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Bilton Community Federation

**"kind words can be short and easy to speak,
but their echoes are truly endless"
~ Mother Teresa**



6th March 2026

BULLETIN

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

Headlines

Points of Interest

Red Nose Day

Friday
20th March

School Disco

Thursday
26th March

Dear Parents/Carers,

We began the week with our whole-school myHappyMind assembly, where the children were introduced to the Relate unit. This unit focuses on building positive relationships and understanding how we connect with others. The children learned that our brains are designed for connection and that kindness helps everyone feel safe, valued and happy. The assembly encouraged us to show empathy by thinking about how others might be feeling before we react. We also discussed how to resolve disagreements calmly, using kind words and active listening. The Relate unit links beautifully with our current school value of forgiveness. Thank you to Miss Mistry for her fantastic assembly on forgiveness, which supported this message so thoughtfully. The children reflected on how forgiveness helps us move forward positively and strengthens our relationships.



Over the past few weeks, many of our pupils have taken part in cross-country events. A massive well done to all the children involved for demonstrating resilience, determination and impressive stamina. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and positive attitudes. A huge thank you also goes to Mrs Wilson-Shrubb and Miss Mistry for organising these events so smoothly. With such a large number of children participating from across Rugby, their hard work and commitment is truly appreciated.

We are also excited to announce BJS's Easter Egg Decorating Competition and hope that many children will take part. There is plenty of time to prepare, and all entries must be submitted between Wednesday 25th March and Friday 27th March. There will be prizes for class winners as well as an overall BJS winner. Please ensure that eggs are either hard-boiled or have the yolk and white removed. An entry fee of £1 is required. We were amazed by last year's excellent creations and look forward to seeing this year's wonderful designs.



Have a wonderful weekend,

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Celebrations

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Learner of the week

3HN Teddy For working hard and reflecting on his biography of Shackleton

3LD Taliyah For always working hard with her writing and taking onboard feedback

3RY Arief For an excellent biography on Shackleton

3TP Nagnouma For improving the presentation of her work by organising her ideas more clearly and neater handwriting

4EL Thea For using brilliant vocabulary in her character description

4SR Freddie For a super character description

4SS Jess For her super contributions in maths

5LM Arthur For his excellent work in English using speech

5MB Oliver C For some good work in Geography and English this week

5PA Mia For her excellent contributions to class discussions

6LB Arthur For his excellent engagement with our text in English this week

6NV Katerina For super contributions to lessons

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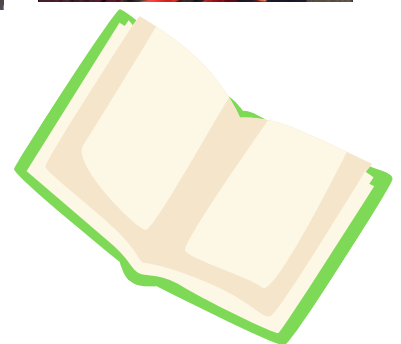
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Thank you from all @ BJS



- 3HN Lacey For always showing kindness
- 3LD Aayat For always being a lovely kind individual in class
- 3RY Charlie For being an excellent friend to others
- 3TP Georgie For consistently showing respect, offering help to others, and creating a positive atmosphere for everyone around her
- 4EL Hope For showing forgiveness and being a great friend
- 4SR Albert for showing great resilience
- 4SS Eliza, Oscar, Eden, Patrick For being such a supportive group of friends
- 5LM Primrose For showing resilience even when things got tough
- 5MB Stanley C For showing patience and tolerance.
- 5PA Milan For setting a fantastic example and being an excellent friend
- 6LB Jaymee For being a loyal and thoughtful friend
- 6NV Joshnika For always being a good friend to others

Great fun on World Book Day



Notices

March Birthdays



REMINDER

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

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2026

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/FYCY](https://www.trybooking.com/uk/fycy)

WORLD BOOK DAY

Fun

The children had a wonderful time on Thursday with the opportunity to take part in lots of lovely activities including:

- The Great Big Footy & Booky Quiz 2026
- Little People, Big Dreams
- Year 6 became reading buddies with Bawnmore children
- The Guess who game to name book characters
- Spot the books in the images quiz and created book inspired artwork
- and lots more!

Notices

BOOK FAIR

Dates: Tuesday 10th March - Friday 13th March

Where: Music Room
Times: 3.30 - 4.30pm



The Witherslack Group is offering webinars for parents of children with SEND.

The webinars cover topics such as:

- Afterschool Burnout & Shutdown: Strategies To Support Your Child
- ADHD & Autism Sleep Challenges: Practical Help For Tired Parents
- Understanding & Supporting SEN In The Early Years.

<https://www.witherslackgroup.co.uk>

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 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 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.

Tips For Wellness

Dimensions tool

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

Nutrition

Nutrition refers to the nutrients in food and how our body uses them to stay strong and healthy. There are lots of positive benefits for our **physical health**, nutrition is also really important for our **mental health!**

Our brain works hard taking care of our thoughts, movements, breathing, heartbeat and senses (even when we are sleeping!), so we must fuel our brain with nutritious foods to help us function. This can help us to think clearly, increase our energy levels and support concentration. What we eat also affects our mood too!

Our tips:

1. **Get involved in the cooking**- Can you help your parent/carer to prepare dinner? This can be a fun way to spend time with others and learn a new skill.
2. **Make it fun**- There are lots of different ways different foods can be prepared. You could try experimenting putting different food together to see what you like and don't like.
3. **Try something new**- When was the last time you tried a new food? It can be exciting to find out what food we like and don't like. Also, our tastes can change as we grow and develop. See if you can set yourself a challenge to try a new food this week.
4. **Keep Hydrated**- Dehydration could lead to headaches, difficulty focusing and may impact sleep. Try to ensure you are regularly drinking water, it can be useful to bring a bottle of water to school every day to remind you to stay hydrated!

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.

WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, allowing users to send text and voice messages, share multimedia, make video calls, and chat in groups, both end-to-end encrypted, only the sender and receiver can view messages. There is other privacy risk also comes with risks that parents and educators need to be aware of.

- WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**
- GROUP CHAT PRESSURES**
- SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS**
- DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES**
- EXPOSURE THROUGH CHANNELS**
- UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING**
- COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT**
- TEACH HOW TO SPOT SCAMS**
- TALK ABOUT ADVERTISING AND AI**

Wake Up Wednesday The National College

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

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

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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)

Holiday Club 9am - 3.45pm
Early drop off from 8.15am
Late Pick up until 4.30pm

To book your place or for more information: Email: pdm@harris.covmat.org Phone: 01788 818925
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Dates and Contact Details

Key Information

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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 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



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