



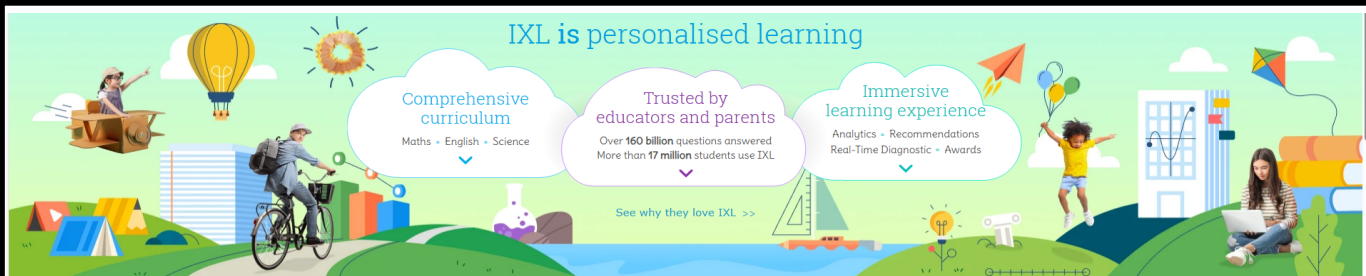
# School Newsletter

## Friday 19th September 2025

***'You must love one another as I have loved you.' John 13 v 34.***

Working together with love we will provide a happy and nurturing environment where all will, ***'learn to love and love to learn'***, making outstanding progress through an enriched and creative curriculum. Through our strong Christian ethos we will celebrate and embrace the richness of our community.

***Learn to Love - Love to Learn***  
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### IXL Home Learning

This term, we have launched IXL throughout school, enabling all pupils to access high quality learning both in and out of school.

IXL is personalised learning. With a comprehensive curriculum, individualised guidance and real-time analytics, IXL meets the unique needs of each learner.

Login details can be found inside your child's Reading Diary.

Don't forget that you can also access Oxford Reading Buddy and Purple Mash learning resources too! If you have any issues logging on to online learning resources— please contact the school.

**R Reception**  
Counting objects, inside and outside, patterns, longer and shorter, letter names, rhyming words and more.

Maths	184 skills >>
English	78 skills >>

**1 Year 1**  
Adding and subtracting, names of shapes, consonant and vowel sounds, sight words, everyday materials and more.

Maths	310 skills >>
English	131 skills >>
Science	44 skills >>

**2 Year 2**  
Place-value models, measurement, telling time, categories, nouns, verb tense, time order, living things and more.

Maths	330 skills >>
English	169 skills >>
Science	54 skills >>

**3 Year 3**  
Comparing fractions, perimeter, bar charts, regular and irregular plurals, contractions, rocks, magnets and more.

Maths	407 skills >>
English	196 skills >>
Science	56 skills >>

**4 Year 4**  
Multiplication facts, unit conversions, possessive nouns, conjunctions, using a dictionary, states of matter and more.

Maths	463 skills >>
English	182 skills >>
Science	81 skills >>

**5 Year 5**  
Dividing with remainders, area of rectangles, synonyms, antonyms, homophones, Earth's rotation and orbit and more.

Maths	452 skills >>
English	189 skills >>
Science	72 skills >>

**6 Year 6**  
Order of operations, percentages, prepositions, commonly confused words, modal verbs, adaptations and more.

Maths	462 skills >>
English	163 skills >>
Science	83 skills >>

**7 Year 7**  
Variable expressions, negative integers, Greek and Latin roots and affixes, personification, cells, body systems and more.

Maths	402 skills >>
English	143 skills >>
Science	146 skills >>

**8 Year 8**  
Solving equations, transformations, phrases and clauses, allusions, connotations, elements, compounds and more.

Maths	378 skills >>
English	135 skills >>
Science	132 skills >>

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**Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.**



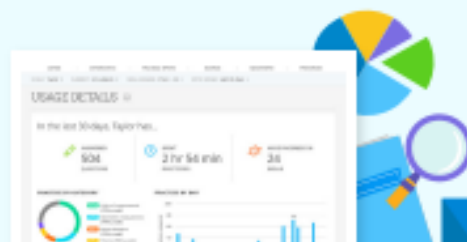
# Learn with IXL at home!



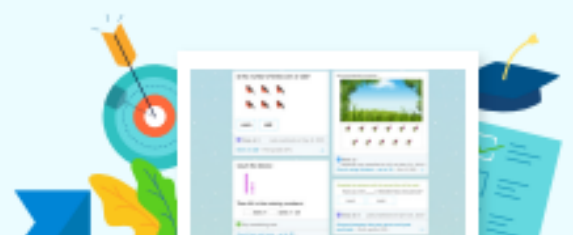
We're using IXL to support our curriculum this year, and your child has access to this online programme at home. With thousands of skills that match what we're learning, as well as insights into student progress, IXL is a great resource to help your child excel.



Unlimited practice in 6,500+ skills



Progress-tracking reports



Personalised skill recommendations



Certificates and awards



## IXL MOBILE APPS

Available for iPad and iPhone, Android tablets and phones, and Kindle Fire!

**Have your child sign in today at <http://uk.ixl.com/signin>**

username

password

*If your child needs help signing in, please contact his or her teacher.*

## TOP WAYS TO USE IXL AT HOME

- 1 Explore personalised skill suggestions**  
Encourage your child to visit their Recommendations wall for helpful review or new challenges—it's full of skills picked just for them!
- 2 Stay in the loop**  
Sign in to your child's account and click on Analytics to see what they've been working on and take a peek at their progress.
- 3 Celebrate your child's accomplishments**  
Want to receive certificates whenever your child reaches a milestone? Sign in, click on their profile icon, and enter your e-mail address under "Profile & settings".



### SMARTSCORE CORNER

#### What is IXL's SmartScore?

The SmartScore is the best possible measure of how well your child understands a skill!  
It factors in question difficulty, answer accuracy and consistency.

**You can adjust  
SmartScore goals  
as you go**

Aim for 80 or 90, which shows a strong understanding of a skill. For an extra challenge, try for mastery (a score of 100).

**The SmartScore is  
not a percentage  
score**

Unlike percentage-based scoring, the SmartScore is truly smart. Even if a student gets a question wrong, it's always possible to reach a 100.

**Taking breaks is  
always okay**

If your child needs to pause their practice, they can always return to a skill later—all progress will be automatically saved!

## UNICEF Class Charter Presentations In Church

Parents and Carers Welcome

9.00am start

<b>Dates</b>	<b>UNICEF Charters Presentation Order</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October,2025	6G
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October,2025	6S
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November,2025	5S
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November,2025	5G
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November,2025	4G
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November,2025	4S
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December,2025	3G
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December,2025	3S
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January,2026	2G
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January,2026	2S
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January,2026	1G
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January,2026	1S
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February,2026	Reception & Nursery

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# COMING SOON!

## DANCE CLASSES



STARTING  
**OCT**  
**2025**



The poster features a dark brown background with a central dark grey rectangle containing the text. The entire poster is framed by a border of autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow, with some white leaf outlines scattered throughout. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, starting with the church name, followed by the event title in large, bold letters, and then the details of the stalls, date, time, and purpose of the fund-raising.

St Giles Church

# AUTUMN FAIR

WIDE VARIETY OF STALLS!

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 27TH 2025**

**10:00AM - 1:00PM**

**School Book Stall To  
Raise Funds For the  
Year 6 Leavers' Disco**

**2026**



**Friday 26th September 2025  
9.00am St Giles' Church– Parents/Carers  
Welcome**

Black Country Foodbank is a charity that supports local people in crisis with the provision of food and toiletries. We are forever grateful to the local communities, schools, business and faith groups who donate food, toiletries and funds to help us in our mission. As we continue to face rising food and energy bills, we are seeing more families who struggle to afford the basics, forced to turn to charities like ours to put food on the table for their children.

Every day, food banks across the UK meet this unprecedented challenge with care and compassion.

**Donations to be collected on the gate before school.**

**BLACK COUNTRY**  
**FOOD BANK**  
LOVE . CONNECT . INVEST



# SHOPPING LIST

**BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK** HELPS VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN CRISIS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF AN EMERGENCY FOOD AND TOILETRY PARCEL, WHILE A LONGER-TERM SOLUTION IS DEVELOPED

**PLEASE SUPPORT US BY DONATING ITEMS FROM OUR SHOPPING LIST**

- CARTONS OF UHT MILK
- TEA BAGS BOX OF 40'S
- SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
- CARTONS OF LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- CORDIAL/SQUASH
- TINNED POTATOES/MASH
- TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED SOUP
- TINNED READY MEALS (MEATBALLS/MACARONI CHEESE/CHILLI)
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES
- BREAKFAST CEREAL
- PASTA SAUCE
- SAVOURY RICE
- INSTANT NOODLES
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING
- BARS OF SOAP
- SHOWER GEL
- TOILET ROLL
- ROLL ON DEODORANT
- SHAMPOO



**PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO RECEIVE A WEEKLY REMINDER OF OUR SHORTAGES LIST ON YOUR SHOPPING DAY**





## **PARENT FINES FOR MISSING SCHOOL: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

The fine for school absences across the country is **£80 (per parent/child) if paid within 21 days**, or **£160 if paid within 28 days**.

The local council can also decide to prosecute. If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.

### **What happens if my child misses school without a good reason?**

If your child is absent and you haven't received advance permission from the headteacher to take your child out of school, the school and local council may take action.

Before that, your child's school and your local council are expected to support you to improve the child's attendance before any measures are put in place.

These measures can include:

- **Issue a fixed penalty notice, otherwise known as a 'fine'** – Walsall Council can give each parent a fine. If you do not pay the fine after 28 days you may be prosecuted for your child's absence from school.
- **Seek an Education Supervision Order from the family court** – if the council thinks you need support getting your child to go to school but you're not co-operating, they can apply to a court for an Education Supervision Order. A supervisor will be appointed to help you get your child into education. The local council can do this instead of, or as well as, prosecuting you.

**Prosecute you** – this means you have to go to court. You could get a fine, a community order or a jail sentence up to three months. The court could also give you a Parenting Order.

**Please continue to support the school in securing good attendance.**

## **Internet safety risks for school-age children**

There are 4 main kinds of internet safety risks for children.

### **Content Risks**

Illegal, inappropriate, harmful, e.g. Fake news, deep fake images, racism, misogyny, self-harm, extremism, pornography.

### **Contact Risks**

Bullying, grooming, sexual harassment, exploitation, influencing, 'end-to-end encryption.

### **Conduct Risks**

Acting in ways that might hurt others or being victims of this behaviour—privacy, digital footprint, health and wellbeing, nudes and semi-nudes, copyright and live streaming.

### **Contract Risks**

Contracts, membership agreements, or terms and conditions that they aren't aware of or don't understand. Online gambling, advertising, phishing scams, financial scams and micro-transactions.

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

# Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!  
We will share the link with you privately.

**This session will cover all aspects of children's online lives and will cover the risks associated, the latest trends and data and guidance on how you can support their online lives.**

**WEDNESDAY  
1ST OCT  
2025  
4PM – 4.45PM**



Knowsley  
City Learning Centres



## **Term Dates**

### **2025/26 academic year**

#### **Autumn term 2025**

- Term starts: Monday 1 September 2025
- Half term holiday: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

**Term ends: Friday 19 December 2025**

#### **Spring term 2026**

- Term starts: Monday 5 January 2026
- Half term holiday: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

**Term ends: Friday 27 March 2026**

#### **Summer term 2026**

- Term starts: Monday 13 April 2026
- Half term holiday: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

**Term ends: Monday 20 July 2026**

### **Non-Pupil Days**

**~~INSET 1 Monday 1st September 2025~~**

**INSET 2 Wednesday 1st October 2025**

**INSET 3 Wednesday 28th January 2026**

**INSET 4 Wednesday 24th June 2026**

**INSET 5 Monday 20th July 2026**



**If you have any concerns about a child, trust your instincts and contact the NSPCC Helpline. Our specialist team will listen, advise and take any action needed.**

An estimated 1 in 20 children have experienced sexual abuse. And child sexual abuse is under-reported by adults. It's time for that to change.

It's never too soon to talk to us. And what you share could make a life-changing difference to a child.

You can contact the NSPCC Helpline by calling 0808 800 5000, emailing [help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk) or completing our report abuse online form.

Due to an increase in demand across our service, our voice Helpline is currently available 11am–5pm Monday to Friday. You can still email [help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk) or complete our report abuse online form at any time for free. You don't have to say who you are.

**If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999 straight away.**