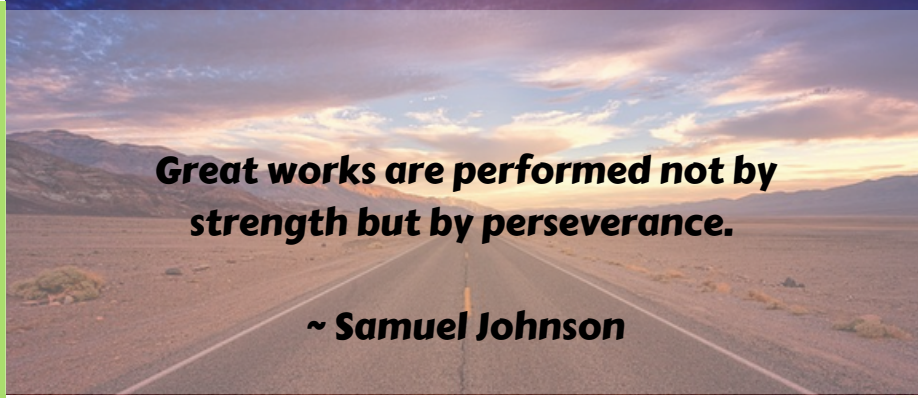




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**Great works are performed not by  
strength but by perseverance.**

~ Samuel Johnson



12th January 2024

# BULLETIN

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

# Headlines

## Points of Interest

### PTA meeting

New date to be  
confirmed

### Attendance target 96%

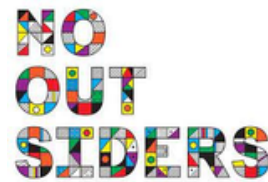
Let's see if we can get  
there this term!

Dear Parents/Carers,

*The term has started wonderfully for the children! They returned brimming with energy and a real enthusiasm for learning. It's been a delight being in the classrooms and witnessing the fantastic work our children are engaged in. Their eagerness to share accomplishments and display pride in their work is fantastic.*

*We started the week by looking at the importance of Epiphany, highlighting its significance in commemorating the wise men's visit to Bethlehem to meet baby Jesus. Our discussions also centred on the broader message of Epiphany, emphasising the importance of every individual and how this occasion reveals God's inclusive embrace, regardless of background or nationality.*

*We also talked about the ethos of embracing and cherishing everyone within our school, valuing our diversity, differences, and equality. At BJS, our goal remains rooted in creating a community where all students find joy and enthusiasm in a diverse environment. Our 'No Outsiders' curriculum will further delve into these themes, encouraging deeper understanding among the children.*



*We talked about how we welcome and value everyone in our school, celebrating and valuing our differences, our uniqueness and that we are all equal. At BJS we aim for all pupils to be happy and excited about living and learning in a community full of difference and diversity. To support the Year 6 curriculum, Rugby School have dedicated their time this week to work with the Year 6 children on the significance of challenging discrimination. Focused on Stephen Lawrence, the workshop provided a meaningful chance for the children to pay tribute to Stephen's life and legacy.*



*Also this week we have begun exploring our next value: 'Perseverance.' We emphasised how resilience and perseverance are vital traits for leading a life to be proud of. Life often presents challenges and hurdles, but perseverance serves as the driving force propelling us forward. Already, the children have exhibited remarkable determination and resilience, displaying exceptional focus and a positive attitude towards learning in their classes.*

Warm regards,  
Mrs Ross

Plantagenet Drive, Rugby, CV 22 6LB

Email:  
office@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

Website: biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

Facebook: BiltonCofEJNR/

# Celebrations

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

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## Learner of the week

3HN Nathaniel For his wonderful recount in English  
 3AL Maisie-Rose and Grace For working collaboratively with their extra maths learning  
 3ED Jake E For great work in maths

4EL David For his great contributions in our Geography lesson.  
 4SM Sam and Eva-Bettie For showing great confidence and effort in Maths.  
 4SS Sarjan For his super contributions during class discussions

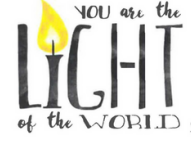
5LM Oscar For fantastic focus in maths and a great start back  
 5JB Maggie For working hard in all our lessons  
 5MB Hugo P For a great start to our work on the poem, 'The Malfeasance'

6LC Theo For great knowledge and suggestions in English  
 6KC Oskar Great writing!  
 6NV Maggie May For excellent work in Geography

Mme Jago Jacob 4SM For spotting the change in determiner from "un" to "une"

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Thank you from all @ BJS



3HN Summer For showing perseverance across her learning.  
 3AL Stanley C For helping a classmate when they were hurt.  
 3ED Jessica For her cheerful perseverance and 'can do' attitude

4EL Brynley For being thoughtful and always offering his help around the classroom  
 4SM Thomas for always showing perseverance in his learning  
 4SS Phoebe for showing resilience and perseverance when faced with a challenge

5LM Anaiya For showing perseverance with multiplying in maths  
 5JB Alfie For showing perseverance with his learning  
 5MB Evie L For perseverance- always keeping going and trying her best

6LC Elise M For always showing resilience when faced with a challenges  
 6KC Nisha For being an excellent role model  
 6NV Lauren P For perseverance when completing her star reader test

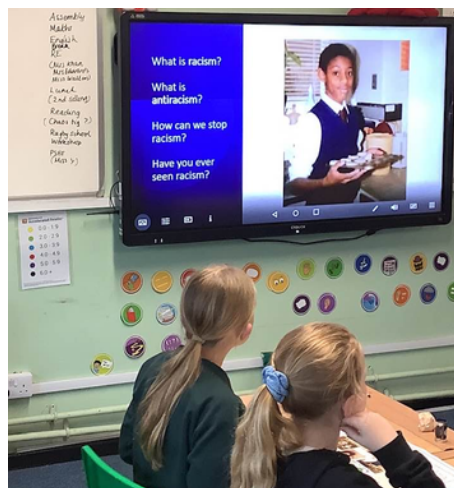
Mme Jago 3AL For respect and perseverance - a fantastic first French lessons following instructions beautifully



# School activities

## Challenging Discrimination

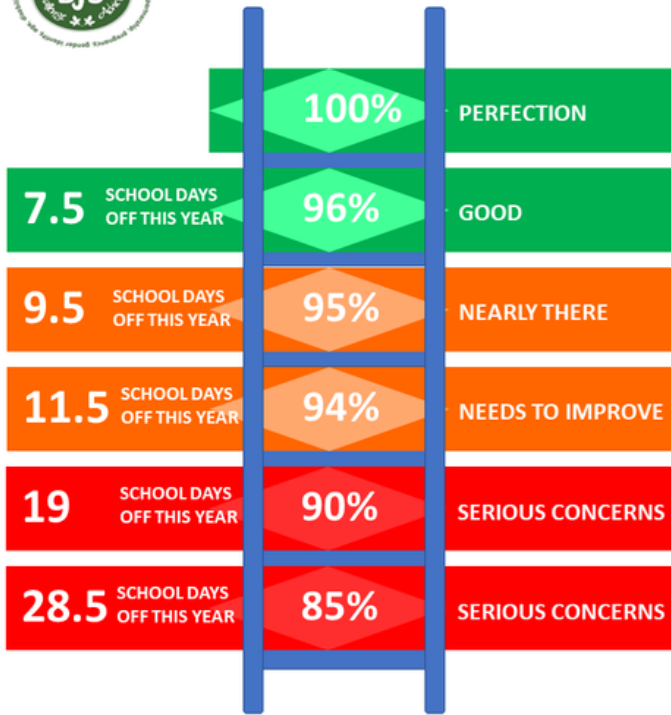
This week students from Rugby School dedicated their time to work with the Year 6 children on the significance of challenging discrimination. Focused on Stephen Lawrence, the workshops provided a meaningful chance for the children to pay tribute to Stephen's life and legacy. Thank you to Rugby School students for delivering this vital message and engaging the children.



# Notices



## 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 1.5 years  
1 day a week = 40 days = 8 weeks a year = over 2.5 years  
2 days a week = 80 days = 16 weeks a year  
3 days a week = 120 days = 24 weeks a year

## Attendance Year Group League Table

Our overall attendance target is 96%  
We are currently only achieving 95.6%



Being in school is important to academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. This is something we work hard to achieve at BJS for all our wonderful children. Attendance for the autumn term nearly met our target of 96%. Let's see if we can beat it during the spring term!



Can we please ask that you park carefully and safely around the school area when collecting and dropping of your children.

Thank you for your support with this.



Activity planning meeting

10th January 7pm

Sorry this was cancelled

A new date to follow

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# Notices




**Warwickshire Family and Relationship Support**  
 (Previously known as Parenting Support)

Workshops and Programmes for parents and carers  
 Online guides, virtual and face to face sessions available

Empower your parenting journey with our insightful workshops and programmes.

Come along to our events to gain practical skills and join a supportive community for navigating the joys and challenges of parenthood.

**Link to Eventbrite page:**  
[Warwickshire Family and Relationship Link](#)  
 Follow the page for regular updates  
 You can find our online guides at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentguides](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentguides)

QR code to Parent Guides   QR code to Eventbrite 

Further information: [ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk)

**Warwickshire County Council Family Information Service**  
 Funded childcare expansion

**HOW MANY HOURS OF CHILDCARE CAN YOU GET PER WEEK?**

Age 3-4 years			Age 2 years			Age 9-23 months		
ALL PROVIDERS	PROVIDER A	PROVIDER B	ALL PROVIDERS	PROVIDER A	PROVIDER B	ALL PROVIDERS	PROVIDER A	PROVIDER B
15 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS	30 HOURS	30 HOURS
MON	TUE	WED	MON	TUE	WED	MON	TUE	WED
THUR	FRI	SAT	THUR	FRI	SAT	THUR	FRI	SAT
SUN	SUN	SUN	SUN	SUN	SUN	SUN	SUN	SUN
30 HOURS	30 HOURS	30 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS	30 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS	30 HOURS
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THUR	FRI	SAT	THUR	FRI	SAT	THUR	FRI	SAT
SUN	SUN	SUN	SUN	SUN	SUN	SUN	SUN	SUN

**Tax-Free Childcare**  
 Tax-Free Childcare supports working families, including self-employed, with childcare costs for children between 0 – 11, or 16 if disabled.

If a working parent or carer is earning at least the National Minimum Wage for 16 hours a week on average and up to £100,000 per annum, they may be eligible to get £500 every three months or up to £2,000 a year per child towards their childcare costs.

If their child has a disability, they can receive up to £4,000 a year per child.

Parents can use Tax-Free Childcare to pay for childcare including:

- childminders, pre-schools, nurseries and nannies
- play schemes, before and after school clubs, and holiday clubs.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

**Wraparound Childcare**  
 From September 2024, parents of primary school aged children are expected to see an expansion in the availability of before and after school 'wraparound childcare' in their local area.

**Universal Credit for childcare**  
 Working families claiming Universal Credit with children under 17 and who aren't receiving Tax-Free Childcare can receive support with up to 85% of eligible childcare costs.

Eligible parents claiming Universal Credit are also able to get additional help paying their childcare costs upfront when moving into paid work or increasing their working hours.

**What Children & Young People Need to Know about FREE VS HATE SPEECH**

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression", that's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's not the right to say whatever you want without regard for other's feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use that right responsibly by being respectful and inclusive to those around us, rather than making offensive and threatening remarks. That's called 'hate speech', and knowing the difference is incredibly important.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives:

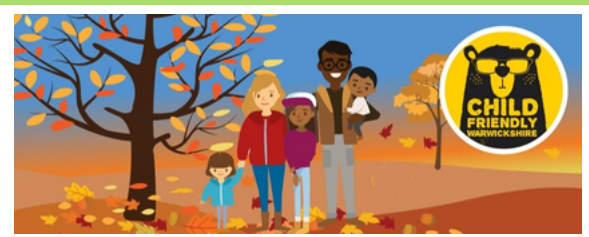
- The Human Rights Act 1998 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.
- Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.
- Any concept could potentially offend someone. Opinions were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with them, even today. A frequent exchange of ideas is vitally important for a healthy society.
- Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy – while having ours challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.
- Freedom of expression includes the right not to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal; by law, nobody can force you to say anything you don't want to.
- Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote, decent working conditions or same-sex marriage – couldn't have been achieved without it.

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – that negatively targets a group or an individual because they are perceived to be different in some way. Stereotyping and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs should all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes:

- Targeting people or groups because of a protected characteristic – like race, gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.
- Content that dehumanises people based on the same characteristics, referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example. Separating the target from other human beings is usually an attempt to justify the speaker's bigotry.
- Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions. Suggesting that a certain group should be removed from society could be seen as a call to arms, for example – potentially putting people from that group in danger.
- Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way. This kind of thinking is always incorrect – but it can be incredibly harmful to the group in question.
- Spreading damaging misinformation about a person or group that the speaker views as 'different' – especially, if a proper link to them by lying. Someone might claim that a recent tragedy in the town of this entire group, when this is simply not possible.
- Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are. This has been illegal in the UK for a long time – but some people still try to promote the exclusion of certain groups, which can cause a huge amount of distress.

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**Nurture programme**  
 10 weeks  
 Starting Mon, 22 Jan 2024 12:30 - 14:30 GMT for 10 weeks  
 at Henry Hinde Junior School.

Throughout the programme we will cover many of the common parenting issues and offer advice that will help you:

Gain confidence and develop insight by understanding why children behave as they do  
 Recognising the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)  
 Explore different positive parenting strategies to help guide behaviours  
 Find different ways to develop co-operation and emotional regulation in children  
 Learn the importance of looking after ourselves as parents and carers.

<https://tinyurl.com/5n7auvpf>

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# Activities

spaces available



07971073530 / 07849168639  
www.funstareducation.co.uk

**Musical Theatre - Monday**

8:00 am - 8:45 am

**Street Dance - Friday**

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Email us:

[info@funstareducation.co.uk](mailto:info@funstareducation.co.uk)

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## 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+  
Experience the joy of making music in a large ensemble. Perform all the greatest musical styles, from classical favourites to Disney.

Membership available from just £50 per term.  
Drop us an email now to arrange a free trial with one of our amazing ensembles.

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www.rugbymusiccentre.co.uk  
Lawrence Sheriff School, CV21 3AG

## EXPLORE WARWICKSHIRE

There's lots to see and do around Warwickshire, and Warwickshire County Council (WCC) is encouraging residents and visitors to get out and about and find out more about what's on offer.

From walks and trails to museums and parks, there is plenty to choose from, whether you're looking to fill a few hours of free time or get out and about for the whole day.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4459/explore-warwickshire>

# COOKING SKILLS

**THE COOKING PROGRAMME** teaches children how to prepare healthy meals, an important core skill in life, and the earlier children start the better. By acquiring this invaluable skill, children can gain an understanding in the importance of a healthy and balanced diet.

For more information contact [bookings@kitsacademy.com](mailto:bookings@kitsacademy.com) or 07772873271

[WWW.KITSACADEMY.COM.COM](http://WWW.KITSACADEMY.COM.COM)

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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 2024

**School Opens Monday 8 April**

**May bank holiday Monday 6th May**

**Half Term Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May**

**Teacher Training Day Monday 3 June**

**School Closes at 3.30 Friday 19 July**

## 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

### WHEN BUYING GIFTS AND MORE



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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