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“Good mental health is absolutely fundamental to overall health and well-being.”

~Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus



27th October 2023

BULLETIN

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

Headlines

Points of Interest

Back to school

Tuesday 7th of November

PTA Meeting

15th November

**7pm Fighting Cocks pub
All are welcome**

Dear All,

Even in the last week before half term there has been a lot going on!

Year 5 started the week with the opportunity to learn about the solar system in a mobile planetarium. They saw models of the solar system and views of constellations, among other things. This has really helped them reinforce their learning about the phases of the moon. The Year 5 team were really impressed with the questions that were asked, which supported their deeper understanding and greater interest in this subject.



The Mental Health Schools Team (MHST) have delivered mental health workshops this week to Year 6. The focus has been on transition and change. This is to support our Year 6 to have the opportunity to share any concerns that they might have early on so that there is plenty of time to address issues and reassure the children. We know it is important to start the transition process early to ensure that our Year 6 children are fully ready for their next stage of learning.

As it is road safety month, the children have been busy creating safety awareness posters. At BJS, we know that walking to school has several benefits, including promoting physical and mental health and teaching children important aspects of road safety. The children have been learning about how regular physical activity, such as walking, is associated with better mental health and how it can reduce anxiety and help us feel more energised and focused. Walking to school also encourages children to become more independent and provides an opportunity for them to interact with their peers. We encourage children at BJS to be environmentally aware and consider their contribution to a cleaner environment and reducing traffic congestion around our school. A big thank you to Barratt Homes for supporting the school to achieve this by providing High-Viz bags.



I would like to thank everyone in our school community for their support during my first half-term at BJS. I have really appreciated how everyone has made me feel so welcome.

I hope everyone has a wonderful half-term break and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 7th November.

Kind regards

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Celebrations

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Learner of the week

3HN Jacob For his application of his geography skills in his geography lesson this week
3AL Ralph For working really hard in maths
3ED Amelia For always doing her best

4EL Emmanuela For her hard work outside of school on TT rockstars and Spelling Shed.
4SM Emmie H For her willingness to share her maths solutions with the class
4SS Lena For her determination and positive attitude in maths

5LM Sofia G For gaining the confidence and being brave to share her ideas across all subjects
5JB Zac for excellent reading in assembly and much improved attitude to learning
5MB Summer For always doing her best

6LC Julia For great perseverance during long division

6NV Thea For an excellent biography of Walter Tull

Mme Jago Madi 6LC & Jody 6KC For using language we've learned to create their own mini book titles.

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Thank you from all @ BJS

YOU are the
LIGHT
of the WORLD.

3HN Jarvis For always being respectful in the classroom and to the learning of others.
3AL Noah For always following the school rules and values
3ED Darcy Rae For kindly bringing a story book in to share with the class

4EL Evelyn For always showing respect
4SM Poppy For being a respectful member of the class
4SS Casey for being such a wonderful role model and supportive friend

5LM Emily For showing respect to all
5JB Ibbey For being a respectful member of our school

5MB Harman S For showing respect to all.
6LC Oscar For showing great kindness and respect to a friend in need

6NV Sofia S For her respect and kindness to all.
Mme Jago Summer 5MB For respect and kindness to Mme Jago, even when she felt poorly herself



School activities



Cadbury's World

Year 4 had an amazing time at Cadbury's World, last Friday.

They had an amazing talk all about the Mayans & learnt about the history of chocolate.

They all really enjoyed themselves and were a credit to the school.

Notices

BBC 500 WORDS 2023

Calling all 5-11 year-olds!
Can you write an amazing story of 500 words or under?

Your story could be read on TV to millions!

Competition opens 26th September - 10th November.
We can't wait to read your stories

Head to bbc.co.uk/500words

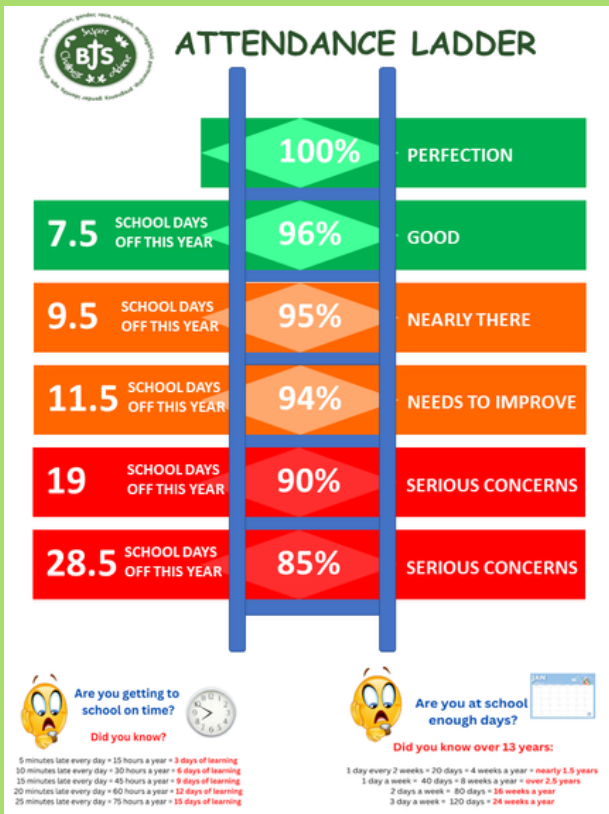


Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Programme

The Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Programme has re-launched their website. Visit their page to find out more about the programme, including how to request a HAF code. You can also view their new promotional video, filmed during Summer 2023 HAF activities across Warwickshire.

In brief, the HAF Programme is funded by the DfE to deliver enriching activities and delicious meals during the three main school holidays - Winter, Spring and Summer. Any young person in full time education (Reception - Year 11) who is in receipt of benefits-related free school meals is eligible for a HAF code. With this HAF code, you can book up to 4 sessions during Winter and Spring HAF and 16 sessions during Summer HAF! The next HAF delivery period will be Winter and runs from Tuesday 2nd January - Friday 5th January 2024. Activity listings will go live on Tuesday 28th November 2023 via the HAF website, so stay tuned!

<https://searchout.warwickshire.gov.uk/holidays-activities-food-haf>



Admissions Policy 2024 and 2025 Entry

Rugby High School has published its proposed admissions policy for 2024 entry and has initiated a consultation period which will run from Monday 23rd October 2023 to Monday 4th December 2023.

Copies of the policy and the catchment area map can be viewed on the school website at www.rugbyhighschool.co.uk under Admissions



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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PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
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STALL HOLDERS WE NEED YOU FOR OUR FESTIVE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER
3.45 - 5.30PM

Please email
pta@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk
to book your place

£10 FOR A TABLE AND A DONATION OF A PRIZE FOR OUR RAFFLE

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Wreath making

29th November and the 6th December
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
 to book a ticket

Examples of wreaths made before

Thank you
To Whilton Locks who have donated an Ice Skating Voucher for 2 for the Christmas raffle

<https://www.wlgv.co.uk/whiltonlocksgardenvillage/3-months-to-go-ho-ho-ho/>

Real Ice Rink with Real Ice!

Ice Skating

Our incredible, outdoor, undercover rink is open every day right through to Christmas and New Year. Trivia (and sometimes spillover) with 45 fun-packed minutes on the ice, with each skating session starting promptly on the hour. It is recommended you book online to ensure your skating time slot.

With a Cafe, right by the rink selling snacks and hot drinks. Ice skating at Whilton Locks Garden Village this Christmas is fantastic fun for all the family!

Quality Ice Skate hire is included in the price and parking is FREE.

Skate Aids - Push-a-longs are available to hire separately.

Skate late and hire the rink after dark for your festive party or group event. With lights and disco music - contact christmas@wlgv.co.uk for more.

TODDLER SKATE SESSIONS
 Treat your toddler to a skate with exclusive toddler skates with FREE skate aids and low numbers per time slot.

You'd better get your skates on!

Did You Know, Ho Ho Ho?
 We do not charge extra for Booking Fees on our online booking system.

Did You Know, Ho Ho Ho?
 We have wheelchair friendly throughout the site - there's even a wheelchair available to use!

WHILTON LOCKS GARDEN VILLAGE

Festive Food & Drink

Canalside take pride in having the best, local ingredients producing good quality, fantastic food for you to tuck into - and there's no better time than at Christmas.

The restaurant and popular Potting Shed is decorated in the Christmas spirit and the front of house staff are all friendly and love a chat (when they have time)

A superb selection of tasty treats is on offer all through the run up to Christmas and into the New Year.

BREAKFAST - AFTERNOON TEA - CHRISTMAS MENU - or just a Light Bite
 Daily specials or just cake - terrific homemade cakes that many of our guests will just sample the delicious delicacies.
 For the kids check out our food with Father Christmas too!

"Fabulous food and the cake is particularly delicious. Service is always good too!"
Sharon Blissett (Google Review)

"We treated ourselves to the festive Afternoon Tea at the Canalside restaurant here and it was absolutely fabulous. The staff went out of their way to help us and could not have been more accommodating. We were looked after beautifully with our endless coffee being frequently topped up.
 The Afternoon Tea was beautifully presented and delicious - we did have to take a doggy bag home with us as there was just so much of it! I would thoroughly recommend this. A lovely treat pre-Christmas!"
Penny Warner (Facebook Review)

PAWS A WHILE - It's festive fun for dogs too at WLGV with a special visit from Santa Paws and a festive treat for you and your dog. Early pre-booking is essential - you'd be baking to miss this one!

Santa

There are a number of opportunities to see Santa this Christmas

"The Best Grotto for Smiles" - Year-on-year the Grotto just gets better and better - and that's what our visitors say as we continue to offer the best Father Christmas experience and value for money this side of the North Pole - **NEW BOOKING ONLINE**

Santa will be in his magical Grotto, welcoming good boys and girls with a special premium gift included in the visit.

WINTER WONDERLAND

Special Guests

Sizzling Sausages with Santa
 Welcome Santa to Whilton Locks with a Festive Breakfast. Join in the fun with Breakfast with Santa complete with a fantastic choice of home-cooked food, or

Enjoy Tea with Santa. Bring the little ones for this extra special magical event with Father Christmas.

Surprise Guests Too

Each year we welcome some very special guests to our Winter Wonderland with a series of themed parties and meet and greets. Check out our website for the very latest guest appearances.

"We came this morning for breakfast with Santa and had a great experience. The service was amazing and the food was lovely. Every member of staff seemed to care that the little ones enjoyed themselves and Santa was very patient!! Highly recommended!"
Corinna Diamond (Facebook Review)

Did You Know, Ho Ho Ho?
 The site is completely FREE to enter and there is FREE parking too!

Meet & Make

Let your creativity run free with our Christmas crafts workshops. We will provide all the items for you to produce your very own Christmas displays or gifts to take home. From wreath making to hand-painting decorations we have a terrific timetable of events to bring out your inner Christmas creative. With refreshments included too, check out the website for the latest dates. Group discount available, please email us for details.

Did You Know, Ho Ho Ho!
 Our Christmas events are perfect for parties and festive fun for group groups.

"Christmas wreath making was so much fun. Gammahorn helped me so friendly and made me smile too. You have a cup of tea and scones to boot after too. It was lovely thank you!"
Ruth Mills (Facebook Review)
 and **Joelle Hawley (Twitter)**
www.whiltonlocksgardenvillage.com

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Notices



Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

Tips For Wellness:

PERSISTENCE

Persistence allows you to overcome obstacles that you may face and helps you to stick with something challenging until you achieve your goals. Persistence is about having a growth mindset and believing that you can learn, grow and improve with effort and practise.

Our tips for persistence:

- 1- Practise positive self-talk.** Often when faced with a challenge, we can be unkind to ourselves and talk negatively. We might tell ourselves we are "rubbish" or "hopeless". Try to remind yourself about what you would tell a friend, if they told you they were finding something difficult. Practise giving the same advice to yourself:

"I'm not good at this YET but I can get better"
"This is hard but if I keep trying I will get there eventually"
- 2- Try a new hobby or sport.** When we begin a new hobby, we may need to learn our craft and improve our skills. This is a great way to improve our persistence skills in a way that is also FUN!
- 3- Practise mindfulness.** A good way to improve our mental wellbeing is by practising mindfulness. This involves us paying more attention to the present moment and the world around us; thinking about sounds and smells around us, what we can see, and how they make us feel. By being more aware, this can improve our mental wellbeing and enable us to improve skills such as being persistent.

#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](https://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.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S

Five Nights at Freddy's is a series of indie point-and-click horror games whose word-of-mouth success and widespread spin-off content on YouTube have helped much of the nine installments to far to see almost five million copies on Steam (the PC gaming platform) alone, set in various deserted locations at night, with creepy animatronic characters sinisterly coming to life, the games are rated PEGI 12 for disturbing/violent content, mild profanity and horror themes.

AGE RESTRICTIONS
PEGI 12
AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT 18

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?
FRIGHTENING THEMES
STRESSFUL SITUATIONS
IN-GAME SPENDING
USE PARENTAL CONTROLS
SPOT THE SIGNS
MEET OUR EXPERT

TRY IT YOURSELF
TALK ABOUT THE RISKS

LIMIT SPENDING

PLAYING IN ISOLATION

Advice for Parents & Carers

NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

[@nationalonline_safety](https://twitter.com/nationalonline_safety) [NationalOnlineSafety](https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety) [@nationalonline_safety](https://www.instagram.com/nationalonline_safety) [national_online_safety](https://www.tiktok.com/@national_online_safety)

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Warwickshire parents and carers applying for 2024 Reception and Junior School places offered extra support

This includes an opportunity to join the Warwickshire County Council admissions team for an online webinar on 9 November at 7pm where they will share advice on how to submit a successful application.
<https://tinyurl.com/3de73pba>



October's Warwickshire SEND newsletter is here!

October's SEND newsletter is here to bring you all the latest news on special educational needs and disabilities in Warwickshire!

Subscribe here:
<https://tinyurl.com/5n6euwrs>

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Activities

Free trial available



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 info@funstareducation.co.uk
 www.funstareducation.co.uk

Musical Theatre 8.00am start, Mondays. (All years)
 Combine singing, acting and dancing to fantastic songs from the musicals and become an acting star!

StreetDance 3.30pm-4.30pm, Fridays. (All years)
 Learn the coolest commercial & hip-hop moves to the latest songs whilst having fun in a relaxed and safe environment.

In both clubs we incorporate challenging games and a reward system which encourages children to be active, gain self-confidence and improve mental health with a mini performance opportunity at the end of term.

£4.50 per session. Fees paid upfront for full term. All dates & full information on website.

Please click on our links for session tasters:
[YouTube Funstar Musical Theatre 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
 Class size is limited and offered on a first come first serve basis.

Also available:
[Funstar Birthday Parties](#)
[Funstar Holiday Clubs](#) Easter, Summer & Christmas (Free HAF places)



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Calling all active 4 to 12 Year Olds!

Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November!
 9 am to 4pm each day!
 At Central Ajax Football Club, Warwick, CV35 8HA.

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- Multi Activity Camps
- Nature Camps

OR

Our brand new Creative Minecraft Camp*
*1st Only



Payment required at least 24 hours before attendance

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OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

MONDAY 30TH OCT – FRIDAY 3RD NOV 2023

0900-1600 - £15 PER DAY PER

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COACHING

- Football ● Tag Rugby ● Frisbee ● Dodgeball ● Basketball ●
- Netball ● Hockey ● Tennis ● Cricket ● Rounders ●

PLUS, PLENTY OF OTHER FUN GAMES

Activity packed programme to suit **BOTH** boys and girls of **ANY ABILITY** who are interested in a **VARIETY** of sports!
 Activities will be **FUN** whilst teaching skills of the games and how to improve how to play them!

"My children love the Holiday clubs that AK coaching run. The fantastic coaching has got them playing sports and games, they wouldn't have considered before."

"I cannot recommend this company enough in regards to variety and safely ran activity for kids."

07725 876612

AKCOACHING2020@GMAIL.COM



Action packed half-term programme at Warwickshire's Country Parks

Children across Warwickshire have an exciting and action-packed programme of events to look forward to, including spooky Halloween frights, at Warwickshire's Country Parks this coming half-term.

<https://countryparks.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/20/action-packed-half-term-programme-at-warwickshire-s-country-parks>



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Dates and Contact Details

School Diary Dates 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

Half Term Monday 30 October – Friday 3 November

Teacher Training Day Monday 6 November

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 with your Child's NAME & CLASS with the reason for their absence

absent@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

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

If you need to talk with a teacher over the phone or have a general enquiry for them please email 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

If you have specific feedback you would like to give us please email us on feedback@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

School policy information can be found here: <http://www.biltonjuniorschool.co.uk/policies>

How can you help your PTA?



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Are you able to help with any of the following:

- Ideas for fundraising
- Support shopping
- Organising raffles
- Sorting tombola prizes
- Helping at events

Please email: pta@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

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