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**- Nelson Mandela**



**17th May 2024**

# BULLETIN

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

# Headlines

## Points of Interest

**Year 3  
Joining us in 2024**

Open morning on  
Monday 3rd June More  
details to follow in the  
welcome packs.

**Year 4  
MTC evaluation  
window**

4th to 14th June

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to congratulate our Year 6 children for their excellent focus during the SATs this week. Their continued resilience and dedication have been truly commendable. We are very proud of them all! I know that there are many plans for the remainder of the term, and I wish them all the best in their final weeks at BJS.



With the warmer weather could we kindly request that your child brings only water to school to drink. While we understand the appeal of various drinks, especially during warmer weather, juices and similar drinks have a tendency to create sticky messes if spilled, which can be challenging to clean and can attract wasps. I would also like to emphasise the importance of children wearing closed-toe shoes while on school grounds. This will provide essential protection for your child's feet, reducing the risk of accidents. This is so important during active playtimes and physical education classes, closed-toe shoes offer the necessary support and safeguard against potential hazards. Your support and cooperation in reinforcing this with your child is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding these updates, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Well done to the BJS teams that participated in the recent football tournaments this week. Your commitment to teamwork, perseverance, and fair play reflects positively on our school community and highlights you as fantastic role models. You should all feel very proud of your achievements. Thank you to our dedicated sport's team and parents for their encouragement and support.

Thank you to all those who attended the PTA Summer Fair meeting. This looks to be a very exciting event and a great opportunity for the BJS community to come together. We look forward to seeing you there on Friday, June 28th.



Have a lovely weekend,

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Head of School

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# Celebrations

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

## Learner of the week

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- 3HN Loxley For working hard across his learning this week
- 3AL Thea For working hard with her learning on scales and capacity
- 3ED Abdelhady For hard work and always doing his best
- 4EL Gammell For his consistent effort and hard work practising his times tables
- 4SM Erinayo For a superb performance in her hot seating role, having researched her character in detail.
- 4SS Elliot For working hard on improving his handwriting
- 5JB Isla For working hard and marking pleasing progress
- 5MB Evie L Always working hard and doing her best
- 5LM Joah For thinking out of the box in maths and catching Miss Mistry out
- 6LC Whole class For all your hard work on SATS
- 6KC Whole class For being focussed and working hard on SATS
- 6NV Whole class For all their hard work during our SATS this week
- Mme Jago Karthi & Travis 3AL For fantastic register answers

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Thank you from all @ BJS



- 3HN Nathaniel For being kind and helpful to others in the classroom
- 3AL Joban For being very helpful around the classroom- always plugging in the kindles
- 3ED Jessica For being so helpful and kind to our new classmate
- 4EL Brooke For being super helpful and kind to an injured classmate
- 4SM Ella For always persevering with her learning
- 4SS Isaac For his perseverance in his work and spellings- well done!
- 5JB Sophie For being a respectful member of the class
- 5MB Amelia For showing kindness and friendship
- 5LM Emily For persevering with her maths independently in the classroom
- 6NV Alexa For her kindness to others
- Casey For excellent perseverance
- Noah For excellent attitude towards his work
- Mme Jago Thea 3AL For kindness, supporting a class guest with work



## In school activities

### Year 3 sandwich making



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



## 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>



Princethorpe College

Our Open Evening will take place on Wednesday 5 June 2024 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. This is an informal opportunity to look around the College and for children to participate in fun subject-related activities whilst parents chat to staff. Grove du Toit, our Headmaster, will also address visitors during the evening.

The College campus is the venue for the National Schools' Two Day Equestrian Event on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 May, which spectators are most welcome to attend.

In June we will be holding the last of our Year 5 Taster Days, limited spaces are still available. These days give children the opportunity to spend a day at Princethorpe College, experiencing lessons and getting a feel for senior school life.

Lastly the PTA Summer Fête, Motoring Festival and Art, Photography & Design Show takes place on Sunday 30 June 2024\* Families are most welcome to join us from 2.00pm to 4.30pm. There will be a large collection of cars to view in the Motoring Festival, our pupils' GCSE and A-level Art, Photography and Design work will be on display, and there will be plenty of stalls to browse and activities to take part in at our Summer Fête. Whatever their interests may be, we can guarantee a fun afternoon out. \*NB There is a charge of £2 per car which includes entry to all three events.

To reserve places for the Open Evening and/or Year 5 taster days, parents can complete the relevant online forms at: [www.princethorpe.co.uk](http://www.princethorpe.co.uk)

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# Notices

## Open Talks for Year 5

Saturday 13th July 2024



You are invited to come and see all that Rugby Free Secondary School has to offer and listen to a talk from our Headteacher, Mr Green.

Doors Open: 9:45am  
Talk 1: 10:00am  
Talk 2: 10:45am  
Doors Close: 11:30am



**Book Today!**



## 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/>



**Do you and your child want to take part in a new world record attempt?**

This Sunday at the town's BikeFest, Rugby Lions Minis & Juniors will be looking to create a new world record for the most signatures on a rugby ball.

You can play your part by visiting the stall near Boots Opticians in Market Place and adding your name to the ball between 10.30am and 4pm. All children taking part will also receive a free wristband to mark the occasion!



**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.

### Year 4 MTC information



- Pupils are tested on their ability to answer multiplication questions up to 12 times.
- The tests are online and on-screen and can take less than 5 minutes to complete.
- The check is 25 questions with 6 seconds to answer each.
- The children can access a practice area before the test so they are familiar with the structure.
- Each test is random, so no two tests are the same.



- The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is statutory for all Year 4 children.
- Children are not required to resit the test if they do not get 25/25.
- Schools are required to report the results to parents/carers (end of year report)



- The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times table facts up to 12.
- The check will help schools to identify pupils who require additional support.



- The test period is 4/6 - 14/6, children will complete their test during the school day.
- During this time, please ensure your child is in school (unless unwell).

**If you are able to practice with the children at home too, that would be amazing!**

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# Notices



## Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness

### Stress awareness

Stress is a normal feeling that most of us experience from time to time when we feel overwhelmed, out of control, or under pressure. Stress is mostly triggered by environmental factors and once the issue is resolved, the stress usually reduces. When we feel stressed, we may also feel anxious and frustrated, as well as experience changes in our body (e.g., tiredness, muscle aches and chest pains). Different situations can make us feel stressed, such as having lots of homework to do, friendship problems, or difficulties at home with family members...it could even be a combination of things!

Some stress can be good, but too much can cause us to feel anxious or depressed, which might affect our sleeping, eating habits and general wellbeing. If stress is going on for a long time, we may also experience 'burnout', which is when our body is exhausted and has not had a chance to rest. There are things we can do to help our body recharge and reduce stress...

#### Our tips for managing stress:

- 1. Stress bucket activity** – follow the QR codes to complete your own stress bucket. This may help you to see what is contributing to your stress, as well as what helps you to feel calmer.
- 2. Create a calming toolbox** - draw a box, jar, bag or any kind of container on a piece of paper and draw all your self-soothing objects in this box. Look at this when you are feeling stressed to help remind you of what you can do to feel calmer. You could even make a real toolbox at home!
- 3. Practise problem-solving** - with a friend, imagine a stressful situation that might come up and discuss how you would solve this. You could use a real problem that you are stressed about too! Remember to break the problem down into smaller steps, to help you think about what you would need to do, when you will do it, how you will do it and if you need anyone to help you. Follow the QR code for support.



#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSSStars certificates. If you know a child or young person that deserves recognition for going above and beyond, don't wait, nominate! [thankskids@covwarkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:thankskids@covwarkpt.nhs.uk)

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.  
Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.



### 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/>

# thank you!



Our wonderful PTA organised and paid for the Ice Cream man to come for our Year 6 children to celebrate the end of SATs. A well deserved treat!



Your school nursing service

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



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

Register for the 11+ test by

JUNE

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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).

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£15 PER DAY

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£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.

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Activities



### MAY HOLIDAY CLUB

TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024

0900-1600 - £16 PER DAY PER

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BILTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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## Beginner Brass Workshop



9AM-2PM

INSTRUMENTS CAN BE PROVIDED

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25th May to 1st June



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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?

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Just visit your favourite retailers through the easyfundraising website and the shop as normal.

Once you've made a purchase our retailers will then make a small donation to your cause to say "thank you".



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/biltonjunior/>



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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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