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It is always possible.”
- Dalai Lama**



17th April 2026

BULLETIN

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

Headlines

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely break over the Easter Holiday. It has been a wonderful start to the summer term, with happy children, some welcome sunshine and lots of excitement about the weeks ahead.

The children are delighted with the new playground markings completed over the holiday. It has been fantastic to see them enjoying traditional games, being imaginative and staying active. We are very grateful for your continued support with fundraising events, which has enabled the PTA to provide these improvements for the children.



I would like to take this opportunity to address an important issue regarding children's use of social media, including WhatsApp. Parents play a crucial role in supporting their children's safety and wellbeing online, and active monitoring is essential. Unfortunately, we have had further concerns raised about social media use. A significant amount of staff time is currently being taken up dealing with issues that originate outside of school hours, especially those linked to WhatsApp. Disagreements and the sharing of inappropriate content often begin in group chats at home but then spill over into the school day. This causes distress for children, places pressure on staff and impacts valuable learning time, despite our ongoing efforts to educate children about responsible online behaviour.

A key concern is that WhatsApp does not provide content moderation, meaning children can be exposed to inappropriate material without filtering or safeguards. In addition, limited parental controls and a culture of rapid message sharing increase the likelihood of children encountering unsuitable content. Another issue is that group chats can be accessed via invitation links shared widely online, exposing children to inappropriate environments.

We would also like to remind parents that the minimum age requirement for WhatsApp is 13 years old. Primary-aged children should not be using the platform.

We ask that you actively monitor your child's online activity through open conversations, clear boundaries and regular checks.

Finally, we wish all children taking part in the swimming gala this Saturday the very best of luck. We are sure they will do BJS proud. Thank you to Mrs Wilson-Shrubb for organising this opportunity.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ross
Head of School

**World Bee
Day**

**Thursday
21st May**

Plantagenet Drive, Rugby, CV 22 6LB

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Website: biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

Facebook: [BiltonCofEJNR/](https://www.facebook.com/BiltonCofEJNR/)

Celebrations

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Learner of the week

3HN Paige For her fantastic effort and determination in all her learning

3LD Aayat For extending her love of learning beyond the classroom and into her holiday activities.

3RY Ember For a positive start to her learning this term

3TP Ava-Grace For always being super helpful and eager to learn, showing a fantastic attitude in everything she does

4EL Toby For having a brilliant and positive start to the half term

4SR Lorenzo For his detailed and analytical response to The Iron Man

4SS Patrick for his super response to The Iron Man

5LM Matilda For your excellent and thoughtful contributions to class discussions

5MB Jasmine D For consistent hard work and effort

5PA Millie For excellent effort and improvement in maths

6LB Thomas For working hard to produce an excellent balanced argument in English this week

6NV Cataleya For super persuasive work in English

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Thank you from all @ BJS

YOU are the
LIGHT
of the WORLD!

3HN David For always being honest

3LD Daksh For consistently being an honest, kind pupil in the class and a great role model

3RY Rebekah For always being honest and respectful. She is a super star

3TP Nagnouma Mrs Barnes was very grateful for Nagnouma's honesty, which shows great integrity and trustworthiness

4EL Ella For being an honest, polite role model to the class

4SR Natalia For always being honest and respectful

4SS Oliver For his honesty and kind and caring nature - even when things get tricky

5LM Rosalia For being honest and asking for help in maths

5MB Bradley For honesty and respect

5PA Loxley For his impressive charitable act

6LB Sam For always being an honest and respectful member of 6LB

6NV Nikhita For always being honest and sincere

Fabulous fun in the sun using our new playground features



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 is 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).

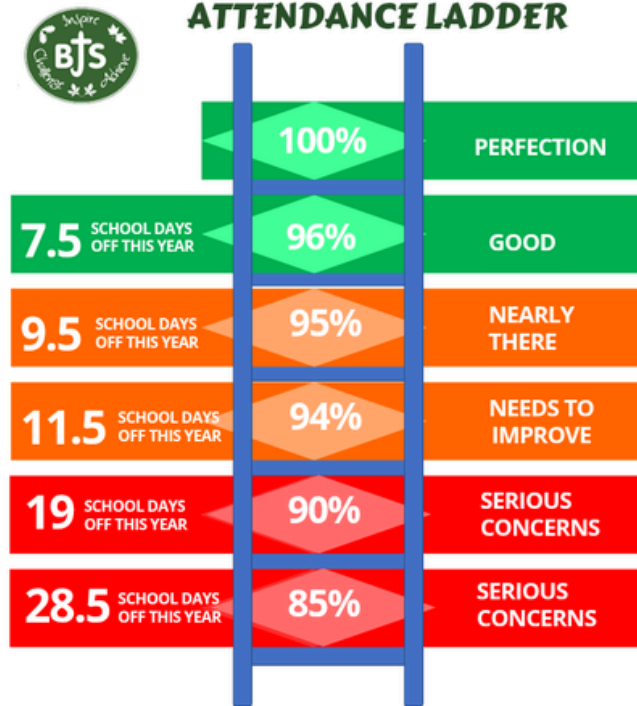
- First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.

- 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.

ATTENDANCE LADDER



Are you getting to school on time?

Did you know?

- 5 minutes late every day = 85 hours a year = 3 days of learning
- 10 minutes late every day = 170 hours a year = 6 days of learning
- 15 minutes late every day = 255 hours a year = 9 days of learning
- 20 minutes late every day = 340 hours a year = 12 days of learning
- 25 minutes late every day = 425 hours a year = 15 days of learning

Are you at school enough days?

Did you know over 13 years:

- 1 day every 2 weeks = 20 days = 4 weeks a year = nearly 1.5 years
- 1 day a week = 40 days = 8 weeks a year = over 2.5 years
- 2 days a week = 80 days = 16 weeks a year
- 3 days a week = 120 days = 24 weeks a year

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RUGBY & SURROUNDING VILLAGES

March/May 26 for parents and children 0-12

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RUGBY GYMNASTICS CLUB UNDER 5'S PROGRAMME

Preschool Classes Playgym Under 5's Drop In

For more information on any of these sessions, please contact us via general@rugbygymnasticsclub.co.uk or call us on 01788 542617

THE LUCA FOUNDATION

Helping Schools Support Children Through Grief

The Luca Foundation delivers grief training in schools to help teachers support children through loss, whether that is the death of a loved one or pet, the loss of health, or other life changes. The training gives staff the tools and confidence to talk about grief in an open and compassionate way, helping children feel understood and less alone.

Alongside the training, schools and families can also access a range of wellbeing gifts and the book 'Endless Love Finding Your New Normal', available at www.endlessloveshop.co.uk.

To learn more about the charity and its work, please visit www.thelucafoundation.org.uk.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

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. With end-to-end encryption, only the sender and receiver can view messages. This story offers privacy, but it also comes with risks that parents and educators need to be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- GROUP CHAT PRESSURES:** Group chats involve multiple users to message in the same space. You can see who leaves a group for young people to feel excluded or not included. Negative comments can erode self-esteem, and young people may feel pressure to respond or reply to group chats when the conversation is uncomfortable or upsetting.
- SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS:** Scammers are increasingly using WhatsApp to trick users into providing personal information. Scammers use social engineering tactics to gain trust, often using a young person's name to gain access to private conversations.
- DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES:** WhatsApp offers features like disappearing messages and 'Chat Lock', which can give users a false sense of privacy. While disappearing messages can be disabled, they can be used by young users to hide inappropriate conversations or content. 'Chat Lock' is designed to protect private messages, but it can be bypassed by someone with access to the phone.
- EXPOSURE THROUGH CHANNELS:** Channels are an optional feature that allow users to follow content from public figures or organisations. However, there is the risk to block them from the app. At the moment, young users may encounter adult or disturbing content, including misinformation and harmful messages.
- UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING:** WhatsApp users can share their live location, and if not managed carefully, this can allow others - even those that you do not know - to track someone's whereabouts. Also, without the right privacy settings, young users may be contacted by strangers.
- COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT:** WhatsApp now includes ads in the 'Spencer' feed and the promotional ads at the bottom. 'Meta AI' - across the app, which cannot be removed. These features are designed to promote products, services, and ads, and the type of content children and young people might interact with.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER:** Help young users check who can see their profile photo, status, and location. Activate the 'Balance Unknown Contacts' setting and set notification preferences for 'My contacts' or 'My contacts except...' for added safety.
- TEACH HOW TO SPOT SCAMS:** Encourage critical and creative and unexpected messages, especially if they involve money or codes. Help young users understand the signs of suspicious messages and encourage them to report suspicious messages. Encourage young users to think critically before trusting or interacting with these features.
- BE OPEN ABOUT HIDDEN CHATS:** Discuss why children and young people might use features like disappearing messages or 'Chat Lock'. Encourage them to share if something feels uncomfortable, even if that encourages open talk and setting boundaries of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.
- TALK ABOUT ADVERTISING AND AI:** Explain that WhatsApp now includes ads and AI tools. Discuss the difference between genuine and sponsored content, and the potential for AI to share inaccurate or age-inappropriate responses. Encourage young users to think critically before trusting or interacting with these features.

Meet Our Expert: Dr Claire Southwood is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented local, national and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and consulted on research for the Australian Government concerning internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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Notices

REMINDER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Does your child have a birthday in April?


We would love to celebrate it with them on in the bulletin when we return after the holidays

Please email their name, birthday date and class to marketing@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk



MHST Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness

Dimensions tool





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

Challenge

Throughout our lives we are going to experience different challenges, both big and small. There will be times where these challenges are exciting and maybe other times where challenges could feel scary and uncertain. These different challenges will push us to try new things, build our resilience and teach us new things about ourselves and the world around us.

When taking on challenges, we learn that we can work towards goals, overcome any obstacles and be resilient even when something is difficult. A **growth mindset** can help us take on new challenges, it builds our confidence to have a go at things, increases our self-esteem and encourages us to keep trying, even if something doesn't work out the first time!

Our top tips for challenging ourselves:

- 1. Set yourself some goals** you would like to reach this time next year (long term goals). Perhaps these can be things you've always wanted to do but never tried before. Break your goals down into medium-term goals and short-term goals (goals you can set to work towards the long-term goal in a few weeks or months).
- 2. Ask for help** when needed. Challenging ourselves is not about getting through difficult times alone... sometimes we need a helping hand and that is okay!
- 3. Push yourself out of your comfort zone** this week. You might want to try a new food, learn a new hobby, start a conversation with a different friend, or put your hand up in a lesson at school. Can you think of a **SMART goal** you would like to challenge yourself with this week? Follow the QR code to learn more about SMART goals: 
- 4. Read books** with characters who overcome challenges. What strategies did the characters use to push through them? Follow the QR code to a list of books that help children face challenges: 

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.

World Bee Day

Thursday 21st May 2026


"When we protect the bees, we protect our future."

Allergens
H-Homemade
G-Gluten
D-Dairy
SB-Soya
SU-Sulphites
E-Egg
VG-Vegan
V-Vegetarian

(h)'Beehive' Meatball & Cheese Pasta (G,D) with Crusty Bread
or
(v)(h) Vegetable Quesadilla with Honey & Yoghurt Dip and Potato Wedges (G,D,SB)

Served with Broccoli 'Pollinator Power Trees' or Vegetable Sticks with a 'Bee' Dip

(v)(h) Honey Crispy Bar (G)
or
(v) Vanilla Bee-nilla Ice Cream (D)

 Allergen Free alternatives are also available

YEAR 6 SECONDARY READY

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National Autistic Society

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<https://www.autism.org.uk/what-we-do/acceptance-and-awareness/world-autism-acceptance-month>

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

- Just 5 minutes from central Rugby
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Save the dates

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

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FOR AGES 5-11 YRS

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

TIMES	
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Breakfast 8:30-9:00	Snack 3:30-4:30
9:00-9:30	9:00-9:30
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Busy work life? Little ones climbing the walls? No worries, we're on your side.

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LOCATIONS

Lawrence Sheriff School

Facilities include: gymnasium, playground, a large playing field and a cafeteria for lunches.

ACTIVE FOOTBALL

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THE JUNCTION DROP IN CLUB

Every Tuesday in term time from 3:00-4:30 at the BEC Woodlands Centre.

Drinks, snacks, games, colouring, work space and wifi.

You're welcome to either come after you've picked children up to grab a drink, pop in instead of waiting outside or in the car or wait with your children between school pick-ups or for an after school club to finish.

If you have any questions email alex.holton@becchurch.org.uk. We'd love to see you there - no need to book, just pop in.

BEC



Hands-On Art & Artefacts

with Rugby Art Gallery and Museum

3.15-5.15pm | FREE | Open to all

Activity Room, Rugby Library

**Tuesday 14 & 28 April, 12 & 26 May
9 & 23 June 2026**

RUGBY Art Gallery & Museum

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Warm Welcome
Warwickshire Libraries



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 2026

Summer Term

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 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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