



Proud to be part of  
Bilton Community Federation

**“Everything depends on our ability to sustainably inhabit this earth, and true sustainability will require us all to change our way of thinking”**  
~ Deb Haaland



# BULLETIN

8th May 2026

## Headlines

Dear Parents/Carers,

We began our week following the bank holiday with a fantastic assembly led by Mrs Stanford and the Eco-Team. They shared with the children the important work of David Attenborough, helping them understand how his efforts to protect and celebrate the natural world connect to our upcoming non-school uniform day.



Image: Chris J Ratcliffe, Getty Images

Today the children enjoyed celebrating David Attenborough's 100th birthday by wearing bright, colours and animal themes inspired by the spirit of discovery. Our special assembly dedicated to Sir David allowed the children to learn and reflect on a truly remarkable individual.

As the weather becomes warmer, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring that all children have clearly named water bottles and jumpers in school. During outdoor play, many children remove their jumpers on the field and sometimes forget to bring them back inside. Our lunchtime staff do their best to collect any items left behind, but returning them to the correct owner can be difficult if they are unnamed. It is also very important that every child brings their own water bottle to school each day to stay hydrated, particularly in the warmer weather. Naming bottles helps ensure they are not misplaced or mixed up.

We have recently received a few complaints from our neighbours regarding children picking flowers from their gardens. It has been noted that this is mainly younger children, who do not attend BJS, but are waiting for older siblings at the end of the school day. We kindly ask for your support in reminding children that this is not appropriate behaviour and that we should always respect other people's property. We value our positive relationships with our neighbours and want to ensure we are being considerate members of the community.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Wishing all our Year 6 children all the best with their SATs next week.

Mrs Ross  
Head of School

Please ensure  
water bottles and  
clothing are  
clearly labelled



World Bee Day

Thursday  
21<sup>st</sup> May



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# Celebrations

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## Learner of the week

3HN Ella For your hard work in all your learning this week

3LD Olivia B For working hard with her maths

3RY Amelia J For working so hard all of the time. Well done

3TP Charlene For always working hard, dreaming big, and never giving up

4EL Hossain For trying really hard with his monologue in English

4SR Grayson For working hard on his Iron Man monologue in English

4SS Gayathri for her wonderfully positive attitude in all she attempts

5LM Dennis For his contributions during class discussions

5MB Savannah for great work on her playscript

5PA Summer Fantastic engagement, effort and achievement

6LB Eva-Bettie For your amazing hard work and effort across all subjects

6KC Danny Excellent effort across the curriculum

6NV Whole class For writing super letters of complaint

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Thank you from all @ BJS



3HN Joseph For being an honest and kind friend.

3LD Mayra For settling into her new school really positively

3RY Petru For being an honest and hard working member of 3RY

3TP Matilda For showing honesty by always telling the truth and being a trustworthy, caring friend

4EL Evie H For being helpful, kind and an excellent role model

4SR Rosie For being an honest and kind member of 4SR

4SS William For recognising when better choices can be made

5LM Courtney For being a honest and kind classmate

5MB Stanley C For being helpful, positive and supportive

5PA Zeke For setting a great example with his honesty, effort and desire to do better

6LB Jack For being honest and kind

6KC Bo For honesty and kindness

6NV Zayd For being a sincere and honest friend

## Relay race fun 🏃



# Notices



## Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness

### Keep Learning

Learning doesn't just happen in school! Encouraging your child to explore, discover, and try new things helps their brain grow, boosts confidence, and builds resilience. Here are some practical ways you can support learning at home and beyond. Learning boosts self-esteem and confidence, encourages curiosity and creativity and strengthens social and emotional skills.

#### Our tips for learning at home:

##### 1. Explore Interests Together

- Ask your child what excites them and encourage hobbies or projects.
- Try new activities like cooking, gardening, or a science experiment.

##### 2. Read, Read, Read

- Share books, stories, or articles that interest them.
- Make reading fun – explore comics, graphic novels, or audio books.

##### 3. Ask Questions & Encourage Curiosity

- Stimulate thinking by asking "why" or "how" questions.
- Support them in finding answers, experimenting, and reflecting.

##### 4. Learn Through Play

- Games, puzzles, building projects, or coding apps make learning enjoyable.
- Encourage creativity through drawing, music, or role-play.

##### 5. Celebrate Small Wins

- Praise effort, not just results.
- Recognize achievements, even if it's learning a new skill slowly.

##### 6. Explore the world

- Go on nature walks, visit local parks, museums, or libraries.
- Ask questions like, "What do you notice?" or "Why do you think that happens?"

#### Quick Ideas to Get Started Today

- Start a "family challenge" to learn something new weekly
- Visit local museums, libraries, or nature reserves
- Set aside a daily "curiosity time" for experiments or crafts

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.



## 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>



## Helping children get sorted for school

These moments – from starting school for the first time to preparing for exams and making decisions about what comes next – are exciting, but they can also bring worry and uncertainty.

Support and information are available to help children, young people and families feel confident, prepared and ready for change, whether that is starting school, sitting exams or planning for their future.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7587/helping-children-get-sorted-for-school>



### 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.

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 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.

<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](mailto:marketing@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk)

## Harris CofE Academy Sports Centre

Multi Sport Holiday Clubs for 5-12 year olds

May Half Term  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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: [gdm@harris.covmat.org](mailto:gdm@harris.covmat.org) Phone: 01788 818925  
Or call in to Harris Sports Centre, Mellish Rd, Rugby, CV22 6BB

## FAMILY FUN DAY

Bawnmore Community Infant School

**Saturday 9th May**  
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Join us! This event is open to the whole community

**ENTRY FEES**  
£1 per person | £5 for a family up to 8 people

**WHAT'S ON**

- Entertainment
- Face Painting
- Food & Bar
- Fun Activities

Picnic Welcome

**BARNARDOS** Changing childhoods. Changing lives.

## EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Claremont CFC, Claremont Road, Rugby, CV21 3LU

**EVERY THURS 3:45PM - 4:45PM**

Group unavailable on Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> May due to polling station

### DANCE, DRAMA AND EXPRESSION!

**FOR AGES 5-11 YRS**

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.

**BOOKING REQUIRED**

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HARRIS C of E ACADEMY SSP Presents:

### Bikeability – May 2026 Half Term Course

LEVEL 1 TRAINING FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6:

This training teaches basic cycle control skills in a safe environment away from traffic and will be run at Harris C of E Academy's Sport Centre in Rugby. Children must be able to cycle independently (no stabilisers) before coming on the course. Training takes place outside and children should be dressed appropriately in weather proof clothing with gloves recommended if it is cold, and sun protection as appropriate. Children need to bring a non-fizzy drink. Due to known allergies, we ask that no nut products are brought onto school site please.

Course: Tuesday 26th May 2026 from 09:30am to 11:30am  
Cost: £12 per person payable in advance with a booking form.  
Please note that payment is accepted by card only.

Early booking is essential as places are strictly limited and will be filled on a first come first served basis.  
\*\* Closing deadline for bookings is Monday 18th May 2026. None will be accepted after this date. \*\*  
Courses will only run if minimum numbers are reached. Children will need to have their own bicycle and helmet.  
Please note that refunds are not available unless the course is cancelled by Harris Sports Centre.

To book a place, please email Debbie: [ssp@harris.covmat.org](mailto:ssp@harris.covmat.org)

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 8+
- Foam Marbling Art for ages 5+
- Play with Clay for ages 2-6
- Handicraft Local Artifacts - For all ages
- Meet Waffle the Wonder Dog
- ...and take part in our FREE Building Hunt!

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

**Bookings NOW LIVE!**

Princethorpe College

**SAVE 10%**  
\*expires Sunday 3rd May!

**MAY HALF-TERM TEAM SUPERSPORTS**

Four days of sport and fun with friends!  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

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**6 GREAT VENUES**      **5 AMAZING ACTIVITIES**

## MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

FROM **£12 PER DAY**      **26<sup>TH</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY**      **9AM - 3:30PM**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

PHONE: 07772873271  
EMAIL: [BOOKINGS@KITSACADEMY.COM](mailto:BOOKINGS@KITSACADEMY.COM)

EARLY DROP OFF AND LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE




**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

**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**

## WAFFLE THE WONDER DOG MEET & GREET

**FRIDAY 29 MAY**  
1.45-3.45PM  
5 MINUTE PRE-BOOKED SLOT  
SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES  
BOOKING NOW OPEN

Book at [www.ragm.co.uk/holidayfun](http://www.ragm.co.uk/holidayfun)



## 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:** 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May  
9am - 3pm (4pm +£5)

**LIMITED SPACES**

book today - <https://tinyurl.com/mwsvw44m>  
or contact [warwickshire@computerexplorers.co.uk](mailto:warwickshire@computerexplorers.co.uk)

**Preparing children for the future**






**MAY HALF TERM Play days**

**£15 Per day per child**  
10% off when booked by Friday May 1st

**3-11 year olds**  
**9am - 3pm**  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

**Book now**  
[playdates@hayleyimpactdance.co.uk](mailto:playdates@hayleyimpactdance.co.uk)

**Impact Dance Mill Road Rugby CV21 1AA**





# 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

### 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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