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# Mrs Nelson's News!

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Headteacher: Mrs H Nelson

Hello families,

**Please take the time to read my message below, it is really important.**

Our school budget is dreadful! We do not have the money for anything but essentials. This makes me disheartened as there is so much that we would love to buy for our children to enhance their learning. We are driven to source every penny of funding out there for our children. If you have not done so, could I ask that you nominate us for the ASDA Rewards App 'Cashpot Cash for Schools'? We would love the money to buy books for our school library. Our children take a library book home each week so we would love to fill it with new books for them. The initiative runs for another 78 days until the 30<sup>th</sup> November. We have £98 so far!

We have also been chosen for the blue coin incentive at TESCO. This will begin in October and will run until January. The TESCO blue coin initiative will fund outdoor play equipment if we are successful. We could gain £1,500 if we have the most blue coins. I will share more information closer to the time. Mrs Diggle has been successful in securing £500 from the Ernest Cook trust. This will help us to buy plants and equipment so that we can grow things! In the summer term, we were successful in securing funding from SACRE. They gave us £500 and we bought 4 planting troughs that we will situate in the quad areas of schools along with bulbs and seeds.

We have a significant issue with Pupil Premium funding. Each child that is eligible for free school meals is also entitled to money to support their learning in school. This is currently £1,480 per pupil. This money comes to school and we are accountable for every penny. We write a report each year that explains in detail what we spend the money on. This is published on our school website. We spend the money on supporting teaching and learning in school. It pays for staff to deliver targeted group work and intervention to small groups of children in every year group across school. The money supports many more children than the pupil premium children. If you are eligible for free school meals, you need to apply for each child in your family that attends school. Once you have applied it lasts for the whole of their time in the primary phase of school, so 6 years. Our pupil premium numbers have dropped from 43 to 29 this year. School has lost £21,000. We know that Infant parents do not always apply until you have to pay for school dinners in the junior school. We work with local schools and the difference in pupil premium funding between Audley Infant School and similar schools is almost £100,000! If everyone who was eligible applied for funding that they are entitled too we would have substantially more funding to support our children's learning further. Each year less families apply and we lose more money from the school budget. We will be contacting families in the coming weeks to ask you to apply for funding if you are eligible. We will help you to apply if want us to. I will keep you informed about our fund raising initiatives and progress towards securing more eligible pupil premium funding.

Have a great weekend. Mrs Nelson

## Celebration Stars

**2Walliams: Abdul Khaliq** - super instruction writing about how to make a milkshake.

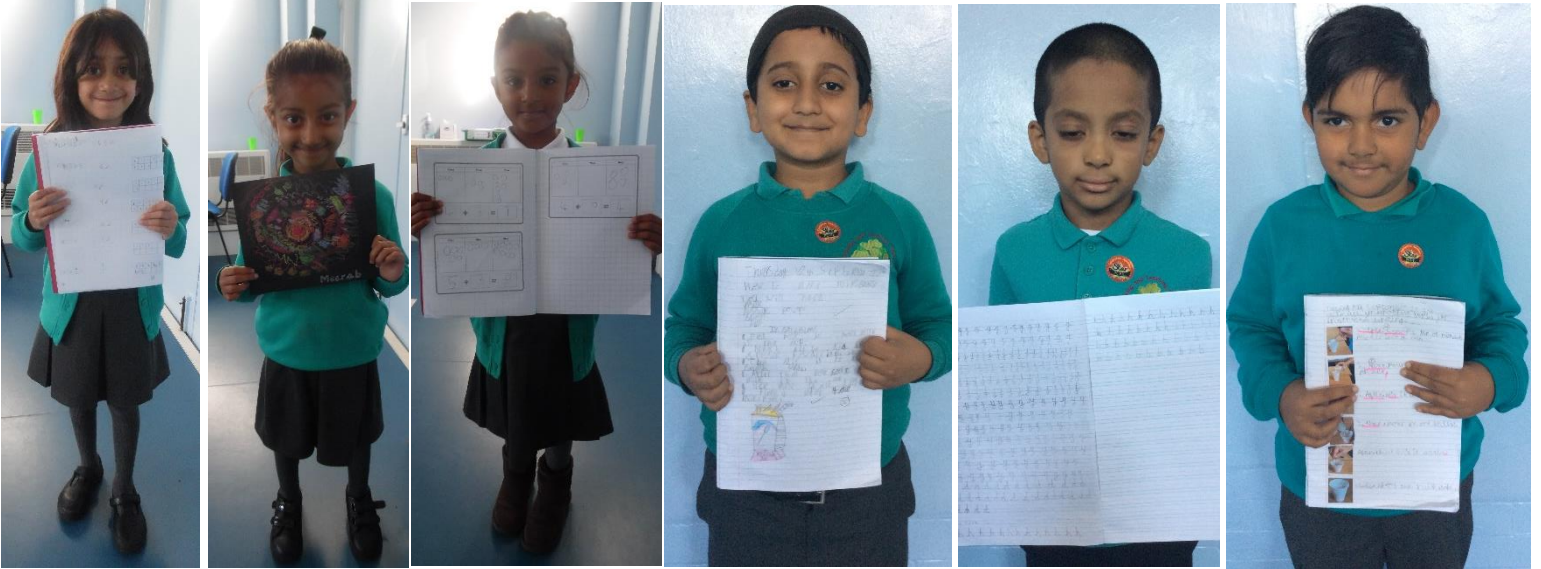
**2Dahl: Al-Miqdad** - trying hard in his handwriting.

**2Morpurgo: Musa** - fantastic use of features in instruction writing.

**1Jeffers: Rumaisa** - superb adding to 10.

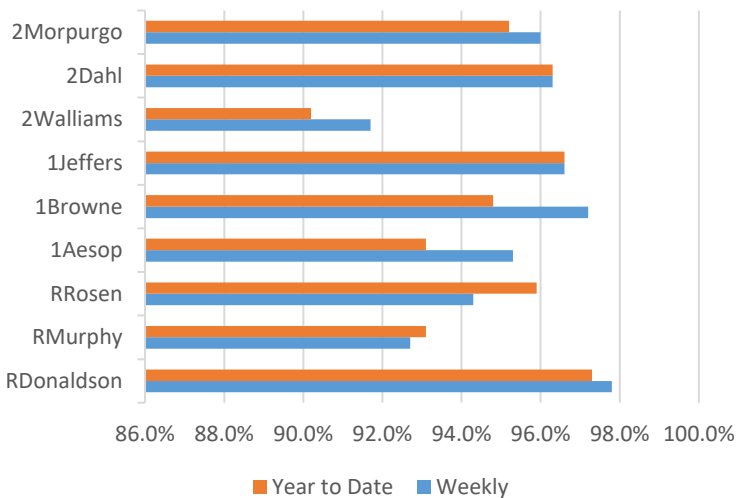
**1Browne: Meerab** - fantastic detailed spiral art work.

**1Aesop: Aminah** - super maths work.

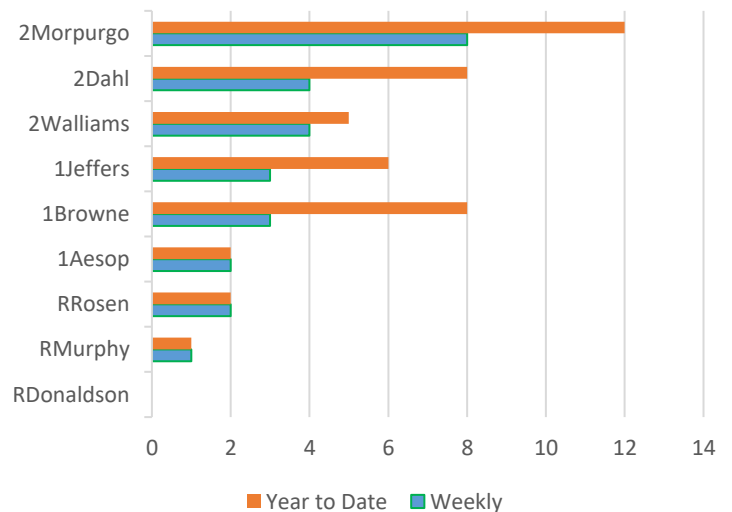


## Attendance News - Week Ending 13.09.2024

Attendance for Autumn Term 2024



Lates for Autumn Term 2024



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We aim for our children to have at least 96% attendance in a year. This will ensure that they have the best opportunity to learn. We know that there are often genuine reasons for absence. I have included some reminders of our requirements around attendance.

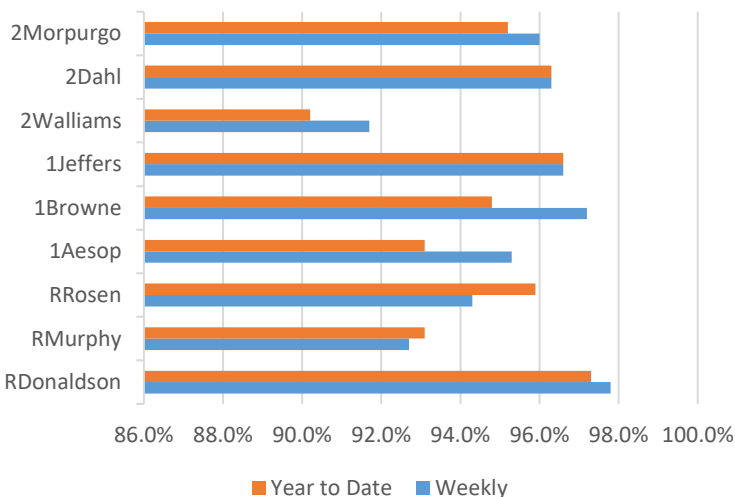
- Please call school before 9am each morning that your child is absent. If you do not then Mrs Johnson will call you. She spends a significant amount of time calling parents in the morning. This time could be best spent supporting families and children. You can leave a message or hold to speak to a member of office staff.
- Absence is not authorised if your child is off for a period of time without medical evidence. Mrs Johnson will advise you when you call.
- Routine appointments are not authorised during the school day. We will only authorise emergency appointments.
- Extended leave is not authorised under any circumstance. I cannot agree to pupils being taken out of school for any reason. As a Headteacher, pupils learning will always take priority.

We will do everything that we can to support you to improve your child's attendance. In the event that it does not improve then you will be at risk of a fine. Education is free. Our children attain in line with or better than pupils nationally. Let us teach them! Bring them to school every day.

### As a Parent/Carer you have a responsibility to:

- Ensure that your child attends school on time, every day that school is open.
- Contact school each day before 9am for any absences, with the reason for absence.
- Ensure that your child is collected on time at the end of the school day.
- Inform school if someone else is collecting your child who is not known to us.
- Ensure school has up to date contact details.

Attendance for Autumn Term 2024



### Lates

- You must be on time every day for school, be ready on the yard or for reception at the blue gates at:
- Reception - 08:45am.
- Year 1/Year 2 - 08:40am.
- Being late has a serious impact on your child's learning and disrupts the other children in their class.
- Breakfast Club is open from 8am daily. All children receive breakfast. You do not need to book. Breakfast closes at 8:25am.

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