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ANGLESEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- Secondary school application support for Year 6 parents – 8th October and 15th October
- 31.10.26 (8:00am) - Deadline for secondary school applications
- Online admissions open for Reception applications on 1st October 2026.

MESSAGE FROM MR PEMBLETON



Another busy week has flown by at Anglesey!

As we move further into the term, we are continuing to focus on routines, consistency and high expectations across school.

Children do best when they know what is expected of them and experience calm, predictable routines. We are encouraging all of our children to show the Anglesey Standard – taking pride in themselves, their learning, their behaviour and our school.

Thank you, as always, for supporting these expectations at home.



The Recipe for Success – Chef Ambrose

Our assembly theme continues with Chef Ambrose and Spoons and The Recipe for Success.

This week we move on to Story 4: Mastering the Recipe.

Just like a great chef, children don't master something the first time they try it. Success comes from listening carefully, practising, responding to feedback and trying again.

Our message to the children this week is:

Listen • Practise • Improve • Keep Going

You might want to ask your child what Chef Ambrose and Spoons have been teaching them!

Exciting Plans for the Roads Around Anglesey

Anglesey Primary School has been selected for proposed improvements through Birmingham's Safer School Journeys programme.

The proposals include:

relocating the zebra crossing to make crossing safer;

new tactile paving;

additional double yellow lines to improve visibility;

parking and loading bays near the shops;

bollards to help prevent pavement parking;

clearer signs and coloured road surfacing around the school; and

benches, planters and other improvements to the local area.

The proposals aim to reduce road danger, improve air quality and make the area around Anglesey safer and more pleasant for our children, families and community.

 **Come and See the Plans**

Friday 16 October

9:00am – 10:00am

Anglesey Primary School

The project team will be in school so that parents and members of our community can view the plans, ask questions and share their views.

The consultation closes on Friday 23 October 2026.

We would really encourage our families to have a look at the plans and take part in the consultation.

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 9 October – 9:00am

 **Parent Coffee Morning**

Compass Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Support

Friday 16 October – 9:00–10:00am

 **Safer School Journeys Drop-in Event**

Wednesday 21 October

 **School Photos**

Wednesday 21 October

 **Parents' Evening**

Friday 23 October

 **Safer School Journeys consultation closes**

Attendance – A Great Week!

This week: 96.2%

Year to date: 95.9%

Well done, Anglesey!

Our attendance has improved this week, but we want to keep going. At our current attendance level, around 30 children are still missing school each day.

Every day in school gives children another opportunity to learn, practise, make progress and succeed.

Please continue to make sure your child is in school every day and arrives on time. If your child is unwell and unable to attend, please remember to contact the school office.

 This Week's Attendance Champions

A fantastic 100% attendance for:

☆ SL1

☆ 3R

☆ 3M

☆ SL2

A huge well done to our winning classes!

Thank You

Thank you for your continued support of Anglesey Primary School.

Working together – children, families and staff – helps us maintain the high expectations, strong routines and sense of community that we want for every Anglesey child.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Pembleton

Headteacher

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

School admissions

You can now apply for your child's reception place for September 2027 online on Birmingham City Councils website from 1st October 2026 - Friday 15th January 2027 for your preferred school. Please ensure that you include details of any siblings attending your preferred school.

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions

Attendance – Reporting Absences

We have received a number of calls from parents who have told us that they reported their child's absence to their class teacher. Please be aware that messages sent to class teachers are not received by the school office and cannot be used to record an absence.

If your child is going to be absent from school, or has an appointment, you must contact the school office by 9.15am each day using one of the following methods:

Phone the school office:

KS2: 0121 464 4377

KS1: 0121 464 4388

Phone lines open at 8.30am.

Visit the school office in person (KS1 or KS2).

Report the absence via the My Child at School (MCAS) app.

Thank you for helping us to keep our attendance records accurate and ensuring that we know where all our pupils are each day.

Leave in Term-Time

Please remember that parents/carers should request and submit a Leave in Term-Time form from the school office before making arrangements to take their child out of school during term-time. Ideally, requests should be submitted at least two weeks before travelling.

Parents/carers will also need to provide the school with a copy of their flight documents where applicable.

Please be aware that taking a child out of school during term-time without authorisation may result in a penalty notice or fine being issued by the council.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in helping us to keep our pupils safe and maintain good attendance.

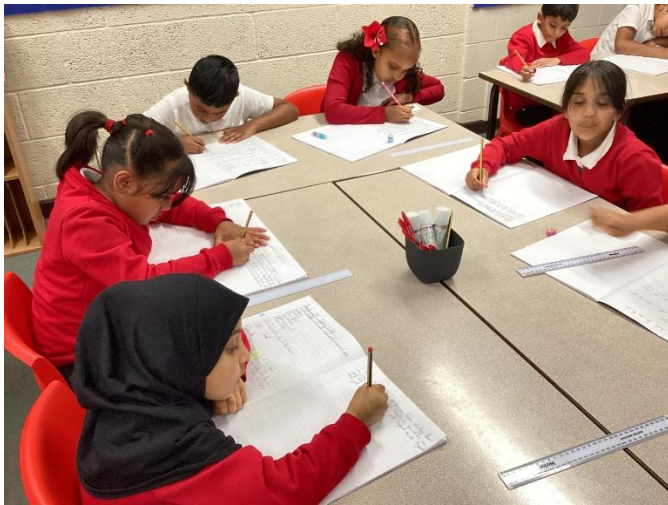
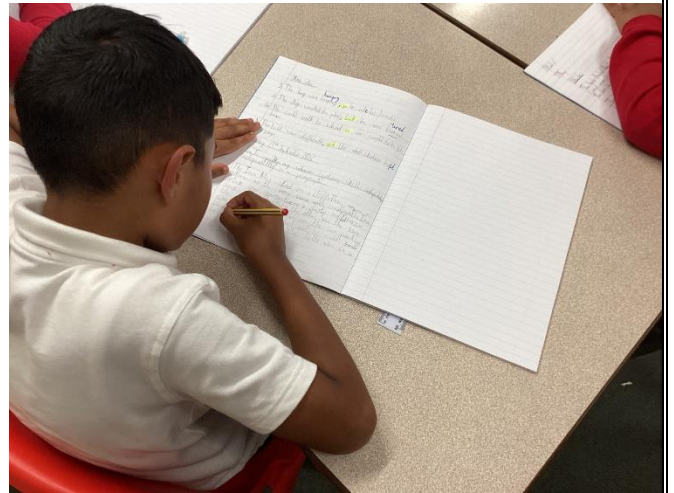
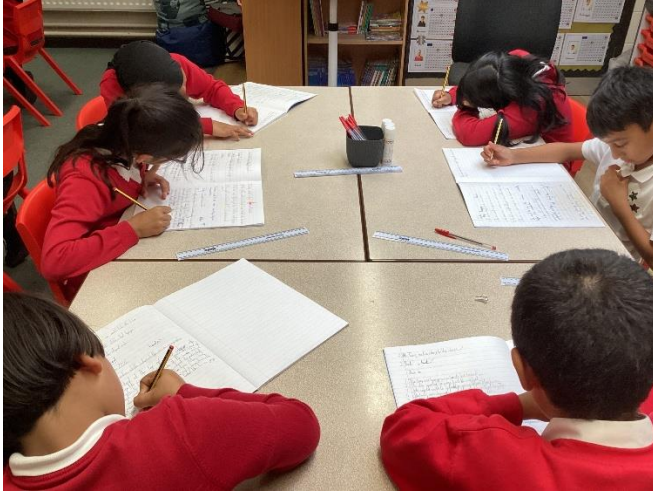
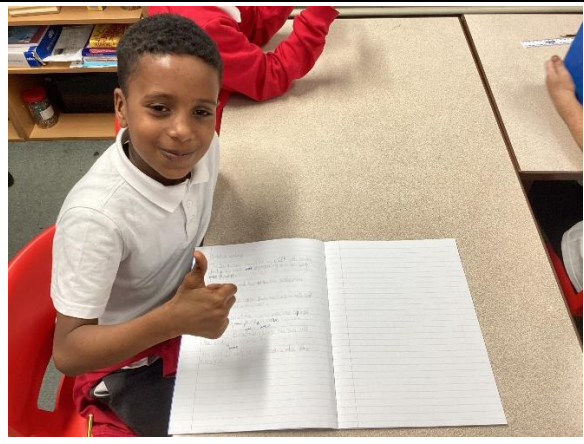
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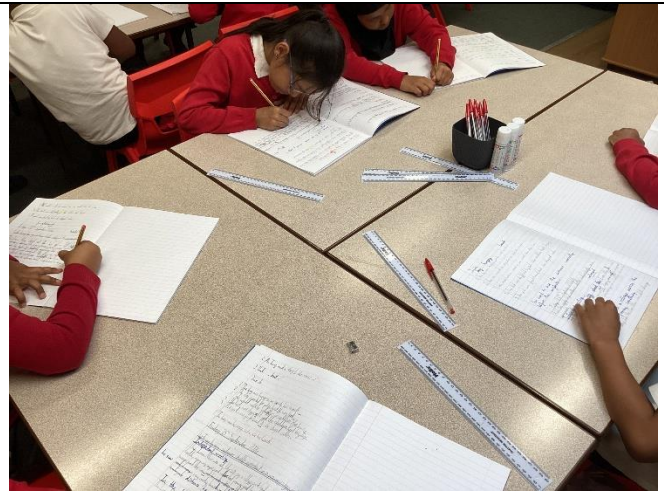
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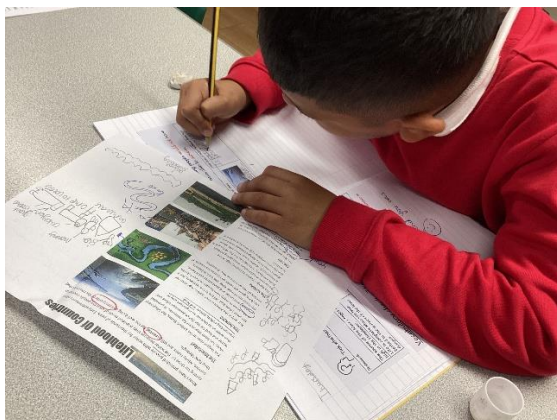
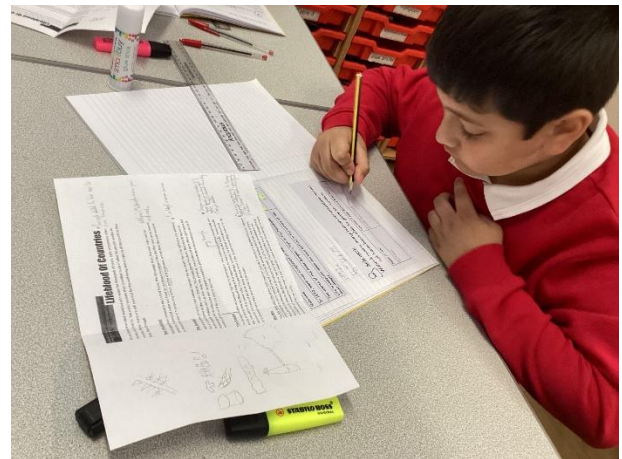


Year 4 showing ambition in everything they do. We have really enjoyed looking for insects and being creative with our writing lessons this week...

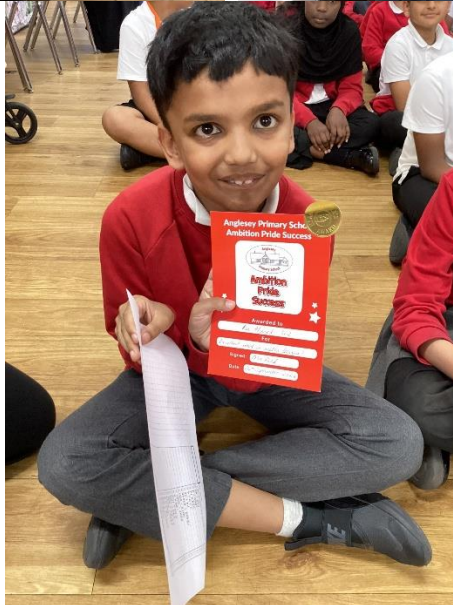
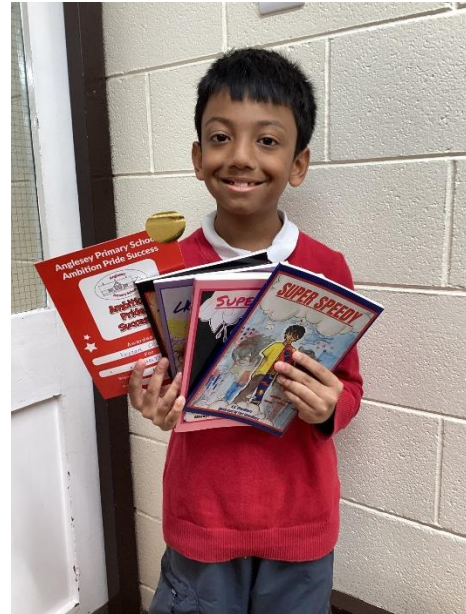
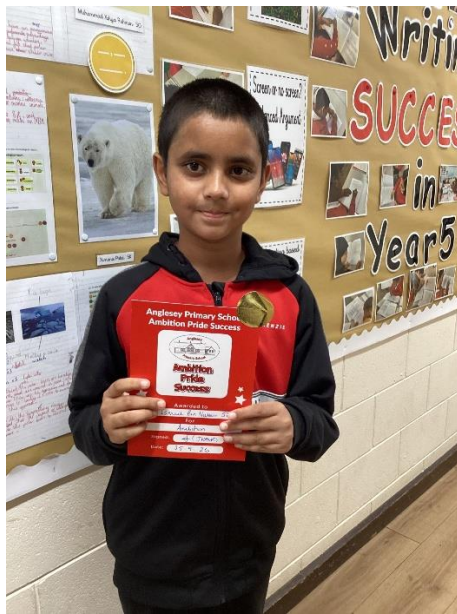




Reading success in Yr5. Pupil are doing a great job on using images and notes to understand what they are reading. Well done Year 5.



Celebrating our ambition, proud moments and successes of the week.



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 again on the 8th October and 15th October from 9:00am until 10:00am

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS **ARE OPEN!**

If your child turns 11 before
31 August 2027, apply now

Apply by 31 October 2026



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.



Aspire & Succeed

<https://aspireandsucceed.org>

Educational services in Birmingham

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Birmingham City Council
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Email: saferschooljourneys@birmingham.gov.uk



September 2026

Safer School Journeys – Anglesey Primary School

Dear parent/carer,

Safer School Journeys is a city-wide programme designed to make streets around schools safer, healthier and more welcoming for pupils, families and the wider community.

It helps schools tackle road safety concerns, improve local air quality, and encourage more children and families to walk, wheel and cycle.

Anglesey Primary School has been selected for improvements as part of this programme.

We are proposing:

- A relocated zebra crossing to make it easier to see and safer for people walking, wheeling and cycling.
- Tactile paving (the bumpy paving at crossings) to help people with visual impairments cross more easily.
- No waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) to improve visibility and safety.
- Parking and loading bays near the shops to support local businesses and help manage parking.
- Bollards to stop vehicles parking on pavements.
- Clearer signs and coloured road surfacing to make drivers aware they are entering a school area.
- Benches, planters and other street furniture to make the area more attractive and welcoming.

These improvements will help reduce road danger, improve air quality, and create a safer, healthier, more pleasant environment for everyone.

Drop-in event: Come along to view the plans, ask questions and share your views with the project team.

When: Friday 16th October, 9:00am to 10:00 am

Where: Anglesey Primary School, Anglesey Street, Lozells, Birmingham, B19 1RA.

We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the online survey and share your ideas. **The survey closes on: Friday 23 October 2026**

Complete the survey online: www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/bcc/ssj-anglesey

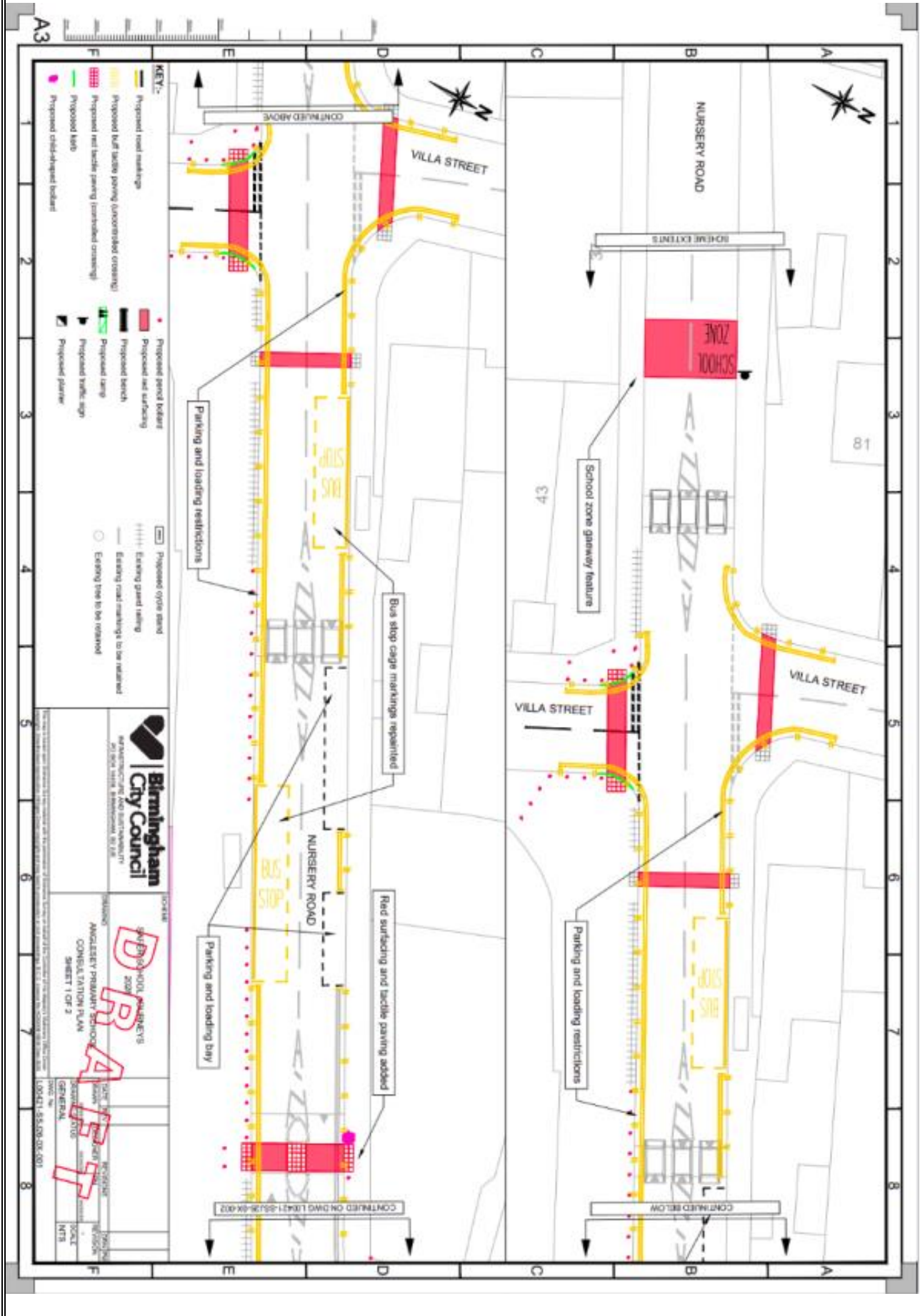
Or scan the QR code
on your mobile phone

You can also email us at saferschooljourneys@birmingham.gov.uk

For more information about the Safer School Journeys programme, visit:
www.birmingham.gov.uk/schoolstreets



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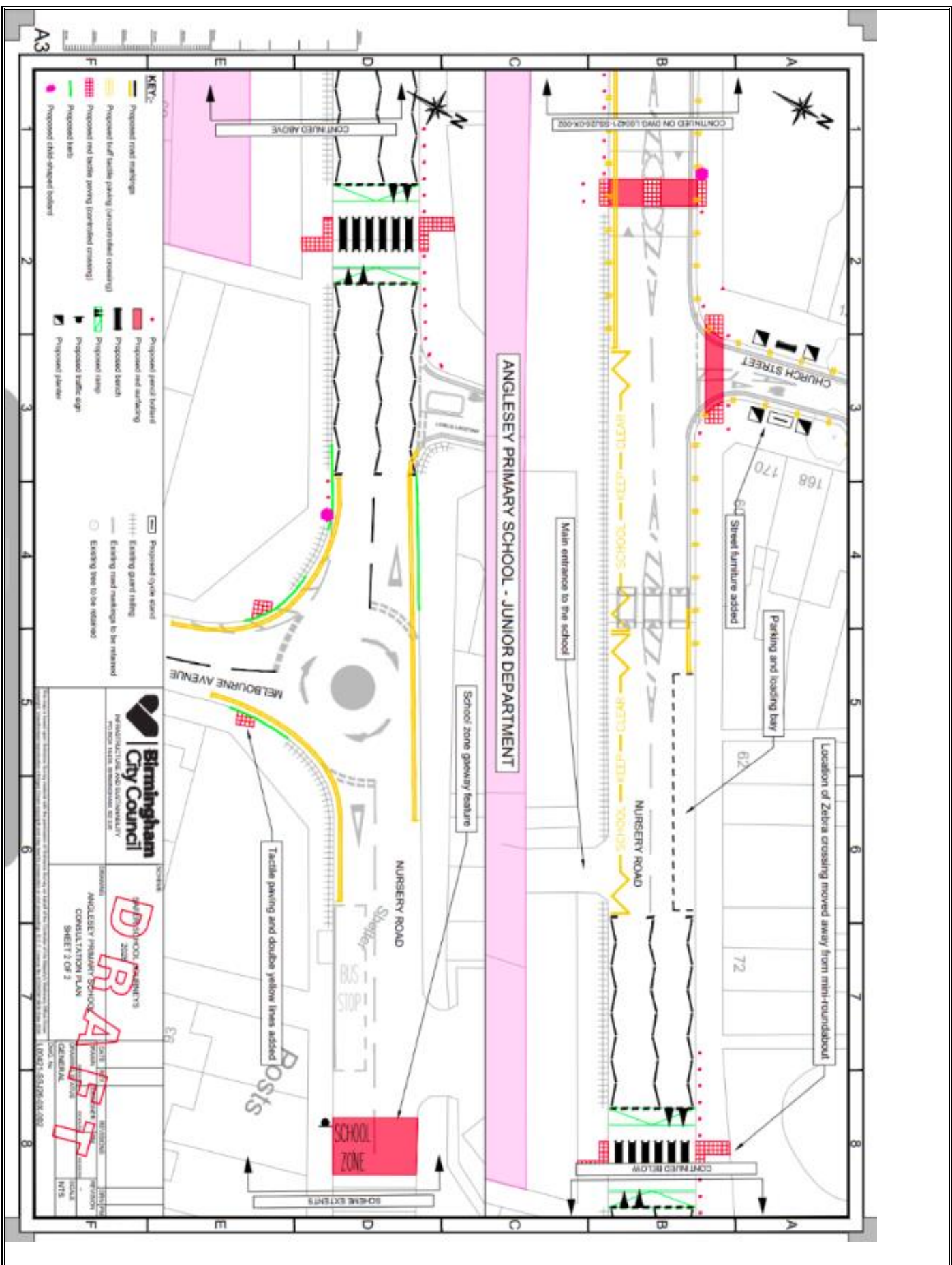
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Online Safety Newsletter

October 2026

CapCut

CapCut is a video editing app. Their services are intended for those over the age of 13 (those under the age of 18 must have consent from their parent/legal guardian). It is rated as 13+ on the App store.

What can I do on CapCut?

CapCut is used as a video and image editing tool allowing users to edit their videos/ images as well as add music, sound effects, text and stickers.

What should I be aware of?

- The templates are user generated, therefore they may not always be appropriate for your child to view, for example may contain adult themes.
- CapCut includes access to a library of music that may include explicit lyrics.
- Premium content – CapCut does include in-app purchases/monthly subscriptions to allow users access to premium content.

AI companions

What are AI companions?

AI companions are artificial intelligence services designed to interact with users to simulate friendship or romantic relationships. There are many different AI companions available, accessible via apps or websites. **Many of these apps are intended for adults and have an age rating of 18+.**



Why are children using AI companions?

There are many reasons a child might want to use an AI companion, including:

- To ask advice and questions that they may be embarrassed to ask another person. It may be easier to talk to an AI companion, so it is imperative children understand the difference between AI and real people.
- They feel lonely and are looking for friendship.
- Children may just be curious and want to try new technology.

What should I be aware of?

- **Age restrictions:** it is important to check the age rating to see if it is appropriate for your child.
- **Inappropriate content:** there is often a lack of moderation so users could be exposed to content/language that is not suitable for their age.
- **Emotional dependence:** AI companions are designed to act as a friend, encouraging an emotional dependence. This may lead to your child becoming over reliant on the service. A chatbot should never replace a parent, a medical professional or other trusted adult.
- **Relationships:** repeated use of AI may influence a child's understanding of relationships and consent in real life.
- **Privacy and personal information:** children should not share personal or confidential information with AI companions.

What can I do?

- Check the age rating and any privacy settings.
• Appropriate parental controls on their devices/

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<https://>

information

Discord

Discord is a social networking app originally designed for gamers, but is now used by lots of different people to **chat to each other online**. The minimum age to access Discord is 13. **The App store rates it as 17+.**



Discord is made up of servers, which are spaces for groups to chat, upload files and share images etc. Anybody can set up a server, and it can be set as either public or private. Users can video call and send direct messages to other individuals or groups. Children who play online games such as Fortnite may use Discord to chat whilst playing the game (**rather than using the game's own chat facility**). In-app purchases are available through Discord's subscription service called Nitro.

How can I make it safer?

Discord have created a Family Centre, which provides further information about what Discord is, as well as information about different safety settings available:

<https://discord.com/safety-family-center>

As always, we would encourage you to chat to your child to see why they use Discord and ensure that they know how to block users and what to do if they see any inappropriate content. It is important to be aware that Discord does include video/voice calling which cannot be filtered. **Discord is used by an array of users and therefore adult content can be found on Discord, as well as inappropriate language.** Discord have produced this article, which answers frequent questions:

<https://discord.com/safety-library>

5 fun online activities

Doki Doki Literature Club

Doki Doki Literature Club is a game that, due to its cartoon anime appearance, may appear to be a game suitable for all. However, as the game progresses, it contains much darker and potentially distressing themes. The game includes references to suicide, self-harm and death.

The App store rates it as 18+ as it has cartoon or fantasy violence and horror/fear themes as well as infrequent profanity and crude humour. The game is described as psychological horror. You should also be aware that the app also includes in app purchases.

The game's own website also states that it "is not suitable for children or those who are easily disturbed."

Please ensure you have set up appropriate parental controls on any devices and platforms that your child uses to ensure they can't access games that are not suitable for their age.

Happy Tree Friends

Happy Tree Friends is another animated series that might look



Whilst we must be aware of the negative also important to remember that it can also fun or learn something new as a family. Why



aspects of the internet, it's be a great place to have not try the following?

1. Play a game together.
2. Take a family quiz – it could be around the topic of online safety (e.g. from Childnet) or you could use Kahoot to create your own.
3. Learn something new – explore BBC Bitesize, National Geographic Kids or Khan Academy.
4. Create something – make a digital drawing or video.
5. Read an Audio book.

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Becoming a Dad? Moving in with a partner who has children?



Whether you're becoming a dad for the first time, becoming a dad again, or moving in with a partner who has children, and you will be living with them and playing a part in their lives, then the following information may be helpful to you. Many men will experience a variety of emotions before and when they become fathers. It's natural. What matters most at this point is that you're open to thinking about what this all means to you and for your child/ren.



'Becoming a Dad' Guide

This 'Becoming a Dad' Guide has lots of useful information whether it's your first time becoming a Dad or you already are one. The guide covers things such as looking after yourself, getting to know your baby and what to do if you are struggling. You can access this information using the QR code below.



Babies Cry

Babies can cry for many different reasons, it is important to stay calm and remember that the crying will stop. You should never shake your baby as this can cause long term brain damage. The QR code below will take you to information and advice for when your baby is crying.



Alcohol and Parenting

When you have a drink who is in charge of the baby or child? There are a range of video and poster resources explaining the risks of drinking alcohol when caring for a child/children. Scan the QR code below for more information.



Mental Health

If you have suffered with mental health difficulties, anxiety, depression etc. even if you have never been diagnosed or are routinely using alcohol or substances or living with domestic abuse it would be useful to seek support from specialist professionals. Places to seek support from in Solihull:

Birmingham & Solihull Mental Health Foundation 0800 915 9292/ 0121 262 3555

Solihull Integrated Addiction Services 0121 301 4141 enquiries@sias-solihull.org.uk or [self-refer](#) online

Males experiencing domestic abuse 0121 643 0821 hello@blgbt.org

Males whose abusive behaviour is affecting their relationship - Respect 0808 8024040 info@respectphoneline.org.uk

