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Bilton Community Federation

Peace can only be achieved  
~Albert Einstein



15th December 2023

# BULLETIN

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

# Headlines

## Points of Interest

**Carol concert  
St Marks Church**

19th December  
Y3-5 10am  
Y4-6 2pm

**School closes for  
Christmas**

Friday 22nd  
Dec 3.30pm

School reopens  
Tues 9 Jan

Dear Parents/Carers,

We began the week with our second assembly for Advent a lit the Bethlehem Candle. This candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. One of the key things of the Christmas story is when the angels appear to the shepherds and proclaim, 'Peace on earth'. This was a focus for our reflections in assembly helping us to find peace, by not avoiding conflicts, but to have the courage to solve conflict with compassion and understanding. We talked about having the strength to transform conflict into opportunities for growth and healing.

Thank you to the catering team for cooking and serving a great Christmas dinner for so many children. It was certainly enjoyed by all. There was a lovely Christmas atmosphere with some great Christmas songs being played.

Children are welcome to wear non-school uniform on the last day of term. This will be an opportunity, for those who would like to, to wear a Christmas jumper and any Christmas accessories.



We look forward to seeing you at St Mark's Church on Tuesday 19th for the Year 3 and 5 performance at 10.00am, and the Year 4 and 6 performance at 2.00pm. The children are sounding great as they practice their carols and there will also be a performance from our recorder club during the concert which we look forward to hearing.



I know that this has been mentioned a few times, but we kindly ask that children are not dropped off on the yellow zig-zags. We also have continued concerns from local residents not being able to access blocked drives to go to work. This is extremely inconvenient for them and also a safety risk due to lack of visibility for pedestrians crossing the road. Safeguarding is a key responsibility and we want to ensure the safety of children as they travel to school.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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# Celebrations

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

## Learner of the week

Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

**3HN Whole class** For working hard on their assessments

**3AL Emily** For writing some lovely sentences with her narrative

**3ED Whole class** For being super stars and working hard when Ms Davies was not in

**4EL Elijah** For consistently working hard across all subjects

**4SM Harris** For working hard in assessment week

**4SS Katerina** for her amazing effort in her assessments

**5LM Phoebe** For a making a fantastic start to her diary entry

**5JB Seren** For a determined attitude

**5MB Verity B** Working hard on her assessments

**6LC Niko** For his amazing work on Tuesday morning with Sharon

**6NV Harris B** For excellent work when finding fractions of quantities

**Mme Jago William & Henry 6LC** Fantastic effort for the whole half term - tracking, focussing, a dream team!

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Thank you from all @ BJS

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

**3HN Hedar** For always helping in the classroom and making sure it's a tidy place to learn

**3AL Lexa** For helping the class with the links and levers DT project

**4EL Brooke** For showing kindness and supporting her partner

**4SM Afnan** For consistently showing respect and playing well with friends

**4SS Robyn** for being a respectful member of the class by making sure the classroom is a positive environment in which to learn

**5LM Whole class** For being kind and patient with Miss Mistry and each other for all lessons yesterday.


**5JB Miya** For being a kind and thoughtful member of the class

**5MB Amrut** showing friendship and respect

**6LC William** For always being a kind friend to others

**6NV Ben C** For kindness to others and being a great reading buddy to Y4s

**Mme Jago Ethan 3HN** For kindness - picking up knocked over things and looking after the classroom



## School activities

### Christmas Fayre



Thank you to everyone who came along last week to our PTA Christmas Fayre.

We really appreciate your support







## 6 simple safety tips to keep children safe this Christmas

Child Accident Prevention Trust have put together a list of 6 safety tips to keep children safe this Christmas. The tips will cover the following topics:

1. When you're Christmas shopping
2. When your decorations are going up
3. When you're visiting friends and family
4. When you're cooking at Christmas
5. When you're opening presents
6. When you're eating and drinking at Christmas

<https://capt.org.uk/6-simple-safety-tips-to-keep-children-safe-this-christmas/>



## SEND Christmas events and activities

With Christmas well on it's way, here is a round up of festive activities in and around Warwickshire for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.\*

Warwick Castle - Sensory-friendly after dark light trail - various dates

Children's Play Village - Budbrooke, Warwick  
<https://www.childrensplayvillage.co.uk/christmas-visits/>  
**SEN session 17 December 2023**

Belgrade Theatre, Coventry - Cinderella. Accessible performances: Captioned (30 November), audio described (9 December) and British Sign Language (**8 December**)

Priory Theatre, Kenilworth - Relaxed performance for those with sensory needs and other disabilities - **Thursday 4 January 2024**

St Mary's Guildhall, Coventry - Relaxed storytelling session - **Saturday 2 December 2023**

Dobbies Garden Centres, nationwide - Santa's Quiet Grotto - available at centres across the country for children with additional needs - **Friday 8 December 2024**

For more news about local events and activities for children and young people with SEND, follow the Local Offer SEND Facebook page.



## New digital grand piano available to play at Rugby Library

Warwickshire County Council Libraries is delighted to announce that a digital grand piano is now available for all customers to use and enjoy at Rugby Library and Information Centre.

No experience of playing the piano is necessary, and everyone is very welcome to have a go. Headphones are provided so that you can learn and play privately, but the piano does feature two headphone jacks so that a friend or tutor can join in and listen.



## 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>



# Notices

## Attendance Year Group League Table

Our overall attendance target is 96%  
We are currently only achieving 93.8%

94.7%

Year 4

94.3%

Year 3

94.3%

Year 5

92.2%

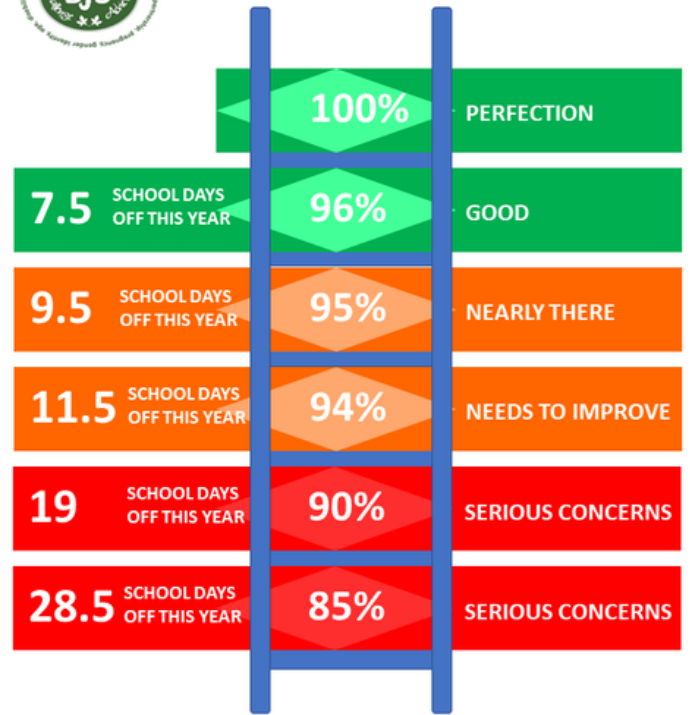
Year 6

Attendance letters were sent to parents last week where we had concerns about attendance levels.

Please support us in ensuring to ensure regular and punctual attendance at school as it is both a legal requirement and essential for pupils in order to maximise their educational opportunities.



## 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



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.



## Family Information Service - 'Out of Hours Service'

Citizens Advice in Warwickshire are now operating an out of hours phone service on Monday evenings from 5-7pm. This is to enable access to our service for people who are unable to contact us during the day.

The freephone number is 0800 995 6047

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# Activities

**BILTON JUNIOR SCHOOL**  
PLANTAGENET DRIVE, RUGBY CV22 6LB  
AGE LIMITS - 5 years - 11 years old

**AK COACHING**

There will be an activity packed programme every day to suit BOTH Boys & Girls of ANY ability who are interested in a variety of sports that include the following - **Football, Tag Rugby, Frisbee, Dodgeball, Hockey, Tennis, Basketball, Rounders, Cricket, Netball, Table Tennis and Plenty of other fun games.**

The emphasis of the activities will be FUN & ENJOYMENT, whilst teaching the skills of the games and how to improve how you play them! There will be a Certificate of Attendance for each child undertaking the course.

Each child will be required to bring the following with them EACH day -

1. A packed lunch & plenty to drink (avoid Fizzy Drinks)
2. Clothing suitable for an OUTDOOR Activity, which MUST include a Waterproof. We will be outdoors if the weather is "showery"
3. Suitable footwear for both indoors and outdoors (please pack 2 pairs of footwear)

AK COACHING and its staff are Insured for Public Liability, DBS checked and First Aid trained - Coaches regularly coach children of all ages & abilities in local schools.

**TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY - FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024**  
09:00 - 16:00 at £15.00 per day

ALL SESSIONS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE - BACS (details to be forwarded via email on request) - CHEQUES should be made payable to ALISTAIR KEAY - CASH PAYMENTS please send EXACT money as we do not have facility to give change.

THERE WILL BE PLACES AVAILABLE FOR A MAXIMUM OF 45 CHILDREN. PLACES WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

ALL SESSIONS BOOKED MUST BE PAID FOR EVEN IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT ATTEND. THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS WHEN A CHILD HAS BEEN ILL AND A COPY OF A DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE IS PROVIDED TO AK COACHING. CREDITS ARE AT MANAGEMENT DISCRETION.

PLEASE COMPLETE CLEARLY ALL AREAS ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM  
COMPLETED FORMS CAN ALSO BE SENT VIA EMAIL ([AKCOACHING2020@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AKCOACHING2020@GMAIL.COM))

ARK SPORTS  
AK COACHING  
Email: [AKCOACHING2020@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AKCOACHING2020@GMAIL.COM) Tel: 07725 876 612

**onside EAST WARWICKSHIRE**  
COACHING.CO.UK

AGES 5-11

## Your Christmas Childcare

**COURSE DATES**  
Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th JANUARY 2024

DROP OFF 8.30am - 9am  
COLLECTION 3.30pm - 4pm

**£18** Per Day **Or 4 DAYS** for only **£68**

**Lawrence Sheriff School**  
Whitehall Rd, CV21 3AG

**Binley Woods Primary**  
Coombe Dr, CV3 2QU

[onsidecoaching.co.uk](http://onsidecoaching.co.uk) EAST WARWICKSHIRE

**HAF in 2023** READY TO TRY?!

**HAF** Years 1 to 8  
From **£12** per day  
5 Great Locations!

**KA KITS ACADEMY**  
**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**  
Winter Sports & Fun!  
2nd - 5th January 2024

**BOOK NOW!**  
online at [www.kitsacademy.com](http://www.kitsacademy.com)  
for more information Call us on 07772 873271  
Email us at [bookings@kitsacademy.com](mailto:bookings@kitsacademy.com)

spaces available

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

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

**funstar**  
Education Through Performing Arts  
07971073530 / 07849168639  
[www.funstareducation.co.uk](http://www.funstareducation.co.uk)

Email us: [info@funstareducation.co.uk](mailto:info@funstareducation.co.uk)  
subject line FREE TRIAL for a taster session

**CLAIM A FREE Taster Swim**  
Quotes school

Come and Learn to Swim at Swim works

**One Class No pool Sharing**

**Water Confidence & Fun!**

**Tracked Progress & Teacher Check-ins**

**Warm pool**

**SEN Specialists**

**Small Groups High Ratios 4:1**

hello@swimworks.co.uk [www.swimworks.co.uk](http://www.swimworks.co.uk)

**HAF** Fun Holiday Activity of Four Places

**funstar** Education Through Performing Arts

**Winter Wonderland Camp**  
"THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA"

**PLAY THROUGH PERFORMING ARTS**  
8:45AM - 3:30PM  
RECEPTION - YEAR 6  
2ND, 3RD, 4TH, 5TH JANUARY 2024

BOUNCY CASTLE, SNOW DISCO, ALPACA VISIT, BODY TATTOOS, CRAFTS, PARACHUTE, INDOOR GLO DEN MAKING, SNOW BALL FIGHT, KARAOKE, GAMES, PERFORMANCE.

DUNBIRCH BAPTIST CHURCH, GOVENTRY RD RUGBY CV228F  
[INFO@FUNSTAREDUCTION.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@FUNSTAREDUCTION.CO.UK)  
[WWW.FUNSTAREDUCTION.CO.UK](http://WWW.FUNSTAREDUCTION.CO.UK)

**ISI Inspection**  
Excellent in every area!

Princethorpe is a bit like a melting pot. Pupils join us from far and wide and settle in really well. Our staff and pupils are fantastically kind and welcoming, and that's so important to me.

PTA Christmas Fair  
Sunday 10 December 2023, 2.00pm to 4.30pm

Year 5 Choral Fun Day  
Saturday 20 January 2024, 9.00am to 4.30pm

Year 5 Tag Rugby  
Friday 26 January 2024, 4.15pm to 6.00pm

Entrance Examinations for September 2025 admission take place on Saturday 9 November 2024.

**Princethorpe College**  
For more information and to book call 01926 634201, visit [princethorpe.co.uk](http://princethorpe.co.uk) or scan the QR code.

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# Dates and Contact Details

## School Diary Dates 2023/24

### Autumn Term 2023

School Closes at 3.30 Friday 22 December

### Spring Term 2024

Teacher Training Day Monday 8 January 2024

School Opens Tuesday 9 January 2024

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 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

## 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>



SCAN ME



### 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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