



**Victoria Park**  
Primary Academy

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**Summer term/Autumn planning:** We've reached that time again when most of the children are counting down until their Summer break, we're looking ahead to plans for their return in September! Obviously, minus our fantastic Year 6 children who have got a wonderful final few weeks ahead...

**Reception and Nursery :** We welcomed in families this week of those children joining us in September. For the next two weeks we look forward to meeting the children again in their homes with their new teachers to find out what they like, and to support their start at school. There are only a few spaces left in reception so if you know of children who will be five next year, then contact [Sandwell](#) for a reception place. For children who are three and four, we have spaces in our newly built and refurbished nursery. You can click [here](#), to take you straight to an application form or contact the school office to find out more.

**Training days and school closure:** We've updated the school website with term dates and training days for 2023/24. Please remember, our next training day is this month—school will be closed on **Friday 30 June** for a whole Trust Conference.

**Holidays in term time:** We've seen an jump in requests for holidays before and after the Summer break. I recognise the difference in travel costs, but so that we are fair and equal for all families, and so that we follow ours, Sandwell and the Department for Education's policies, we will never authorise a holiday in school time, and will always refer to Sandwell. If there are absolute emergencies where you need to be away from school, please book a meeting with Miss Hussain or Miss Blackstock to discuss the impact and maintaining your child's place in school.

**Dropping children off in the morning:** Please can you ensure children are dropped at the classroom door by an adult, and not before 8.45, especially in reception and our early years. We've had several children left unsupervised in school, or on their way to school that has either left them distressed or unsafe.

**Volunteer and adult placements:** We'd welcome support from across our community next year in a range of different roles—listening to readers, helping in the office, or in different positions across the school. Many of our volunteers this year are now looking to apply to full time roles advertised across the trust. If you'd like to know more, then please email to register [here](#), and attend our volunteer open morning on 7 July 2023



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**Sun safety:** We discussed in assembly on Monday how children can keep safe in the sunshine (lots of children have now come to see me just to look at and try and count the freckles on my arms!) Please can you support us by ensuring children come to school wearing factor 30 or 50 sun cream on sunny days, ideally with a labelled hat or visor. We have limited shaded areas in our playground, so we may rota some classes at different times and take earlier or later breaks to avoid being out at once.

**Trips and assemblies:** We've had lots recently. I was lucky enough to join reception last week when we journeyed to Sycamore Adventure Playground in Dudley—and the children were BRILLIANT! Far braver than me when it came to high slides and spinning swings. A huge thank you to the families who accompanied us as well.

Year Six have been to Cadbury World this week (hopefully some of the Chocolate was not melted), to support their new product development project and their upcoming production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

I've just walked through the hall and spent time with the children and families in our inclusion groups—the Animal Man came in to share a range of creatures, including a massive snake!

Next week, Year One are out, all the way to Weston Super Mare, to ride donkey's, build Sandcastles and eat ice cream—I'm predicting a lot of sleeping children on the coach journey home.

3JS invited parents in this week for their assembly, and Year Two will now team up for the final assembly of the year in July.

**Dates for diaries:** Whilst teachers and staff are now aware and making plans for new classes, we will update the children on the first 'meet the teacher day' in the first week of July. I'll write out on that Friday to families with confirmed class changes. Reports will then go out to parents the week after, on Friday 14 July.

Also in that last two weeks will be the Year 6 Productions, inflatable fun day and formal graduation assembly.

With best wishes  
Mr Reed