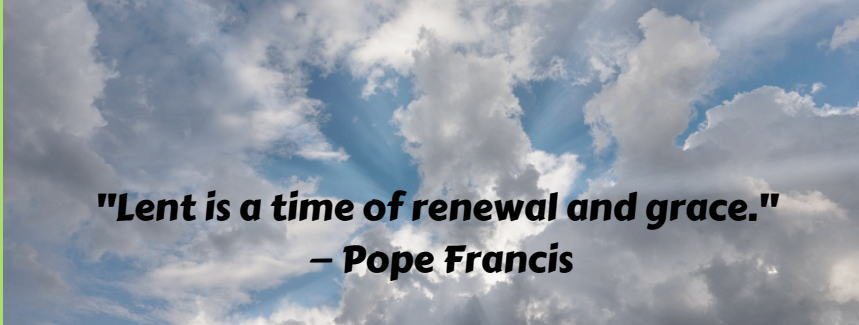




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Bilton Community Federation



**"Lent is a time of renewal and grace."  
– Pope Francis**



**27th February 2026**

# BULLETIN

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

# Headlines

## Points of Interest

**World Book Day**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>  
March

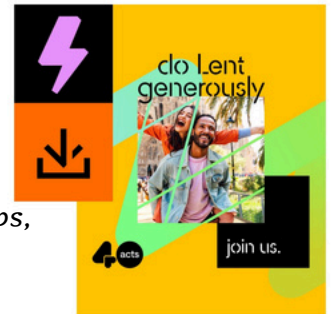
**Red Nose Day**

Friday  
20th March

Dear Parents/Carers,

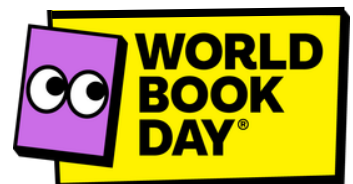
*It has been a wonderful start back after the half-term break. The children have settled brilliantly and it has been so lovely to see them enjoying some sunshine out on the playground for a change!*

*We began the week with a fabulous assembly led by Miss Noyce, who spoke to the children about the significance of Lent. She explained how Shrove Tuesday marks the beginning of the Christian festival of Lent and how Christians remember Jesus spending 40 days in the wilderness. Miss Noyce shared how, during Lent, many people choose to give something up, such as sweets, crisps, or screen time. Others may choose to do something extra to help those around them. The children were encouraged to reflect on what they might do this Lent. Could they give something up? Or perhaps take on an extra act of kindness?*



*The children really enjoyed learning about the "40 Acts for Lent" initiative, which encourages simple daily acts of generosity and kindness. These can be found on our Facebook page and we would love for families to take a look and perhaps try some together at home. There was certainly plenty for everyone to think about!*

*Looking ahead to next week, we are excited to celebrate World Book Day. We cannot wait to see the children dressed as their favourite book characters if they would like to take part. Children are very welcome to come in non-school uniform if they would prefer not to dress up. They are also invited to bring in a favourite book from home to share with their class. Book tokens have already been sent home and are available to use now.*



*A gentle reminder to all families to please be considerate when parking at drop-off and pick-up times. We have received concerns from local residents about cars being parked in neighbours' designated spaces or blocking driveways. We kindly ask that you respect our community by ensuring you only park in appropriate areas and avoid causing obstruction. The safety of our children is paramount, so please take extra care when driving near the school and avoid mounting pavements. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep everyone safe and maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.*

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Ross  
Head of School

Plantagenet Drive, Rugby, CV 22 6LB

Email:  
office@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

Website: biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

Facebook: BiltonCofEJNR/

# Celebrations

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## Learner of the week

**3HN Lucy** For always giving 100% to all her learning

**3LD William D** For always giving his best to all his lessons and enjoying learning

**3RY Willow B** For always giving 100% in all that she does

**3TP Robyn** For reading an impressive 94,439 words over the half-term break

**4EL Toby** For his fantastic still life painting

**4SR Ava-Mai** For her excellent mathematical thinking and representation of fractions

**4SS Whole class** for their enthusiasm and engagement in their science sound investigation

**5LM Whole Class** For their participation and focus French

**5MB Emily** For always participating and doing her best in class

**5PA Joshua** For his impressive enthusiasm towards his learning

**6LB Jack** For his improved work ethic and positive mindset across all subjects

**6KC Emmanuella** Great work in R.E

**6NV Logan D** For super work on area and perimeter in Maths

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Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Thank you from all @ BJS



**3HN Lottie** For resilience in learning a new skill

**3LD Teddie** For being a good resilient friend to others

**3RY Amelia G** For showing great resilience

**3TP Whole class** For outstanding unity in the shared decision to 'rest first, homework later'

**4EL Charlie** For his resilience in PE

**4SR Elyse** For her increased maturity and focus in school

**4SS Sopuruchi** For being a good role model to others

**5LM Dennis** For showing resilience and kindness in PE

**5MB Thumsandi** For showing maturity, tolerance and understanding to others

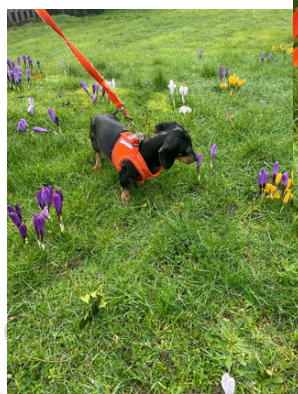
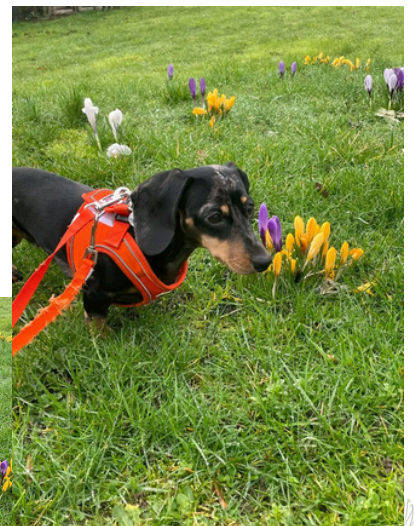
**5PA Elexya** For demonstrating maturity, tolerance and forgiveness

**6LB Tania** For being a thoughtful and forgiving role model

**6KC Ellyn** For working very hard and showing resilience in her maths

**6NV Casey** For showing kindness to others and being a good friend

**Pickle has loved being back at school this week, especially when all the Spring flowers are starting to appear**



# Notices

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Does your child have a birthday in March?

We would love to celebrate it with them on Facebook and in the bulletin.

Please email their name, Birthday date and class to [marketing@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:marketing@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk)

**Mental Health in Schools Team**  
**Tips For Wellness**

Dimensions tool

Free online personalised self-care information & support for adults and children in Coventry & Warwickshire

## Relaxation

Relaxation is when our mind and body is free from stress and tension. Research has found that this can help us to think clearly, concentrate, sleep well, feel more confident and even boost our immune system!

Relaxation can look different for everyone, and it can be helpful to try a few different relaxation techniques to see what works best to make you feel happy and rested.

### Our Tips for Relaxation:

1- Try some **breathing exercises**, such as finger breathing or square breathing. Breathing exercises are great as you can do them in any place, at any time. Follow the QR code to try flower and candle breathing!



Flower and candle breathing

2- **Drawing or colouring** can help you to express your feelings and focus on something peaceful. This is a great way to relax your mind!

3- Practice **mindfulness** by taking a break away from any screens and devices. This could be going on a walk or being outside in nature. Try to use as many of your senses as possible, think about what you can see, hear, smell, touch and even taste! You could even try cloud watching to calm your mind.



Calm yoga stretches

4- **Stretch it out**, practice yoga to stretch out your muscles to relax and reduce tension. Try following the QR code for a yoga video!

5- A warm **bath or shower** can be a soothing experience that helps to relax muscles and calm your mind. You could make it extra relaxing with quiet music and bubbles!

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.

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

On messaging apps, social media and online games, group chats are one of the most popular ways that children connect. Group chats allow messages, images and videos to be shared in one place and help friendships flourish. However, they also come with a number of risks.

#### TEASING AND BULLYING

Children of all ages are keen to fit in socially, and group chats are a great way to do this. However, they can also be a place where teasing and bullying can happen. Children may be teased or bullied about their appearance, interests or abilities. This can be harmful to their self-esteem and mental health.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some group chats may contain inappropriate content, such as images, videos or text that are not suitable for children. This content can be harmful to children's mental health and may be illegal.

#### UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Children often share their contact details in group chats, but they may not know who else is in the chat. This means they could be contacted by someone they do not know, which could be dangerous.

#### EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

Children who are not in a group chat may feel excluded and isolated. This can be harmful to their self-esteem and mental health.

#### PEER PRESSURE

Children may feel they have to do something they do not want to do in order to fit in with their friends. This can be harmful to their self-esteem and mental health.

#### VIDEO AND LIVE CHATS

Many popular apps allow children to engage in live streaming and video chats. This can be a great way to connect with friends, but it can also be a place where children can be exposed to inappropriate content or cyberbullying.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

#### CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats can be a place where children can be teased or bullied. Parents and educators should be aware of this and encourage children to be kind and respectful to others.

#### SET SOME GROUP CHAT RULES

Parents and educators should set clear rules for group chats, such as no sharing of inappropriate content, no teasing or bullying, and no sharing of contact details.

#### BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If a child is being teased or bullied in a group chat, parents and educators should encourage them to block, report and leave the chat.

#### SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Parents and educators should support children who are being teased or bullied, rather than judging them or making them feel worse.

#### PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

Children should be encouraged to think carefully about what they share in group chats, and to avoid sharing personal information or contact details.

#### SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Children should be encouraged to turn off notifications for group chats, so they are not constantly checking their phones.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Dr Claire Buchanan is an online safety consultant at The National College, which is responsible for the national curriculum, assessment and standards for schools and academies in England. She is also a member of the Department for Education's online safety advisory group for parents, carers and teachers.

**Wake Up Wednesday**  
The National College

[www.facebook.com/www.thenationalcollege](https://www.facebook.com/www.thenationalcollege)

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## APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?  
We'd love to hear from you!

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026**

## 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 s44 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.

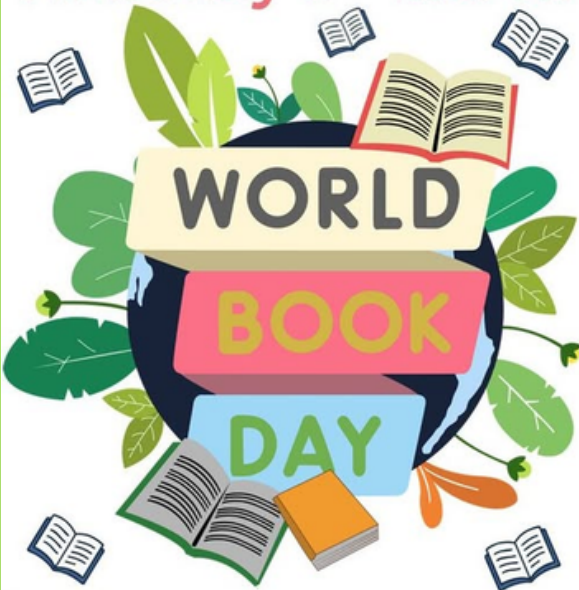
Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire 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).
- 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 notice will be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under s44 of Education Act 1996.

# Notices

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March



Feel free to dress up as your favourite book character & bring in the book!



THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

**DISCO TIME!**

Snacks, drinks and tattoos will be available to purchase

**BOOK HERE NOW!!!**

Y3 & 4 - 3.30PM - 4.30PM  
Y5 & 6 - 4.40PM - 5.40PM

[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/UK/PYCY](https://www.trybooking.com/UK/PYCY)

40 Family wallchart

Send us a line and we'll send you a copy

<b>Blazing</b> Blaze your trail and set a trail of fire!	<b>Brave</b> Be a hero and save the world!	<b>Brave</b> Be a hero and save the world!	<b>Include</b> Share a story and let your imagination run wild!	<b>Learn</b> Learn a new word and use it in a sentence!	<b>Speak</b> Share a story and let your imagination run wild!	<b>Explore</b> Explore a new world and let your imagination run wild!	<b>Measure</b> Measure a length and let your imagination run wild!
<b>Circle</b> Make a circle and let your imagination run wild!	<b>Compliment</b> Give a compliment and let your imagination run wild!	<b>Together</b> Share a story and let your imagination run wild!	<b>Character</b> Share a story and let your imagination run wild!	<b>Hope</b> Share a story and let your imagination run wild!	<b>Play</b> Share a story and let your imagination run wild!	<b>Passion</b> Share a story and let your imagination run wild!	<b>Play forward</b> Share a story and let your imagination run wild!
<b>Oversee</b> Oversee a project and let your imagination run wild!	<b>Light</b> Light a candle and let your imagination run wild!	<b>Feed</b> Feed a hungry animal and let your imagination run wild!	<b>Every</b> Share a story and let your imagination run wild!	<b>Share</b> Share a story and let your imagination run wild!	<b>Community</b> Share a story and let your imagination run wild!	<b>Share</b> Share a story and let your imagination run wild!	<b>Share</b> Share a story and let your imagination run wild!
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Thank you to Miss Noyce for her great assembly about Lent. Try a few of these challenges that she shared.

Secondary School place offers to be issued to Warwickshire families on **Monday 2 March**

We are proud to announce that we are a myHappyMind Bronze Accredited school!

This means we have demonstrated our commitment to building a wellbeing culture for our entire school community.

Happy 2nd Birthday Pickle

19th February

# Activities

If you are looking to advertise a local afterschool or holiday club in our bulletin, please email the details to : [marketing@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:marketing@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk)

## Hands-On Art & Artefacts

with Rugby Art Gallery and Museum

**3.30-5pm | FREE | Open to all**  
**Activity Room, Rugby Library**

Tuesdays 24 February, 3 March, 10 March, and 17 March

**RUGBY**  
Art Gallery & Museum

DISCOVER | CONNECT | IMAGINE  
Warwickshire Libraries

Warm Welcome

## WORLD BOOK DAY®

### TREASURE HUNT

Can you find the characters?

A New Outdoor Adventure...

- HUNT for markers in the map Zones.
- COLLECT and reveal characters in 3D.
- FIND letters and crack the secret code!

10 CHARACTERS | 1 SECRET PHRASE  
 12<sup>TH</sup> FEB - 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026  
[HighStreetSafari.com/WorldBookDay](http://HighStreetSafari.com/WorldBookDay)

£50 BOOK TOKENS TO BE WON!  
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NATIONAL BOOK TOKENS

Simply visit the high street, starting at Rugby Visitor Centre, find the hidden hero characters in shop windows, and use your smartphone to bring them to life with AR magic.

## Computer Explorers

### After School Tech Clubs

CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTRE  
 BARNARD'S

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

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 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.

## RAINSBROOK VALLEY RAILWAY

### PUBLIC RIDE EVENTS

Join us for a wonderful time on the railway in 2026!

- Just 5 minutes from central Rugby
- Free parking
- Friendly cafe & picnic area
- Beautiful scenery
- All ages welcome!

Save the dates

5th April  
 26th April  
 17th May  
 27th May  
 21st June  
 19th July  
 16th August  
 30th August  
 20th September  
 11th October  
 31st October

Book your tickets today

Great for friends & all the family!

Find out more at: [www.rainsbrookvalleyrailway.co.uk](http://www.rainsbrookvalleyrailway.co.uk)

## JOIN NOW TO BE A PART OF THE SHOW!

# PQA ROCKS

Be a part of PQA Rocks and showcase your performance this May!

BOOK YOUR FREE SESSION AT [PQACADEMY.COM](http://PQACADEMY.COM)

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## ROAR! CAMPS CHEER & TUMBLE

16<sup>TH</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY  
 HARRIS SPORTS CENTRE

BOOK HERE

WHY JOIN?

- EXPERT COACHES
- SKILL-BUILDING
- TEAMWORK & CONFIDENCE
- BUILD STRENGTH
- LEARN HOW TO TUMBLE
- LEARN ABOUT ALL THINGS CHEERLEADING

CHEERLEADING, TUMBLES AND ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 5-11!

[WWW.ROARCHEER.CO.UK](http://WWW.ROARCHEER.CO.UK)

## the friendship project for children

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Would you like to be an 'Older Friend' to a child for regular outings of 2-3 hours?

For more details and an application form, please contact:

**0845 638 2098\***

email: [info@friendshipproject.co.uk](mailto:info@friendshipproject.co.uk)  
[www.friendshipproject.co.uk](http://www.friendshipproject.co.uk)

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Make a difference to a child's life!

Registered Charity No. 517664  
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## WEEKLY DODGEBALL CLUB!

Wednesdays | 6-7pm  
 Bilton Junior School!

All Children Welcome!  
 (Ages 5-11)

Monthly Subscription **£25**  
 Starting from March 2026

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 07725 876 612

# 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 2026

### Spring Term

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 3.30pm Friday 17th July

Teacher Training Day Monday 20th July

### Autumn Term

Teacher Training Days Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2026

School Opens Thursday 3rd September 2026

Autumn Half Term Monday 26th - Friday 30th

### October

School Opens Monday 2nd November

School Closes 3.30pm Friday 18th December 2026

## 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 BUYING GIFTS AND MORE



Just visit your favourite retailers through the easyfundraising website and the shop as normal.

Once you've made a purchase our retailers will then make a small donation to your cause to say "thank you".



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/biltonjunior/>



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Inspire - Challenge - Achieve

