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Bilton Community Federation



**"No act of kindness, no matter how small,
is ever wasted"**
- Aesop



21st 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/Carers,

We had the absolute pleasure of welcoming children's author Paul Taylor to our whole school assembly on Monday. Paul captivated the children with lively readings of his poems, filling the hall with laughter, excitement, and plenty of smiles. His warm, engaging style made the visit particularly special and it was clear that the children thoroughly enjoyed every moment.



A real highlight of the morning was the chance to explore Paul's beautifully illustrated books, brought to life through the wonderful artwork of Magdalena Edwards. The children were fascinated by the illustrations and stories and we are incredibly grateful to Paul for generously donating signed copies to our school library. These will certainly be treasured for years to come.

Thank you so much to Miss York and her class, who presented a wonderful assembly about care and kindness. They told the story of the Good Samaritan and spoke about the difference we can all make within our school community.

We would also like to encourage families to support Paul's work, especially as all profits from his book sales go directly to charity. His newest book, due for release in January, was shared with the children—making them some of the very first to see it!

As we move further into winter, we have noticed the colder weather setting in. Please ensure that children come to school with warm clothing and their coats each day so they can stay comfortable during outdoor play and activities.

Meanwhile, the school is beginning to echo with the sounds of Christmas as preparations are underway for our Christmas Service at St Mark's. We are delighted to invite families to join us for these special celebrations on Tuesday 16th December:

Years 3 and 5: 10:00 am
Years 4 and 6: 11:30 am

Have a wonderful weekend.

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Celebrations

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Learner of the week

3HN, Arjan , For his fantastic contribution to our Nativity and wonderful singing!

3LD, Jennuh, For being more focused in lessons

3RY, Skye, For excellent instruction writing in English

3TP, Rubus, For a great diagram of a prehistoric flint axe in History

4EL, Bradley, For his resilience in PE

4SR, Jake, for his enthusiasm in English and Geography

4SS, Murray, for his excellent contributions and work in Maths

5LM, Valerija, For an excellent setting description of a workhouse in English

5MB, Jasmine, for excellent work across the curriculum.

5PA, Francesca, For her enthusiasm for, and contributions to class discussions

6LB, Jaymee, For wonderful work participating in Maths lessons

6NV, Nikhita, For excellent contributions to lessons, well done!

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Thank you from all @ BJS

YOU are the
LIGHT
of the WORLD!

3HN, Skye, For helping others at all times

3LD, Mila, For always being a caring friend

3RY, Hollie, For her great kind and caring attitude to other children in 3RY

3TP, Santosh, For his constant kindness and thoughtful care for others

4EL, Darcey, For always showing kindness and care to others

4SR, Ollie, for being kind and caring to others

4SS, Eliza, for her wonderful kind and caring attitude and always being respectful

5LM, Emily S, For being kind and caring towards a year 3

5MB, Grace, for always being happy to help

5PA, Evie, For being a kind and caring friend and setting a great example

6LB, Armaie, For being kind and caring towards adults in the class

6NV, Teddy, For always showing kindness and respect to others.

In school activities

Year 6 exploring light and making periscopes



Notices



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.

HAF Winter 2025-26

Get ready!

Get your HAF CODE → Check out LISTINGS → CONTACT your preferred provider

Apply on our website NOW

LIVE from the 21st of November

Eligibility:

- In Reception - Year 11
- Receiving benefits-related free school meals

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

First Steps... Starting School

APPLICATIONS TO APPLY 01 November 2025 To 15 JANUARY 2026

Parents & Carers of children living in Warwickshire applying for a Reception 2026 place at a Primary/Infant School.

Deciding on a place to learn

- Priority Area Schools - Which schools are in your local area
- Research your schools - Attend open days, ask to visit, Schools Website, Social Media
- Are your preferences practical, travel to and from school, after school clubs...
- Choose as many preferences as possible (6 in total)

Useful Links on the Warwickshire County Council Website - School Admissions

- I want help to decide a school for my child ([LINK](#))
 - On this page you will find Schools in your local area using the find a school app.
 - Schools Websites
 - School Guide
 - School Transport
 - How to make an Application
- The Process - Applying For a Primary/Infant School Place ([LINK](#))
 - Applications to apply open 01 November 2025
 - On this page you will find a full breakdown of dates and instructions of how and where to apply and what happens next.

For more information, please email your enquiry to - admissions@warwickshire.gov.uk



Family Support Drop In Sessions



Would you like the opportunity to speak to a Family Support Worker?

Family Support Workers can offer support with

- Developing Routines and Boundaries
- Understanding your child's behaviour
- Behaviour Management
- Health and Wellbeing
- Childrens Mental Health

Join us for a consultation with a Family Support Worker at
Claremont Children and Family Centre

Every Wednesday
2pm - 4pm



Phone: 01926 414 144
Option 1, then 2 for Family Support.
Available Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm



Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Motivation

Motivation is what helps you start and keep going with your goals, this may be linked to school, hobbies or life stuff. It is the 'why' behind what you are doing. Motivation can help you to finish a task or practise a new skill, it can make learning and playing more fun and help you to feel proud when you have done something great.

Sometimes it can be difficult to find motivation to begin an activity. To help with this, think about what is your 'why'. Ask yourself what goal matters to you and connect with what excites or inspires you.

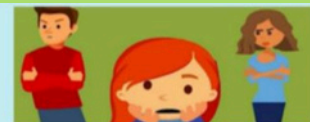
Our Top Tips For Motivation:

- Set small and clear goals:** Break big tasks into bite-sized steps. Ensure you celebrate each smaller win along the way.
- Create a routine that works for you:** Having a plan for your day can help to keep you on track and reduce potential stress.
- Remain positive:** If you are finding an activity difficult, remember to be kind to yourself. If something is hard, say, 'I am learning' instead of 'I can't do it'.
- Ask for help:** It is ok to ask family, friends or teachers for some help when you get stuck.
- Motivational matching activity:** Write some goals down on individual pieces of paper e.g., 'to finish my homework' and some motivational reasons down on another piece of paper e.g., 'to help me learn new things'. Spread the paper around upside down. Take turns flipping them over to match a goal with a motivational reason. When a pair is found, have a conversation about why that motivation may help to achieve the goal. Consider any barriers to achieving the goal and plan how you could overcome them.

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.



A FOCUS ON SUPPORTING PARENTS TO WORK TOGETHER

Parenting Together
Virtual Sessions
Monday 1st December
17:30 - 19:30

Parenting can be tough—especially when there's tension between co-parents.

Parenting Together

Our 2 hour Parenting Together workshop is an ideal starting point for navigating conflict and co-parenting.

Working it Out - Co-parenting in a Positive Way

Our newly revised 4 week programme helps parents and carers build more positive ways of communicating and reducing conflict that put children first.

Working it Out
4 Week Virtual Programme
Monday January 12th -
February 2nd
9:30 - 11:30



Warwickshire Family and Relationship Support

Book your FREE place



For further information, or if a workshop is full, please email: ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk

Please note that it is essential to have a working camera during all virtual sessions.

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

Notices

At The National College, our understanding of the engagement and usage of parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age appropriate conversations about children's online safety, social media and wellbeing, and digital literacy, through devices by mobile phones, tablets, smart phones, smart watches, smart TVs and smart speakers.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TRACKING DEVICES

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's Air Tag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These smart tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- STALKING AND HARASSMENT**
Applications of these devices can be used to track someone's location, even when they are not using the device. This can be used to stalk or harass someone, even if they are not using the device. This can be used to stalk or harass someone, even if they are not using the device.
- INVASION OF PRIVACY**
These devices are designed to share location data with the user and other people's phones. This can be used to track someone's location, even when they are not using the device. This can be used to stalk or harass someone, even if they are not using the device.
- DIFFICULT TO DETECT**
Many tracking devices are designed to be small and discreet, making them difficult to detect. This can be used to stalk or harass someone, even if they are not using the device.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS**
If a child's phone or tablet is missing, or if they are acting suspiciously, it could be a sign of tracking. Watch for signs of tracking, such as a child's phone or tablet being missing, or if they are acting suspiciously.
- USE DETECTION APPS**
There are several apps available that can help detect tracking devices. These apps can be used to detect tracking devices, even when they are not using the device.
- CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS**
Tracking devices are often hidden in places that are easy to find, such as under a bed or in a backpack. Check these areas for tracking devices, even when they are not using the device.
- HAVE THE CONVERSATION**
Talk to your child about online safety and tracking devices. This can help them understand the risks and how to protect themselves. This can help them understand the risks and how to protect themselves.

Meet Our Expert
Also available in a separate technology journal with lessons in Welsh, Thai, Hindi, and Spanish. The Journal is available in Welsh, Hindi, and Spanish. The Journal is available in Welsh, Hindi, and Spanish.

Wake Up Wednesday The National College

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

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 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 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 i.e. 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.

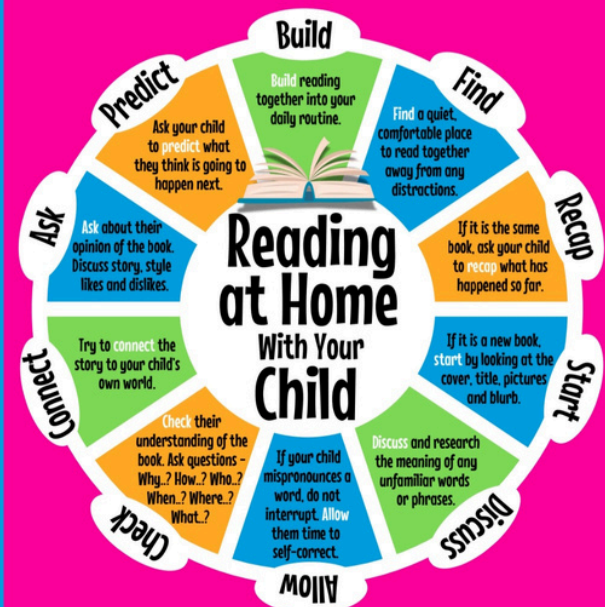
- Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices - 4 in total).
- First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.
- 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 notice will 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.

Rugby Foodbank Together with Trussell Reverse Advent Calendar

1 Powdered Milk	2 Tea	3 Instant Coffee	4 Tinned Meat	5 Tinned Snack Meals
6 Rice (500g/1kg)	7 Tinned Fish	8 Biscuits	9 Cereal	10 Tinned Vegetables
11 Instant Mash	12 Rice Pudding	13 Washing Powder/Capsules	14 Hot Chocolate	15 Pasta Sauce
16 Tinned Tomatoes	17 Cream Crackers	18 Tinned/Packet Soup	19 Fruit Squash	20 Long Life Milk
21 Custard (Ready Made)	22 Tinned Spaghetti	23 Tinned Fruit	24 Jam/Honey	25 Shampoo
26 Flour	27 Cooking Oil	28 Tinned Potatoes	29 Dried Red Lentils	30 Deodorant

rugby.foodbank.org.uk
info@rugby.foodbank.org.uk

Donations needed by 3rd Dec!



Silly School Education

Activities

2 DAYS
Christmas Jumpers Welcome!



AK COACHING

Christmas Holiday Club

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

PLUS, PLENTY OF OTHER FUN GAMES

MON 22nd DEC
TUE 23rd DEC

0900-1600

£17 FOR THE DAY

AGE 5-11

BILTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

BOOK NOW USING THE QR CODE

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akcoaching2020@gmail.com

RUGBY MYTON SUPPORT GROUP

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Rugby Myton Support Hub,
Barby Road, Rugby, CV22 5PY

Saturday 29th November
10am - 1pm

books ▲ bric-a-brac ▲ cakes
crafts ▲ toiletries ▲ toys ▲ tombolas
refreshments ▲ christmas hamper ▲ raffle

In aid of
myton hospice

Free Admission
For further information call
-01788 813172

PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

4PM - 5:30PM

JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON OF FESTIVE GAMES, ACTIVITIES AND TREATS!

FREE ENTRY



HAF
FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITY OF FOOD PLACES

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Education Through Performing Arts

Winter Holiday Camp

"SNOW WHITE"

£25 per day

8:45AM - 3:30PM
AGE 5-11
29TH & 30TH DEC 2025

SINGING, DANCING, ACTING, ARTS & CRAFTS, PROPS, GAMES, BOUNCY CASTLE, PERFORMANCE & MORE!

THOMAS JOLYFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL
CLOPTON RD, STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, CV37 8TE

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Warwickshire County Council

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.
Enjoy baked refreshments as you vote for your favourites.

Sponsored by Rugby Arts Society
www.theartsocietyrugby.org.uk

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

26TH NOVEMBER 7PM

£30

BAWNMORE INFANT SCHOOL

INCLUDES ALL MATERIALS, A COMPLIMENTARY DRINK AND A HOMEMADE MINCE PIE

TUTOR - JANE FROM PERRANSFIELD FARM
(DEPENDENT ON THE NUMBER)

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO BOOK YOUR SPOT BEFORE 14TH NOVEMBER



All staff are fully qualified, DBS checked and First Aid trained

Holiday Club dates for 25/26

October Half Term
Monday 27th Oct to Thurs 30th October 2025 (4 day camp)

Christmas 2025/26
Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th Dec 2025 (2 day camp)

February Half Term
Monday 16th to Thursday 19th February 2026 (4 day camp)

Easter 2026
Wk 1 - Mon 30th March to Thurs 2nd April 2026 (4 day camp)
Wk 2 - Tue 7th to Thurs 9th April 2026 (3 day camp)

May Half Term
Tuesday 26th May to Thursday 28th May 2026 (3 day camp)

Summer 2025
Week 1 - 27th to 30th July (4 day camp)
Week 2 - 3rd to 6th August (4 day camp)
Week 3 - 10th to 13th August (4 day camp)
Week 4 - 17th to 20th August (4 day camp)
Week 5 - 24th to 27th August (4 day camp)

Price per child
£17.50 per standard day (9am to 3.45pm)
£2.50 per wrap around session or £21 for complete day

SUPER STAR SPORT

WINTER CAMP

NORTHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL HALL, NORTHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY, PINDERS LANE, RUGBY, CV21 2SS

22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th Dec & 2nd Jan

FOR AGES 5 TO 13:
08:45AM - 15:15PM
FULL DAY: £22.50
FULL WEEK: £100.00

FOR 4 YEAR OLDS ONLY:
08:45AM - 12:45PM
HALF DAY: £17.50
HALF DAY FULL WEEK: £70.00

EARLY DROP OFF - FROM 8:15AM
LATE PICK UP - 3:15PM TO 4:30PM

FREE spaces for children who are entitled to benefit related free school meals.
Text 07963 324 799 to book your place

SCAN HERE



TO BOOK:
Visit www.superstarsport.co.uk
Go to "Book Now" & select your club!

TT COUNTRY EVENTS PRESENTS

Christmas Fair

AT THE BENN HALL, RUGBY

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER
11AM-2PM FREE ENTRY

NEWBOLD ROAD, RUGBY CV21 2LN

INTERNATIONAL GAMES MONTH

WEREWOLVES
12 years+ November
As night turns into day, can you work out who the werewolves are and avoid being bitten?
5.30-6.30pm, Tuesday 12th November

SWORD OF THE SUNS
6 years+ November
Join the quest to stop the Shadow King and save the realm full of magic, monsters and mystery in this group adventure game.
11am-12pm, 2pm & 3pm Saturday 15th November

THE TOWER OF DOOOOOOM!
6 years+ November
Venture into the magical Dungeons & Dragons to cast out the Scarlet Sorcerer from your realm in this group adventure.
2.00-3.30pm, Saturday 15th November

ESCAPE THE WRITER'S BLOCK
6 years+ November
Can you help and the author, overcome the block? A Family-friendly 30min Escape Room.
11am, 12pm, 2pm & 3pm Saturday 22nd November

THE DETECTIVE CLUB MURDER
16 years+ November
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 26th November

FAMILY BOARD GAMES
8 years+ November
Fun for a variety of board games suitable for all the family. From 'Catan' to 'On Your Mark'!
10.15-11.30am, Saturday 29th November

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

WHEN SHOPPING WITH TWO SPECIFIC RETAILERS



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



Sainsbury's

Register on:
myschoolfund.org



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