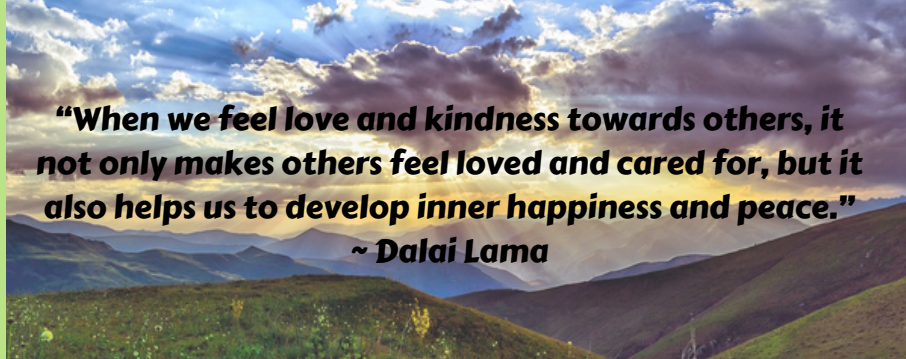




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**“When we feel love and kindness towards others, it not only makes others feel loved and cared for, but it also helps us to develop inner happiness and peace.”**

**~ Dalai Lama**



**8th Sept 2023**

# BULLETIN

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

# Headlines

## Points of Interest

**Welcome Meetings**

Tues 13th Sept  
Weds 14th Sept

**Learning Hub**

Monday  
18th Sept

**Plantagenet Drive, Rugby,  
CV 22 6LB**

**Email:  
office@biltonjuniorschool.  
co.uk**

**Website:  
biltonjuniorschool.co.uk**

**Facebook: BiltonCofEJNR/**

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a great start to the new school year! I have been so impressed with how the children have quickly settled into their new classes. It has been lovely meeting everyone and I have really enjoyed popping into classes to see all the fabulous learning that is already happening.

It was also a pleasure to see our older children supporting those new to school and helping them to settle in. I had a chat with some of the year 3 children about how they felt about the first few days and they were extremely positive:

**“I really like it here, the staff are all so nice and kind.” Amelia Y3**

**“I am so happy that I have made new friends so quickly, and some are not even in my year group.” Lexa Y3**

**“Break times are great as there is so much space to play – the playground is massive!” Bradley Y3**

**“It’s great having a locker and feeling so grown up.” Emily Y3**

**“There are lots of things to do after we have been working hard. I really enjoyed the trim trail.” Robert Y3**

We would like to formally invite you all to a welcome meeting, in the school hall, for your specific year group on the dates and times below. These are really important meetings to help you to feel informed of what is ahead for your child/children in the coming year, including topics and trips.

**Tuesday 13th September: Yr. 5- 3:45-4:05pm. Yr. 6- 4:15-4:35pm.**

**Wednesday 14th September: Yr. 3- 3:35-4:05pm. Yr.4- 4:15-4:35pm.**

The PowerPoint presentations used for each of the meetings will be available via the BJS website, [www.biltonjuniorschool.co.uk](http://www.biltonjuniorschool.co.uk), after the meetings if you are unable to attend.

The Learning Hub (homework club) will be starting the week beginning Monday 18th September. Invites will be sent out to families who are entitled to access this provision next week.

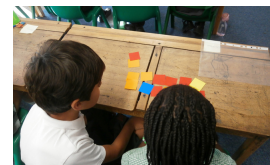
I know that several children are bringing in ‘pocket toys’ which can help alleviate anxiety; however, could I please ask that these are actually pocket-sized to prevent being a distraction to other children in the classrooms and on the playground.

I appreciate that there is very little space to park and drop children off outside the school site, but unfortunately some drives have been blocked this week, which has caused an inconvenience to local residents.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and look forward to meeting you at the welcome meetings next week.

Kind regards,

Becky Ross  
Head of School



# Notices



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.



## EPIC After School care

Pick up point at 5.00pm and 5.30pm

Will be from the side gate next to the school building. Please could you come onto the school site to collect your children.

## 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 Wright 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 i.e 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.

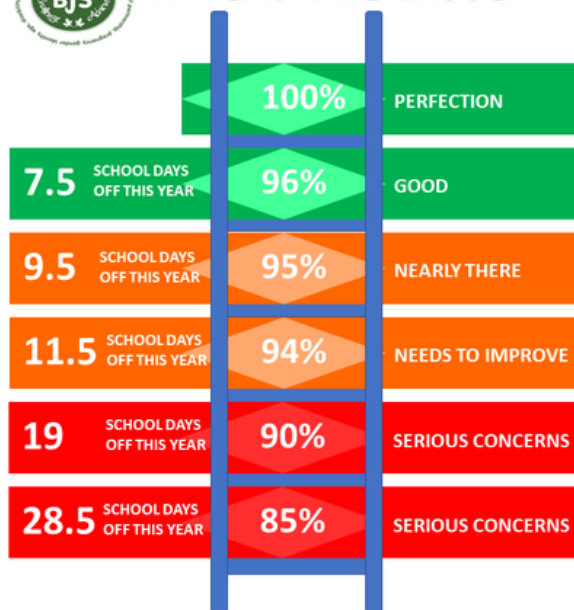
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## ATTENDANCE LADDER



**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

### What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- INVASIONS OF PRIVACY:** When you share photos online, you are giving others access to your location, contacts, and other personal information. This information can be used to track your movements, identify your contacts, and even identify you in public places.
- REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS:** Photos often contain personal details such as names, addresses, and phone numbers. This information can be used to identify you and your family, and even to contact you.
- MISUSE OF IMAGES:** Photos can be used to create a digital footprint that can be used to identify you and your family. This information can be used to track your movements, identify your contacts, and even identify you in public places.

**ONLINE GROOMING:** Online grooming is a process where someone builds a relationship with a child or young person online, with the aim of persuading them to meet in person or to share intimate photos or videos.

**PRESSURE TO PLEASE:** Children and young people may feel pressure to share photos or videos of themselves or others, even if they do not want to. This can be a sign of grooming or exploitation.

**IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT:** Every photo of a child posted online creates a digital footprint that can be used to identify them and their family. This information can be used to track their movements, identify their contacts, and even identify them in public places.

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

- REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY:** Make sure your social media settings are set to 'private' so that only you and your friends can see your posts. Regularly check your privacy settings and update them as needed.
- CHECK YOUR PHOTOS:** Before you share a photo online, think about what it says about you and your family. Avoid sharing photos of your location, contacts, or other personal information.
- CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN:** When taking a group photo, think about how you are posing and what you are wearing. Avoid posing in a way that could be embarrassing or inappropriate for other children.
- THINK AHEAD:** Think about how your photo will be used. Will it be used for marketing or advertising? Will it be used to identify you or your family?

**Meet Our Expert**  
NOS (National Online Safety) is a charity that provides advice and support to parents and carers on how to keep their children safe online.

**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday

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## 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**

## IMPORTANT!

*Please can we ask that if your is child is absent from school can you email [absent@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:absent@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk)*

*or leave a telephone message before 9.15am on the day of absence.*

*Thank you for your support with this.*



### Your school nursing service

In the September edition of the Connect for Health newsletter, there is information about National Fitness Day and tips for getting ready for school.

<https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/September-Newsletter.pdf>



### New one-stop-shop to support transitions for children and young people in Warwickshire

With the new school year upon us, starting a new educational setting, or moving to a new phase in their education, can bring out a range of emotions for a child, young person, and their family, including excitement, anticipation, and anxiety.

<https://tinyurl.com/27rnjw35>



**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>

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# Activities



## MIGHTY JUNIOR / FAMILY

### MATTS

For 3 - 6 Years Olds

### CLASSES

For Ages 7 Plus

FREE taster sessions available NOW!

Cawston Community Hall, Scholars Dr,

Cawston, Rugby

CV22 7GU

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK IN

OR VISIT

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



## RUGBY RHINOS FLAG

### AMERICAN FOOTBALL

LOOKING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS  
AGED 7-13

**NO EXPERIENCE? NO PROBLEM!**

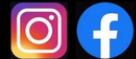
We train from 09:30am-11:00am @  
Rugby Lions RFC, Webb Ellis Road,  
CV22 7AU



Message us via our socials:

Phone: 07876 534 989

Email: [enquiries@rugbyrhinosafc.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@rugbyrhinosafc.co.uk)



## 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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# 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?

### WHEN BUYING GIFTS AND MORE

**easyfundraising**  
feel good shopping

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/charities/biltonjunior/>



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### HOW YOU CAN HELP OUR PTA?

**amazon smile**  
You shop. Amazon gives.

How it works:  
Simply follow the instructions below to select Bilton Church Of England Junior School Parent Teacher Association as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. Amazon will donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (≡) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programmes & Features
3. Select Bilton Church Of England Junior School Parent Teacher Association as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

Want to help make a difference to BJS whilst you shop

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support school every time you shop, at no cost to you.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>



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### WHEN SHOPPING WITH TWO SPECIFIC RETAILERS

**MY SCHOOL FUND**

As you spend you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores.

By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

Card-Linked Rewards at Sainsbury's or Argos



Register on: [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org)



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### HOW YOU CAN HELP OUR PTA?

**Rugby**

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>



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