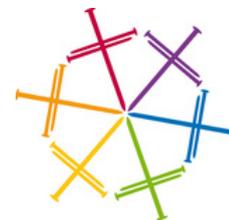
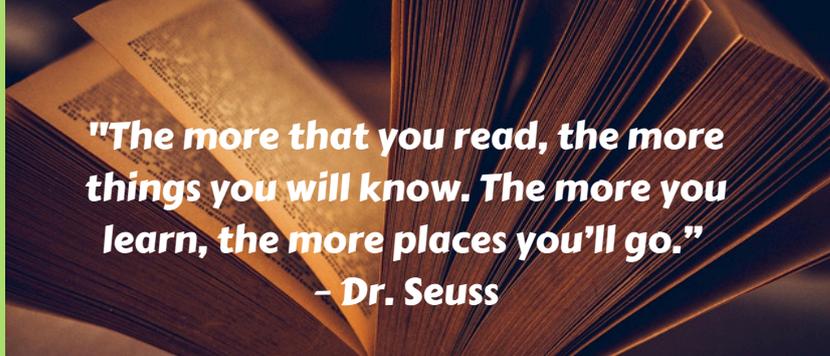




Proud to be part of
Bilton Community Federation



**"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."
– Dr. Seuss**

24th October 2025

BULLETIN

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

Headlines

Points of Interest

School opens

**Monday 3rd
November**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy and productive half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. It has been wonderful to see so many of you attending our parent meetings this week. These meetings are such an important part of our partnership, allowing us to celebrate your child's achievements and discuss their progress. The connection between home and school plays a vital role in ensuring that every child reaches their full potential and your engagement is always greatly appreciated.

A huge thank you also goes to everyone who supported our Book Fair this week. It has been fantastic to see so many children excited about choosing new books to read and share. Reading is a cornerstone of learning, and we are proud to foster a love of reading across our school community. Special thanks must go to Miss Letts for organising such a successful event and for all her hard work in making it run so smoothly. We were also delighted with the great response to our bookmark competition – with over one hundred creative entries! Choosing the winners was a real challenge, as every design reflected the children's enthusiasm and imagination.



Another highlight of the week was the brilliant assembly led by Class 5LM, based on the important themes of respect and kindness. The children spoke and presented with such confidence and maturity, even when faced with unexpected technical difficulties! Their respect posters were really impressive and showed as powerful reminders of how these values underpin everything we do at school.

I know that the holidays can sometimes bring their own challenges, and you may wish to get in touch during the break. Please do – I have regular access to my emails and will do my best to help if you need any support. You can reach me at mrsross@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

As we head into the half term break, I would like to thank you once again for your ongoing encouragement and involvement in school life. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable week ahead.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ross
Head of School

Plantagenet Drive, Rugby, CV 22 6LB

Email:
office@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

Website: biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

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

Celebrations

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Learner of the week

3HN Gleraldo For working hard in all his learning this week

3LD Leo For his motivation in wanting to write more in his biography on Floella Benjamin

3RY Charlie For always striving to do this best in lesson

3TP Matilda For her excellent effort on her Floella Benjamin fact file

4EL Oliver B For his great attitude to learning

4SR Teddy for working really hard on his recount of our Lunt Roman Fort trip

5LM Jacob G Excellent focus on his non-chronological report on rats

5MB Joshua J For a super start at BJS

5PA Sriha For excellence and enthusiasm in all areas of the curriculum

6LB Erinayo For being committed to writing a rich and detailed narrative in English this week

6NV Evie T For super descriptive work in English

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Thank you from all @ BJS

YOU are the
LIGHT
of the WORLD

3HN Ethan For always being respectful

3LD William For helping a friend when he fell over

3RY Srithik For showing respect and listen well to an adult

3TP Isla For always being respectful, helpful and sparkling

4EL Cassie For always being kind and respectful

4SR Elias For being respectful and kind to others

5LM Freya For being kind and respectful when supporting a year 3

5MB Maisie L For her cheerful, helpful and positive approach

5PA Ahmad For taking responsibility for his learning

6LB Alissia G For being a shining example of kindness and teamwork in every lesson

6NV Robyn For always being upbeat and positive in everything she does

In school activities

Brilliant book fair



Notices

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE

With over 800 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossover with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks that school staff need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- ALWAYS ONLINE:** Fortnite is a free-to-play game, but it requires a constant internet connection. This means children are always online, even when they are not playing. This can lead to cyberbullying, harassment, and exposure to inappropriate content.
- CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT:** Fortnite allows players to play with friends on different platforms (PC, console, mobile). This means children can interact with people they don't know, increasing the risk of contact with strangers.
- IN-GAME COSTS:** While the game is free, it offers in-game purchases for cosmetic items like skins, emotes, and battle passes. These purchases can be addictive and costly, especially for children.
- FREQUENT UPDATES:** Fortnite is updated frequently, often introducing new features and content. This means parents and educators need to stay up-to-date with the latest changes to understand potential risks.
- VIRTUAL VIOLENCE:** Fortnite is a battle royale game where players compete to be the last one standing. While it is a virtual environment, it can be stressful and may lead to aggressive behavior in real life.
- POP CULTURE REFERENCES:** Fortnite often incorporates pop culture references, including celebrities and brands. This can be a double-edged sword, as it can be fun but also expose children to inappropriate content.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION:** Encourage children to only play with friends they know in real life. Discuss the importance of not sharing personal information and being cautious of strangers.
- ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER:** Playing the game together can be a fun bonding experience. Set boundaries for playtime and encourage breaks.
- SET SPENDING LIMITS:** Discuss the risks of in-game purchases and set clear limits on how much money can be spent.
- BE WARY OF SCAMS:** Warn children about phishing attempts and other scams that often target young people.

Meet Our Expert

Wake Up Wednesday, The National College

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

Admissions 2026/2027 - Bilton C of E Junior School

Prospective Parents School Tours

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

Monday 24th November 2025 9.30am – 10.00am

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

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@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

We look forward to meeting you.

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

BRIGADE School & Academy Uniform Specialists

Formed in 1990 to fulfil the needs of the schoolwear market with a standard of service not experienced in the past, Brigade are market leaders in the school uniform sector with thousands of happy customers.

30 YEARS

Halloween Promotion

Discount: 10% off
 Promo Code: PUMPKIN10
 Live From: Friday 31st October at 12am
 Ends: Sunday 2nd November at 11:59pm

RUGBY & SURROUNDING VILLAGES

allsorts 0-12

Sept/Nov 25 for parents and children

IN THIS ISSUE

- PLENTY to do this Autumn
- Birthday party ideas
- Young cook - spider cookies
- Extra-curricular excellence
- Family health & well-being
- LOTS of clubs & classes
- Guys & ghouls community event ideas
- PLUS School Notice Board

click on www.allsortsmag.com

FREE ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP
 FOR PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Get practical hints and tips to support your children and keep them safe online, and learn how to keep up to date in the ever changing online world.

Mon 10th NOVEMBER 7pm-8pm

Speaker
LYNDSEY VAUGHTON
 Education & Wellbeing Training Lead (UK)
 Smoothwall

Access the event here:
<https://meet.google.com/cze-sgju-fbj>

With a background in law enforcement, Lyndsey is a seasoned child protection advocate with extensive expertise in safeguarding education. She is passionate about fostering safe student environments, offering support in policy implementation, training, and committee establishment, as well as furthering her commitment to student wellbeing through her PhD research on the effects of domestic abuse on children.

For more information on online safety, visit <https://warwickshire.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>

Notices



Digital Detox

Taking a digital detox is important to give our minds and bodies a break from screens and technology. Too much screen time can lead to tired eyes, difficulty sleeping, and feeling stressed or distracted. Stepping away from devices helps us to recharge, focus better, improve our mood, and spend more quality time with family and friends. It also encourages healthier habits like playing outside, reading, and being creative, all of which support overall wellbeing!

Our tips for taking a digital detox:

1. **Set yourself clear limits for screen time** - Set specific time limits for screen time, such as an hour after school or 30 minutes of games or social media. Try setting limits on your device, or a visual reminder.
2. **Create Scree-Free Zones** - When you are eating meals with your family or friends, leave your phone or devices in a different room. This allows you to talk and enjoy your food without distractions and improves your quality of connections with others.
3. **Avoid screens at night** - Try to avoid using devices in your bedroom, most importantly for at least 30 minutes before bed. Keeping your bedroom a peaceful space can help you to fall asleep more easily.
4. **Do fun activities without screens** - Try drawing, playing a game with your family, playing a musical instrument or reading instead of your usual device. Spend time outdoors if you can!
5. **Take small breaks from screens** - After playing video games or watching TV for a while, get up and move around. Try to take short breaks where you move between rooms, stretch or walk around.
6. **Turn off notifications** - This can reduce the number of distractions and help you focus on what is important to you. You might even discover a new activity you enjoy!
7. **Find mindful alternatives** - Try meditating or doing breathing exercises to reduce feelings of stress, rather than screen use.

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

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.

Barnardo's Warwickshire Children & Family Centres
A coordination of services for families with children and young people aged 0-19 and up to 25 years with SEND



WALK-IN WARDROBE DONATIONS!



Donate at any Children & Family Centre between 9am - 4pm

The Rugby Borough Children & Family Centres are currently without a social media presence and we're working on getting our FB page back asap.

Our Walk-in Wardrobe, a free pre-loved clothing service available for families within the local area for children ages 0 - 8 years old is in desperate need of warm winter clothing in age 12 months and above, especially 2 - 4 year clothing.

We're also accepting season themed clothing, such as Halloween costumes and festive clothing.

If you're having a clear out, please think of us, our WiW is a very popular service and is vital to families in the area who may need support clothing their young children as the season changes and various holidays approach.

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at serena.langan@barnardos.org if you have any queries about our Walk-in Wardrobe



Registered Charity number 1075679

call our free phone
0800 988 2881

Grants
Heating
Insulation
Energy efficiency
Energy saving tips

Act On Energy

BIRMINGHAM THE BLACK COUNTRY SOLIHULL COVENTRY WARWICKSHIRE WORCESTERSHIRE

www.actonenergy.org.uk

Understanding your child: from toddler to teen

Free 'Understanding Your Child' course for all parents, grandparents, and carers of children aged between six months to 19 years

The resources are tailored so that whatever their age, you can use the ideas and techniques to help better understand your child, their emotions, and how to nurture them.

Use the code BEAR to get free access.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentguides>

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

LEMON JELLY

Be who you want to be

TWO WEEKS FREE!

Lemon Jelly is your gateway to an incredible performing arts journey! Our classes are more than just a learning experience, they're a confidence-boosting adventure.

CLASSES IN RUGBY
Book via our class links below



Academy
5-7yrs
8-10yrs
FUSION
11-16yrs



PROJECTS
Live Theatre
Screen & Audio recordings
LAMDA exams

HOULTON SCHOOL
SUNDAYS from 9:30am

01788 494281
rugby@lemonjellyarts.com



Suitable for all the family (recommended for ages 3-9)

The Gingerbread Man
14 - 23 Dec & 2 - 4 Jan

Find out more & book now at www.macreadytheatre.co.uk

MACREADY THEATRE **stuff and nonsense**
theatre company

comedy 4 club kids



Performance and Workshop
Wednesday 29 Oct, 14:00

Find out more and book now at www.macreadytheatre.co.uk

MACREADY THEATRE **Macready Theatre**
Lawrence Sheriff Street
Rugby, CV22 5EJ

GREEN HALLOWEEN 27TH OCT - 2ND NOV

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| MONDAY 9.30-10AM DUPLO TIME 2.30-3.30PM BADGE MAKING | TUESDAY 2.30-4PM TURTLESTITCH FOR BEGINNERS* | WEDNESDAY 9.30-10AM RHYME TIME 10.30AM-12.30PM BOARD GAMES 3-5PM COMEDY CLUB WORKSHOP** |
| THURSDAY 10AM-12PM CHESS MATES 3-4PM SPOOKY CRAFTS | FRIDAY 2.30-4PM SPOOKY STOP-MOTION ANIMATION* | SATURDAY 2-3PM LEGO CLUB 2-3.30PM JASON BUCK STORYTELLING (10+)* |
| SUNDAY 12.30-1.30PM LEGO CLUB 2.30-3.30PM BOOK MAGIC |  <p>*Book your spaces on Eventbrite</p>  <p>** Bookable through Macready Theatre</p> | |

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



AK COACHING

OCTOBER Holiday Club

- Football • Tag Rugby • Frisbee • Dodgeball • Basketball • Netball • Hockey • Tennis • Cricket • Rounders • Gymnastics • Table Tennis

PLUS, PLENTY OF OTHER FUN GAMES



MON 27TH OCT - FRI 31ST OCT
0900-1600
£17 PER DAY, PER CHILD
AGE 5-11

BACK AT BILTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

BOOK NOW
<https://rb.gy/8yczup>



07725 876 612
akcoaching2020@gmail.com

MEDALS, TROPHIES & TSHIRTS TO BE WON

1ST RUGBY BOYS' BRIGADE

We meet at Rugby Baptist Church on Regent Street, CV21 2PJ every Friday night during term time.

Boys' Brigade is an international uniformed organisation. At 1st Rugby we have fun, play games, play the drums and bugles in our band make crafts, learn life skills and hear about God all whilst working towards badges that are awarded in May. We also have a week long camp in the summer!

Anchors - age 5 to year 3 - 18:30 to 20:00
Juniors - year 4 to year 6 - 18:30 to 20:00
Company - year 7 to year 10 - 18:30 to 21:00
Seniors - year 11 to year 13 - 18:30 to 21:00

The first night is free and after that it is £1 per week



To find out more please contact us

THE BOYS' BRIGADE
the adventure begins here



GO GO MAKERS

AWARD-WINNING, OFSTED APPROVED MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CAMPS

WIN A FREE DAY FOR YOU & A FRIEND

5 SETS OF PASSES TO WIN!
Meaning 5 lucky winners can bring one friend to experience our Mini's reception program, at GO GO Makers October Half Term holiday camp!

CAMPOWEEN TO ENTER
SCAN THE QR CODE & ENTER YOUR DETAILS at www.gogomakers.co.uk/competition

Winners will be drawn on 22nd October. Enter before 20th October 2020.

GO GO MINI'S
HOLIDAY CAMP PROGRAM FOR RECEPTION CHILDREN

A tailored approach to help your little one get the most out of our holiday camp! Timetable of activities include:

- GO GO CREATORS ART
- GO GO ACTIVE SPORTS
- GO GO EINSTEIN'S STEEL
- GO GO GROOVERS DANCE

AVAILABLE ACROSS WARWICKSHIRE & THE WEST MIDLANDS

gogomakers.co.uk/competition
RATED 5 STARS ON GOOGLE

1ST RUGBY GIRLS' BRIGADE

We meet at Rugby Baptist Church on Regent Street, CV21 2PJ every Monday night during term time.

Girls' Brigade is an international uniformed organisation. At 1st Rugby we have fun, make friends, play games, make crafts, develop confidence, learn life skills and hear about God all whilst working towards badges that are awarded in July. We organise exciting trips and days out and have a week long camp in the summer!

n:investigate - reception to year 3 - 18:00 to 19:15
n:gage - year 4 to year 6 - 18:00 to 20:00
n:counta - year 7 to year 9 - 18:00 to 20:00
n:spire - year 10 to year 13 - 18:00 to 20:00

The first night is free and after that it is £20 per term (£60 per year)



To find out more please contact us

the GIRLS' BRIGADE
ENGLAND & WALES



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

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

WHEN PLAYING



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>



SCAN ME

Inspire - Challenge - Achieve

