

15TH NOVEMBER 2024

# VAHEGURU JI KA KHALSA VAHEGURU JI KE FATEH



*Celebrating our 10 Year Anniversary*

SEVAK SEAV KARAHAE SABH THAEREE

“O LORD. ALL THINE SERVANTS, WHO RELISH THE NAME. PERFORM THY SERVICE. HE, WHO EFFACES HIS SELF- CONCEIT FROM WITHIN HIMSELF, BECOMES PURE BY GURU'S GRACE.”

SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB JI - ANG 599



## Hukammama Sahib

A message for us all to reflect upon, given this morning from the Siri Guru Granth Sahib Ji (Sikh Holy Scriptures) from the holiest of Sikh sites Sri Darbar Sahib Amritsar, Panjab, India (Golden Temple).

ਸਲੋਕੁ ਮਃ ੩ ॥

Shalok, Third Mehl:

ਪਰਥਾਇ ਸਾਖੀ ਮਹਾ ਪੁਰਖ ਬੋਲਦੇ ਸਾਝੀ ਸਗਲ ਜਹਾਨੈ ॥

Great men speak the teachings by relating them to individual situations, but the whole world shares in them.

ਗੁਰਮੁਖਿ ਹੋਇ ਸੁ ਭਉ ਕਰੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਆਪੁ ਪਛਾਣੈ ॥

One who becomes Gurmukh knows the Fear of God, and realizes his own self.

ਗੁਰ ਪਰਸਾਦੀ ਜੀਵਤੁ ਮਰੈ ਤਾ ਮਨ ਹੀ ਤੇ ਮਨੁ ਮਾਨੈ ॥

If, by Guru's Grace, one remains dead while yet alive, the mind becomes content in itself.

ਜਿਨ ਕਉ ਮਨ ਕੀ ਪਰਤੀਤਿ ਨਾਹੀ ਨਾਨਕ ਸੇ ਕਿਆ ਕਥਹਿ ਗਿਆਨੈ ॥੧॥

Those who have no faith in their own minds, O Nanak - how can they speak of spiritual wisdom? ||1||

ਮਃ ੩ ॥

Third Mehl:

ਗੁਰਮੁਖਿ ਚਿਤੁ ਨ ਲਾਇਓ ਅੰਤਿ ਦੁਖੁ ਪਹੁਤਾ ਆਇ ॥

Those who do not focus their consciousness on the Lord, as Gurmukh, suffer pain and grief in the end.

ਅੰਦਰਹੁ ਬਾਹਰਹੁ ਅੰਧਿਆਂ ਸੁਧਿ ਨ ਕਾਈ ਪਾਇ ॥

They are blind, inwardly and outwardly, and they do not understand anything.

ਪੰਡਿਤ ਤਿਨ ਕੀ ਬਰਕਤੀ ਸਭੁ ਜਗਤੁ ਖਾਇ ਜੋ ਰਤੇ ਹਰਿ ਨਾਇ ॥

O Pandit, O religious scholar, the whole world is fed for the sake of those who are attuned to the Lord's Name.

ਜਿਨ ਗੁਰ ਕੈ ਸਬਦਿ ਸਲਾਹਿਆ ਹਰਿ ਸਿਉ ਰਹੇ ਸਮਾਇ ॥

Those who praise the Word of the Guru's Shabad, remain blended with the Lord.

ਪੰਡਿਤ ਦੂਜੈ ਭਾਇ ਬਰਕਤਿ ਨ ਹੋਵਈ ਨਾ ਧਨੁ ਪਲੈ ਪਾਇ ॥

O Pandit, O religious scholar, no one is satisfied, and no one finds true wealth through the love of duality.

ਪੜਿ ਥਕੇ ਸੰਤੋਖੁ ਨ ਆਇਓ ਅਨਦਿਨੁ ਜਲਤ ਵਿਹਾਇ ॥

They have grown weary of reading scriptures, but still, they do not find contentment, and they pass their lives burning, night and day.

ਕੂਕ ਪੂਕਾਰ ਨ ਚੁਕਈ ਨਾ ਸੰਸਾ ਵਿਚਹੁ ਜਾਇ ॥

Their cries and complaints never end, and doubt does not depart from within them.

ਨਾਨਕ ਨਾਮ ਵਿਹੁਣਿਆ ਮੁਹਿ ਕਾਲੈ ਉਠਿ ਜਾਇ ॥੨॥

O Nanak, without the Naam, the Name of the Lord, they rise up and depart with blackened faces. ||2||

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ਪਉੜੀ ॥

Pauree:

ਹਰਿ ਸਜਣ ਮੇਲਿ ਪਿਆਰੇ ਮਿਲਿ ਪੰਥੁ ਦਸਾਈ ॥

O Beloved, lead me to meet my True Friend; meeting with Him, I shall ask Him to show me the Path.

ਜੋ ਹਰਿ ਦਸੇ ਮਿਤੁ ਤਿਸੁ ਹਉ ਬਲਿ ਜਾਈ ॥

I am a sacrifice to that Friend, who shows it to me.

ਗੁਣ ਸਾਝੀ ਤਿਨ ਸਿਉ ਕਰੀ ਹਰਿ ਨਾਮੁ ਧਿਆਈ ॥

I share His Virtues with Him, and meditate on the Lord's Name.

ਹਰਿ ਸੇਵੀ ਪਿਆਰਾ ਨਿਤ ਸੇਵਿ ਹਰਿ ਸੁਖੁ ਪਾਈ ॥

I serve my Beloved Lord forever; serving the Lord, I have found peace.

ਬਲਿਹਾਰੀ ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਤਿਸੁ ਜਿਨਿ ਸੋਝੀ ਪਾਈ ॥੧੨॥

I am a sacrifice to the True Guru, who has imparted this understanding to me. ||12||

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**Principal's Message**

Mrs. S. Sanghera  
Vaheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Vaheguru Ji Ke Fateh

Wishing you all a very peaceful and happy 555th Gurburab of Guru Nanak Dev Ji from us all at Seva School and Sevak Education Trust.



ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਨਾਨਕ ਪ੍ਰਗਟਿਆ ਮਿਟੀ ਧੁੰਧੁ ਜਗਿ ਚਾਨਣੁ ਹੋਆ।  
With the emergence of the true Guru Nanak,  
the mist cleared and the light scattered all around.



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**PARENT NOTICES**

The Virtue of this half-term is:

**COURAGE**

Tuesday 19th November -  
Tuesday 26th November  
Year 11 Mock Exams

Thursday 5th December  
New Admissions Open Evening  
5-7pm

Monday 9th December  
Pantomime for Primary

Tuesday 10th December  
Reception Class Nativity

Wednesday 11th & Thursday  
12th December  
Primary Parents' Evenings



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## SEVA STARS OF THE WEEK



### SERVICE

Mr Eastwood nominated Asvin in year 8 for working really well supporting new students with settling into Seva School. He has supported them in class and helped them adjust to a new school. Well Done.



### EXCELLENCE

Mrs Kaur & Mrs Thethy nominated Runjorh in year 1 for being a responsible line monitor and always making the right choices in the classroom to help others. Well Done.



### VIRTUES

Mrs Tomlinson nominated Sehaj in year 8 as he is thoughtful in the way he approaches tasks and listens well. He was one of the first students to donate items for the shoebox charity appeal we are doing in our form. Well Done.



### ASPIRATIONS

Mr T Singh nominated all the pupil Faith Leaders for showing their dutiful nature and maturity during the days events. Well Done.



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## LORD OF MIRI PIRI



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SEVA SCHOOL

PIRI BUILDING

**Guru Hargobind - Lord of Miri Piri**

Painting by Kanwar Singh

The first of the two paintings was installed at Seva School on 14th November 2024 in honour of naming our two buildings Miri and Piri. We are all delighted with the extraordinary image: the meaning of which has been explained by Kanwar Singh in the writing below.

Guru Hargobind became the Guru of the Sikhs at the age of eleven after his father Guru Arjan was martyred on the orders of the Mughal emperor. The Guru wore two swords representing Miri and Piri, to declare his temporal and spiritual authority. Guru Hargobind began construction of the Akal Takhat in 1663 with his own hands, and only Baba Buddha and Bhai Gurdas assisted him in this task. The Guru built the Akal Takhat to serve the panth for eternity and as the seat of the sovereignty of the Sikh nation it has withstood the assaults of many would-be rulers of the subcontinent who have come and gone.

*Kanwar Singh**Canadian**b. Amritsar 1977*

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## 555th GURPURAB OF GURU NANAK DEV JI



Today Seva School celebrated the Gurburab (birthday) of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji the founder of the Sikh faith. Parents of pupils at Seva School were invited to celebrate with us to mark this auspicious occasion. Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji was in residence to bless the event. There was pupil led Japji Sahib (Sikh prayer), Guest Speakers Avtar Kaur & Kully Kaur from Langar Aid, there was pupil led kirtan (Hymns), Guest Speaker Bhai Maan Singh from Basics of Sikhi and pizza donated by Mr I Sandhu.

Thank you to everyone who donated food to Langar Aid and toys to Waheguru Foundation.

Our pupils shone and did us all exceptionally proud with their engagement through dressing for the occasion, serving selflessly and displaying every virtue that SEVA is so proud to represent.

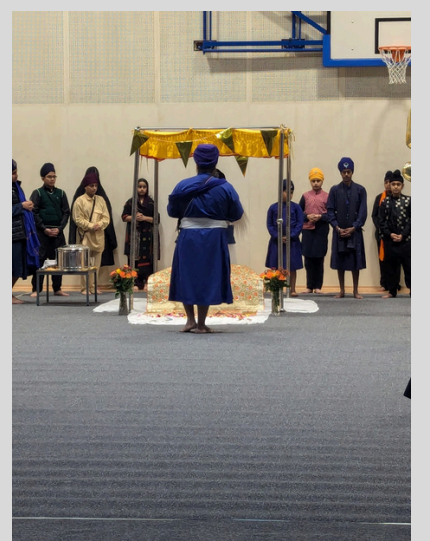


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## PRIMARY NEWS



This week, the primary faith leaders, in celebration of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's 555th Gurburab celebration, organised a Gurburab Day raffle. The faith leaders helped to make posters, decorate the raffle box and designed their own raffle tickets. Hargun in year 6 and Jai in year 5 visited all the primary classes to inform pupils about the special raffle that they will be holding.

On Friday 15th November at lunch time there was a long queue of primary pupils who were eager to buy a raffle ticket. We were pleased when someone won the blue ticket toy prize. All the money raised from the raffle will go towards Seva School Faith Fund. Mrs P Kaur is very impressed with the great teamwork that the primary faith leaders have shown in organising this raffle event.

Mrs P Kaur





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## PRIMARY NEWS



The reception children made poppies to remember the millions of soldiers who went fight for their country, they were fighting to keep their country and their families safe. Many of the soldiers died.

Mrs Dosanjh



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## PRIMARY NEWS



Year 1 created a poppy using a range of resources. They thought about what the significance of a poppy is and where poppies grow. They know that a remembrance poppy is a flower that is worn in some countries to commemorate the military personnel who died in the war.

What wonderful poppies. Lest we forget.

Mrs M Kaur



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PRIMARY NEWS



Well done to all the pupils that took part in the TTRS tournament that ran during the two week half term.

Mrs Hall

**26th October - 10 November 2024**

4S 488    3S 333    3A 238

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**26th October - 10 November 2024**

2S 184    1S 35

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**26th October - 10 November 2024**

6S 2926    5S 920    6A 856    5A 656

**FACT OF THE WEEK**

IF YOU KNOW ONE OF THESE FACTS, WHAT OTHER FACTS CAN YOU WORK OUT?      HOW MANY WAYS CAN YOU REPRESENT EACH FACT?

$2 \times 7 = 14$  $14 \div 2 = ?$		$7 \times 2 = 14$  $14 \div 7 = ?$
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## SECONDARY NEWS



This week the whole school commemorated Armistice Day by observing 2 minutes silence on the playground by thinking about those who lost their lives in wars and those involved in conflicts around the world. Our student Faith Leaders supported the cause by selling poppies every break time.

Year 7 pupils Shreya, Harleen and Bhavjeet led their year group assembly on the significance on Remembrance Day and the meaning of service and sacrifice. The assembly served as an important reminder of courage and valour individuals from different backgrounds and ethnicities, both past and present have displayed.

Mrs Swales



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## SECONDARY NEWS



Before the October half term, year 8A form were set a task to bring in items that can be used in a shoebox appeal which we are doing as part of our virtue 'kindness'.

The shoebox appeal is run by the charity organisation 'The Samaritans' who provide Christmas presents to some children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts. You can either donate money for the charity to fill a shoebox up on behalf of you or you can fill a shoebox up yourself, for a specific age range, and drop it off at your local collection point. Our form decided to fill shoeboxes up and we have collectively filled up 10 shoeboxes in total! Thank you 8A. I would particularly like to thank Hari, Balshan, Sehaj, Jiya and Sidak for making such generous, thoughtful donations to this cause.

Mrs Tomlinson



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## HOUSE POINTS SYSTEM & RESULTS



### Our School's Mission Statement

"Oh Lord. All thine servants, who relish the name. Perform thy service. He, who effaces his self-conceit from within himself, becomes pure by Guru's grace."

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Our house points system is aligned to the 3 key principles of the Sikh faith.  
Each of the houses are also assigned a key figure from Sikh faith history.

### Weekly House Points Results from 21st October to 25th October

NAAM  
SEVA SCHOOL  
JAPNA  
Remember God  
Mata Sahib Kaur Ji

4410

VAND  
SEVA SCHOOL  
CHHAKNA  
Share good will  
Bhai Khanaiya Ji

4850

KIRAT  
SEVA SCHOOL  
KARNI  
Work hard  
Baba Budha Ji

4835

The house with the most points this week is:

**Vand Chhakna**

**CONGRATULATIONS**



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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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**Attendance Teddy's Message**  
 Congratulations to Year 2 for the highest attendance this week.

### Punctuality

All pupils should be in school by 8.30 am. Children arriving into school after this time without a valid reason will serve a lunchtime detention. A text message will be sent to their parents/carers as per the information on the data collection sheet by Mrs Alcock.

### Workshops

Parents requesting to take holidays during term time will be required to attend a workshop before any request is considered. The workshop will be held once a week on a Wednesday at 3:30pm - 4:30pm. This workshop is to highlight the importance of attendance and the detrimental impact of taking holidays during term time can have on your child's attainment and progress.

### Attendance

If your child is absent from school due to illness, you must inform the school by 08:30am. You must call and leave a message on the absence line (option 1) or email [attendance@seva.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@seva.coventry.sch.uk) clearly stating the pupil's name, year/class and a detailed reason for the absence. Reason of 'not well' is not acceptable.

### CELEBRATING BEST ATTENDANCE FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS

21st October - 25th October

YEAR	%
RS	97.1
1	91.9
2	98.5
3	94.9
4	94.2
5	95.3
6	93.4
7	96.7
8	91.2
9	92.3
10	89.4
11	95.7
Weeks Average for Whole School	94.2

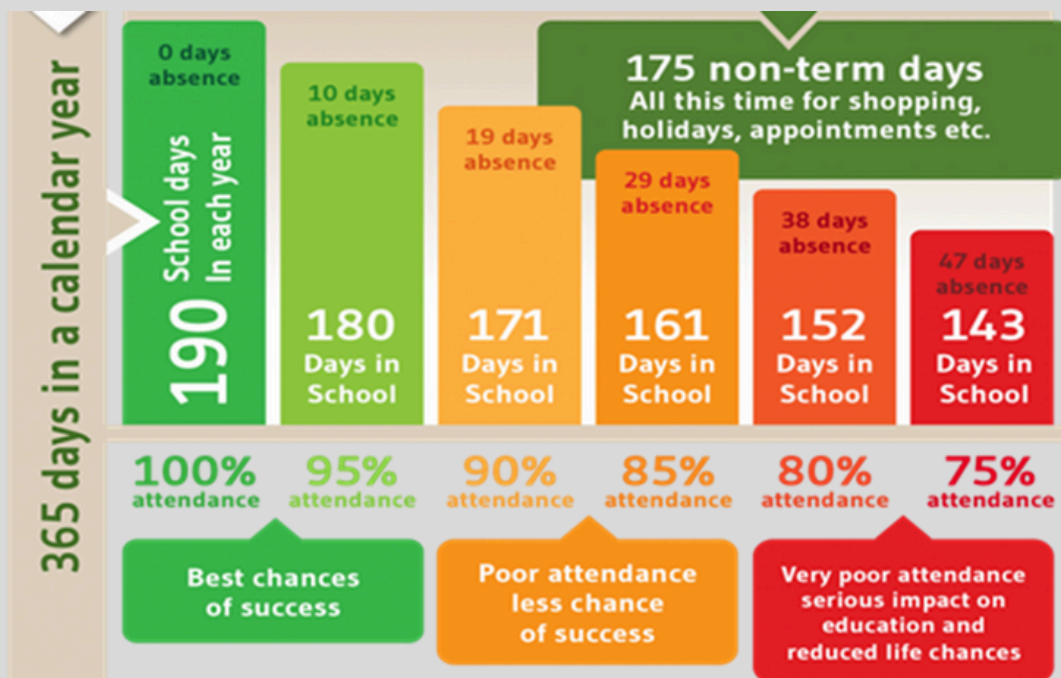


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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



0 DAYS OFF 190 DAYS ATTENDED	100%	★ PERFECTION ★ "EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT"
4 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	96%	NEARLY THERE
9 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	95%	CAN BE IMPROVED "INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF BETTER GRADES"
11 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
20 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS "CLASSED AS A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE" referred to Education Welfare Service
30 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	85%	RISK OF PROSECUTION "can be damaging to a student's social, emotional and mental wellbeing"
38 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	80%	



**DID YOU KNOW?** A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%



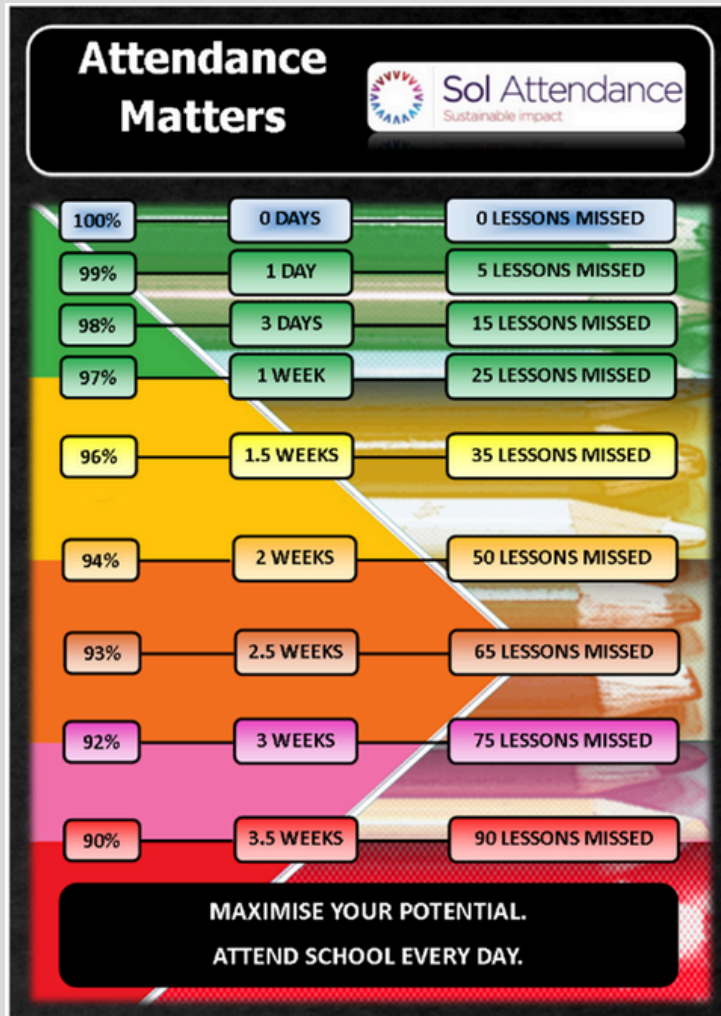


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### HOW DOES YOUR ATTENDANCE IMPACT YOUR FUTURE?

Data released by the UK Department for Education shows that the lower your attendance the less likely you are to achieve in your GCSES.

Attendance %	GCSE Results (5+)
100%	82%
OVER 95%	77%
92-93%	53%
BELOW 90%	43%

RESEARCH SHOWS THAT FOR EVERY 17 DAYS YOU MISS ACROSS YOUR SCHOOL CAREER, YOUR GCSE RESULTS GO DOWN BY 1 WHOLE GRADE!

**ACHIEVING 5 OR MORE GCSES AT GRADE 5+ HAS SHOWN TO INCREASE YOUR LIFETIME EARNINGS BY 41%**

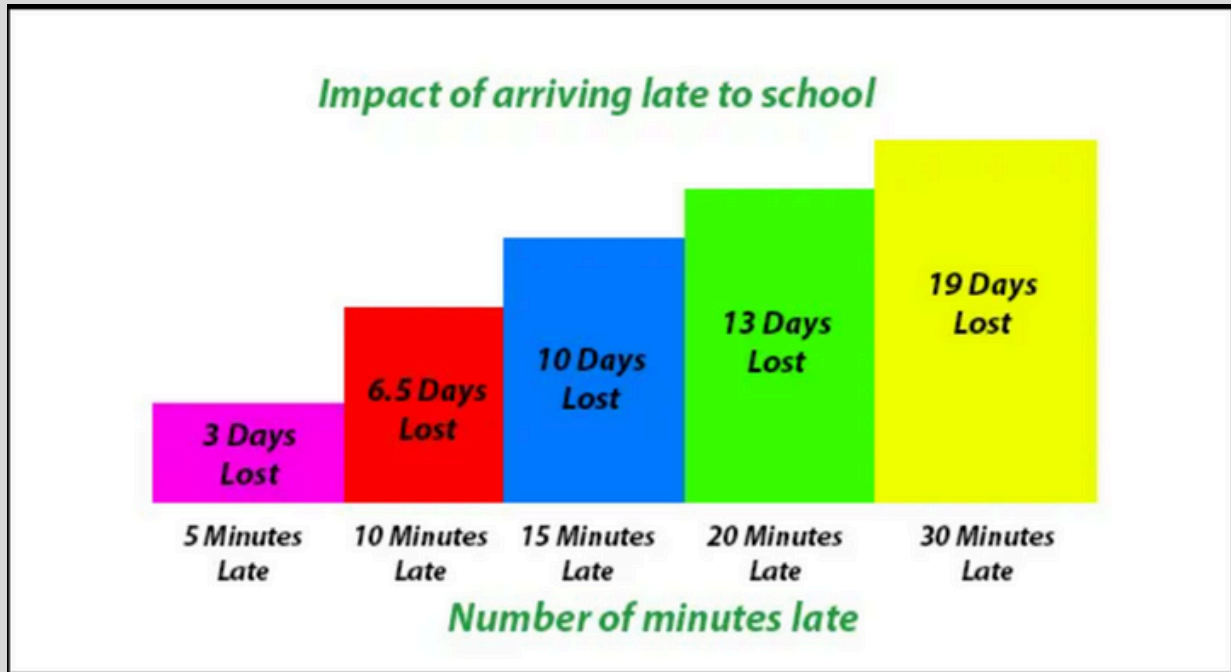
There are **365 DAYS** in a year

**175** are not spent in school!

*\*That gives you plenty of time for holidays, TV, shopping and video games!*



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**PUNCTUALITY MATTERS***Celebrating our 10 Year Anniversary*

Being on time means your child:

- Can say hello to their friends in the playground
- Can practice skills that will help to develop their learning and improve their confidence
- Can develop social skills
- Feels happy, relaxed and settled ready to start learning at 8.30 am

Being late means your child:

- Misses important social time with friends before the day begins
- Misses morning tasks that practice the ongoing key skills
- Misses vital school information being delivered, making it harder to communicate with teachers and peers during the school day
- Misses or coming in late to school assemblies
- Will be targeted to improve their punctuality, this will include contacting parents on a regular basis

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



Vaheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Vaheguru Ji Ki Fateh!

The time has come once again for this year's Waheguru Foundation's Book and Toy Drive! Seva School will be participating and collecting as many donations as we can to give to those less fortunate.

By donating, you will help brighten a child's life with the joy of a new toy or the wonder of a new book. Please bring your donations of new, unopened books and toys to Seva School by Monday 2nd December 2024.

Together, let's make a difference and show the true spirit of generosity and compassion. Every gift counts!

**WAHEGRU FOUNDATION**  
ONE COMPANY. TWO WORLDS

**The Children's Society**

**Action for Children**

**NEW! BOOKS & TOYS**  
DONATE WITH CARE - we cannot accept old/used gifts

# BOOK & TOY DRIVE 2024

**Donate from 21 October to 6 December**

Supporting The Children's Society and Action for Children,  
donate toys for underprivileged children aged 6 months to 18 years

**Drop off to a Mr Singh's near you**  
mrsinghspizza.co.uk/contact

**Donate via PayPal**  
paypal.me/wahegrufoundation

In loving memory of the Mother and four Princes of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Honouring the lives of those who fought to defend the poor, homeless, hungry and oppressed.

[bookandtoydrive.com](http://bookandtoydrive.com)



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## COMMUNITY NEWS



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Autism awareness

# SEND Coffee Morning

Monday 25 November  
0900-1000

A warm invitation to parents who would like to know more about supporting their child at home with emotional dysregulation

Our specialist teacher from the Coventry City Council Complex Communication Team will be able to answer any questions you may have.



To register your interest please email  
[school.office@seva.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:school.office@seva.coventry.sch.uk)



All fuelled by tea or coffee and biscuits



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## ADMISSIONS



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### Section 48 FAITH INSPECTION

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#### PRIMARY ADMISSIONS

ਪ੍ਰਾਇਮਰੀ ਦਾਖਲੇ

Email:

[primaryadmissions@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@coventry.gov.uk)

To secure a place in primary for September 2025 apply by  
December 2024

#### SECONDARY ADMISSIONS

ਸੈਕੰਡਰੀ ਦਾਖਲੇ

EMAIL:

[secondaryadmissions@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:secondaryadmissions@coventry.gov.uk)

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