



## Newsletter July 2025

As we come to the end of a busy term, we want to take a moment to celebrate all the wonderful experiences we've shared. This month, we've enjoyed sports day, our summer fayre, and an exciting Reception trip to Brookvale park.

We've also welcomed new families into our school community during transition day, while our year 6 pupils spent time at their secondary schools. Meanwhile, the rest of our children enjoyed spending time in their new classes with their new teacher.

Thank you to our school community for making this such a special year. We wish you a restful, summer break and looking forward to seeing you all in September.

# JULY





We raised £543 from  
the summer fayre.  
Thank you for your  
support!

# Summer Fun





**Compass**  
**Birmingham**  
Mental Health Support Teams

**FRIDAY  
1ST  
AUGUST 2025**

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Bracelet making
- Relaxation Corner
- Bollywood Dancing
- Face Painting
- Henna
- Football
- Raffle Draw and much more!



**FREE  
FOR ALL!**

**JOIN US FOR SOME  
FAMILY FUN!**

**11 AM - 3 PM**

**Dolphin Centre at Ward End  
Park Rd, Birmingham B8 2HB**

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\*Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Water will be provided!





# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

### 1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



### 2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



### 3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



### 4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



### 5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



### 6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

### 7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

### 8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED



For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

### 9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

### 10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

### Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



The National College®



# School's 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**



## FREE KAYAKING!

Children 8+ only. Under 12s must be with an adult

30TH JULY 12 - 1:15 PM  
6TH AUGUST 2 - 3:15 PM  
13TH AUGUST 4 - 5:00 PM  
20TH AUGUST

THE BOAT INN Car Park - Old Kingsbury Rd, Sutton Coldfield, B76 9AE

For more information contact Stuart:

[stuart@environmentaltrust.org.uk](mailto:stuart@environmentaltrust.org.uk)  
 07570 241 759

Please give your name, date and preferred time to book

## HOW TO BOOK

### GET YOUR CODE

1 Get your BIOB code from your child's school.  
If you haven't received your code, but believe you are eligible for the programme, please contact your child's school.

### CHOOSE YOUR CLUBS

2 Go to [bringitonbrum.co.uk](http://bringitonbrum.co.uk) and click **BOOK NOW**

3 Enter your criteria E.g Location, participant age, date and click **SEARCH**

To view the session details click **MORE INFORMATION**

4 Once you've found a holiday club you like, click 'BOOK NOW' and choose a date and time that works for you.

5 Enter your child's details- you can add more than once child.

You may need to add 'Supplementary Information' Please write 'none' in any fields that do not apply.

6 Repeat to add more sessions.

### CREATE A LOG-IN

7 Once you have chosen all your sessions, go to your cart and click **CHECKOUT**

8 To complete your booking, you will need to create a log-in. You can then view/ edit and add any additional bookings at any time by logging in.

### Create a Log-in

- ☒ Add your details
- ☒ Sign up for session reminders
- ☒ Enter your child/ children's details
- ☒ Sign up for the Bring it on Brum! newsletter

### COMPLETE BOOKING

9 Click **COMPLETE BOOKING**

Why not take a photo of these instructions?

**MORE INFORMATION:**  
[www.bringitonbrum.co.uk](http://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk)





# Summer Timetable

## Erdington Family Hub

### Lakeside Children's Centre

Lakes Road, B23 7UH  
(B23 7LY if using a satnav)  
Telephone: 0121 752 1970  
Open 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

Some car parking space available,  
disabled parking plus plenty of  
on street parking.

### Featherstone Children's Centre

29 Highcroft Road, B23 6AU  
Telephone: 0121 752 1870  
Open 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

On street parking available.

### Castle Vale Children's Centre

372 Yatesbury Avenue, B35 6DG  
Telephone: 0121 752 1920  
Open 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

On street parking available



# Summer Timetable

## Erdington Family Hub

21/07/25 – 25/07/25

### Monday

#### FoodCycle

1:00–3:00pm  
a FREE 3 course  
vegetarian meal

\*Bookable slots for all families\*

Lakeside

### Tuesday

#### The Breastfeeding Network

10:00–11:30pm  
Infant Feeding Peer Support  
Group

Lakeside

### Wednesday

#### Park Event

1:00–2:30pm

\*Activities available for  
children aged 0–11 \*

Rookery Park  
B24 8BL

### Thursday

#### Ready Steady

#### Reception

9.00–11.00am

\*For children starting  
school September 2025\*

Featherstone

#### Ready Steady

#### Reception

1:00–2:30pm

\*For children starting  
school September 2025\*

Lakeside

### Friday

#### Play and Learn

0–8

9:30–11:00am

Castle Vale

#### PAUSE Drop In

For more information and  
times please check the  
following website weekly:  
forwardthinkingbirmingham.  
nhs.uk/pause

Lakeside

#### Free Children's Boxercise

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Age 7–11 years

Lakeside



# Summer Timetable

## Erdington Family Hub

28/07/25 – 01/08/25

### Monday

#### FoodCycle

1:00–3:00pm  
a FREE 3 course  
vegetarian meal

\*Bookable slots for all families\*

Lakeside

### Tuesday

#### The Breastfeeding Network

10:00–11:30pm

Infant Feeding Peer Support  
Group

Lakeside

### Wednesday

#### Morning Munch

Free Breakfast

9:30–10:15am

10:30 – 11:15am

\*Bookable slots for all  
families\*

Lakeside

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## Erdington Family Hub

04/08/25 – 08/08/25

### Monday

#### FoodCycle

1:00–3:00pm  
a FREE 3 course  
vegetarian meal

\*Bookable slots for all families\*

Lakeside

### Tuesday

#### The Breastfeeding Network

10:00–11:30pm

Infant Feeding Peer Support  
Group

Lakeside

### Wednesday

#### Park Event

1:00–2:30pm

\*Activities available for  
children aged 0–11 \*

Finchley Park  
B44 0JH

### Thursday

#### Ready Steady

#### Reception

9:30–11:00am

\*For children starting  
school September 2025\*

Featherstone

#### Ready Steady

#### Reception

1:00–2:30pm

\*For children starting  
school September 2025\*

Lakeside

### Friday

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Castle Vale

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Age 7–11 years

Lakeside





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## Erdington Family Hub

11/08/25 – 15/08/25



### Monday

FoodCycle  
1:00–3:00pm  
a FREE 3 course  
vegetarian meal  
\*Bookable slots for all families\*  
**Lakeside**

### Tuesday

The Breastfeeding  
Network  
10:00–11:30pm  
Infant Feeding Peer Support  
Group  
**Lakeside**



### Wednesday

Morning Munch  
Free Breakfast  
9:30–10:15am  
10:30 – 11:15am  
\*Bookable slots for all  
families\*  
**Lakeside**

### Thursday

Ready Steady  
Reception  
9:30–11:00am  
\*For children starting  
school September 2025\*  
**Featherstone**  
Ready Steady  
Reception  
1:00–2:30pm  
\*For children starting  
school September 2025\*  
**Lakeside**

### Friday

Play and Learn  
0–8  
9:30–11:00am  
**Castle Vale**  
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**Lakeside**  
Free Children's Boxercise  
3:30pm – 4:30pm  
Age 7–11 years  
**Lakeside**



# Summer Timetable

## Erdington Family Hub

18/08/25 – 22/08/25



### Monday

FoodCycle  
1:00–3:00pm  
a FREE 3 course  
vegetarian meal  
\*Bookable slots for all families\*  
**Lakeside**



### Tuesday

Play and Learn  
0–8  
9:30–11:00am  
**Featherstone**  
The Breastfeeding  
Network  
10:00–11:30pm  
Infant Feeding Peer  
Support Group  
**Lakeside**

### Wednesday

Back to Nature  
Play and Learn  
0–8  
9:30–10:45am  
**Castle Vale**  
Park Event  
1:00–2:30pm  
\*Activities available for  
children aged 0–11 \*  
**Pype Hayes Park  
B24 0NR**

### Friday

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**Lakeside**

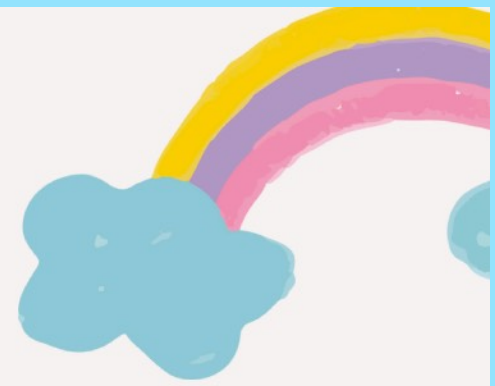




# Summer Timetable

## Erdington Family Hub

25/08/25 - 29/08/25



### **Monday** **Bank Holiday**



### **Tuesday**

#### Play and Learn

0-5

9:30-11:00am

Featherstone

#### The Breastfeeding Network

10:00-11:30pm

Infant Feeding Peer  
Support Group

Lakeside

### **Wednesday**

#### Morning Munch

Free Breakfast

9:30-10:15pm

10:30 - 11:15pm

\*Bookable slots for all  
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# School Uniform

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform. Children should be wearing a navy blue school jumper or cardigan. Only black school shoes are to be worn in school, no trainers please.

Please ensure that children are wearing stud earrings only, hooped earrings are not safe to be worn in school.

We thank you for your continued support.





## PE Kit

We are a Deykin family and want all children to feel part of this. We also want to ensure children are wearing appropriate clothing for PE.

A plain white t-shirt

Black shorts/joggers

A plain black zip up hooded top

Trainers/black pumps

No earrings are to be worn on PE or swimming days

Children in Years 2 -6 will need to bring their P.E. kit into school on P.E days. Reception and Year 1 children can come to school in their P.E. Kit on their P.E. days.





# Goodbye and Good Luck

As the school year comes to a close, we say a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils, who are now ready to take their next exciting step into secondary school. You have made us incredibly proud with your hard work, resilience, and growth this year. We know you will continue to shine as you move on, and we wish you every success and happiness in this next chapter. Go forward with confidence - we believe in you!

We also say a heartfelt goodbye to Mr Downes, who is leaving our school to pursue a new venture. Mr Downes has been a valued and dedicated member of our school community, and his kindness, professionalism, and commitment to our pupils have made a lasting impact. He will be greatly missed by staff, children, and families alike. We thank him sincerely for all he has given to our school and wish him the very best in his next adventure.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Dowd, Miss Lescott and Miss Kalyal, we thank them for all their hard work and wish them all the best for the future.





Wednesday 3rd September - Children return to school

Wednesday 10th September - Year 4 swimming commences

Friday 24th October - training day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 1st December (school closed to pupils)

Monday 5th January - training day (school closed to pupils)

Friday 27th March (school closed to pupils)

Friday 1st May - training day (school closed to pupils)