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**“Gratitude is the sign of noble souls”**  
Aesop



**9th January 2026**

# **BULLETIN** **Headlines**

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

**Points of Interest**

**11th Feb**

**PTA Joules Outlet Sale**

(Tickets on sale now)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really positive start to the term and it has been lovely to welcome the children back to school. They have settled extremely well into their learning and it has been clear how much they have enjoyed being back with their friends.

We started the week with some excitement as the children made the most of the small amount of snow we had. They thoroughly enjoyed spending time on the field, playing, exploring and making memories together. It was wonderful to see so much laughter and enthusiasm at the very start of the term.

This week also saw the launch assembly for our new myHappyMind unit, 'Appreciate'. This unit focuses on helping children understand the importance of gratitude, recognising the positives in their lives and developing a mindset that values what they have. Through this unit, children will learn how appreciation can support their mental wellbeing, build positive relationships and help them feel calmer and happier.



Alongside this, we have begun our assemblies focusing on resilience. The children are learning what resilience means, why it is important, and how they can develop strategies to cope with challenges, bounce back from setbacks and keep trying even when things feel difficult. These assemblies link closely to our wider work on wellbeing and personal development.

A reminder regarding Smartwatches: some children have returned to school wearing smartwatches. Please note that smartwatches with cameras are not permitted in school. This is due to concerns around safeguarding, privacy and the potential for images or recordings to be taken without consent. For everyone's safety, these devices should not be worn during the school day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ross

Head of School

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# Notices

## 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.

Leaves of Absence 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 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.

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.



## Admissions Policy 2027 Entry

As required by the Admissions Code, Rugby High School has published its proposed admissions policy for 2027 entry and has initiated a consultation period which will run from 10 December 2025 to 22nd January 2026.

Copies of the policy and the catchment area map can also be viewed on the school website at [www.rugbyhighschool.co.uk](http://www.rugbyhighschool.co.uk) under Parents/Admissions.

If anyone wishes to comment on this policy, they should write to Mrs J Jarman, Governance Professional, at the school address before the deadline of midday on 22nd January 2026.



## Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness

### Emotion Regulation

Emotional regulation means helping children understand, express, and manage their feelings in healthy ways. When children can manage strong emotions, they're better able to learn, build relationships, and feel safe.

#### Our tips to support emotion regulation at home

1. **Stay calm first** – children co-regulate through your tone and body language.
2. **Name the feeling** – "I can see you're feeling angry" helps children feel understood. You could try using an emotions wheel as a whole family to keep the conversation familiar.
3. **Pause before reacting** – give space for emotions to settle.
4. **Reflect later** – when calm, talk about what happened and what could help next time.
5. **Celebrate progress** – small steps make a big difference!
6. **Calming activities** – Simple strategies like deep breathing, counting to 10 or squeezing a stress ball give young people ways to calm themselves. Practice these when they are feeling calm, so they are easier to use during big emotions. Ensure you are also modelling these strategies!
7. **Keep a 'calm corner'** - Create a cozy space with pillows, books, or fidget toys where children can self-regulate safely.

Use this QR code to watch a video explaining why we lose control of our emotions!



#### The Incredible Years Parenting Programme

A supportive, evidence-based programme for parents and carers focusing on:

- Strengthening positive relationships
- Promoting social and emotional skills
- Managing challenging behaviour with confidence

Available with MHST— ask your school for more information!

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the Children and Young People's Mental Health Crisis support 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.

## TOGETHERNESS

Bringing the Solihull Approach to the world



## UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD 10 WEEK PROGRAMME



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.

# Notices



MyHappyMind are science-backed programme for schools is grounded in the latest science and research about what it takes to create positive wellbeing.

It's taught to every single child and there's a curriculum for every year group from Early Years to Year 6. We also give you a staff wellbeing programme and there's the Parent App too!

**Who?**

The programmes are designed for schools, families and early years settings who care about developing the mental wellbeing of children

**What?**

They combine the latest research, science and technology to help children develop lifelong habits and learn to thrive

**Why?**

They help equip all children with the knowledge, skills and tools to thrive in the modern world.



## OUTLET SALE

Heavily Discounted End of Season Stock Sale!

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**6-8pm**

**at Bilton C of E Junior School**

**Bookings NOW OPEN!**

To book tickets, follow the link below or scan the QR code :

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FTDO>

**Advanced Ticket option for early entry at 6pm (£7)**

**General Sale Ticket for 6.30pm entry (£5)**



All ticket proceeds will go to the school PTA



## 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](http://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 ESSENTIAL ONLINE SAFETY**

- START EARLY CONVERSATIONS**
- PROMOTE SAFER SHARING**
- ENCOURAGE DIGITAL BALANCE**
- CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR CONCERNS**
- STAY INFORMED AND CURRENT**
- TEACH CRITICAL THINKING**
- SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES**
- LEAD BY EXAMPLE**
- EXPLORE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER**
- KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP**

Meet Our Expert: @wake\_up\_weds

WakeUp Wednesday The National College

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

## YEAR 6 SECONDARY READY

Group tuition building confidence to prepare for Year 7 in 2026

**WEDNESDAYS 6.30-7.30pm**

**Learn With Tutor Julie**

**WHY LEARN WITH TUTOR JULIE?**

- Highly experienced and expert qualified teacher with enhanced DBS
- Convenient location in Hillmorton, Rugby with parking
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[learnwithtutorjulie@gmail.com](mailto:learnwithtutorjulie@gmail.com)



## Chickenpox vaccination offered to children across Warwickshire from January 2026

January 2026 sees the introduction of an update to the childhood immunisation schedule, the MMRV vaccine, which now includes protection against chickenpox as well as Measles, Mumps and Rubella.

# Activities



**Computer Explorers**



**CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTRE**



**BARNARDO'S**



**After School Tech Clubs**

**AGE 5-13**

**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](tel:01788579488)

**THE ACTIVITIES**

We cover many subjects including:

- Coding
- Robotics
- Lego WeDo
- Game Making
- App Design
- Animation
- Web Design
- 3D Cad & Print

**15 SPACES**

**Every Thurs 3:45pm - 4:45pm**

**£4.50 P/W\***

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



**WARWICKSHIRE LIBRARIES BOOK BINGO**



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READ OR LISTEN TO BOOKS FROM 12 DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OVER 2026

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**SIGN UP ONLINE OR IN THE LIBRARY**

[warwickshire.gov.uk/bookbingo](http://warwickshire.gov.uk/bookbingo)

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

**Holiday Club dates for 25/26**

**February Half Term**  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (4 day camp)

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

**Harris Sports Academy**  
79 Mellish Rd, Rugby CV22 6BB

St Mark's Church, Bilton

**LITTLE LIONS**


Our new 'stay and play' baby and toddler group for pre-school children

Roaring into action on...

**Term-time Tuesdays**  
9.45am - 11.15am

Café for parents/carers  
Play Areas Music and Singing  
Bible Stories £1 per family





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**Little ones climbing the walls?**  
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**Lawrence Sheriff School**

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**ACTIVE FOOTBALL**

Get Directions (CV21 3AG)

Contact Number **07835522236**

Ofsted URN **2513941**

**Long Lawford Primary School**

We are LAUNCHING a new holiday course at Long Lawford Primary School! Come and join us to see their brilliant facilities.

**ACTIVE**


Get Directions (CV23 9AL)

Contact Number **07780194800**

Ofsted URN **2513941**

<https://www.onsidecoaching.co.uk/sign-in>

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KITS ACADEMY



**WHAT'S GOING ON IN RUGBY**

**TIMES**

Early Drop off	Drop off	Pick up	Late Pick up
Breakfast Incl 8:30-9:00	9:00-9:30	3:00-3:30	Snack Incl 3:30-4:30
<b>£4.00</b>			<b>£5.00</b>


**CALL US ON** 024 7510 5000

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**Call Now**

**EMAIL US AT** [enquiry@kitsacademy.com](mailto:enquiry@kitsacademy.com)



A mix of Olympic sports, multi-sports, dance (street, tap), archery, fencing, arts & crafts. Children are split into age groups to meet the needs

Rugby Free Secondary School, Anderson Avenue, Rugby, CV22 5PE.

# 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

#### Spring Term

**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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As you spend you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores.

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Register on:  
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