



Ambition Pride Success

ANGLESEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- Year 2 Phonics parent meeting: **Tuesday 7th October-9.00am-9.30am** – Infant Hall
- Y2 Harvest Assembly for parents: **Friday 10th October 2.45-3.10pm**
- Year 6 parents drop in to need support with the secondary application form: **Wednesday 15th October – 9-10am**
- Parents Evening: **Wednesday 15th October, 3.30-6.00pm**
- Great Fire of London in school visitor: **Thursday 16th October**
- Autumn half term Holiday: **Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025**
- Flu Vaccines: **Monday 19th November**
- Autumn term ends: **Friday 19 December 2025**

WEBSITE AND X

<https://www.angleseysch-bham.co.uk>

<https://twitter.com/AngleseyP>

Youtube@anglesey.bham.sch.uk

Gallery photos - <https://anglesey-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/gallery-2024-2025/>

MESSAGE FROM MR PEMBLETON



Dear Parents/Carers

Attendance & Wellbeing 🌿

This week, children's attendance has gone down. We have also seen **over twice as many children ill 🤒** compared to the start of the year.

We know some children will be poorly, but we ask all families to **send children to school if they can 🏠**. We will always look after them ❤️. If they are too unwell, we will phone you straight away 📞.

Please remember:

- 🤧 Send your child to school if they only have a small cough or cold.
- 🌡️ Keep them at home only if they have a high fever, are being sick 🤢, or have diarrhoea 🚽.
- 🧼 Wash hands.
- 🥗 eat healthy food.
- 💧 drink water.
- 😴 sleep well.
- 🧥 Wrap up warm in the colder weather.

Coming to school every day helps your child to:

- 📖 **Learn more**
- ⭐ **Make progress**
- 🎓 **Succeed in the future**

Together we can help all children show **Ambition** 🌟, **Pride** 🏡, and **Success** 🏆.

SAFEGUARDING QUESTION

TRIVIA OF THE WEEK

Google's reCAPTCHA protects websites from getting spammed by making users complete a visual task (like picking out all the bicycles in a photo). It's an example of which famous test to tell humans from machines?



A. Benchmark Test

B. Turing Test

C. Antivirus Test

D. Ram Test

Answer from last week was: B

TRIVIA OF THE WEEK

How often should you update software? (especially if its a security patch)



A. Every 6 Months

B. Every Year

C. When you feel like it

D. Soon as it releases

Answer next week.

ATTENDANCE

This week's best classes:

SL2 – 100%
1A, 5O and 5K – 99%
WELL DONE!

OAK

In Oak, we made our own rockets using various crafts materials. When we were finished, we zoomed off to the moon like Neil Armstrong!



HARVEST

Harvest is the time of year for gathering crops. Y2 are celebrating this time of year by having a Harvest Assembly for parents: **Friday 10th October 2.45-3.10pm.**

It would be great if as a school, we could collect some food items to be donated to a food bank in the local area.

Tinned and packed items would be particularly good to bring in to school as they are not perishable items.

Your child can give items to their class teacher or the offices and these will be collected by Y2 pupils.

Please bring any food items in by **Friday 10th October.**

Thank you for your support.



PARENTS EVENING

Our first **Parents Evening** of the year will be:

Wednesday 15th October, 3.30pm-6pm

Please make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher via **MCAS**

IMPORTANT: You will be given a Data Check form to sign and return, to ensure we have your correct information.

Nursery parents can apply for a Reception place and **Y6 parents** can get support with Secondary Admissions on the same evening

GURDWARA VISIT

Half of **Yr5** visited the **Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha Gurdwara** this week. It was such a great learning experience for us all! The other half of Yr5 look forward to visiting next week on Thursday 9th October.





CONSENT

Please go to **MCAS** to give your consent to your child's photograph being used in the Newsletter and on our school's social media.

I know many of you enjoy seeing what your child has been doing in school and take **pride** in their **achievements** and **successes**. We need your consent to be able to do this.

Thank you



Online Safety Newsletter

Oct 2025

Risks of using AI for mental health

AI chatbots and wellness apps are becoming increasingly popular, which may lead to your child accessing them to support their mental health.

What should I be concerned about?

- The information/advice given may not always be accurate.
- Privacy concerns of how data is collected and used.
- Children may use these apps rather than seeking help from an adult.

What can I do?

- Chat to your child regularly about what apps and websites they are using and why.
- Remind them AI is a tool and not a substitute for qualified professionals who provide tailored advice/support.
- Talk to them about how they should fact check information.
- Check age ratings.

Further information

<https://stigmafreementalhealth.com/blog/supporting-youth-mental-health-with-ai-a-guide-for-parents-and-caregivers/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleylcs.org.uk/october-2025/>

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YouTube

YouTube is one of the most popular platforms, available across many different devices - phones, tablets and Smart TVs etc.

YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/ guardian. There are different options available to access YouTube, depending on your child's age:



1. YouTube Kids – a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).

2. Supervised accounts – a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:

- **Explore** - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
- **Explore more** - Generally for viewers aged 13+
- **Most of YouTube** - This setting includes almost everything except for videos marked as 18+.

Find out more: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

What do I need to be aware of?

Whilst YouTube can be educational and fun, it is important to be aware of the potential risks, such as:

- **Inappropriate content**
- **Excessive Screentime** – particularly due to the autoplay feature.
- **Unwanted contact / cyberbullying** – particularly via comments if your child is sharing videos.
- **Algorithms** – algorithms influence what we see to keep us engaged. This can lead to a user being exposed to large amounts of content about one topic/theme, which may not be helpful if it is negative.
- **Adverts** that may not be aimed at or suitable for your child's age.

What can I do?

- Set up appropriate parental controls.
- Show your child the reporting and blocking tools available.
- Watch YouTube together or supervise use.

Further information

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/youtube-app/>

WhatsApp

WhatsApp is incredibly popular with young people and is used for group chats, voice messages and video calls. **Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp.**

We frequently receive reports of children using WhatsApp inappropriately, such as sharing images to embarrass others, sending hurtful messages, spreading rumours, or excluding people from group chats to make them feel left out. Since WhatsApp lacks parental controls, it is important to think about whether it is really the right platform for your child. For example, you should consider if your child has the critical thinking skills to recognise bullying. Furthermore, do they understand how to manage peer pressure and refrain from joining in on hurtful behaviour?

What should I be aware of if my child is using WhatsApp?

- **Group chats:** Everyone within a group, even if they are not one of your child's contacts, will be able to see all messages within that group. If your child is added to a group with someone that they have previously blocked, that person can still see their messages and send them messages within the group chat.
- **Inappropriate content:** users can be exposed to content that is not suitable for their age.
- **Location sharing:** talk to your child about the potential danger of sharing their location.
- **Chat lock/secret code:** users can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting so a chat does not appear in the main chat.
- **Screentime due to addictive nature**
- **AI:** WhatsApp includes Meta AI.

What can I do?

- Check privacy settings, for example check who can add them to groups.
- Ensure your child understands that they can leave a chat at any time, Find out more here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/424124173736394>
- Show your child how to block and report other users. Find out how here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/1142481766359885/>
- Use parental controls such as screentime controls or do not disturb to reduce alerts.
- Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about the messages they send and how they might be received by others. Talk about positivity and not saying anything hurtful. Ask them to think about whether they would say what they are messaging, face to face.
- Chat to your child about the groups that they belong to.

Further information

Find out more here:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zcBvxg8>
- https://faq.whatsapp.com/773166357950949?helpref=faq_content

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Italian Brainrot

Have you heard of Italian Brainrot? It is a viral trend consisting of AI generated characters featuring in memes and videos. It originally started on TikTok but can now be seen on other platforms such as YouTube and Instagram. There are also lots of spinoff content including a game on Roblox.

Whilst the content is generally nonsensical and children will find some of it funny, some content can include inappropriate/offensive language and content that might not be suitable for your child's age.

iOS 26

Apple have released their new operating system – iOS 26. Protect Young Eyes have published an article detailing the changes relating to your child's safety, including content filtering in Safari. Find out more here:

<https://www.protectyouneyes.com/blog-articles/a-parents-guide-to-ios-26>

Managing Digital Spending

Parent Zone have created a guide to help teach your child how to manage their online spending. You can read it here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/managing-digital-spending-guide-parents>

ADHD, Screen Time, and Healthy Boundaries

Bark have created this guide for parents of children with ADHD to support you in helping your child create a healthy relationship with technology. You can access it here:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/adhd-kid-and-tech/>

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS

You will have been sent this letter as a text, but here is a reminder for you regarding the **Reception** application process for entry in September 2026.

Online admissions open for applications on **1 October 2025**.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Apply online for your child to start Reception class in September 2026

I am writing to you because I understand that your child is able to start school soon. By law, parents/carers must ensure that their child is receiving suitable full-time education at the beginning of the term after their fifth birthday. In Birmingham, however, your child can go to school in the September after his or her fourth birthday.

We would ask you to visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and submit an online application from 1 October 2025 and by **15 January 2026** (the final closing date). We would strongly recommend that you ensure you read the 'Primary Admission Arrangements 2026' information prior to submitting your application. In addition to this, most schools will hold open sessions where parents/carers can talk to teachers or view the school's own prospectus etc. Please visit your preferred schools' websites for further details.

Online applicants will receive an immediate email confirmation when the application is submitted. Those online applicants who have not provided an email address will not receive an acknowledgement, so it is very important that you include an email address. If you have not received an acknowledgement by 15 January 2026, then you should call Children's Services on 0121 303 1888 to confirm that your application has been received.

Online applicants who submit their application with a valid email address will be sent an offer by email on 16 April 2026. Parents/carers who submitted an online application without a valid email address will be sent an offer letter by first class post, which should arrive from 16 April 2026 and should be delivered by the end of that week. Finally, please remember, you do not need to have the internet at home. You can apply online from any device with internet access or, if you are able to, from a computer whilst at work.

If you have any questions about your child starting school, please do not hesitate to contact a member of Children's Services on 0121 303 1888, where staff will be pleased to offer their assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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How to protect yourself and your family from measles

What is measles?

Measles cases have started to spread across the West Midlands. Measles is highly infectious and can lead to serious health complications, especially in children under 1, pregnant women, and people with a weakened immune system. Outbreaks can happen when not enough people have been immunised.

What are the symptoms of measles?

Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms. The first symptoms of measles include:

- a high temperature
- a runny or blocked nose
- sneezing
- a cough
- red, sore, watery eyes



A rash usually appears a few days after the cold-like symptoms. The rash starts on the face and behind the ears before spreading to the rest of the body. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth, particularly inside the cheeks and on the back of the lips. To learn more about symptoms, visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>.

What should you do if you or your child has suspected measles?

If your child develops symptoms, urgently contact your GP. Please contact the surgery by telephone before visiting and tell the reception staff that you think that your child may have measles. Do not attend the surgery unless you are asked to. The doctor will make special arrangements to see your child so that if they have measles, they won't pass it on to others.

How can you protect yourself and your family from measles?

The MMR immunisation is the best way to protect yourself and your family against measles because it is:

- effective
- safe
- free of charge

2 doses of the MMR immunisation are needed to give the best protection against measles.

The first dose of the MMR immunisation is normally given soon after the first birthday, and a second dose given at 3 years and 4 months, just before starting school.

Those born on or after 1 July 2024 will move to a new MMR schedule, with the first dose remaining at 12 months, and the second dose moving from 3 years 4 months to 18 months.

However, you can catch up with missed MMR doses at **any** age.

Research has shown there is **no link** between the MMR immunisation and autism.

The MMR immunisation is safe for all **faiths and cultures**. A pork-free version is available for those who avoid pork products. It is called Priorix.

This immunisation is available at every GP practice, and it is free.

For more information on the MMR immunisation, **scan this QR code** or visit <https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>



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September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Anglesey we strongly believe in a working closely with families to support them and ultimately help their children achieve the best outcomes that we know they are capable of. This belief strongly coincides with our high emphasis on safeguarding, attendance and punctuality.

As a school, we will do all we can to ensure maximum attendance for all pupils to ensure that they are safe. Any problems that impede the safety, punctuality and regular attendance will be identified and addressed as speedily as possible. As we rightly know that for children to achieve, they must be attending, turn up on time and be ready for learning.



You must contact school every day by **9.15am**, to report an absence in one of the following ways:

- Phone the school office on 0121 4644388 and then select either KS1 or KS2.
- Come into the school office (KS1 or KS2)
- Go onto the My Child at School App (MCAS), select the icon circled below. This takes you to 'Absence reporting', where you click the link and complete the form, explaining the reason for absence.



If you let the class teacher know the reasons for absence, **you must still contact the office.**

If you fail to contact the school, you will receive a text at 9.30am asking you to contact the school immediately to explain the absence.

If you haven't contacted the school by 10.00am, you will receive a phone from school to ask you to explain the absence.

If we still have had no contact from you, we will implement the following responses:

- If a child is absent for 3 consecutive days, we will want to see the child, so we will be carrying out a home visit or a video call and we expect to see and speak to the child.
- In some circumstances, including where we have ongoing concerns about a child's attendance, we will want to see the child after 2 consecutive days. So, we will be carrying out a home visit or a video call and we expect to see and speak to the child.
- In more complex situations, we will initiate face to face contact on the **first day of absence** as we need to be satisfied that the child is safe and well.

If you have contacted us and given us reasons for your child's absence, we will implement the following responses:

- If a child is absent for 7 consecutive days, we will want to see the child, so we will be carrying out a home visit or a video call and we expect to see and speak to the child.
- In some circumstances, including where we have ongoing concerns about a child's attendance, we will want to see the child after 5 consecutive days. So, we will be carrying out a home visit or a video call and we expect to see and speak to the child.
- In more complex situations, we will initiate face to face contact after 3 consecutive days as we need to be satisfied that the child is safe and well.

PTO

Inquisitive Minds Soar, Resilient Spirits Flourish, and Independence Ignites Success!



If your child arrives late to school, they must come to the office to sign in for a late mark, 'L'.
 If your child arrives after the registers have closed (times shown below), then they must come to the office to sign in for a 'U' mark. This is an unauthorised absence mark.

We will be changing the timings of the gates to support you getting your child into school on time.
 The timings will be as follows:

Department	Gates open	Classrooms open	Gates close to parents	Registers close for teachers. After this time a 'L' code will be given	Registers closed. After this time a 'U' code will be given
Nursery AM	8.40am	8.40am	9.00am	9.00am	9.20am
Nursery PM	12.20pm	12.20pm	12.30pm	12.30pm	12.50pm
Reception and KS1	8.35am	8.45am	9.00am	9.00am	9.20am
KS2	8.30am	8.45am	9.00am	9.00am	9.20am

Punctuality Matters



Attendance Ladder



These changes will come into place after half term, when the school's attendance policy will be available on the website.

I am sure you understand and appreciate the need for these improvements.

Warm regards
 Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher