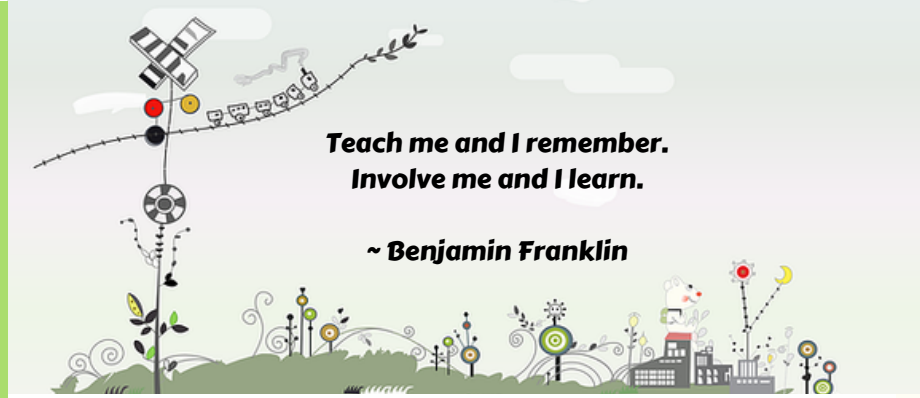




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Bilton Community Federation



1st 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 Christmas  
Fayre**

7th December  
3.40pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

*What an eventful and enriching week it's been at BJS! Our students have been on an incredible journey of learning through various visits and engaging activities. Year 6 had a great experience at the Staffordshire Regiment Museum, delving into the World War One topic by immersing themselves in a recreated trench and exploring artefacts.*



*Meanwhile, Year 5 stepped into the past at Blists Hill Victorian town, experiencing the vibrant life of the Victorian era first hand. These excursions truly enhance their understanding allowing them to apply new skills and your support in making these experiences possible is invaluable.*

*Year 6NV showcased a heart warming assembly on kindness, sharing their stories and the impact of their kindness challenge. Their efforts in spreading joy and encouraging others to do the same reflect the nurturing environment we aim to foster at BJS. Thank you to all the children for their great contributions towards this.*

*Last week, some of our children took part in an indoor athletics festival at Harris School. They were excellent ambassadors for the school and we are proud to say that BJS were the overall winners of the competition. Congratulations to all participants for their determination and dedication!*

*As December begins, we are preparing for our festive celebrations. Next week, we begin with an advent assembly. Rehearsals for our much-anticipated carol concert at St Mark's Church on December 19th are also well underway. Please mark your calendars for the Year 3 and 5 performance at 10.00am, and the Year 4 and 6 performance at 2.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.*

*Thank you all for your generous contributions for the raffle and tombola today. There are lots of great things planned for our Christmas Fayre on Thursday 7th December at 3.40pm. The children are excited to share the great things they have been creating to sell.*

*Wishing you a wonderful weekend ahead.*

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# Celebrations

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

## Learner of the week

3AL Ivy Persevering with her maths.  
3ED Darcy H For fantastic reading with amazing expression

4EL Elyn For her creativity and imagination in English

4SM Robert for excellent mathematical reasoning and problem solving in our area work

4SS Norah for just giving her all to everything she does - amazing!

5MB For working hard and doing his best

6LC Phoebe For excellent determination when making a periscope

6KC Taya For a vast improvement in her maths

6NV Kaitlyn P For excellent work making her poppy brooch

Mme Jago Millie 6KC For always doing her very best and having a go

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Thank you from all @ BJS

YOU are the  
**LIGHT**  
of the WORLD

3AL Travis For being a really kind on-line ranger  
3ED Catherine For being kind and helpful to others

4EL Violet N For completing small acts of kindness throughout the week

4SM Eva and Emmie For showing kindness and empathy to others

4SS Alyssa for being so thoughtful, respectful and helpful

5MB Jamie W For showing kindness and empathy for others

6LC Theo For showing kindness and empathy with his questions on the museum trip

6KC Millie Showing a very positive attitude during our trip to the Staffordshire regiment museum

6NV Lauren P For being kind and helping another child with their sewing

Mme Jago Violet N 4EL For kindness, including others in card games.



## School activities



## Staffordshire Regiment



Despite the weather, 6NV had a great day at the Staffordshire Regiment museum. Their guide, Alan, was very knowledgeable and everyone enjoyed listening to him and learned a lot. They were able to explore a reproduction WW1 trench and also looked at a variety of authentic artefacts too.

# Notices



## New Coventry and Warwickshire resource provides unique insight into neurodivergent language

A new resource has launched to encourage people to think about the words they use when talking about neurodiversity.

Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care System is pleased to share the release of an informative video, presented by a local Expert by Experience and with professional input, aimed at empowering people to feel more confident when talking about neurodiversity.

Adapted from an interactive live webinar delivered in June 2023 which attracted over 150 people, the video offers practical tips and unique insight to anyone wondering how to approach the topic of neurodiversity.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4696/new-coventry-and-warwickshire-resource-provides-unique-insight-into-neurodivergent-language>

## The Inclusion Framework for Schools team invites parents and carers to Complete this survey about your child's schools SEND provision



Warwickshire County Council



## 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.



## Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

### Tips For Wellness:

#### DIGITAL DETOX

Technology has become a normal part of our day-to-day lives and is widely beneficial; from being used as an alarm to wake us up in the morning, to helping us stay connected with family, and watching our favourite programme wherever we are in the world! However, prolonged use of technology can increase stress levels and have an unhealthy impact on our mental wellbeing.

A digital detox can help to improve sleep quality, reduce stress and anxiety, enhance productivity, increase creativity, and improve self-awareness.

#### Our tips for digital detox:

**1- Phone free zones.** Keeping phones out of certain rooms may help you to stick to your detox plan. This will remove the temptation to reach for your phone/mobile device and it allows you to enjoy your space away from technology!

**2- 30 minute rule.** Try to swap using your phone before bed for a screen-free activity instead! This should be for at least the last 30 minutes of the day. The blue light from screens tricks our brain into thinking it is daytime, which disrupts the production of melatonin (the hormone we need to feel sleepy!) Activities could be reading, mindful colouring, tidying, journaling, playing a musical instrument, board games, meditation, completing a puzzle, or self-care.

**3- Take regular screen breaks.** Stepping away from the screen helps us to balance our digital and real-world lives. This will also increase our self-awareness, productivity and overall happiness.



#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSStars 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.



Here is the link to Allsorts Nov/Jan (Christmas) – 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. You can view this issue at [www.allsortsmag.com](http://www.allsortsmag.com) too or on the allsorts Facebook page soon.

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Our Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) SEND Family Experience application form for the Winter school holiday is now LIVE!

Featuring a variety of funded family experiences, these are specifically aimed at supporting families where at least one young person has an EHCP and is eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

For more information about HAF, please visit the HAF website <https://searchout.warwickshire.gov.uk/holidays-activities-food-haf>

To apply for a SEND Family Experience, please complete the online form.

If you have any questions or need any additional support completing the form above, please email [hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk) or call the Family Information Service on 0800 408 1558.

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# Notices



## Wreath making

6th December - places still available

7pm till 9pm in school

**£35 per ticket**

Your ticket will include:

*A mince pie and 1 drink*

*All you need to make a wreath including ribbon*

There will be an instructor to guide you through the process  
Extra decoration can be purchased on the night.

Limited spaces so this will be a first come first served basis

Email the [pta@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:pta@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk)  
to book a ticket



*Examples of wreaths made before*



## GREAT NEWS

**We are now part of the 'Rag Bag' recycling scheme our PTA will be paid for every kg of textiles recycled.**

**We hope you are able to support this amazing new fund raising venture**



[www.rag-bag.co.uk](http://www.rag-bag.co.uk)

Please join us for our  
**Christmas Fayre**  
Thursday 7th December  
3.40 - 5.30pm  
In school

**Lots of stalls including**  
Loubie Lou's, Cath's Crafts, The Body Shop,  
Handmade Jewellery, Light Wire Creations  
and many more

**The Grinches Grotto**  
**Our ever popular Tombola!**

Class activities and crafts



**Christmas raffle**

**Lots of amazing prizes**

£50.00 Cash, Luxury Christmas Hamper, Whilton Lochs Ice Skating, £20.00 Voucher for the Queens Diamond Jubilee Centre, A Family ticket to watch Frozen-Ash Stage Productions, Family Ticket to watch Aladdin at Benn Hall, Tickets to a show of your choice - From the Benn Hall, Dinner Jackets Voucher, Mermaid Swimming Voucher, 2x Afti Coaching Voucher, Voucher from B Beautiful for a massage or facial, Swimworks voucher, Paint & Glaze Voucher...and much more

Raffle tickets will be coming home soon!



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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))

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

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subject line FREE TRIAL for a taster session

**RUGBY CHRISTMAS CRACKER**

The 2023 Crackerteria will be open from 25.11.23 - 23.12.23  
Mon to Sat 10am - 5.30pm & evening meals which need to be booked

@ Old Thornton shop,  
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**RUGBY CHRISTMAS CRACKER**

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AGES 5-11

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8:45AM - 3:30PM  
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2ND, 3RD, 4TH, 5TH JANUARY 2024

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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?

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