



Summer July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Another busy couple of weeks that mark the end of another busy year. We have truly got back on the school improvement journey after the lost years (we don't talk about Covid).

The Autumn term saw school leaders deploy the next phase of the curriculum across the sites. This means that students in our Transition and Complex pathways now have a clear journey of sequential learning from Reception through to Post 16 that builds on prior knowledge.

However, this wasn't enough!

We then focused on Main Curriculum pathways across the sites and ensuring that all students have aspirational targets leading to their outcomes at KS4.

It still wasn't not enough!

Since joining the School in May, senior leaders have been reviewing the accreditation and learning for students in Post 16 in preparation for our move to Trittiford. The recommendations will be implemented from Sept 23 onwards.

Of course all of this has happened while the classroom staff continued to focus on delivering the best day to day experiences and learning for the students. It has been a delight to finally share the Evidence for Learning App enabling families to see what this looks like. Parents and carers have commented that it is great to see so many WOW moments through this app.

I've also had amazing feedback from families who have taken the opportunity to come in to school and share the learning through open days and school events.

Our students are so proud of the school and are incredibly welcoming. Visitors often comment on the kindness and happiness they experience here and the amazing sense of belonging in the school.

This sense of warmth is one that brings new colleagues to the school. This year, whilst we have seen some colleagues take the next step in their careers (or towards retirement) our staff numbers have grown. This has further enhanced the Uffculme offer for students and is building a truly unstoppable school which is committed to supporting every student to reach their personal goals.

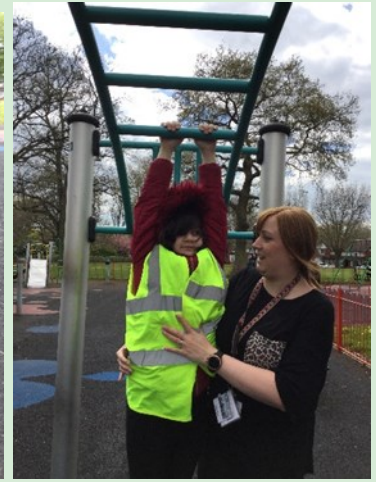
A critical part of our development next year is to carry on the journey to enable each child to have their voice, and to know it will be heard. This is not because we can, but because we should. I truly believe it is our responsibility to listen and to hear what every child or young person needs to tell us. We just need to have the patience and passion to connect in a way that works for them. If we succeed in doing this, I suspect we will all learn something about ourselves. Our students never fail to amaze me and more importantly, to teach me.

I hope that this summer, when the rain stops, you find time to connect with your child and to hear what they need to share. Your child is a gift to us at Uffculme and it is an honour to be part of their lives.

Charlotte Stubbs—Headteacher

Muntz Park

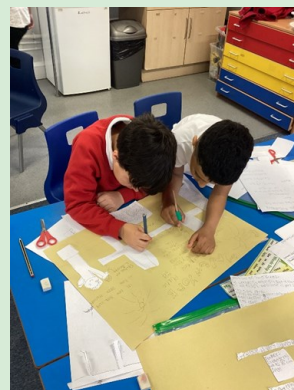
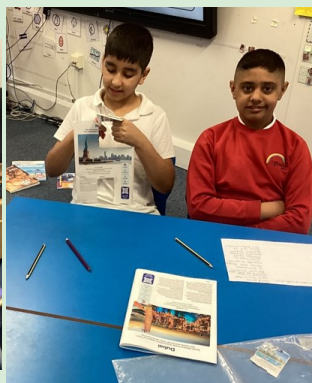
Owl Class have enjoyed going to the local park this half term. We have explored and used the equipment at the park such as the slides, swings and climbing frame. We have developed our gross motor skills and have shared with our peers' taking turns and playing together on equipment.



Sparrows class went out into our community to Repoint climbing centre as part of our physical education program. They enjoyed climbing to the top of the big wall using the ropes and a harness for support.



Kingfishers and Bears have been working together collaboratively to plan their dream holiday. They have used the internet and travel brochures to research different aspects of the trip, such as hotels, activities they could do there, currency, as well as the local cuisine!





The Otter's class have enjoyed exploring Highbury Park – they enjoyed running around the hills, picking flowers, playing the bells, and seeing what animals they could find!



Some of our Year 6 students have enjoyed a residential trip to Wingate. We have loved exploring the centre and their amazing facilities including the gymnasium and sensory room. Whilst on our residential we went on a day trip to Chester Zoo. Everyone loved looking at all the animals, including penguins, fish and lions! It was a great experience.



KS4 Boulton and Tolkien were given a tour of St. Peter's Church, Hall Green. We especially loved the stained glass windows, chasuble made of cloth-of-gold and lighting a candle on the prayer tree. Then, after lunch, we walked through the Shire Country Park to Sarehole Mill, near where JRR Tolkien used to live.



Wow! What a year we have had. Most of you know me by now, but if you don't my name is Lewis Kirk and I was appointed as the new Deputy Head Teacher at Uffculme school with responsibility of our Chamberlain and Russell Road sites. Since Day 1 of working here I have been in awe of our wonderful students and the incredible achievements that they have had throughout the year. They continue to educate us as a staff team, which has enabled us to build and develop a curriculum and ethos that is based around the individual needs of each and every student that comes through our doors. Uffculme School is a happy place to be for students and staff, and I am proud to be a part of this community. We have many aims as a school, however one of the most important ones is for our students to feel safe and happy at school. I have witnessed many exceptional examples of this throughout the year, and I am confident that we will continue to do so in the years to come.

I hope that you have a lovely summer. Thank you for your support and engagement throughout the year.

Lewis Kirk

A fire engine came to visit Chamberlain this half term. All students loved the Fire Engine visit and enjoyed being able to go inside and try on the safety hats and equipment. Pupils were able to explore freely, and this helped give them an insight on how a Fire Engine operates. The children also really enjoyed using the Fire hose to knock over a target and had a demonstration on how to change the hose setting to get closer to a fire.

Overall, the students loved the visit and were keen for more visits to come into school.



Kinver Residential

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a nationally accredited award that focuses on personal development and contribution to society. Students are required to complete four sections in total, Physical, Volunteering, Skill and Expedition. At Uffculme School these are completed in many ways. Students from Boulton and Tolkien volunteered at Highbury Orchards, they complete practical activities in their PE lessons and did various life skills in their local community. Their expedition took place at Kinver Scout Camp where they stayed overnight. The students walked over Kinver Edge for 6 miles in warm challenging conditions, they cooked their own food and all had a fun time. Congratulations to the students who achieved their bronze award!



Armatrading Class

This past term, our topic has been *Transport and Holidays*. Linking to this have been themes around safety, people who keep us safe and keeping ourselves safe. Students have really enjoyed this topic – especially looking at all the different types of transport. Linking to the topic, we have had an ice cream van and a fire engine visit us at Chamberlain Site. This was really exciting – especially going inside the fire engine and using the fire hose.

We have also linked our cooking sessions to summertime and holidays – we have made ice cream, summer salad, Eaton mess, smores and hot chocolate and fruit salad – to name but a few. The ice cream making was especially good fun.



KS3 Mead have had the opportunity to take part in different sporting activities at Ackers Adventures. They have furthered their physical and gross motor skills by learning new sports. The sports that they have participated in are, dry slope skiing, outdoor rock climbing, bell boats on the canal, tubing and archery.

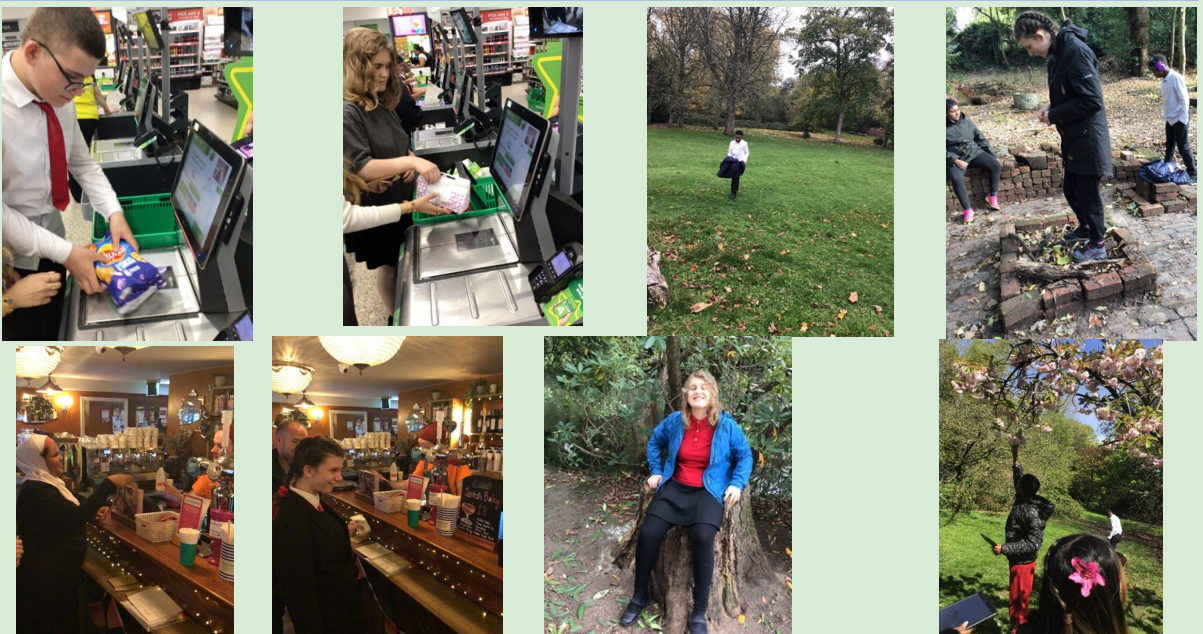
They have all worked together as class and took turns. Well done KS3Mead! You are all fantastic! – Miss Hatton

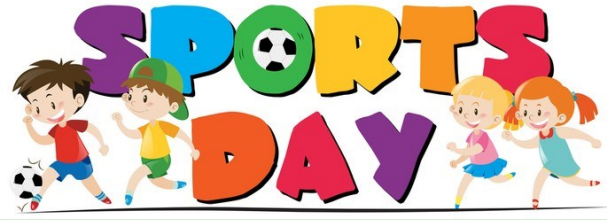


Darby

As a class we have visited lots of different local community venues that included Highbury Park, Local shops Asda, Kings Heath Pet Shop and Loco Lounge Café.

We use this enrichment to include the pupils in the local community but also improving their first-hand experiences with money exchanging, meeting new people and improving social skills. This is a huge focus within the transition curriculum and also having their Independence boosted, this also improves their confidence in different environments whilst reducing any anxieties they may face.





The real importance of Uffculme School Sports Day is what it does for the spirit and camaraderie of the school community. Team sports encourage a healthy level of competition and team bonding, as the students work together to achieve a goal. It is a great opportunity for students to support each other. It is also a chance for students who thrive outside of the classroom to really celebrate their achievements and receive recognition from their classmates.

The importance of sports day in school cannot really be overstated since it is a moment in the calendar to demonstrate that school is about more than just achievements in the classroom. It is also about being part of a supportive and productive community. Physical exercise is something that teachers actively encourage. We teach students to take up healthy habits that will last them through their lives. Holding a school sports day is a brilliant way to do that, particularly if the teachers themselves get involved in the races and competitions too!



Tolkien class have worked with The MAC this term on the Reframe project, they have designed a digital Zine about Environmental issues, they will be exhibiting their work in the Hayward Gallery at the Southbank centre in London, this opens on the 10th of July.

They learnt new digital skills and got to use the most current technology provided by Apple.



Community

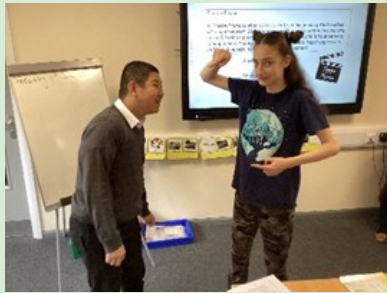
Osbourne have been learning about essential life skills to develop their independence being able to access to outdoor community.



This term Priestly class have been combining their maths skills with their growing independence skills. They have been making their own sandwiches using cress we have grown in class, they have then selected whether to cut their sandwiches into halves or quarters.



This term KS3 Zephaniah, have been busy learning Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Students have been learning the plot and characters through lots of fun drama activities.



Cadbury class

We've had a great half term focusing on our Personal, Social and Emotional Wellbeing, we've learnt what this means and how we can look after our wellbeing. We made a list of different things people can do to look after their own wellbeing – such as going for a walk or spending time with friends. THEN, we've done a different wellbeing trip EVERY FRIDAY – all of which have coincidentally involved going out into the local community. We've been for a walk around Kings Heath Park, visited Kings Heath Library, been to Loco Lounge, visited a local church and we hope to visit a local mosque soon too. It has been so wonderful getting out into the local community and exploring the different things people do to help them feel better. We've had a great time on each trip – they've certainly been good for our wellbeing!

We've also had lots of lovely conversations about our new classes for next year, even though we're a little nervous about the change, we're also excited about meeting our new class **community**!

Miss Rowley



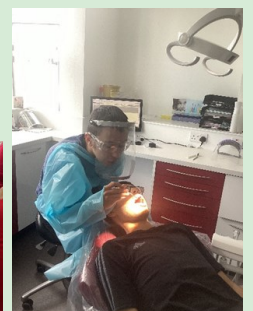
During the summer term, KS5M students focused on developing important life skills. They learned how to read laundry care labels, iron and improved their cooking abilities. They gained confidence in ironing different fabrics and learned basic followed recipes to become more independent in the kitchen. These skills will help them in their everyday lives.



This term in KS5LM we have enjoyed lots of trips in to the community as well as a residential visit to Frank Chapman. We have also been going to the café every week and the students really enjoy this. The students really like visiting outdoor spaces and parks as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award and some of the students took part in the 2 night expedition.



KS5E have had lots of opportunities to be out in the community this term. They visited the dentist to complete their work on oral health. They have visited different outdoor gyms to improve their fitness and visited the local park where they enjoyed their picnic in which they had planned and prepared.



School Uniform

Primary

Grey or Black Trousers/Skirt/Pinafore
 White shirt or t-shirt
 Red sweatshirt, jumper, cardigan or fleece
 Black, grey or white socks
 Black shoes
 PE Kit – A white or red T-shirt, black shorts and black pumps
 School bag – Own choice of appropriate bag/satchel.

Secondary

Grey or Black Trousers/Skirt/Pinafore
 White shirt or t-shirt
 Grey sweatshirt, jumper, cardigan
 Black blazer (optional)
 Black, grey or white socks
 Black shoes
 PE Kit – A white T-shirt, black shorts, Black joggers, Unbranded Grey or Black hoodie for the cold weather and black pumps/trainers.
 School bag – Own choice of appropriate bag/satchel.

If you would like to order uniform for a primary school pupil with the Uffculme school logo, please visit the school website [Uffculme School \(yourschooluniform.com\)](http://Uffculme School (yourschooluniform.com)), select the 'Parents & Carers' tab and choose the Uniform option. You will find a link to our direct supplier. Plain items can also be purchased through the website for pupils of any age or you can purchase plain items at any chain or department store.

School Contact Details

Phone: 0121 464 9634

E-mail: enquiry@uffculme.bham.sch.uk

Woodlands

Primary Site

Queensbridge
 Road

Moseley

Birmingham

B13 8QB

Chamberlain

Secondary Site

2 Yew Tree Road

Moseley

Birmingham

B13 8QG

Russell Road

Post 16 Site

40 Russell Road

Moseley

Birmingham

B13 8RE

Home to School Transport

Applications

Please note that Uffculme School does not manage the Home to School Transport agreements. This is done by the Local Authority. It may be that your request for Transport may not be approved by the Local Authority. If this is the case, you will need to raise your concerns to them through appeal.

Home to School Transport applications are now completed online:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/xfp/form/902> (link on school website)

Queries, Issues or Complaints

If you have any queries with regard to your child's transport these should be directed to Travel Assist using either of the following contact methods:

Tel: 0121 303 4955, Option 3 then Option 2

Email: travelassist@birmingham.gov.uk

If a bus is late to pick up or drop off your child please contact your transport contractor:

National Express Accessible Transport (NEAT) on 0333 241 2745.

Green Destinations on 0121 553 3369, 07737 024 090 or by WhatsApp on 07534 927837

Please note that if the school is made aware of any delays to transport a text message will be sent to parents/carers.

Transport Updates

Updates from Birmingham City Council regarding transport can be found here: <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/home-to-school-transport/home-to-school-transport-news/> (link on school website).

Workshops and Coffee Mornings

A big thank you to everyone for being part of any of the workshops or coffee mornings this year. There has been a variety of topics covered and the feedback from parents has been really positive. There has been collaboration with the Early Help Team who have provided support to parents on a 1:1 basis and through whole group sessions, signposting to support in the local community. Thank you for being part of the Uffculme Community and we look forward to seeing you again in the next academic year.



School Meals

When your child first starts at Uffculme School, we ask what their meal booking pattern will be. Over time, your child's requirements may change. If you would like to change your child's meal booking pattern please email enquiry@uffculme.bham.sch.uk and include the following information:

Your child's name

The new meal booking pattern for each day of the week

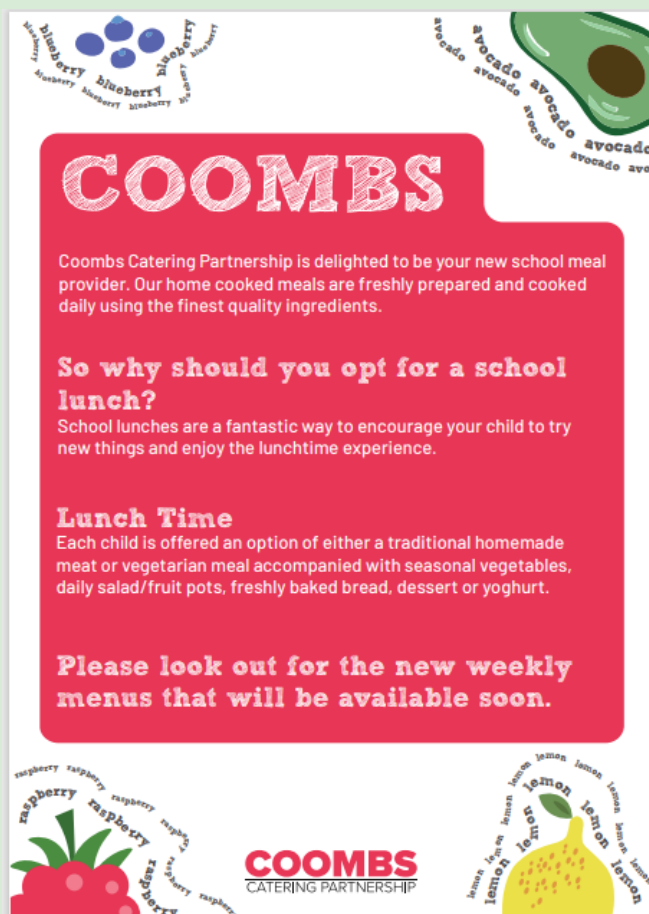
The date you would like this to start from (please allow 24 hours' notice for any changes)

All payments for school meals must be made on ParentPay in advance. If you require any support with ParentPay or require your activation details, please contact the school office.

If your child may be eligible for free school meals you can complete an online check: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/> (link on school website). You will receive an instant decision and the school will also be notified of the outcome by email. You only need to apply once, if your eligibility changes since the initial application school will be notified automatically.

Children in reception class that are of compulsory school age, until the end of year 2 are currently entitled to universal free school meals. When your child moves into year 3 you will be charged for school meals unless your child is eligible for free school meals or you make any changes to your child's meal booking pattern before then.

If you have any queries regarding school meals, please contact the school office.



The poster features a central red box with white text. Above the box is a circular graphic with blueberries and the word 'blueberry' repeated. To the right is a green avocado with the word 'avocado' repeated. Below the box is a circular graphic with raspberries and the word 'raspberry' repeated. At the bottom right is a yellow lemon with the word 'lemon' repeated. The COOMBS CATERING PARTNERSHIP logo is at the bottom center.

COOMBS

Coombs Catering Partnership is delighted to be your new school meal provider. Our home cooked meals are freshly prepared and cooked daily using the finest quality ingredients.

So why should you opt for a school lunch?

School lunches are a fantastic way to encourage your child to try new things and enjoy the lunchtime experience.

Lunch Time

Each child is offered an option of either a traditional homemade meat or vegetarian meal accompanied with seasonal vegetables, daily salad/fruit pots, freshly baked bread, dessert or yoghurt.

Please look out for the new weekly menus that will be available soon.

COOMBS
CATERING PARTNERSHIP

Coombs Catering are providing a new menu from September 2023. You can view the new menu on the School website.

Term Dates 2023/2024

Inset Days Monday 4th September 2023

TBC

Autumn Term 2023

Autumn 1: Starts Monday 4th September 2023

Autumn 1: Ends Friday 27th October 2023

Half Term: Monday 30th October 2023 – Friday 3rd November 2023

Autumn 2: Starts Monday 6th November 2023

Autumn 2: Ends Friday 22nd December 2023

Spring Term 2024

Spring 1: Starts Tuesday 8th January 2024

Spring 1: Ends Friday 9th February 2024

Half Term: Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024

Spring 2: Starts Monday 19th February 2024

Spring 2: Ends Friday 22nd March 2024

Summer Term 2024

Summer 1: Starts Monday 8th April 2024


Summer 1: Ends Friday 24th May 2024

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024

Summer 2: Starts Monday 3rd June 2024

Summer 2: Ends Friday 22nd July 2024

Parent & Carer Information



Parks for Play

St Bede's Church Brandwood

Fit for ALL Holiday clubs

Fun-filled, active and inclusive summer holiday play sessions for children **aged 8-12** who have a disability or special educational need and/or are eligible for free school meals. Healthy lunch and snacks provided. Priority given to children living local to Brandwood and Kings Heath.

Morning club
9.30am-12pm

Afternoon club*
1-3pm

Stay & Play - meet the team!
Thursday 27 July

Club dates
Wednesdays 2, 9, 16 August
Thursdays 3, 10 & 17 August

*The afternoon sessions are designed specifically for children with higher needs.

Booking & registration essential

Visit www.ourscene.org/fit-for-all/ to express interest or call Suze on 07476 898419.

www.ourscene.org



Summer holidays – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

Schools out for summer!

It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



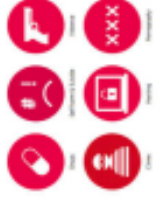
A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please [contact us](http://www.skipssafetynet.org) if you would like a SKIPPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

Skips Educational

Web: www.skipssafetynet.org
Email: info@skips.com
Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Developed in partnership with



Skips

www.skipssafetynet.org

Keeping children safe online

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OUT AND ABOUT AUGUST 2023

GAMES | DRAMA | PERFORMANCE



Open Theatre are running FREE summer activities in Birmingham and Coventry for young people with learning disabilities and autism aged 8 – 25.

Young people will have fun and learn new skills through non-verbal physical theatre workshops with the Open Theatre Team. Each Out & About will run for 3 days ending with a sharing for family and friends!

www.opentheatre.co.uk/productions/out-about/



Victoria Common, Northfield - Wednesday 26th July, 10am-4pm



A DAY OF FREE ACTIVITIES

for children and adults with additional needs, and their families

Accessible/Disabled parking and toilets · BSL communication support available
Level access site · Sound bath and wellbeing arts · Pony care experience
Cookery, Arts and Crafts, Music, Drama, movement and Sensory play activities
Poetry, storytelling and dance performances · Adapted Bicycles · Sensory Dome



Free food for school-age children. You will need a booking code from your school and then pre-book online (search 'Bring it on Brum')



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Follow our social media to get latest updates @sellyoakfam

What's on offer! **SCHOOLS OUT**

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

LOCAL OFFER:
HAF - You may be entitled to the Bring It On Brum Holiday Clubs.

*Child must be age 4 and above to be eligible.

Birmingham Festival 23 - FREE 10-Day Festival

FREE online downloadable activity packs

50 Things to do before your five

50 activities that parents and carers can support their children to try out and repeat.

Food Justice Network

Information on free food support provision and other family activities.



Follow our social media to get latest updates @sellyoakfam

SCHOOLS OUT

BUT *EARLY HELP* IS STILL HERE!

Translation available

Selly Oak Families Early Help Team are here to help over the Summer holidays. If you or a family you're working with need Early Help support, you can contact us between
9:30 - 4:30, Monday to Friday.

✉ Email:
sellyoak.families@greensquareaccord.co.uk

☎ Call, Text, Whatsapp:
07483 090434