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~ Dalai Lama



22nd Sept 2023

# BULLETIN

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

# Headlines

## Points of Interest

### Foodbank Donations

From  
27th Sept to  
2nd October  
in school

### PTA Meeting

5th October  
3.45pm  
In school

Dear All,

Despite the challenging weather conditions, it has been another eventful and rewarding week here at school. I've had the privilege of teaching across a few classes over the past week, and it's been a pleasure to see the children so enthusiastic and dedicated to their learning.

I'd also like to share the joy of hearing children singing harvest songs in our assemblies, expertly led by Mrs. Stevens. For harvest this year, we are supporting the Rugby Foodbank, a much-needed charity in our community. We kindly request your support through donations of non-perishable items. Reverend Glenn will be joining us on Monday, October 2nd, during the harvest assembly where we will display all the donations. Children can bring in their contributions to school from Wednesday, September 27th, through Friday, September 29th, as well as on Monday, October 2nd.



Thank you to all those who attended our recent PTA social event. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 5th at 3:45 pm. Childcare for school-age children will be provided, so please consider joining us to help plan exciting fundraising opportunities. We have some fantastic projects in mind that will greatly benefit our children, and we'd love to kickstart them as soon as possible.



On a different note, I understand that I've already addressed the issue of parking outside the school. However, we've received concerns from our local residents about their driveways being blocked once again, especially with the increased number of cars due to the poor weather. I kindly request all car drivers to be considerate of our neighbours and avoid blocking their driveways. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Lastly, it's heart-warming to receive positive feedback from our school community. A parent with a child at Bawnmore Infant School recently sent us a very encouraging email. The parent commended our BJS students for their thoughtfulness and politeness when walking through a narrow path near the school while she was pushing a pram in the opposite direction. Such acts of kindness are a testament to the values we hold dear at our school.

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Kind regards,

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Facebook: [BiltonCofEJNR/](https://www.facebook.com/BiltonCofEJNR/)

# Celebrations

## 15th Sept

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

### Learner of the week

3HN Sriha For listening well to others ideas and approaching her learning in a reflective manner

3AL Travis For his enthusiastic participation in class discussion

3ED Arthur For always listening carefully and working hard

4EL Jai For working hard to improve his times tables

4SM Violet L for super work on her rainforest information poster

4SS Florence For her greater depth thinking in science

5LM Kieran For great focus during maths and getting onto the challenge

5JB Edward For excellent sentence stacking ideas

5MB Ruben F For working hard across the curriculum

6LC Honey Showing a conscientious attitude to all his learning

6KC Ava H Excellent effort with maths

6NV Jenson For his excellent attitude to learning. Well done.

Mme Jago 3ED For great tracking and listening in RE.

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Thank you from all @ BJS

YOU are the  
**LIGHT**  
of the WORLD

3HN Francesca For always being respectful and listening to everyone's contributions

3AL Lillian For her cheerful nature in class

3ED Penny For respectful listening at all times

4EL Lexi For being respectful and kind to the class at all times

4SM Alissia for being respectful and being ready for learning

4SS Jude V for his respectful attitude towards others and being so very helpful. Thank you

5LM Rowan For being respectful and always ready to learn

5JB Harper For showing respect to adults and children

5MB William M Respect- for his calm and respectful manner

6LC Anabelle For being respectful to all around school

6KC Poppy Always being polite and respectful

6NV Phoebe For her kindness and friendship to others

Mme Jago 5JB For respect and perseverance.



## In school activities



Year 4 had a great time when they went on a rainforest adventure yesterday morning. They discovered many things about the animals that live there along with understanding what amazing habitats they have. Our very own David Attenboroughs!



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.

## 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 Wight 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.

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The deadline for applying for your child's secondary school place is:

If you have a child that is due to start Secondary School in September 2024, then the time has come to apply for their school place. This applies to children currently in Year 6.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4474/warwickshire-year-6-children-are-invited-to-apply-for-their-secondary-school-place>



# Notices



**ADMISSIONS 2024/2025 - PROSPECTIVE PARENTS TOURS**

The staff and pupils warmly invite prospective parents to visit our school during one of the following sessions.

Tuesday 10th October 2023 9.30 am-10.00 am  
 Tuesday 10th October 2023 10.15 am-10.45am  
 Thursday 12th October 2023 2.00 pm-2.30 pm  
 Thursday 12th October 2023 2.45 pm-3.15 pm

Members of the team will provide a tour of the school and answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to meeting you!

If you are unable to make any of the above dates, then please feel free to contact the school office to make an alternative appointment. office@bittonjuniorschool.co.uk



**PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

**Our First PTA meeting**  
**5th October - 3.45pm - 4.45pm**  
**In school**

We look forward to seeing you and hearing your ideas of how we can work together to raise funds for school

Children are welcome to come into school and can watch a film and be supervised by a member of the school team

Please email  
[pta@bittonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:pta@bittonjuniorschool.co.uk)  
 for more information

## Spelling shed

WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?



**S** Sounds and symbols are used to help spell through meaning

**P** Patterns of letters used to help with word structure

**E** Each part of words is broken down to ease understanding

**L** Learn about the origin of words too

**L** Leagues to have fun with class and school mates



## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients that you've added to your contact list. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to apply encryption on private messaging. WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

**ONLINE NEWS**

**EMPHASISE CAUTION**  
 Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution. Ask them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

**ADJUST THE SETTINGS**  
 It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups'). If you usually think of their contacts and add them to group chats without needing approval, you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function only as long as they need - and then turn it off.

**THINKING BEFORE SHARING**  
 Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy - and all too common - for contacts to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

**CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY**  
 Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

**MEET OUR EXPERT**  
 Dr Oscar is a child and adolescent specialist and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She is a member of the National Online Safety team and research for the Australian government computing, internet use and wellbeing research of young people in the UK and Australia.

**...HEY OSCAR...**

**NOS National Online Safety**  
 #WakeUpWednesday

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**Collection in school school from**  
**Wednesday 27th September to Monday 2nd October**

**URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS**

- SHAMPOO
- POT NOODLES
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- SANITARY PRODUCTS
- RUNNING LOW ON COFFEE
- SAVOURY CRACKERS
- MUG SHOTS
- TINNED CUSTARD

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# Activities



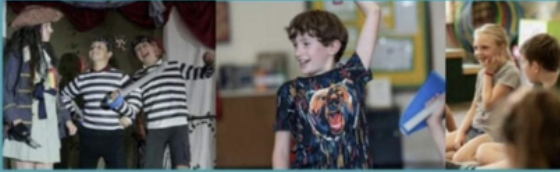
## Make Believe A Story

### OCTOBER DRAMA CLUB 2023

30th - 31st October 2023, 10am - 4pm  
Bawnmore Infant School, Rugby, for ages 8 - 11 years.

Exciting drama games, improvisation, storytelling and exploring scripts with professional actors.

TAKING BOOKINGS NOW £50.



To book a place please contact us at: [makebelieveastory@gmail.com](mailto:makebelieveastory@gmail.com) For more information please visit our Facebook page 'Make Believe A Story'

Engaging wonderful imaginations, promoting creativity, building confidence and having fun!



## STORYBOX

A great drama club where the children have enormous fun playing drama games, learning different performance skills and putting on two shows per year both with costumes and props.

Year 5 and 6 sessions - Wednesday afterschool

Year 3 and 4 sessions - Thursday afterschool

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Please contact Cathy Craddock - 07837 703802 if your child would like to join in the fun.



## October Skills & More Activity Camps!

brought to you by SKILLS and MORE - a Career Seekers Direct (based in Hatton) initiative.



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Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November!

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## 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>



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AGES 5-11

## October Half Term

**Are you ready for the half term?**

Join us at our Active Course or our Football Course. A full week of activities to keep your children entertained during the holiday!

MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER to FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

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**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](http://www.funstareducation.co.uk)  
Class size is limited and offered on a first come first serve basis.

**Also available:**  
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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](mailto:absent@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk) with your Child's NAME & 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?



## 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](mailto:pta@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk)

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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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