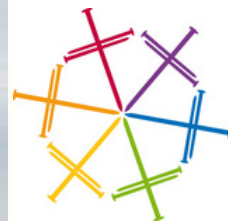




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**“More compassionate mind, more sense of concern for other's well-being, is source of happiness.”**

**~ Dalai Lama**



**9th February 2024**

# BULLETIN

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

# Headlines

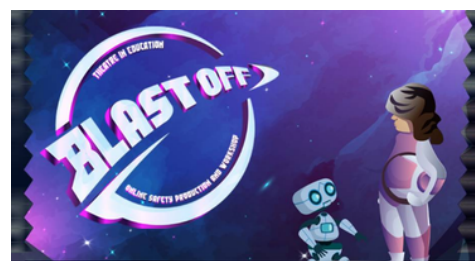
**Points of Interest**

**Back to school**  
19th Feb 2024

**22nd Feb**  
World Thinking Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a great week it has been! We started with the thrilling 'Blast Off' performance by the Saltmine Theatre Company, delving deep into the safe navigation of the Internet and extracting its optimal benefits. The Online Safety production, along with subsequent workshops, addressed crucial topics such as cyberbullying and offered strategies to address concerns if they arise. In an engaging assembly, the children explored the role of Artificial Intelligence technology in our lives, understanding its positive applications and potential developments. Additionally, the assembly shed light on various careers within AI technology that children could explore in the future.



Miss Lewis led an assembly focused on 'Voicing your emotions' for Children's Mental Health Week introducing our wonderful Mood Bears to the school community. These bears serve as invaluable tools for children to express their emotions, a vital first step in managing them. Specifically designed to support mental health and wellbeing, the Mood Bears are not only a resource for children but also for adults, facilitating the expression of emotions when words may fall short. Thank you to Miss Lewis for providing these enriching opportunities during Children's Mental Health Week.



I have been approached by a number of children about the importance of recognising World Thinking Day after half term. World Thinking Day, celebrated on 22 February since 1926, is a global tribute to ten million girls worldwide. It serves as a day for Guides and Girl Scouts to contemplate each other and celebrate their global community. Guides participating in the celebration have expressed their desire to wear their guide uniforms on this day, a request we wholeheartedly support.

A big congratulations to all the children who proudly represented BJS at the Year 5 and 6 Hart Field Cross Country Competition. BJS runners did extremely well and should be proud of their achievements. Congratulations to Joe and Anabelle from 6LC who both came first in their races. Thank you to Mrs Wilson-Shrubb for training the team and supporting this event.

A huge thank you to all of the parents and carers who came along to our PTA meeting this week, there are lots of plans in place for activities and donations to school we appreciate all that you do.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful half-term break.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Ross  
Head of School

Plantagenet Drive, Rugby, CV 22 6LB

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# Celebrations

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

## Learner of the week

- 3HN Isabella For always working hard and doing her best  
3AL Lillian For really persevering with her multiplication  
3ED Nicole For always working hard and doing her best  
4EL Evangeline For her creativity when writing a non chronological report  
4SM Jack for his positive attitude and effort in maths  
4SS Casey for her superb recall of multiplication facts  
5LM Tommy For fantastic effort on his spelling practice this week  
5JB Amaan For always being ambitious for his future and a being a great learner  
5MB Isla V For great work reading at home and in school  
6LC Nikhil For persevering with his Maths learning  
6NV Rhys D For his excellent description of the causes of climate change.

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Thank you from all @ BJS

YOU are the  
**LIGHT**  
of the WORLD!

- 3HN Milan For showing perseverance with his learning  
3AL Bradley Being a nice friend and helping a child persevere with their friendships  
3ED Elliot For perseverance in maths  
4EL Violet B For showing perseverance with her handwriting  
4SM Evelyn For being a very kind friend  
4SS Angelica for her perseverance in maths  
5LM Keila For persevering with fractions in maths  
5JB Rose For showing perseverance with her learning  
5MB Afonso For showing perseverance with writing this week  
6LC Lilly For showing always showing kindness  
6NV Isla For showing perseverance in Maths.



## In school activities

### Children's Mental Health Week

The children enjoyed learning to keep safe online with Saltmine Theatre company this week and were also introduced to our Mood Bears too



### Senior Caretaker

Responsible for maintenance around school and management of our cleaning team.

Band E, scp 5-6 Salary £16,035.47

27.5 hours a week

Hours: 6.30am to 8:15am  
and 2:30pm till 6:15pm Monday to Friday

To find out more email: [office@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:office@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk)



### February SEND newsletter

This month's SEND newsletter includes:

- Trial of new pathway to improve outcomes for children and young people affected by Emotionally Based School Avoidance
- Enhanced service for children and young people with Multi-Sensory Impairment
- DfE officials praise progress to improve SEND services in Warwickshire
  - Warwickshire Youth Council Elections 2024
- Frosty fun in February half-term at Warwickshire's Country Parks!

<http://tinyurl.com/48u7twej>



Your school nursing service

Connect for Health's February health and well-being update

<http://tinyurl.com/2wx95m77>

St. Mark's Church, Bilton  
Saturday 17th February  
2024

10:30 - 12:30

Come and see the  
snowdrops  
in the churchyard.

### 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.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority  
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### ATTENDANCE LADDER



Are you getting to school on time?  
Did you know?

5 minutes late every day = 15 hours a year = 3 days of learning  
10 minutes late every day = 30 hours a year = 6 days of learning  
15 minutes late every day = 45 hours a year = 9 days of learning  
20 minutes late every day = 60 hours a year = 12 days of learning  
25 minutes late every day = 75 hours a year = 15 days of learning



Are you at school enough days?  
Did you know over 13 years:

1 day every 2 weeks = 20 days = 4 weeks a year = nearly 1.8 years  
1 day a week = 40 days = 8 weeks a year = over 2.8 years  
2 days a week = 80 days = 16 weeks a year  
3 days a week = 120 days = 24 weeks a year

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# Notices



Here is the link to the Nov/Jan digital version of Allsorts magazine  
[https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS\\_JANMAR24](https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS_JANMAR24)

- 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 and services to help your family plus you could win a voucher to spend at Hunt's Books. You can view this issue at [www.allsortsmag.com](http://www.allsortsmag.com) too or on the allsorts Facebook page soon



## Dunchurch Guiding

Meet Wednesday evenings, providing a safe space for girls to take part in fun activities ,games ,earning badges and going on many new adventures.

Come and make new friends with Guiding  
 Brownies 7 -10yrs Guides 10-14+yrs

Adult helpers over 18yrs welcome  
 Open evening at Dunchurch Baptist Church

Wed 21st February 5- 630pm

All welcome

For further details please email: [dunchurchguiding@gmail.com](mailto:dunchurchguiding@gmail.com)

## Attendance Year Group League Table

Our overall attendance target is 96%  
 We are currently only achieving 95.7%

96.39% Year 3

95.63% Year 4

95.5% Year 5

95.33% Year 6

Well done to everyone especially Year 3 who have leapt to top of the league table and are above our school target of 96%.



## Setting Goals

'Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible.'

Goal setting allows us to take control over the direction of our lives and it gives us something to focus on. By setting new challenges and pushing ourselves to do something outside our comfort zone, we are also boosting our self-esteem, which motivates us to keep trying new things!

### Our tips for setting goals:

1. Make sure you set SMART goals
  - Specific – is your goal clear and well-defined?
  - Measurable – how will you know when you have reached your goal?
  - Achievable – are you able to do your goal?
  - Realistic – is the goal relevant to your life and within reach?
  - Time-based – when do you want to have achieved your goal by?
2. Create a list of the steps you can take to help you achieve your main goal. Steps can be as big or small as you like!
3. Use a reward chart to celebrate the steps you take to achieving your goal. You could ask your teacher or parent/carer to help you set these rewards. Remember, rewards can include things such as, 'choose my favourite dinner', 'watch a movie with a sibling', 'listen to my favourite music in the car'.
4. Keep a record of the progress you make and reflect on how far you have come!

#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@cowwarkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:thankskids@cowwarkpt.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.

### FEELINGS SCALE + COPING SKILLS

HOW DO YOU ACT?	WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?
ARGUING, REFUSING TANTRUM, SHUTTING DOWN, YELLING, STOMPING	STOP, AND WALK AWAY TAKE DEEP BREATHS COUNT TO 10 OR 100 TELL AN ADULT MOVE YOUR BODY OR EXERCISE TAKE A NAP PRACTICE COOLING DOWN TECHNIQUES
AVOIDING, PACING, CLINGY, HYPER SHUTTING DOWN, OVERSTIMULATED	TAKE DEEP BREATHS TAKE A BREAK PRAISE, AND ASK FOR HELP USE POSITIVE SELF-TALK RELAX AND TRY AGAIN TENSE & RELAX YOUR MUSCLES THINK OF A PLEASUR PLACE
SMILING, RELAXED, LAUGHING, ENGAGED, PAYING ATTENTION, ENJOYING YOURSELF	SMILE & PRACTICE GRATITUDE HELP SOMEONE ELSE USE POSITIVE & KIND WORDS TAKE STEPS TOWARDS YOUR GOALS EXERCISE KEEP LISTENING WRITE ABOUT YOUR SUCCESSSES
WITHDRAWN, DISENGAGED, CRYING, DEPRESSED, SLOW DOWN, UNDERSTIMULATED	GET OR GIVE A HUG TALK TO FRIENDS OR FAMILY GET SOME FRESH AIR STRETCH LISTEN TO MUSIC DO A HOBBY YOU ENJOY MOVE YOUR BODY OR EXERCISE

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# Activities

## RUGBY MUSIC CENTRE

### Tuesdays

**Electric Guitar Orchestra**  
Age 11-18

Create and perform awesome contemporary medleys as part of a huge band. Experience the excitement of live public gigs.

### Wednesdays

**Classical Guitar Ensembles**  
Juniors grade 0-3, seniors grade 3+

Enjoy the beauty of lots of guitars playing together. Experience ensemble music ranging from the last 300 years!

### Choirs

Juniors age 4-10, seniors age 11-18

Sing your heart out in glorious harmony, from simple rounds right through to epic pop classics.

### Saturdays

**Music Theory**  
Age 10-18

Achieve your ABRSM Grade 5 Theory with specialist teaching, without working through a boring book.

**Folk Band**  
Age 7-18

Show off your flying fingers with jigs, reels and more! Perform gigs in all kinds of interesting venues, including pubs and outdoors.

**Junior Strings**

Violinists and cellists grade 0-2

Perfect your string playing skills and learn to perform in a group, preparing you for our big orchestra.

**Orchestra**

Orchestral players grade 3+

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**Musical Theatre - Monday**  
8:00 am - 8:45 am

**Street Dance - Friday**  
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

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Monday 12th to Thursday 15th February 2024!  
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22 January to 18 March  
No session Monday 12 February (half term)  
No need to book, just turn up and play  
For children 5-11 Years. parents and siblings also welcome, children under 8 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult aged 18+

Questions? Email: playdevelopment@rugby.gov.uk

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MON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEB – FRI 16<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2024

0900-1600 - £16 PER DAY PER

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## COACHING

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# Half Term Fun

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### Half Term at Market Hall Museum, Warwick

We are leaping back to Tudor times at Market Hall Museum, dress up, make Tudor crafts, learn how to juggle and party like it's 1559!

#### Arty Tots in the Museum – Dress like a Tudor King and Queen

Tuesday 13th February, 10am - 1pm

Let's go back in time to the days of old and dress like Tudor royalty. Create a design for your shield, a crown that will shine and jewellery that will sparkle. Suitable for under 5's. £3 per child. No need to book just drop in.

#### Party like it's 1559!

Wednesday 14th February, 10am – 2.30pm

Find out how Tudor Lords and Ladies celebrated with huge feasts and the entertainment they had. Learn the rules of some Tudor games, make decorations for elaborate pies and try on replica Tudor clothes. Join us for a beginner's juggling workshop to see if you could entertain the Tudor Lords and Ladies.

£5 per child, includes a 30 minute juggling workshop, pre booking required at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice) £3 per child, to drop in (does not include juggling workshop) Juggle workshops at 10.20am, 11am, 11.40am, 12.45pm and 1.30pm

<https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/>



## Frosty fun in February half-term at Warwickshire's Country Parks!

Bring the magic of the great outdoors to your child's half-term with a range of fun activities for the whole family.

Book your place:

<http://tinyurl.com/2x6yd73x>

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# Dates and Contact Details

## School Diary Dates 2023/24

### Spring Term

Half Term Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

School Closes at 3.30 Friday 22 March

### 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?



### 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



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have lots of exciting things planned in the coming weeks, if you are able to help with any of the following, please let us know:

Ideas for fundraising  
Support shopping  
Organising raffles  
Sorting tombola prizes  
Helping to set up events  
Support tidying up after events

Please email: [pta@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:pta@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk)  
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