



Victoria Park
Primary Academy

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Remembrance day: Good morning all. Staff and children will pause today for two minutes today to reflect and remember those people who sacrifice things to help others. Children in Year one and two during assembly this week shared incredibly kind messages and thoughts about how they would be remembering their mummies and daddies for all they do to help them at home.

National Anti Bullying Week: We'll be joining Andy Day from CBBC and the [anti-bullying alliance](#) from next Monday in wearing odd socks to signify our differences and acceptance. KS1 will participate in a special assembly on Monday from Ms Blackstock and KS2 on Tuesday, with further messages and support shared throughout the week.

Also on Tuesday, officers from Sandwell Police will visit year five with advice on how to keep themselves safe, repeating the messages shared recently with year six.

Whole Trust Queen Elizabeth Celebration: Yesterday saw the first whole-Trust live link-up as pupils from all 10 [VAT](#) schools shared their celebratory artwork to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth. Children from Year 6 at VPA looked at the decade between 1976 and 1986 and recreated significant events using the skills they'd learnt around shading, tone and cross-hatching. These have taken pride of place in our corridor and will be joined by pictures from our nine partner schools across the West Midlands.

Sandwell Sports Coaches: We've been really pleased to welcome young aspiring coaches from Sandwell College, The West Bromwich Albion Academy and the University of Wolverhampton into school at lunchtimes to deliver structured play and coaching sessions for our children. The partnership hopes to provide realistic employment opportunities for the young people, and wider participation and support for our playtimes.

Year 6 'SPOZ' Poetry Slam: Next Friday we welcome back famed local Poet [Giovanni Esposito](#) (or Spoz to his friends) to work alongside Year Six all day to celebrate their individual rights and responsibilities. Last years winners went on to represent the school (and finish runners up), and the Verve Poetry final at the Birmingham Hippodrome.

Children in Need: We will recognise Children In Need in school next week, but won't be asking children to dress in yellow or donate in school. If families would like to contribute, please find the official link [here](#).

Next weeks parent events: 4PA welcome you into to their class assembly on Wednesday morning, whilst the afternoon sees the shared INSPIRE session from 1FG.

With best wishes, Mr Reed