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Bilton Community Federation

**A child's mental health is just as important  
as their physical health and deserves the  
same quality of support.**  
~ Princess of Wales



# BULLETIN

The weekly newsletter to keep you updated with the highlights of  
the school week

24th May 2024

# Headlines

## Points of Interest

**Hunt's Book  
Fair**  
4th June after  
school

**PTA  
Summer Fair**  
28th June

Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to Pickle, who had her Dog Mentor training this week. She had a very busy day, during which she was assessed for a number of tasks and her suitability to work in a school. I am pleased to say that she met all the requirements and is now officially part of the school community. Pickle has already shown a great impact in school from her initial visits, but she can now fully engage with school life and be an official member of BJS. Please follow Pickle's progress on the Facebook page. Next half-term, she will have a page on the website dedicated to her, outlining her role within the school along with official documentation. We know that, along with the many benefits she will bring, such as encouraging engagement with school life and alleviating anxieties, she will be a great companion for the children.



During assembly this week, the children were told about 'Bilton's Got Talent,' which will take place during the Summer Fair on Friday, 28th June. Already, we have had a huge selection of applications from the children, ranging from singing and dancing to stand-up comedy. Due to the amount of interest, we may need to carry out auditions and select from a range of categories. Acts that take to the stage will be asked for a donation of £1.00. For acts with multiple performers, the entry fee donation will be £3.00. We know this is going to be a great event and hope you are all able to attend and see the talent that BJS has to offer. Thank you to the PTA, who are very busy planning the Summer Fair. It looks to be a very exciting event.



Have a lovely half term break.

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# Celebrations

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## Learner of the week

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- 3HN Francesca For your collaboration with your group in PE
- 3AL Oliver C For his great narrative with the Kapok Tree
- 3ED Arthur For great work and enthusiasm in maths
- 4EL Evan For his great Iron Man newspaper report
- 4SM Jack and Halle For working collaboratively to peer mark their newspaper reports
- 4SS Allegra for their fabulous presentation in their English books
- 5JB Melody For stunning 'Hundertwasser' art work
- 5MB Ruben F Always taking a pride in his work and presenting it beautifully
- 6LC Elise M For an excellent piece of story writing
- 6NV Sofia S For super descriptive writing in English
- Mme Jago Albie 6NV For a fantastic register answer

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Thank you from all @ BJS

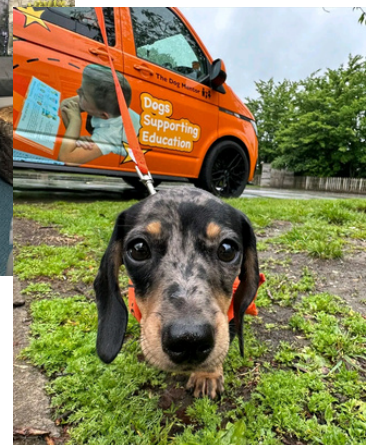


- 3HN Imogen For your perseverance with your learning this week
- 3AL Jasmine For her perseverance with the day when it gets off to a bad start
- 3ED Isaiah For being so kind and helpful to new members of our class
- 4EL Adem For showing perseverance with his handwriting
- 4SM All of 4SM For their perseverance when learning a new skill (juggling) as part of their Thrive target
- 4SS Sarjan for his patience with others and persevering to get his work completed
- 5JB Paula For demonstrating our school values
- 5MB Oliver U Perseverance- working hard to deepen his understanding in maths
- 6LC Niko For persevering in all his learning
- 6NV Maggie For approaching all challenges with a cheerful attitude
- Mme Jago Jacob G 3ED For kindness - checking that the teacher was ok.



## In school activities

Pickle our mentor dog, passed her training:-)



## LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION

The Supreme Court clarified has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996. The regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

Head teachers shall not grant any Leave of Absence during term time unless they consider there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, Head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis and on its own merits.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days). Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under s444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

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## EXCITING OPPORTUNITY

JOIN OUR TEAM

### Clerical / Administration

Works under general instruction and guidance, handling a range of administrative processes and tasks that are covered by established procedures, but prioritises own workload.

**Band E, scp 5-6 Pro rata salary £18,468.34**

#### WORKING HOURS

Monday 9.00am -4.00pm

Tuesday: 8.30am-4.30pm

Wednesday: 9.00am- 4.00pm

Thursday : 9.00am- 4.00pm

Friday: 8.30am- 4.30pm

1 Hour Lunchbreak

CLOSING DATE: 28/06/2024

INTERVIEWS TO BE HELD: Early July 2024

To find out more visit <https://www.biltonjuniorschool.co.uk/vacancies/>



### Warwickshire Educational Psychology Service presents webinar series supporting school transitions

Warwickshire Educational Psychology Service (EPS) has created a series of webinars to help parents and carers guide their children through important school changes. The series of short videos are designed to offer valuable guidance and support during key phases such as Nursery to Reception, Year 6 to Year 7, and Year 11 to Post 16 options.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5178/warwickshire-educational-psychology-service-presents-webinar-series-supporting-school-transitions>



<https://www.facebook.com/wuw.thenationalcollege>



Here is the link to the May/July digital version of Allsorts magazine [https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS\\_MAYJULY24](https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS_MAYJULY24)

- you can tap straight to advertisers' websites too when viewing the mag on your phone (please mention allsorts). There are lots of attraction to visit, services and articles to help your family. You can view this issue at [www.allsortsmag.com](http://www.allsortsmag.com) too or on the allsorts Facebook page soon



The latest Warwickshire SEND newsletter is now out!

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/send-may-2024?e=2592d1a4e2>

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# Notices



**PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**  
Bilton Junior School  
**SUMMER FAIR**

**Friday 28th June**

Including Bilton's Got Talent show that the children can apply to perform at



**HUNT'S** Rugby's No.1 Independent Bookseller

**BOOK FAIR**


**BILTON JUNIOR SCHOOL BOOK FAIR**

Hunt's Bookshop is very excited to be bringing a Book Fair to Bilton Junior School on w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The selection of books comprises of new and traditional titles plus special signed copies, making it the perfect opportunity to help you find your child's new favourite read or a special gift! A trolley of books for parents/carers will also be available throughout the Book Fair. Stocked full of new releases, indie exclusives and signed copies we're sure to help you tick off your wish list!

SEE THESE BOOKS (AND MORE!) IN OUR ADULT BOOK TROLLEY!

10% percentage of proceeds will go towards the school.

Thank you for your support



**Open Evening for year 4 and 5 students will be on Wednesday 19th June 2024, 5pm - 7pm.**

Rugby High School is inviting prospective students and their parents/carers to visit the school for our Open Evening this June.

Parents/carers and prospective students will be able to explore the school, speak to teachers and current students and hear talks from the senior team.

Speeches from our Senior Leadership Team and students will take place at 5.15pm in the hall and a similar version at the same time in the 6th Form Common Room. They will be repeated at 6.15pm.

As visitors tour the school we hope they will get a sense of the richness and diversity of the learning experiences that the school offers and of the friendly and purposeful atmosphere in which students are able to explore their talents and realise their potential.

Our Open Evening is all about giving visitors the information they need to make an informed choice of secondary school. Our students come from a wide range of different backgrounds and we want them all to enjoy learning and leave the school well-prepared to make their place in the wider world.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our Open Evening. There is no need to register, just come along on the night.



**SCHOOL**

**Moving up: for parents and carers of children moving up to a new school**

Moving up and changing school is a big change for children and parents or caregivers. It's a new stage of growing independence and separation. Fears and worries are normal as well as excitement, as with each stage of childhood development. As parents, your role is to help children cope with and overcome their fears, to nurture them to feel brave and capable.

<https://inourplace.co.uk/moving-up/>



**Connect for Health**

Your school nursing service

[www.compass-uk.org/services/connect-for-health-newsletters/](http://www.compass-uk.org/services/connect-for-health-newsletters/)



**Register for the 11+ test by JUNE 30**



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# Activities

**Heritage & Culture**  
Warwickshire

## May Half Term at Market Hall Museum

Explore Warwickshire's history with a visit to Market Hall Museum in Warwick.

Free entry, open Tuesday – Saturday 10am - 5pm. Plus take part in our dino themed events...



**Arty Tots Dinosaurs go Roar!**  
Tuesday 28th May 10am – 1pm  
Stomp, stomp, stomp. Listen, is that a dinosaur hiding in the museum? Come and create your own dinosaurs and make them ROAR!  
Suitable for under 5's. £3 per child. No need to book just drop in.

**Dinosaur Bones**  
Thursday 30th May 10am – 2.30pm  
Become a fossil hunter and discover how we know about the earth's pre-historic past from fossil creatures and plants. Dig for fossils, make your own fossils and handle real fossils.  
Take part in a dinosaur workshop with the Lowe Ranger, learn lots of facts about different dinosaurs, see how many of your footprints it takes to fill a T-Rex footprint and meet a baby T-Rex. Dinosaur Workshops at 10.20am, 12noon and 1.20pm  
£5 per child, plus Eventbrite fees, includes a 1 hour dinosaur workshop. Spaces are limited so please book at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice) £3 per child to drop in (does not include workshop with the Lowe Ranger).

Market Hall Museum  
Market Place  
Warwick  
CV34 4SA






**AK COACHING**

## Summer Holiday Club

- Football ● Tag Rugby ● Frisbee ● Dodgeball ●
- Basketball ● Netball ● Hockey ● Tennis ●
- Cricket ● Rounders ● Gymnastics ● Table Tennis ●

PLUS, PLENTY OF OTHER FUN GAMES





**MON 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY TO FRI 30<sup>TH</sup> AUG**

0900-1600

£16 PER DAY, PER CHILD

AGE 5-11

**BILTON JUNIOR SCHOOL**

**BOOK NOW USING THE QR CODE**



07725 876 612  
akcoaching2020@gmail.com



## EPIC ACADEMY

### May Half Term Camp

JOIN US ON OUR EPIC MULTI SPORTS CAMP AT BAWNMORE COMMUNITY INFANT SCHOOL!

MAY 28TH-31ST FROM 9.00AM - 3.30PM  
£15 PER DAY

EARLY DROP OFF FROM 8.00AM & LATE COLLECTION UNTIL 4.30PM AVAILABLE

AVAILABLE TO ALL CHILDREN FROM BAWNMORE INFANTS, BILTON INFANTS AND BILTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

FOOTBALL  
GYMNASTICS  
DANCE  
DODGEBALL  
ARCHERY  
AND MUCH MORE

FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO GET BOOKED ON.  
[EPICACADEMY.KIDSClubHO.CO.UK](http://EPICACADEMY.KIDSClubHO.CO.UK)

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Education Through Performing Arts

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info@funstareducation.co.uk  
www.funstareducation.co.uk

**FREE TRIALS see below \***

**StreetDance 3.30pm-4.30pm, Fridays. (All years)**  
Learn the coolest commercial & hip-hop moves to the latest songs whilst having fun in a relaxed and safe environment.

We incorporate challenging games and a reward system which encourages children to be active, gain self-confidence and improve mental health with a mini performance opportunity at the end of term.

£5 per session. Fees paid upfront for full term. All dates & full information on website.

Please click on our link for session taster:  
[YouTube Funstar StreetDance taster](#)

**\*FREE TRIALS are available!**  
(Please email us with the subject line **free trial** if your child is apprehensive and would like to try a session before committing to the term.)

TO REGISTER: please go to [www.funstareducation.co.uk](http://www.funstareducation.co.uk)  
Class size is limited and offered on a first come first serve basis.

**Also available:**  
[Funstar Birthday Parties](#)  
[Funstar Holiday Clubs](#) Easter, Summer & Christmas (Free HAF places)

SUPPORTED BY: Warwickshire County Council

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# Activities



## Make Believe A Story Drama Summer Club 2024

29th July-2nd August 2024, 10am-4pm

Bawnmore Infant school, Rugby, for ages 9-12 years.

£130. Taking bookings now at [makebelieveastory@gmail.com](mailto:makebelieveastory@gmail.com)

An action packed week of drama games, improvisation, bringing stories to life and exploring scripts with professional actors. Including, exciting workshops in West End, 'STOMP' body and junk percussion and radio acting and broadcasting, led by professional and award winning artists.



<https://facebook.com/flissandcathy>

**01.08.24**

## Beginner Brass Workshop

**£20**

**9AM-2PM**

INSTRUMENTS CAN BE PROVIDED

FOR MORE INFO/TO APPLY EMAIL [BOWLESH28@YAHOO.COM](mailto:bowlesh28@yahoo.com)

BILTON SILVER (RUGBY) BAND HALL,  
WINWICK PLACE, BILTON, CV22 7JR

**RUGBY**  
Art Gallery  
& Museum

## May Half -Term Fun

Create • Learn • Enjoy • Discover

at our holiday workshops and find the hidden animals that have escaped from our art collection in our FREE half-term hunt!

**25th May to  
1st June**



Find out more at  
[www.ragm.co.uk](http://www.ragm.co.uk)



May half-term is nearly upon as, and Warwickshire's Country Parks have a fantastic choice of nature-inspired events for families to book onto at Ryton Pools Country Park, Kingsbury Water Park and Burton Dassett Hills Country Park.

Activities include:

- Pond dipping
- Bubble wands
- Minibeast hunting
- Natural shelters and dens
- Environmental fun and games

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/whitsun-fun-2074209>

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# Dates and Contact Details

## School Diary Dates 2023/24

### Summer Term

**School Opens Monday 8 April**  
**May Bank Holiday Monday 6 May – school closed**  
**Half Term Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May**  
**Teacher Training Day Monday 3 June**  
**School Closes at 3.30 Friday 19 July**

### Autumn Term

**Teacher Training Day Monday 2 September**  
**School Opens Tuesday 3 September**  
**Half Term Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November**  
**School Opens Monday 4 November**  
**School Closes at 3.30 Friday 20 December**

## Key Information

**School times**  
School gates open at 8.30am  
Doors open at 8.40am  
School starts at 8.50am  
School closes at 3.30pm

Any child arriving after this time is late and will be marked as such.

If your child is ill or going to be absent please email [absent@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:absent@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk) with your Child's NAME AND CLASS with the reason for their absence

### School contact details

Office hours are 8.30 - 4.30 each day by phone or email

If you feel you need to meet with a teacher face to face please email the school office [office@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:office@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk)

If you need to talk with a teacher over the phone or have a general enquiry for them please email [office@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:office@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk).  
Our teachers are busy with your children in the classrooms all day, however, they will get back to you as soon as possible

If you would like to share concerns or contact Mrs Smith our Home/School Support worker, please call the office, pop into school or email her directly on [homeschoolsupport@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:homeschoolsupport@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk)

If you have specific feedback you would like to give us please email us on [feedback@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:feedback@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk)

School policy information can be found here: <http://www.biltonjuniorschool.co.uk/policies>

## How can you help your PTA?

### WHEN PLAYING



Rugby Lotto is an exciting weekly lottery that will raise money for BJS

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 a week. Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize each week

There will be a draw every Saturday night when a six digit winning combination will be picked.

From every £1 ticket sold 60p will go to good causes in Rugby.

<https://www.rugbylotto.org/support/bilton-school-pta-rugby>



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### PTA EVENT HELPERS

WhatsApp group



This group is JUST for people that can help at events. Those who join can opt out at anytime please just let the PTA team know

Scan or upload this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to join this group

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