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ANGLESEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- NHS Flu vaccinations for infants and juniors – 30th September
- Secondary school application support for Year 6 parents – 24th September, 8th October and 15th October
- 31.10.26 (8:00am) - Deadline for secondary school applications

MESSAGE FROM MR PEMBLETON



A Good Start to the New School Year

Thank you to all our families for helping us make a positive start to the new school year. At Anglesey, we want every child to be **happy, safe and successful**.

You can help by making sure your child:

- comes to school **every day**;
- arrives **on time**;
- wears the correct school uniform;
- is ready to learn; and
- gets plenty of sleep and has a healthy breakfast.

Thank you for your continued support.

This Week's Assembly – Be Ready!

Our assembly theme this week is **Mise en Place**. This means being **prepared, organised and ready**.

We are teaching children that success starts with good preparation.

At school, this means:

- arriving on time;
- having everything ready;
- listening carefully;
- looking after our classrooms and books; and
- being ready to do our best.

Be ready. Be organised. Be proud. Be successful.

Church Street Road Closure

Church Street is currently closed while Severn Trent Water carries out work because of a sewage problem.

We understand that the road may remain closed for approximately **another two weeks**. This may cause extra traffic around school, particularly in the morning and at home time. Please:

- allow extra time for your journey;
- park safely and considerately;
- do not block residents' driveways; and
- make sure children still arrive at school **on time**.

Thank you for your patience.

Healthy Eating & Food Allergies – Important

Keeping children **safe and healthy** is very important to us.

We have children in school with **food allergies and specific dietary requirements**. Some allergies can cause a serious reaction.

Following changes to guidance, the school will be carrying out **more careful checks on food brought into school from home**.

Please help us by:

- providing a **healthy packed lunch**;
- not sending sweets, chocolate or fizzy/energy drinks;
- checking packaging and ingredients carefully;
- following any information from school about foods that must not be brought onto the school site;
- **not sending food into school to share with other children**, including for birthdays or celebrations; and
- telling the school immediately if your child has a **food allergy, intolerance or other dietary requirement**.

Staff may speak to parents if food brought from home is **not suitable or could present a risk to another child**.

This is not about stopping children enjoying their food. It is about keeping **all of our children safe** and encouraging healthy choices.

Please remember: a food that is safe for your child may not be safe for another child.

Thank you for working with us.

Reception & EYFS Outdoor Areas

Some areas around our Reception and EYFS building need repair. These areas have been safely closed while work is arranged.

We also want to improve and tidy some of our outdoor learning areas.

We would love some **parent and community volunteers** to help us during the half-term holiday.

If you could spare **a couple of hours** to help with clearing, weeding and tidying, please contact the school office.

Together, we can make these spaces even better for our youngest children.

Attendance – Well Done Anglesey!

Our attendance for the school year so far is:

95.4%

This has increased by **0.5% since last week**. Well done!

A special **congratulations** to:

RJM – 95%

2B – 100%

4O – 99%

6Z – 100%

SL2 – 100%

Three classes achieved **100% attendance** this week!

Every school day matters. Good attendance gives children the best opportunity to **learn, make progress and succeed**.

Thank you to all our families for supporting good attendance.

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Pack a Healthy Lunch

Fuel their learning, every day!

Healthy Children Brighter Futures

The Birmingham Traffic-Light Packed Lunch Approach



GREEN GROUP

(Everyday Foods)

Include these foods every day for a healthy, balanced lunchbox.

Choose a variety from these food groups:

Starchy carbohydrates (wholegrain)  e.g. wholemeal bread, wraps, pasta, rice, potatoes	Lean proteins  e.g. meat, fish, eggs, hummus, beans, chickpeas	Fruit or vegetables (at least one portion)  e.g. apple, banana, berries, carrot sticks, cucumber, tomatoes	Dairy or calcium alternatives  e.g. cheese, plain yoghurt	Drink  Plain tap water is the standard recommended drink.
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AMBER GROUP

(Occasional / Balanced)

These foods can be included sometimes, as part of a wider balanced meal.

OK sometimes – in small amounts.



e.g. certain homemade bakes or plain biscuits (only as part of a balanced meal, not as standalone snacks).

Keep these to an occasional treat and pair them with healthier options from the Green Group.



RED GROUP

(Foods to Avoid)

Please do not include these foods in lunchboxes.

These foods are not suitable for packed lunches.

 Chocolate bars and sweets	 Chocolate-coated biscuits	 Ultra-processed fruit snacks (e.g. fruit strings or winders)	 High-sugar and high-fat snacks	 Fizzy or sugary drinks
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These foods are high in sugar, can contribute to tooth decay and will also cause an energy crash, making it harder for your child to learn and concentrate.



NO NUTS

NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Please do not include any nuts or foods containing nuts in lunchboxes (e.g. peanut butter, Nutella, nut bars).



Small choices make a big difference at Anglesey

NO NUTS IN SCHOOL

Nut-Free School Reminder

To help keep all our pupils safe, we kindly ask families not to send nuts or products containing nuts into school. Some children have severe nut allergies, and even a small amount can cause a serious allergic reaction. Thank you for checking lunchboxes, snacks and food packaging carefully and for helping us maintain a safe and inclusive environment for every child.

MESSAGES FROM THE TEACHERS

Fantastic Work in Early Years

Our Early Years children have had a fantastic week of learning! They have been busy creating colourful self-portraits, thinking carefully about their features and what makes each of them unique. They have also been working hard in phonics, developing their skills in reading and writing and beginning to apply their sounds with growing confidence. We are so proud of their enthusiasm, creativity and wonderful progress!





Our Year 3 pupils showing super ambition with their learning in maths - speaking like mathematicians to give their answers and explain their thinking.





Year 4 have started reading their first class text of the year The Iron Man. Exciting to see what happens next....



Tabla lessons have started in Year 5. Pupils have shown great learning ambition during their first few lessons with Mr Singh.



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Reminder: Transfer to Secondary School - September 2027

Families with children due to start secondary school in September 2027 (i.e. those children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016), are now able to apply online for secondary school places.

The deadline for applications is 31 October 2026, and places will be offered on 1 March 2027.

All the information families need to make their applications is on the council website

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

The Council will be regularly sharing information about the application process on its social media channels throughout the application window. I would be grateful for your support if you could also help raise awareness of the process and the deadline.

To assist, please see attached a short parent carer facing briefing, poster, and link to a short video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzAllyhBjY>

A reminder that staff will be in the junior school hall to support Year 6 parents on the 24th September, 8th October and 15th October from 9:00am until 10:00am



Aspire & Succeed

An award-winning organisation in
Birmingham

We were founded by local residents following the 'Lozells riots' of 2005 as a community-led mission to win change and shape the story of where we live.

We quickly moved from a Sunday morning project at the old Holte Leisure Centre to an award-winning organisation located in the heart of the area, focused on youth and community work, advocacy and after-school tuition.

Rooted in the stories of our neighbourhood we have an unflinching commitment to improve the lives of local people regardless of background. We strive to do this through effective project work and by applying the craft of community organising. So, thank you for visiting our website and please spend a few minutes at the end to let us hear your views and comments.



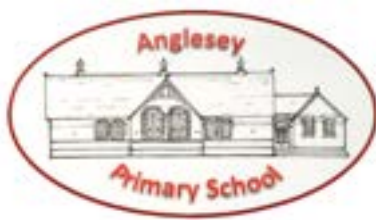
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Online Safety Newsletter

Sept 2026

Childline under 12s site

Childline have a separate area on their website for under 12s. The pages are written for primary school children. The area includes a section full of games and a Buddy Zone with tips, such as how to speak to a trusted adult and information on where to get extra support from.

You can access this area here:
<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/u12-landing/>

How to manage parental controls for different ages?

Internet Matters asked online experts, Karl Hopwood and Richard Waite to share their advice on how to manage parental controls for different ages. Find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/question/managing-parental-controls-for-different-ages/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translation tool on our web version:
<https://www.knowsleycitylearningcentres.org.uk/september-2026-primary/>

New guidance issued due to concern of AI-manipulated images

Photos of children that seem completely innocent can be manipulated using artificial intelligence (AI) to create sexualised or abusive images. There is a growing threat that children's images shared online are being manipulated by criminals into AI generated sexual abuse material. As concerns grow, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and the National Crime Agency (NCA) have issued new guidance to help you understand the risks around AI image manipulation and advice on how to speak to your child about AI and image consent.



The IWF states that child sexual abuse images or videos created or altered using AI may include:

- Everyday images of a child or young person that are manipulated into child sexual abuse imagery, including images taken from social media, websites or messaging apps, that are manipulated into sexualised or abusive imagery. These are sometimes known as 'deepfakes'.
- Images or videos that look like a real child but are completely artificial.
- AI technology that digitally removes clothing from existing images to create nude or semi-nude images, sometimes known as 'nudifying'.

[source: IWF <https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/> accessed 25.08.26]

What can I do?

The guidance provides practical advice about sharing photographs of your child online. Some useful things to consider are:

- Think before you share photographs online. The IWF suggest creating a 'close friends' group to share images.
- Check and adjust your privacy settings on all social media accounts.
- Understand the steps to take if you or your child has any concerns and the organisations you can contact.

Where can I find the new guidance?

The full guidance can be accessed at the link below. It also includes a video highlighting how everyday photos can be misused using AI tools.

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/>

You can find the full press release/announcement here:

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/new-guidance-for-parents-and-carers-as-ai-manipulated-images-of-children-become-a-growing-concern>

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 Screen time** – 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/>

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A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives

The Children's Commissioner has published this guide to help you support your child and make starting conversations about their online world easier. It's a useful read:

<https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2025/12/cc-what-i-wish-parent-guide.pdf>

Nex Playground

Nex Playground is a new video game console, which features games to get kids active. The games have no ads, no violence and no chat features, however it does rely on purchasing either a yearly or quarterly game subscription. You can find out more here:

<https://www.nexplayground.com/en-gb>

Online Safety Quiz

The NSPCC have created this quiz to test your child's knowledge on how to stay safe online. It's a great way to start a conversation with your child about their online life. You can access the quiz here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/quiz/>

WhatsApp Usernames

WhatsApp is introducing the use of usernames, so people no longer have to share their phone number. Wayne Denner provides an overview of the new features, what you need to consider and steps you can take here:

<https://www.waynedenner.com/whatsapp-usernames-what-parents-need-to-know/>