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Bilton Community Federation



“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”

~ Aesop



1st May 2026

BULLETIN

Headlines

Dear Parents/Carers,

I want to start by saying a huge thank you to Mr Cantillon and the children in 6KC for delivering an excellent assembly on the theme of honesty.

The children shared thoughtful reflections through a Bible story, engaging acting, and moving prayers. Mr Cantillon also introduced some great music, including “Missing Words” by The Selecter, which linked beautifully to the value of honesty.

HONESTY

On Friday 8th May, we will be celebrating the incredible Sir David Attenborough as he turns 100! To mark this special occasion, children and staff are invited to come to school dressed in bright, colourful outfits, or even in animal-themed costumes to reflect the beauty and diversity of the natural world. Explorer-style outfits are also very welcome for those feeling adventurous! We’re looking forward to making this a fun, vibrant and memorable celebration together.

I wanted to share that staff will be taking part in training next week delivered by the Luca Foundation, titled ‘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.

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

Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend.

Mrs Ross
Head of School

**Monday
May 4th**
Bank Holiday
School is closed

**Birthday
Celebrations
8th May**
David Attenborough
100th birthday

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

Celebrations

Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve Inspire Challenge Achieve

Learner of the week

- 3HN Praise For working hard in his Marcy story this week
- 3LD Hattie For working hard with punctuating her direct speech
- 3RY Amelia Groza Having the right attitude to learning this week
- 3TP Loulwah For amazing skill in maths, using a number line with confidence and great understanding
- 4EL Risheet For being an excellent role model to his peers
- 4SR Ava-Mai for excellent enthusiasm and progress with her reading
- 4SS Jack for his excellent contributions in all lessons
- 5LM Matilda For fantastic effort in English for her independent writing
- 5MB Beau For being brilliant all week - helpful, considerate and hard-working
- 5PA Megan For excellent effort in maths and English
- 6LB Armaie For your excellently written letter of complaint!
- 6KC Violet N Excellent attitude towards all of her work
- 6NV Flo For super problem-solving work in Maths

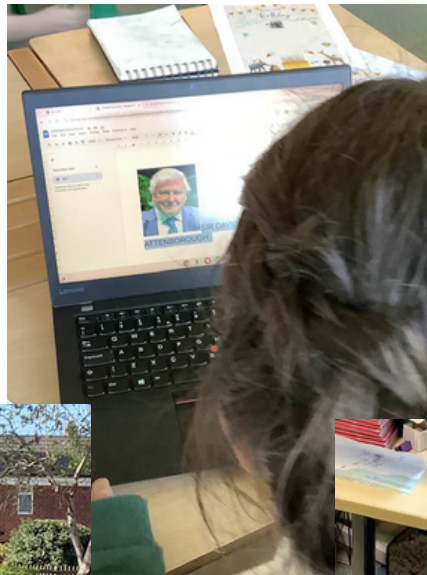
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Thank you from all @ BJS

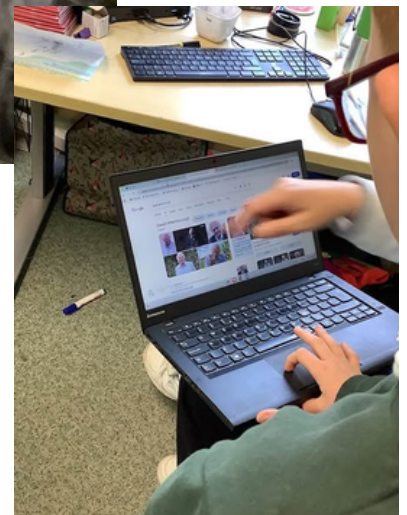


- 3HN Teddy For being honest to himself
- 3LD Eleanor For being an honest and caring friend to others
- 3RY Sharvesh For being a kind and honest friend and a great role model
- 3TP Aubrey For showing honesty by asking for help when needed, demonstrating a strong commitment to learning and doing her best
- 4EL Ethan For being a kind and honest friend
- 4SS Elliot for his unwavering support to his friends and being an excellent class role model
- 4SR Evie For being a kind and honest friend
- 5LM Ben For being honest and after showing great teamwork in PE
- 5MB Noah for being responsible and trustworthy
- 5PA Srikshitha For demonstrating honesty and kindness
- 6LB Charlotte For always being a kind and sincere friend
- 6KC Emily For honesty and kindness
- 6NV Zac For always being honest and sincere

Fun at school clubs this week



FUN!
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FUN!



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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 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.

Leaves 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 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.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY!

Sir David Attenborough

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Let's make it a fun and memorable celebration! 🎉🌿



Warwickshire SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) is a free, confidential and impartial service providing information, advice and support for parents/carers, children and young people aged 0-25 who have or may have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Contact Warwickshire SENDIASS <https://www.warwickshiresendiass.co.uk/>

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MEMES

MEMES: more than just the single jokes, but, for many teenagers, they form a shared cultural language. Quickly created and reworked, they spread across social media platforms as images with text or short videos. Heavily liked by teenagers whose memes (aka 'vibes'), making many part of their lives. While memes encourage creativity and participation, they can also spread misinformation or reinforce harmful stereotypes.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- SPREADING MISINFORMATION**
- EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
- MASKED MESSAGES**
- HIDDEN HARM & LOSING SENSITIVITY**
- PERMANENT DIGITAL FOOTPRINT**

Advice for Parents & Educators

- ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS**
- TEACH DIGITAL LITERACY**
- MODEL HEALTHY BOUNDARIES**
- FOSTER EMPATHY ONLINE**

Meet Our Expert: Dr Catherine Morrison-Andrews is a Senior Lecturer in Digital Culture at Warwick University, co-author of 'The National College' book on digital literacy, and a leading expert on digital safety for young people.

Wake Up Wednesday | **The National College**

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

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CELEBRATING 16 YEARS IN BUSINESS

March/May 26 for parents and children

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click on www.allsortsmag.com

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



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YEAR 6 SECONDARY READY

Group tuition
building confidence
to prepare for
Year 7 in 2026

**WEDNESDAYS
6.30-7.30pm**

**Learn
With
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Julie**



WHY LEARN WITH TUTOR JULIE?

- Highly experienced and expert qualified teacher with enhanced DBS
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RISE MHST

Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)
Tips For Wellness:

GIVING TO OTHERS

Giving to others has a positive effect on our mental wellbeing. When we do things for people in our lives, feel-good chemicals are released into our body which can increase our mood, self-esteem, and happiness. This also reduces stress. It can even help us live longer!

Giving means putting yourself in someone else's shoes, thinking about what they might need, and acting to help them in some way.

Sometimes small things can be just as effective as big gestures. Try helping others for a week and see if it makes a difference to your own wellbeing

- Holding a door open
- Smiling and saying hello
- Checking on someone who is alone
- Picking up something that someone has dropped
- Listening to someone who needs to talk
- Helping to do chores around the house
- Making a cup of tea



Top Tip: Don't over-do it. Giving must start with yourself. You can only give your time and energy to others if you have enough left for yourself.

#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSStars certificates. If you know a child or young person that deserves recognition for going above and beyond, don't wait, nominate!
thankskids@covworkpt.nhs.uk

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.



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>

Community Autism Support Service CASS casspartnership.org.uk

If you live in Coventry or Warwickshire with a diagnosis of autism, or are awaiting a diagnosis, we may be able to help you, your parents or your carer.

You can start by calling the Navigation Team and ask about available support. Our team is made up of autistic individuals and those with lived experience, including parents or carers of autistic individuals.



Clear and timely support across Coventry and Warwickshire



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for better mental health | a partnership and community



RISE



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Coventry and
Warwickshire Partnership
NHS Trust

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



ComputerXplorers

Friday
Minecraft
Club



CREATE, CODE AND XPLORE THIS MAY HALF TERM

Give your child a head start in the digital world with **ComputerXplorers Holiday Camps**.

Children learn without even realising it as they build, design and experiment with technology. A brilliant mix of imagination, learning and confidence building.

THE ACTIVITIES
We cover many subjects including:

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





Ages:
6-13



From:
£30-£35 per session



Location:
Houlton Schl, Rugby, CV23 1ED



Dates:
26th - 29th May
9am - 3pm (4pm +£5)



LIMITED SPACES

book today - <https://tinyurl.com/mwsv44m>
or contact warwickshire@computerexplorers.co.uk

Preparing children for the future





AK COACHING

MAY Holiday Club

- Football ● Tag Rugby ● Frisbee ● Dodgeball ●
- Basketball ● Netball ● Hockey ● Tennis ●
- Cricket ● Rounders ● Gymnastics ● Table Tennis ●

PLUS, PLENTY OF OTHER FUN GAMES




MEDALS, TROPHIES & TSHIRTS TO BE WON

26 – 29 May

not running on Bank Holiday Monday

0900-1600

£17 PER DAY PER CHILD

AGE 5-11

BILTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

BOOK NOW

<https://shorturl.at/Ei6kU>

07725 876 612
akcoaching2020@gmail.com

Harris CofE Academy Sports Centre

Multi Sport Holiday Clubs for 5-12 year olds

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
Or call in to Harris Sports Centre, Mellish Rd, Rugby, CV22 6BB

RUGBY
Art Gallery & Museum

May Half-term Holiday Fun





Create Learn Enjoy Discover

in our half-term family workshops, including:

- Secret Messages with Invisible Ink for ages 6+
- Foam Marbling Art for ages 3+
- Play with Clay for ages 2-6
- Handle Real Local Artefacts - For all ages
- Meet Walfie the Wonder Dog
- ...and take part in our FREE Building Hunt!

Find out more at www.ragm.co.uk/holidayfun

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
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Warm Welcome
Warwickshire Libraries

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EAST WARWICKSHIRE

**Busy work life?
Little ones climbing the walls?
No worries, we're on your side.**

We understand how hard it can be to juggle work commitments and the school holidays, that's why we offer fun activities especially designed to entertain and educate any 5 to 11 year old, all under the watchful eye of our fully qualified team members and practitioners.

LOCATIONS

<p>Lawrence Sheriff School</p> <p>Facilities include, gymnasium, playground, a large playing field and a cafeteria for lunchtimes.</p> <p>ACTIVE FOOTBALL</p> <p>Get Directions (CV21 3AG)</p> <p>Contact Number 07835522236</p> <p>Ofsted URN 2513941</p>	<p>Long Lawford Primary School</p> <p>We are LAUNCHING a new holiday course at Long Lawford Primary School! Come and join us to see their brilliant facilities.</p> <p>ACTIVE</p> <p>Get Directions (CV23 9AL)</p> <p>Contact Number 07780194800</p> <p>Ofsted URN 2513941</p>
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<https://www.onsidecoaching.co.uk/sign-in>

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Warwickshire Libraries

What's On Guide

April - September 2026

**Warwickshire Libraries launch
Spring/Summer 2026 What's On Guide**

Warwickshire Libraries is pleased to announce the launch of its Spring/Summer 2026 What's On Guide highlighting a lively and engaging programme of cultural, creative and community activities taking place from April to September across all 18 council-managed libraries.

<http://tiny.cc/ny52101>

BARNARDOS Changing childhoods. Changing lives.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Claremont CFC, Claremont Road, Rugby, CV21 3LU

EVERY THURS 3:45PM - 4:45PM

Group unavailable on Thurs 7th May due to polling station

DANCE, DRAMA AND EXPRESSION!

Our Expressive Arts After-School Club is the perfect space for children to explore dance, drama, arts and crafts, and expressive arts! Parents are encouraged to leave children in our care while they build creativity, confidence, and have loads of fun discovering new ways to express themselves.

FOR AGES 5-11 YRS

BOOKING REQUIRED

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MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

FROM £12 PER DAY

26TH - 29TH MAY

9AM - 3:30PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION

PHONE: 07772873271
EMAIL: BOOKINGS@KITSACADEMY.COM

EARLY DROP OFF AND LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE



STALLS WANTED GIRLS FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

27TH & 28TH JUNE 2026

Rugby Borough FC, Kilsby Lane, Rugby, CV21 4PN

OVER 1000 PEOPLE ONSITE OVER THE WEEKEND FOOTBALL OR NON-FOOTBALL RELATED WELCOME

- Inflatables or other activities
- Craft stalls
- Sportswear stalls
- Pocket money stalls

INTERESTED? GET IN TOUCH WITH US

Email: tournament@rugbyboroughgirlsfc.co.uk



IMPACT DANCE with Hayley

Impact Dance Mill Road Rugby CV21 1AA

MAY HALF TERM Play days

£5 Per day per child
10% off when booked by Friday May 1st

3-11 year olds
9am - 3pm
Tuesday 26th
Wednesday 27th
Thursday 28th
Friday 29th

Book now

playdates@hayleyimpactdance.co.uk



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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