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Bilton Community Federation



**"At the going down of the sun and in
the morning, we will remember them,"
- Laurence Binyon**



14th November 2025

BULLETIN

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

Headlines

**Points of
Interest**

**St Mark's Art and
Writing Exhibition**

**15th - 22nd
November**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Earlier in the week Miss Noyce presented a thoughtful and meaningful assembly for Remembrance Day. It was a very special occasion for our children, as it reinforced our key messages about respect, gratitude, and the sacrifices made by so many people for peace and freedom. Through this assembly, the children gained a deeper understanding of the importance of remembrance and how historical events have shaped the world we live in today. Taking part in traditions such as wearing poppies and observing a moment of silence helped the children feel connected to both their community and their country. These moments of reflection reminded everyone of the value of peace and the importance of resolving conflicts through understanding and kindness rather than violence. We were extremely proud of how thoughtfully the children engaged with this learning, and we would also like to extend our congratulations to those who represented the school so well at the Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday.



We would also like to thank everyone for their incredible support of Children in Need today. Your generosity and enthusiasm have made a real difference. The funds raised will go towards supporting children and young people who face a range of challenges, such as poverty, illness, disability, or difficult family circumstances. Through your contributions, you are helping to provide them with opportunities to build brighter, more secure futures. It has been wonderful to see our children come together for such a meaningful cause, demonstrating kindness, compassion, and a strong sense of community spirit.



Finally, we invite you to visit the upcoming Art and Writing Exhibition at St Mark's Church, Bilton, where you can enjoy a showcase of fantastic creative work from our children. The exhibition will take place on Saturday 15th and 22nd November from 10:00am to 12:30pm.

Thank you all once again for your continued support.

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Celebrations

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Learner of the week

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- 3HN Dara For being a wonderful Science Ambassador and leading our class investigation
- 3LD Daksh For his lovely story around Remembrance Day
- 3RY Srithik For always putting 100% into everything he does
- 3TP Logan For his excellent inference work in guiding reading
- 4EL Ethan For his creativity when producing his amazing art collage
- 4SR Alex For his amazing ideas in our poetry work
- 4SS Nzinga for his amazing writing skills
- 5LM Olivia For excellent contributions of alternative vocabulary during our English lessons
- 5MB Karthi K For working hard and showing enthusiasm across the curriculum
- 5PA Yatika For excellent effort and achievement
- 6LB Whole class For their resilience and a positive attitude both at Rock UK and in school last week.
- 6NV Whole class For all the new skills that children learnt at school and at Rock UK last week

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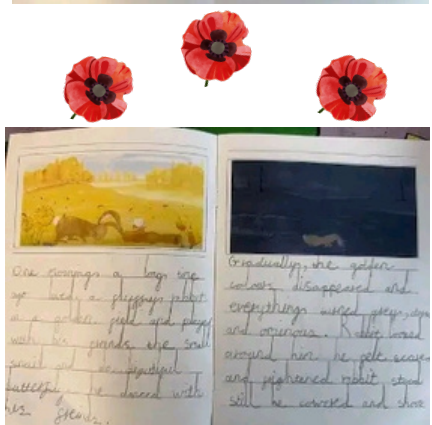
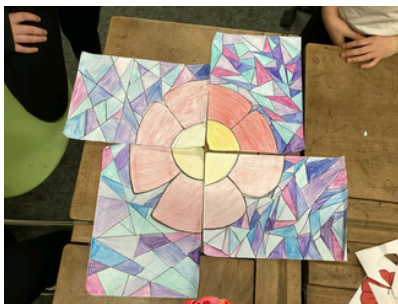
Thank you from all @ BJS



- 3HN Archie E For being a caring member of class
- 3LD Olivia C For always being a caring friend to others
- 3RY Skye For being a caring and kind member of class
- 3TP Charlene For always being a caring member of class
- 4EL Fatoumata For making lots of progress with her reading and showing resilience
- 4SR Harry for always showing care and consideration to others
- 4SS Kacper for being such a wonderful and caring friend
- 5LM Mia For showing care to a year 3 at lunchtime
- 5MB Isabelle for demonstrating care and respect
- 5PA Isabelle For demonstrating care and kindness in her interactions with others
- 6LB Violet G For showing compassion and encouragement to their friends while at Rock UK
- 6NV Flo For her 'can do' attitude at Rock UK as well as being a great support to her team mates

In school activities

Remembrance activities



LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

The Supreme Court 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 law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request. A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance. Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence 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. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' 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 is expected 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. 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. 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'. All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

- 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 – 4 in total).

o **First Leave of Absence offence:** The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.

o **Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice):** The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.

- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.
- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Community Autism Support Service

CASS casspartnership.org.uk

If you live in Coventry or Warwickshire with a diagnosis of autism, or are awaiting a diagnosis, we may be able to help you, your parents or your carer.

You can start by calling the Navigation Team and ask about available support. Our team is made up of autistic individuals and those with lived experience, including parents or carers of autistic individuals.

Clear and timely support across Coventry and Warwickshire

HAF Winter 2025-26

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Apply on our website NOW www.warwickshire.gov.uk/HAF

Eligibility:

- In Reception - Year II
- Receiving benefits-related free school meals

LIVE from the 24th of November

Don't miss out on this chance to start your child's HAF journey!

Reading at Home With Your Child

Predict

Ask your child to predict what they think is going to happen next.

Build

Build reading together into your daily routine.

Find

Find a quiet, comfortable place to read together away from any distractions.

Ask

Ask about their opinion of the book. Discuss story, style likes and dislikes.

Recap

If it is the same book, ask your child to recap what has happened so far.

Connect

Try to connect the story to your child's own world.

Start

If it is a new book, start by looking at the cover, title, pictures and blurb.

Check

Check their understanding of the book. Ask questions - Why? How? Who? When? Where? What?

Discuss

Discuss and research the meaning of any unfamiliar words or phrases.

Allow

If your child mispronounces a word, do not interrupt. Allow them time to self-correct.

Notices

2025 RAINBOW RAFFLE

5TH DECEMBER - NON UNIFORM DAY IN EXCHANGE FOR RAFFLE DONATION
IN YOUR CLASS COLOUR

THERE WILL BE MULTIPLE HAMPERS TO BE WON
NO NUT PRODUCTS PLEASE

3LD & 5LM - YELLOW
4SS & 4RY - BLUE
5MB & 4EL - GREEN
6NV & 6KC ORANGE
5PA & 3TP - RED
4SR - PURPLE
3HN - WHITE
6LB - PINK

IMPORTANT: PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS ARE RETURNED TO CLASS ONLY!!

MHST
Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness

Be Helpful

Being helpful means doing something kind for someone else — like sharing, listening, or offering a hand — even in small ways. When you help, your brain feels safe and happy. It teaches empathy, kindness, and gratitude — all great for mental health!

Why being helpful is good for you:
 Boosts your mood: Helping others releases feel-good chemicals in your brain.
 Builds Confidence: You'll feel proud and capable when you make a difference.
 Creates Connection: Helping brings people together and reduces loneliness.
 Reduces Stress: Focusing on others can calm your mind and improve wellbeing.

Our Top Tips For Being Helpful:

- Start Small** – You don't have to do something huge – even small acts of kindness matter! Holding a door, sharing a smile or helping with a chore all count.
- Listen First** – Sometimes the best way to help is to listen and being there for someone who needs to talk.
- Spread Positivity** – Compliments, encouragement, and gratitude go a long way. They make everyone feel good!
- Make it a habit** – Try to do one helpful thing every day. The more you practice kindness, the more natural it feels!
- Work as a team** – Helping doesn't mean doing everything alone. Teamwork makes helping fun and easier for everyone.
- Reflection time** – After helping someone, take a minute to think: How did it make you feel? How did it help the other person? What did you learn about kindness?

Examples of how to help others:

- Sit with someone who is alone at lunch time
- Give family or friends a kind note to brighten their day
- Help your neighbour to take their shopping in
- Offer to tidy the classroom or help your teacher hand out resources

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.

Recovery & Wellbeing ACADEMY

Courses for Parents and Carers supporting children and young people's mental health and well-being

Parents and Carers can access a range of courses to support children and young people's mental health and well-being through the Recovery and Wellbeing Academy www.recoveryandwellbeing.co.uk/Courses

From the website please select courses for parents or those caring for children to show the list of course.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators GUIDING YOUNG VOICES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Bullying impacts the lives of many young people. In the UK, one in five pupils aged 10 to 16 report being bullied. The effects can be long lasting, affecting mental health, school attendance and self-esteem, and can impact long-term development into adult life. Adults play a key role in building young people's confidence to speak out, support one another, and stand up to unkind behaviour. This guide offers ways to help youngsters make a positive difference.

- CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES**
Young people often identify by wearing their school clothes, an different hair style, or different accessories. Celebrate differences in their school uniforms, accessories, and hairstyles. Encourage them to be confident in their own choices. It's important to be respectful of their choices and not to mock or tease them.
- MODEL RESPECT**
Children learn to respect from adults. Model respect in your own behaviour. Be respectful of others' opinions, feelings, and beliefs. Encourage children to be respectful to others and to stand up for those who are being treated unfairly.
- SPOT THE SIGNS**
Adults and young people should be aware of the signs of bullying. Signs may include: a child who is withdrawn, a child who is being teased or bullied, a child who is being excluded, a child who is being teased or bullied, a child who is being teased or bullied.
- VALIDATE FEELINGS**
When a child comes forward with a concern, it's important to listen to what they have to say. Validate their feelings and let them know that you are there to support them. Encourage them to talk to you about their feelings and to let you know if they need help.
- TEACH ALLYSHIP**
Encourage children to stand up for others who are being bullied. Encourage them to be kind and to help others who are being bullied. Encourage them to be kind and to help others who are being bullied.
- PROMOTE REPORTING**
Encourage young people to report bullying to a trusted adult. Encourage them to report bullying to a trusted adult. Encourage them to report bullying to a trusted adult.
- ENCOURAGE KINDNESS**
Encourage children to be kind to others. Encourage them to be kind to others. Encourage them to be kind to others.
- USE YOUR VOICE**
Encourage children to speak up for themselves and others. Encourage them to speak up for themselves and others. Encourage them to speak up for themselves and others.
- BUILD COMMUNITY AND BELONGING**
Encourage children to build a sense of community and belonging. Encourage them to build a sense of community and belonging. Encourage them to build a sense of community and belonging.
- SUSTAIN THE CONVERSATION**
Encourage children to sustain the conversation. Encourage them to sustain the conversation. Encourage them to sustain the conversation.

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Parenting Project

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](http://www.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

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

Activities

INTERNATIONAL GAMES MONTH



Book here

<p>WEREWOLVES As night turns into day, can you work out who the werewolves are and avoid being bitten? 5.30-6.30pm, Tuesday 12th November 12 years+</p>	<p>SWORD OF THE SUNS Join the quest to stop the Shadow King and save the realm full of magic, monsters and mystery in this group adventure game. 11am-12.30pm, Saturday 15th November 6 years+</p>
<p>THE TOWER OF DOOONOOONOO Venture into the magical Dracodeep Dungeon to cast out the Scarlet Sorceress from your realm in this group adventure. 2.00-3.30pm, Saturday 15th November 6 years+</p>	<p>ESCAPE THE WRITER'S BLOCK Can you help end the author overcome the library? A family-friendly 30min Escape Room. 11am, 12pm, 2pm & 3pm Saturday 22nd November 6 years+</p>
<p>THE DETECTIVE CLUB MURDER A murder mystery game written by the author Ruth Ware. Can you solve the mystery to reveal the guilty party? 5.30-6.30pm, Tuesday 25th November 16 years+</p>	<p>FAMILY BOARD GAMES Join us for a variety of board games suitable for all the family. From 'Camel Up' to 'On Tour' to 'Wavelength', there will be a variety of short games you can play. 10-11.30am, Saturday 29th November 8 years+</p>



St Mark's Church
Church Walk, Bilton, CV22 7LX

Art & Writing Exhibition

Saturdays 15th & 22nd November
10.00am - 12.30pm

A special exhibition of art and writing by the pupils of local schools.
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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

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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:vestigate - 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

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

SPECIAL JANUARY DRAW



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



<https://www.rugbylotto.org/support/bilton-school-pta-rugby>



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