Bilton C of E Junior School

News, dates and little moments from school

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half-term break. Although, as I sit down to write this newsletter, half term already feels like quite a while ago! It has certainly been a busy and exciting start to the second half of the autumn term, with lots happening across school.

Year 6 Residential – Rock UK

A huge well done to our wonderful Year 6 children who recently enjoyed their residential visit to Rock UK. What a fantastic experience for them all! The children were an absolute credit to themselves, their families and our school. We are incredibly proud of the way they embraced new challenges, supported one another and demonstrated such positive attitudes throughout their time away.

A very special thank you must go to all the staff who made this experience possible. Residential visits require an enormous amount of planning, preparation, energy and dedication, and we are so grateful to everyone who gave their time to ensure the children had such a memorable experience. These opportunities create memories that last a lifetime, and they simply wouldn't happen without the commitment of our fantastic staff team.

Welcoming Prospective Families

Over the past few weeks, we have been delighted to welcome so many prospective parents and carers into school for our parent tours. It has been lovely to meet so many families, share what makes Bilton Junior School such a special place and give visitors a glimpse of everyday life in our school.

A particular mention must go to our brilliant House Captains, who did a fantastic job showing families around. They spoke with such confidence, enthusiasm and pride about their school, and it was wonderful to hear so much positive feedback from our visitors. They really were excellent ambassadors for BJS, and we couldn't be prouder of them!

Celebrating Our Class Assemblies

We have also enjoyed two wonderful class assemblies, which have given us the opportunity to reflect on our values and how we can put them into action each day.

A big thank you to 4S for their thoughtful assembly linked to Care, reminding us of the importance of being lights to the world. The children helped us think about how even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference and how we can let our own lights shine through the way we treat others.

Thank you also to 4C1 for their lovely assembly linked to St Francis and the importance of caring for others. It was a wonderful reminder that care, compassion and kindness should be at the heart of everything we do.

Well done to both classes and their staff for all the hard work that went into preparing and sharing these special assemblies. We are so proud of you all!

Looking Ahead – A Live Advent at Bilton

I know it feels a little early to be mentioning the Christmas word already! This December, we will be celebrating Live Advent at Bilton Junior School

Rather than simply counting down the days to Christmas, we will be bringing Advent to life by taking part in a different Christmas-themed activity or event each day. We hope this will be a wonderful opportunity to build excitement, create special memories and celebrate the joy, kindness, generosity and togetherness that make this time of year so meaningful.

Some activities will be opportunities for us to come together as a school community, while others will encourage us to reflect, give to others and spread a little Christmas cheer.

You will find our Live Advent calendar at the bottom of this newsletter, so please do take a look at what we have planned. We are really looking forward to sharing this special time with the children and our families.

Finally

As always, thank you for your continued support. It is a real privilege to see our children growing in confidence, embracing opportunities and showing care and kindness to those around them.

We have so much to look forward to over the coming weeks, and I know this half term will be filled with plenty more special moments.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Nicky Brown - Head of School

Our value this half term…



Our value in action

Our value in action this half term is Care. Through our assemblies, we are exploring how care begins with noticing what others need and becomes meaningful when we act. Small actions, such as listening carefully, helping someone who is struggling or inviting someone to join a game, can make a real difference. Inspired by Jesus' teaching to "love your neighbour as yourself", we are encouraging children to widen their circle of care beyond their closest friends, helping everyone feel valued and included. Our challenge is simple: notice one thing and do one thing each day to show we care. At home, you could ask your child, "What changed today because you cared?"

Pop these dates in your diary

Event

W/C 16th November Book Fair Week

W/C 16th November – Year 5 swimming

W/C 23rd November – Year 5 swimming

W/C 30th November – Live advent starts – see attached info



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Live Advent

30 November - 18 December 2026

30 NOVEMBER - 4 DECEMBER

30 MONDAY NOVEMBER

Discover Advent

Let's learn about Advent.

1 TUESDAY DECEMBER

Christmas around the world

How is Christmas celebrated in different parts of the world?

2 WEDNESDAY DECEMBER

The Nativity

Let's learn about the Nativity.

3 THURSDAY DECEMBER

Christmas disco

Bring Christmas accessories to wear later at the discos, such as a hat, badge or tinsel.

PTA disco times
Y3/4: 3.30-4.30
Y5/6: 4.40-5.40

4 FRIDAY DECEMBER

Christmas Door Day

Let's decorate our classroom door!

7 - 11 DECEMBER

7 MONDAY DECEMBER

Sing in another language

Learn a Christmas song in a different language.

8 TUESDAY DECEMBER

Theatre time

4Front Theatre Production

Morning - Y3/4/5

9 WEDNESDAY DECEMBER

Jumpers & Christmas dinner

Non-uniform with Christmas jumpers in exchange for Rainbow Raffle donations.

Make Christmas decorations to help the school feel festive.

10 THURSDAY DECEMBER

Wishes & bookmarks

A Christmas Wish for the World
Write a thoughtful wish for others and add it to a class paper chain.

Festive Bookmarks
Design a Christmas bookmark for someone who loves reading.

11 FRIDAY DECEMBER

Christmas kindness

Create a Christmas kindness card for someone in our school community to brighten their day.

14 - 18 DECEMBER

14 MONDAY DECEMBER

Year 3 parent coffee

Coffee and mince pies

9:15-10:15

15 TUESDAY DECEMBER

Year 4 parent coffee

Coffee and mince pies

9:15-10:15

16 WEDNESDAY DECEMBER

Coffee & Christmas stories

Year 5 parent coffee
Coffee and mince pies, 9:15-10:15.

Bring a favourite Christmas story to share with your friends or class.

17 THURSDAY DECEMBER

Christmas church services

Y3/5: 10:00 - Nativity

Y4/6: 11:30

18 FRIDAY DECEMBER

A cosy festive finish

Year 6 parent coffee
Coffee and mince pies, 9:15-10:15.

Non-uniform, pyjamas or comfy clothes for a festive film day!