



Proud to be part of  
Bilton Community Federation

# BULLETIN

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

Points of Interest

School opens

Tuesday  
6th January



We hope you have a wonderful Christmas

From all the BJS staff

19th December 2025

## Headlines

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a truly lovely week in school, and it has been a pleasure to see the children so excited as we approach the Christmas break. The sense of joy and anticipation has been felt throughout the school, making it a very special end to the term.

It was wonderful to see so many families join us at St Mark's Church for our Christmas service. The atmosphere was warm and festive, and it was a privilege to come together as a school community in such a beautiful setting. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Stevens for her hard work in organising the choir and the nativity, as well as coordinating the carol singing that took place across the school. The children performed superbly and should be very proud of themselves. Thank you also to the fantastic team at St Mark's for creating such a welcoming and special environment for us and to all the volunteers who kindly helped walk the children safely to and from the church. We really hope you enjoyed sharing this special occasion with us.



Alongside all the class Christmas fun and games, our wonderful Young Carers enjoyed a special celebration this week, filled with food, laughter and fun. It is so important that we recognise and celebrate the incredible support these children give to their families at home. I know they had a fantastic time and my thanks go to Mrs Thompson and Mrs Smith for organising such a thoughtful and enjoyable event.



Finally, a quick reminder that Monday 5th January is a training day. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 6th January.

Wishing you all a very happy, peaceful, and joyful Christmas.

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# Celebrations

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## Learner of the week

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- 3HN The whole class & Year 5 readers For learning all their parts for the Christmas service
- 3LD Romeo For always trying his best with his lessons
- 3RY Parker For really trying hard in his English and Maths lessons
  
- 4EL Ali For completing extra learning at home and trying his best
- 4SR Elyse for her enthusiasm and engagement in learning
- 4SS The whole class & Year 6 readers & Gammell For learning all their parts for the Christmas service
  
- 5LM Jake For his fantastic teamwork and kindness completing his DT project
- 5MB Amelia Showing determination and perseverance in DT
- 5PA Evie, Felicity & Nathaniel For leading the Christmas Service
  
- 6LB Charlotte For great determination during Maths
- 6KC David and Harrison Completing their science experiment
- 6NV Casey T For hard work and perseverance in Maths

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Thank you from all @ BJS



- 3HN The whole class or their amazing contribution to the Christmas service
- 3LD Suzan For always being a kind person
- 3RY Rufus For always being a kind and caring person
  
- 4EL Dan For his resilience when learning to sew
- 4SR Summer For her kindness - helping others with their sewing
- 4SS The whole class For their wonderful contribution to the Christmas service
  
- 5LM Catherine For her care, kindness and teamwork completing her DT project
- 5MB Noah For his kindness
- 5PA Joshua Being a fantastic friend and collaborator!
  
- 6LB Thomas B Always having a kind and caring attitude
- 6KC Bo For organising work for Mrs Khan
- 6NV Eddie For always having a cheerful attitude and showing kindness to others

# In school activities

## School Christmas Service



# Notices

At The National College, our Workingsharing guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and safe conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and create change. Formally delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address online topics and themes. For further guides, facts and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.gov.uk](http://nationalcollege.gov.uk).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI TOYS

This festive season, the newest toys on the shelves do not just blip or make noise; they listen. Many now come with artificial intelligence (AI), allowing them to talk, learn, and even respond to a child's emotions. These toys can be educational and engaging, but they also collect, store, and process information. This guide explains what that means for families and why it matters.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

**TOYS THAT LISTEN AND LEARN**  
When they play with AI, a child's data is sent to the manufacturer, stored, and then used to improve the toy. This information is sent to the manufacturer, which then uses it to improve the toy. This information is sent to the manufacturer, which then uses it to improve the toy.

**WEAK SECURITY PROTECTIONS**  
Some toys have poor password protection or a weak network connection. Others may have vulnerabilities or updates that are not up to date when the toy appears to be off. This can lead to recordings being stored without your knowledge, including conversations without your consent.

**ARTIFICIAL VOICES, REAL INFLUENCE**  
For very young children, an AI companion may become one of the first voices they interact with regularly. Even if the voice is synthetic, it may be convincing, and the child may be influenced by it. If the voice is artificial, then what is behind it becomes a critical issue.

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**MARKETING THROUGH PLAY**  
Toys that learn a child's preferences may use that data to target advertising. A toy that knows a child's favorite color of toy car could help a company design more targeted marketing for that child and their family.

**PLAYTIME AS DATA TRAINING**  
The information collected from children helps train AI systems. Their voice, emotional responses, and behavior may have real-world implications. This data is used to improve AI systems that power many of the services we use every day, including those that influence how future technologies behave.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

**START WITH A CONVERSATION**  
Talk to young people. Explain that some toys learn from what they say and do. Help them understand that even friendly technology should have boundaries, and to ask questions about it. Consider a family internet safety plan.

**SET LIMITS ON USE**  
Turn off AI if it is on when the toy is not in use. Check the updates regularly, as they can change privacy or safety settings. These connected toys like any smart device, they should be monitored, updated, and deleted when not in use.

**MODEL DIGITAL AWARENESS**  
Children learn from adults. If they see you checking privacy settings, leaving trains, and talking openly about online safety, they are more likely to do the same. Show them how to question technology and their child and their family.

**RESEARCH BEFORE YOU BUY**  
Look for toys that work offline or store data locally. Check for a free or demo version so you can test how it behaves. Read different reviews to understand what others have said, where it goes, and whether it is safe and secure.

**REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS**  
Find out where the data is stored and who has access to it. Some companies sell or share data with advertisers. If the toy connects to the internet, check which it requests access to and find those permissions when you purchase.

**BALANCE AI WITH REAL PLAY**  
AI toys can be fun and creative, but they are not a replacement for real human interaction. Encourage lots of time with technological toys, but also make sure your child has plenty of time with toys that foster emotional and social development, like role-play toys, building blocks, and dolls.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Clare Howling is Executive Director of eMphasis Education, the advice government, school trusts, and global organisations in government and engineering, helping schools and families understand how technology shapes learning, wellbeing and the digital future of children.

**WakeUp Wednesday**  
The National College

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

**BJS** Parent Teachers Association

**An exciting opportunity to join our team**

**JOIN OUR TEAM**

**KS2 Teacher**  
**Maternity Cover**  
**Bilton C of E Junior School**  
**Fixed Term Contract - 1 year**  
**From Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Closing date for applications: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January

For further details and information please contact the school office team by calling: 01788 810675 or email: [office@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:office@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk)

Application Forms available on our website: <https://www.biltonjuniorschool.co.uk/about-us/vacancies>

**PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

**BJS**

Thank you very much to everyone that contributed to our Rainbow Raffle

We had at least 11 winners & we raised an amazing

**£992.80**

for the school

**TOGETHERNESS**  
Bringing the Solihull Approach to the world

**Warwickshire Family and Relationship Support**

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD 10 WEEK PROGRAMME

**UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD**  
SOLIHULL APPROACH

**13TH JANUARY 2026**

**09:15 - 11:15**

**LONG LAWFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Holbrook Road  
Long Lawford  
Rugby, CV23 9AL

For further information email: [ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk)

Book your **FREE** place

The programme is intended for parents and carers who want to know more about sensitive and effective parenting. It aims to develop a framework of thinking about parent/child relationships that can be developed into a lifelong skill.

What is covered:

- Tuning into children
- Exploring feelings
- Parenting styles
- Communication and what may be being communicated through behaviour
- Temper tantrums and anger
- Behavioural difficulties

Please note we are unable to accommodate children during these sessions.

**CHILD FRIENDLY**

**Warwickshire Families First**

## Reducing parental conflict at Christmas

It's natural for families to have disagreements. Differences in ideas, opinions, and priorities are part of life. But when those disagreements become frequent, intense, or unresolved, they can take a toll on everyone, especially children. The festive period can be particularly difficult with people experiencing an increase in stressful issues.

The following stressors can all trigger conflict and arguments:

- Money worries
- Poor mental health
- Extended family
- Bereavement and grief
- Housing issues
- Differing parenting styles
- Challenges with co-parenting.

Warwickshire County Council offers free online tools and resources to help families navigate relationship challenges. No matter if you're together, separated, or considering separation, there are resources available for several different circumstances.

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

# Activities

**Funstar**  
Education Through Performing Arts

Free Holiday Activity of Food Places

**Winter Holiday Camp**  
"SNOW WHITE"

£25 per day

PLAY THROUGH PERFORMING ARTS

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 6TE

INFO@FUNSTAREDUCTION.CO.UK  
WWW.FUNSTAREDUCTION.CO.UK

Department for Education

**Onside Coaching**

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd December

**Active Kids at Christmas!**

Fun & flexible holiday childcare for ages 5-11

At **Long Lawford Primary School**

**£20** per day

**HAF** Spaces available for all eligible families

**COURSE TIMES**  
8:30 - 9am drop off  
3:30 - 4pm collection

WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS & TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

To book now visit [onsidecoaching.co.uk](https://onsidecoaching.co.uk)

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 22<sup>ND</sup> DEC  
TUE 23<sup>RD</sup> DEC

0900-1600

£17 FOR THE DAY

AGE 5-11

BILTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

BOOK NOW USING THE QR CODE

<https://rb.gy/dpdp7k>

07725 876 612  
akcoaching2020@gmail.com

Join us at the BEC HAF  
27 Main Street, Bilton. CV22 7NQ

<b>Nativity Service</b> Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December @ 10.30am	<b>Carols by Candlelight</b> with Bilton Silver Band Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December @ 6pm
<b>Christingle Service</b> Christmas Eve @ 4pm	<b>Christmas Celebration</b> Christmas Day @ 10.30am

Join us at the BEC Woodlands Centre  
53 Cymbeline Way, Bilton. CV22 6JZ

<b>Carol Singing</b> around the neighbourhood Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December @ 6pm	<b>Carol Service</b> Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December @ 3.30pm
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01788 817326  
[www.becchurch.org.uk](http://www.becchurch.org.uk)

**Computer Xplorers**

**CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTRE**

**BARNADO'S**

**After School Tech Clubs**

Starting: Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> January  
Running until Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February (6 weeks)

Location: Claremont Family Centre, Claremont Rd, Rugby CV21 3LU

Bookings: Please contact Claremont centre for booking code - 01788 579488

AGE 5-13

15 SPACES

**THE ACTIVITIES**  
We cover many subjects including:  
Coding  
Robotics  
Lego WeDo  
Game Making  
App Design  
Animation  
Web Design  
3D Cad & Print

Every Thurs 3:45pm - 4:45pm

\*£4.50 per week bookable in blocks (e.g. 6 week half term = £27). Booking code available from the Children and Family Centre.

£4.50 P/W\*

**Timings**

Early Drop Off - £4.00 extra  
8:30am - 9:00am  
Drop Off  
9:00am - 9:30am  
Pick Up  
3:00pm - 3:30pm  
Late Pick Up - £3.00 extra  
3:30pm - 4:30pm

FROM £12

HAF Accepted

Sports & Fun

SANTA IS VISITING DURING THE FIRST WEEK WITH GIFTS!

Ho ho ho!

Find more details by scanning the QR code

Coventry Hollyfast Primary School CV6 2AH

Warwick Nuneaton Primary School CV24 6LD

Walsall Whitehall Junior School WS1 3JY

Nuneaton Park Lane Primary School CV20 9NL

Rugby Rugby College CV21 1AR

NEW Southam St Mary's Catholic Primary School CV47 3PS

Scrum Church presents

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE CLUB**

OLS FENLEY FIELD  
SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER  
5PM - 6PM CAROLS  
6PM - 7PM FOOD & DRINKS  
FREE HOTDOG & MULLED WINE  
BAR WILL BE OPEN

SCRUM CHURCH

BEC

**Carols in the cafe**  
Salvation Army

Monday 22nd December,  
6.30pm - 7.30pm

**HALLMARK**  
ANYA COURT  
LUXURY CARE HOME

# 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](mailto: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](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>

## 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 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>



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