chinese Arts and Culture Centre	<b>Whole Class 3/4S</b> For an amazing Mothers Day assembly.
<b>Las 4B</b> For excellent Maths work	<b>Yuseph 5S</b> For excellent improvement in scientific investigation skills	<b>Aleena 5/6W</b> For always completing her homework
		<b>Zainab 6B</b> For excellent effort in Maths

### World Book Day

Mrs Sturridge-Packer helped the children celebrate World Book Day yesterday by going round to each class to tell a story to the children dressed in her story teller cloak. Celebrations will continue next week with a range of writing, book activities and a quiz.

# Weekly certificates

These classes received their certificates in celebration assembly on Monday 29 February 2016.

Lining Up	2C
Spick and Span	RB
Movement Bird	1L
Gymnastic Monkey	4B
Attendance	3/4S - 99.3% 4B - 99.3%
Punctuality	RB- 1 child late
Dinnertime	Yummy Bear Nursery Runner Up 5S

## Parking in the Rectory Car Park

Can I please remind parents/carers that parking in the rectory car park is not allowed. It is private property therefore should not be used by parents/carer. Thank you for your continued support.

## Parents Evening

Thank you to all those parents/carers who attended yesterday's parents evening. It was lovely seeing you all.

**School Closure in Extreme Weather Conditions**  
In the event of inclement weather conditions, announcements will be made between 6:45am and 9:00am on the following radio stations: Heart FM, Radio WM and BRMB. Parents will also be advised by text message so it is important that we have your current telephone number.

## Parking Outside School reminder

Please can parents/carers park with care when dropping and collecting their children outside of school.

## Mobile Phones Safeguarding reminder

For Health and Safety reasons can I please ask all parents/carers not to use their mobile phone within the school building. Thank you for your support.

## Safety online reminder

Could parents please, please supervise children when using the internet at home either on the computer, mobile phone or any other electronic device that can access the internet. We are doing everything that we can in school to ensure that our children are safe and constantly remind the children about e-safety. Following the tips listed below will help your child stay safe online.

- Have family rules about how the internet will be used at home and be clear about what information is safe to share online
- Discuss rules about communicating online with friends
- Make sure you know what your children are doing online, much like you would in 'real' life and use parental controls (on computers, mobile phones and game consoles) to help you. Remember that these cannot always be 100% effective
- Make sure that your children are aware that people or websites can lie online
- Make sure your child understands that online actions can have offline consequences

# Term dates

Easter Holidays	Children break up on <b>Thursday 24 March 2016</b> and return to school on <b>Tuesday 12 April 2016</b>
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# BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL

Home of the Burne-Jones windows

Cathedral  
Bulletin



## Festival of Voices Part III

On Saturday 27 February, the final instalment of the Festival of Voices wowed audiences. A wide range of performers used music, acting, images and spoken word to bring 20th century history of the cathedral, city and country to life.

The Cathedral Choir shone, performing diverse and complex repertoire from Ralph Vaughan Williams to the Beatles. St Mary's C of E Primary Academy School Choir were also excellent, performing excerpts from the Birmingham Cantata, including "Believe in Birmingham." The composer, Keith Farr, was in the audience to hear his work performed.

The Festival of Voices was pleased to welcome back the Festival Players with short performances about women priests, World War II, and a tour of Birmingham's cultural heritage, told as a bus journey through the city.

The whole evening was tied together with images and text highlighting key moments in the last 100 years. The presenters were Janet Chapman, the cathedral's Canon Liturgist who masterminded the event, and Jane McArdle, the Cathedral's Heritage Officer. They took over from Dr Chris Upton, a leading historian and friend of the cathedral, to whom the evening was dedicated. Chris presented the first two concerts, but died in October 2015.

The evening was kindly sponsored by the Limoges Trust, Chris Owen and Lloyds Bank, which also celebrated an important anniversary in 2015 - the 250th anniversary of its founding in Birmingham by businessmen Talyor and Lloyds. David Richardson, Regional Managing Director, said: "We are immensely proud to support Birmingham Cathedral as it celebrates its 300th anniversary during the same year that Lloyds Bank marks its own significant anniversary."



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Please note that the St Mary's Choir were the only school choir to be asked to take part in the service at the Cathedral. Thank you to Mrs McLeod for supporting Birmingham Cathedral in teaching the children the songs.

Thank you to Miss Woodley, Miss Cammish and Mrs McLeod for taking the children to the Cathedral.

I was very proud of the children's performance and had a lovely time hearing other people sing their praises.