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Bilton Community Federation



19th September 2025

BULLETIN

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

Headlines

Points of Interest

Harvest Assembly
Thursday
9th October

Dear Parents/Carers,

In school, we have been continuing with our theme of Respect. A special thank you goes to class 4SR, who delivered an inspiring assembly on the importance of looking after our environment. Their message, "small things make a big difference", has really resonated with our children. Inspired by this, a group of enthusiastic litter pickers has already formed and is helping to keep our school grounds clean and welcoming. Their efforts show how small acts of care can improve our shared environment and make BJS an even more special place to learn and grow.



We are also delighted to share some very exciting news. Many of you will have seen on our Facebook page the celebrations surrounding Rosie the Reading Dog and her owner Valerie Matthews, who volunteer through the charity Pets as Therapy. Rosie and Valerie were nominated for a prestigious 'Make a Difference Award' in recognition of their outstanding contribution to supporting children's reading at BJS. Not only were they selected as finalists, but they went on to win the overall award in the Animal category! We are incredibly proud of them both and grateful for the joy, encouragement, and inspiration they continue to bring to our school community.



We are beginning to look ahead to our Harvest Assembly on Thursday 9th October. This year we are once again supporting Rugby Foodbank, an organisation that provides vital help to families in need within our local community. During the week beginning Monday 6th October, we kindly ask for your donations to support their appeal. Suggested items include tinned meat or fish, tea, coffee, biscuits, and other long-life goods. We will share a more detailed list shortly, but any contribution you are able to make will be greatly valued. Your generosity will ensure that this essential charity can continue to make a real difference.

Have a lovely weekend

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Celebrations

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Learner of the week

3HN Gab For consistent hard work across all his learning

3LD Logan J For really focusing in his science lesson and working really well

3RY Rebekah B For always putting her best effort into everything she does

3TP Larry For shining brightly in both English and Maths

4EL Evie B For putting in lots of effort to improve her handwriting

4SR Ella For excellent effort across all her learning

4SS Jack for his excellent attitude in all that he does especially when helping others

5LM Courtney For excellent focus on her independent writing

5MB Amelia S For great effort and concentration

5PA Ruhaan For excellent engagement and attitude

6LB Jess For an excellent plan which supported some excellent writing

6KC Lottie Excellent all round effort!

6NV Seb For super work in writing

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Thank you from all @ BJS



3HN Mollie For always being polite and respectful

3LD Sam Always being very respectful

3RY Felicity For being a respectful and thoughtful member of 3RY

3TP Harper For always showing respect and kindness to all staff

4EL Risheet For being respectful and always eager to learn

4SR Jacob for always showing respect and readiness

4SS Elliot for his superb modelling of respect at every point of the day

5LM Lillian For showing respect to all adults and giving a helping hand

5MB Hannah Always respectful and ready to learn

5PA Felicity Setting a great example and always being ready to learn

6LB Harris For showing respect and kindness to all during the whole school day

6KC Eva For always being respectful

6NV Lena For showing respect and determination during her swimming lessons

In school activities

Well done to the Allotment Club for growing and harvesting their carrots! A fantastic effort and brilliant teamwork from everyone involved.



Notices

MOVING SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS



Ashlawn School

Open Evening
5:00pm - 7:30pm
Wednesday 24th September 2025



Harris Church of England
Academy

Open Evening
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Thursday 25th September 2025



Bilton School

Open Evening
5:30pm - 8:00pm
Thursday 2nd October 2025

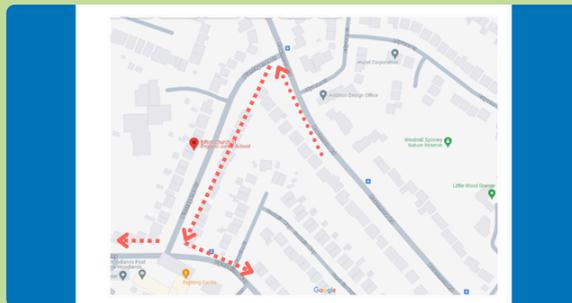


We need your help

We are hoping that you will support us with a voluntary one system around the block near school. Entering Plantagenet Drive from Bawmrow Road only and exiting onto Cymerline Way. We are hoping this will help ease congestion for everyone



ONE WAY



Apply now for your child's secondary school place



Warwickshire Year 6 children are invited to apply for their secondary school place

Parents and carers of children who have just started in Year 6 are being asked to apply for a secondary school place for September 2026.

Applications opened on 1 September 2025 and, to receive a school offer on National Offer Day (2 March 2026), applications must be submitted by the deadline of 31 October 2025.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNOWCHAT

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like 'My AI' character and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share, replicate or disseminate images, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and generate personalized ads. Adults, teens and digital natives alike have to be vigilant about AI-generated content.

SCREEN ADDICTION
Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks. Daily Snapchats exchanges between you and a friend. When a streak is kept going for 7 days, users will see a emoji. Snapchat also shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and see the streak, they may feel the need to log in to pay. This encourages daily use, but may impact productivity and sleep, leading to returning to the app even more often.

SEXUATION
Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may lower a sense of safety, users may receive large amounts of sexting, or graphic text messages and images, from strangers. This can lead to sexual harassment or blackmail. Parents and educators should have open conversations with children about sexting and the risks of sharing explicit content.

SNOWCHAT+
Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Snap+ giving subscribers access to hundreds of filters and AR experiences for photos, videos, and messages. Snap+ also features more exclusive content, such as behind-the-scenes content, or being pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY
Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make it easier to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of inappropriate communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The filters used to group content are determined by the platform, and even an innocent search term about sex, drugs, or alcohol can yield inappropriate results. The app's disappearing message feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images and videos, so being cautious to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNOWCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB
Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this page before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS
Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you feature an open dialogue. Talk about screen time and social media safety with children regularly. Encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and honestly about sexting, responding to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and reporting inappropriate content. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes to their friendship groups.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER
Set down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. The app has many options to control what others can see, share, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings may be more important than others, depending on their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes to their friendship groups.

BLOCK AND REPORT
If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. Parents and educators should encourage children to report and block anyone who is making them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. It's recommended that you review the section under the 'Safety and Security' category in this category. There's the option to report somebody for harassment and sexually explicit content.

Meet Our Expert
Dr Claire Southwood is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various educational papers and carried out research for the Australian Government's eSafety Commissioner and leading behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

Source: See full reference for on guide page at: <https://thenationalcollege.com/guides/snowchat>

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<https://www.facebook.com/www.thenationalcollege>



Free counselling support for parents & carers in Warwickshire

Are you feeling overwhelmed, stuck, or just in need of someone to talk to? The [Parenting Project](https://parentingproject.org.uk) offers free and confidential counselling for parents and carers of children aged 0-19 (or up to 25 with SEND) across Warwickshire.

Up to 18 weekly sessions are available in person, by phone, or online via Zoom – whatever works best for you.

To register your interest, email: counselling@parentingproject.org.uk

Notices



Apply for your free Safe and Well visit

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service provides free Safe and Well visits helping to keep you or your loved ones safe at home and to help reduce the risk of a fire.

If you know someone who is more vulnerable and living at home then you can also make a request for a Safe and Well visit on their behalf.

There is no limit on the number of Safe and Well visits that someone can receive, so even if one has been provided you can always request another.

During the visit you will be provided with fire safety advice, your smoke alarms will be checked to ensure they're working and new or replacement ones will be installed if needed.

The fire service will also provide advice on:

- Preventing slips, trips and falls
- Giving up smoking
- Winter warmth
- Home security
- Hydration and healthy eating

<https://customer.warwickshire.gov.uk>

Solihull Approach Online Guides

We offer a range of free parenting guides to support parents/carers feel more confident across all ages of childhood. You are in control of what you learn, at a time that suits you and at your own pace. You can do them alone or with someone else, together or separately but in tandem – it's your choice. They can also be translated into many languages using ReachDeck online.

You can access the online guides via: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentguides
There are 15 to choose from including:



Understanding your pregnancy



Understanding your baby



Understanding your child



Understanding your teenager's brain



Understanding your child with additional needs

Enter the access code BEAR when promoted and a Warwickshire postcode.

MHST Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Mind and Body

Just as we look after our physical health, it's important to look after our mental health. In fact, the two are closely connected!

Most of us will know what it's like to feel worried, stressed or low from time to time. We might be affected by our relationships with friends and classmates or things we see on the news, and we might feel worried about school or our home lives (this is understandable!) Recognising how our mind health and physical health work together can keep us mentally healthy.

Our Tips for looking after your Mind and Body:

To ensure a healthy mind and body, why not try some of the activities below? Can you choose one from each category?

1. **Physical**- healthy eating with plenty of water, time away from technology and get fresh air where you can, regular exercise every day (e.g., walk to school or get off the bus a stop earlier, dance, or stretch), a consistent sleep schedule (children aged 6-12 years should aim for 9-12 hours sleep per night, adolescents should aim for 8-10 hours).
2. **Social**- spend quality time with friends and family, connect with others in person (as well as online), join a club or community group, reach out to others and don't be afraid to ask for help or offer support.
3. **Practical**- keep a daily routine to create structure and stability, use checklists to act as reminders and to hold yourself accountable, get ready for the day each morning, set yourself small and achievable goals to stay motivated.
4. **Emotional**- develop supportive friendships, write down three good things from your day, take time to do something relaxing every day, practise self-kindness (e.g., treat yourself how you would treat a friend!)

Scan the QR code for more ideas around keeping a healthy mind and body.

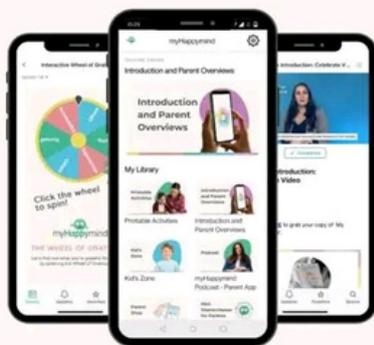


#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSSStars certificates. If you know a child or young person that deserves recognition for going above and beyond, don't wait, nominate! thankskids@covwarkpt.nhs.uk.

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.

myHappyMind Download your FREE myHappyMind Parent App



...An online resource to support you and your family to learn more about how you can use myHappyMind to support your child.



The authentication code to access myHappyMind parent app is available on your messages in the MyChildatSchool app, or please see poster in reception.

Activities

Little Lions Baby and Toddler Group
 We are pleased to let you know that St Mark's Church will be launching a new baby and toddler group, 'Little Lions'.
 Starting on 7th October, the Little Lions group will meet on Tuesday mornings during school term time from 9.45am to 11.15am in St Mark's Church. There will be a café for parents/grandparents/carers with good tea and coffee, fruit and biscuits or pastries, and the children will also have a drink and a healthy snack. There will be quiet spaces for babies, and a play area with toys for toddlers. The last part of the session will include a Bible story for the children, a 'thought for the day' and singing together. The cost will be £1 per family (up to 2 children and an extra 50p for each additional child).

Bilton Junior School (BJS) Before-school Tang Soo Do club



Hello, my name is John Dove, I have been a martial arts Instructor for over thirty years and have taught professionally in schools across Warwickshire since 2008. I run a before-school martial-arts club at BJS every Friday between 8.00 – 8.45 am. Classes re-start on Friday 12th September 2025. Our combination of fitness, fun and discipline has proven to work wonders in building self-confidence and concentration for children of all ages and abilities. It really works.

This letter offers you an opportunity to allow your child to participate in a free taster class before committing to regular weekly participation.

Please notify the school that your child will be attending a trial session or contact myself. Then simply allow your child to participate in the free trial class on a Friday of your choosing.

If your child chooses to continue with our classes our fees remain as they were for 2024/25. First term fee £65 (includes insurance for the year) with subsequent terms costing £55 each.

spaces available, pay for remaining sessions only!

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

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 Education Through Performing Arts
 07971073530 / 07849168639
 www.funstareducation.co.uk

Email us: info@funstareducation.co.uk
 subject line FREE TRIAL for a taster session

MON 27TH OCT - FRI 31ST OCT

0900-1600

£17 PER DAY, PER CHILD

AGE 5-11

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- Basketball • Netball • Hockey • Tennis
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MEDALS, TROPHIES & TSHIRTS TO BE WON

JOIN CUB SCOUTS! 11TH RUGBY ADMIRALS

At Cub Scouts, boys and girls ages 8-10.5 years old embark on an unforgettable experience that builds character, instills values, and nurtures leadership skills. Look no further and join us!

PLACES NOW AVAILABLE

Monday Evenings
 6-7.15pm



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION



CUB SCOUTS ACTIVITIES

- Meet New People
- Exciting Challenges
- Outdoor Adventures
- Character Development
- Skills for Life

cubs.11th@rugbyscouts.org.uk

BEC WE ARE HAVING A **LIGHT Party**

For all primary-age children (reception to Year 6)

There will be a range of activities, including: face painting, classic computer games, air hockey, table football, table tennis, crafts, biscuit decorating, a scavenger hunt and food & drink! We will also have a short time talking about the light of the world and why he is worth celebrating!

Parents are welcome to stay, with hot drinks and cake provided.

Wear bright colours (no halloween costumes please).

FRIDAY
OCT 31 | **FREE ENTRY**
5-6:30

BILTON EVANGELICAL CHURCH, 27 MAIN STREET, RUGBY, CV22 7NQ



BOOK VIA LINKTR.EE/BECCURCHES, USE THE QR CODE OR TURN UP - BOOKING IS NOT REQUIRED!

For more information contact alex.holtone@becchurch.org.uk or phone 01788 817326

Dates and Contact Details

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 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

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>

School Diary Dates 2025/26

Autumn Term

School Opens: Wednesday 3rd September
Half Term: Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October
School Opens: Monday 3rd November
School Closes at 3.30pm: Friday 19th December

Spring Term

Teacher Training Day - Monday 5th January
School Opens: Tuesday 6th January
Half Term: Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February
Teacher Training Day - Monday 23rd February
School Opens: Tuesday 24th February
School Closes at 3.30pm Friday 27th March

Summer Term

School Opens Monday 13th April
May Bank Holiday Monday 4th May
Half Term Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
School Opens Monday 1st June
School Closes at 3.30 Friday 17th July
Teacher Training Day Monday 20th July

How can you help your PTA?



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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