



General News

Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach October it is clear how well children have settled into their new classes and are busy with their learning. We have had an exciting start to the new school year with birds of prey visiting us and celebrating Roald Dahl through different activities and a fantastic dress up day!

Our home reading has really improved this year so a big thank you to all parents and carers for supporting us to help children with their reading. Extra practice at home really does make a difference!

Please be sure to book an appointment for parent/carer interviews with your child's class teacher to find out how they are doing and what they are working towards in class.

We value working in partnership with all parents/carers and thank you for your continued support.

Miss E Jackson
Headteacher

School Improvements

Over the next few weeks you will see building works on our site. These are planned works to replace gutters and fascias which are currently in a poor condition. All works have been risk assessment and learning will not be affected.

Free School Meals

Parents now have the ability to apply online for Free School Meals.

If you think your child is entitled to free school meals please check your eligibility online using this link: [CHECK/APPLY FSM](#)

Parent/Carer Interviews - Thursday 12th October

The autumn parent/carer interviews will take place face to face on **Thursday 12th October 2023 from 1.30pm until 7.00pm.**

Please note school will close at 1.15pm on this day however if parents/carers are unable to collect their child please let the office know so we can arrange for your child to stay at school until 3.15pm as usual.

Appointments can be booked via the SchoolCloud system or by contacting the school office.

These 10 minute meetings with class teachers are an opportunity for you to talk to your child's teacher about how they have settled into their new class and what targets they are working on.

Parking Around School

Please can we remind all parents/carers to park safely and responsibly outside the school. Many cars are parking on the single yellow lines and blocking pavements too which is putting children at risk.

Please leave the school gates clear as well as any marked areas including the single yellow lined areas.

The 'Drop & Go' area is often under used and we would encourage parents/carers to use this for an easy drop off. Mrs Newby is always there to walk your child into school.

Flu Vaccination Program

A reminder that School Health will be in school on **Tuesday 10th October** to deliver the flu vaccination program. Please see below to give consent for your child.

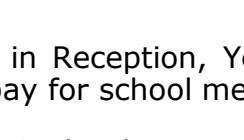
The online consent form closes at 11am, two working days before the session.

1. Click on the following link: www.BWimmunisations.co.uk
2. Click **Flu Consent Form**
3. Enter and confirm your preferred email address – you will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.
4. Enter your school code: BW111176
5. Complete and submit the consent form, indicating your choice of consent - please ensure you provide your child's registered address and GP.

Photo Day - Thu 12th October

We have arranged for the photography company Posh Prints to visit school on **Thursday 12th October 2023.**

School photographs will be taken during the morning with all pupils wearing school uniform.



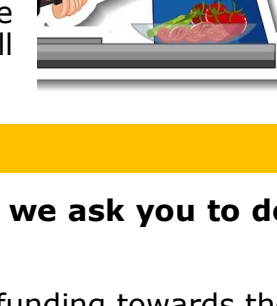
If your child has siblings at school they will have their photograph taken in their family group. If you want individual photographs please let the office know.

If your child has PE on this day please send their school cardigan/jumper into school with them.

Clubs

If your child has signed up for a club please ensure they attend.

Clubs will run until Thursday 28th October



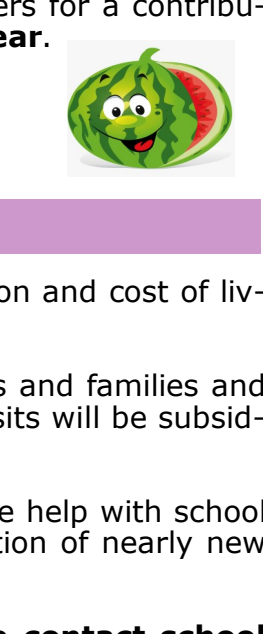
Treat Lunch - Thursday 5th October

The school will be serving a treat lunch on **Thursday 5th October**; the cost will be £2.70 for anyone who usually pays for school meals and would like a lunch.

Lunch will be Sausage Roll (or Vegan version), Wedges & Beans followed by Chocolate Crunch & Milkshake.

A reminder that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 do NOT need to pay for school meals.

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who do not receive free school meals and who would like a lunch will need to pay online via School Gateway as usual.

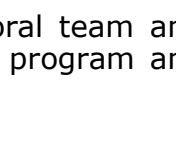


Tuck Payments

If you have not yet paid for tuck, please can we ask you to do so as soon as possible.

We have been fortunate enough to secure some funding towards the cost of tuck. We are therefore asking parents/carers for a contribution of **£10.00 per pupil for the full academic year.**

If we do not receive payment we will assume you do not wish your child to have daily tuck.



Cost of Living

We are aware of the increased energy costs, inflation and cost of living pressures that are affecting everyone.

We will always do our best to support all our pupils and families and do what we can to subsidise where possible. All visits will be subsidised by school.

We would also like to remind you that if you require help with school uniform please call into school as we have a selection of nearly new items available.

If at any point you feel are struggling please contact school so we can offer advice and support.

Pastoral Support

A reminder we are fortunate to have our own Family Support Worker - Joann Neilson - in school. Jo can work with parents/carers on lots of things including home behaviour, routines, fussy eaters or to just be a listening ear!

Jo is always around at the start and end of the school day.

Mrs Marsh and Mrs Smith are also part of our pastoral team and work with children in school. They lead our nurture program and also deliver ELSA sessions.

We also Viv Kay who is our school counsellor.

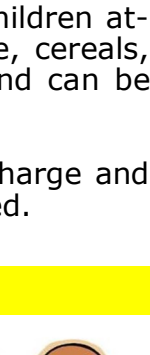
SENDCo

Mrs Westwood is our SENDCo. She supports children with SEND in school and also helps parents/carers too. If you have any concerns about your child, please let Mrs Westwood know. She works Monday to Thursday. Appointments can be arranged through the office.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards our recent fundraising efforts.

We raised £120.00 for Roald Dahl's Amazing Children's Charity and £59.00 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you!



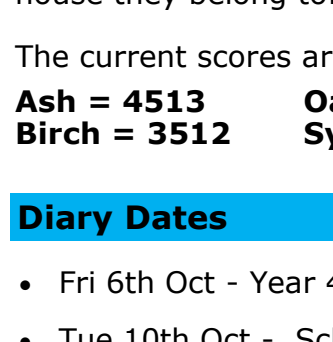
Save the Date!

Christmas dates for your diary...

- Fri 8th Dec - Christmas Fair (1.45pm - 3.00pm)
- Wed 20th Dec - Christmas Performances (10.00am, 1.00pm & 2.30pm)



PE Timetable



A reminder children should come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE.

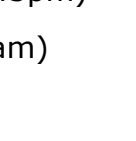
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| YR: | Tue & Fri | Y3: | Tue & Fri |
| Y1: | Tue & Fri | Y4: | Mon & Tue |
| Y2: | Mon & Fri | Y5: | Mon Thu |
| | | Y6: | Tue & Fri (Swim) |

Jewellery

A reminder that children should not wear jewellery for school. Staff will ask children to remove watches and earrings for PE lessons.

Marvellous Me

Please make sure you have signed up to Marvellous Me so you can be kept updated with what your child is doing in school each day.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs daily from 7.30am until 8.30am. All children attending receive free breakfast which includes hot chocolate, cereals, bagels and juice. The cost to attend is £1.00 per pupil and can be booked online via the School Gateway.

Early Bird Drop Off runs daily from 8.30am. There is no charge and children can also access free breakfast. No booking is needed.

School Uniform Orders

Uniform orders should be made through the school office. Please note we no longer carry a lot of stock on site so please allow time for your order to be processed (around 2 weeks).



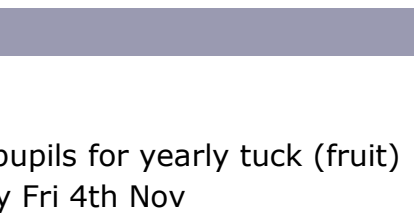
When your order arrives we will send you a text message to arrange payment and collection.

Value of the Month

This month our value is:

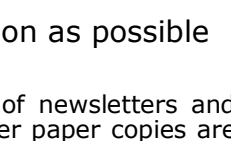
Friendship

We will be discovering the importance of friendship and learning how we can be good friends.



School Houses

You will know that the whole school including staff have now been organised into our school houses. Everyone has now received a badge to show which house they belong to.



The current scores are:

- Ash = 4513 Oak = 3887**
Birch = 3512 Sycamore = 3808

Diary Dates

- Fri 6th Oct - Year 4 Visit to Chester
- Tue 10th Oct - School Health in School for Nasal Flu Vac Program
- Thu 12th Oct - School Photograph Day (morning)
- Thu 12th Oct - Parent Interviews 1.30pm to 7.00pm (school closes at 1.15pm on this day)
- Tue 17th & Wed 18th Oct - SEN Support Plan Meetings
- Tue 24th Oct - Y4 Kingswood Parent/Carer Meeting (2.45pm)
- Wed 25th Oct - YR/Y1/Y2/Y3 Harvest Assembly (10.00am)
- Fri 27th Oct - School closes for half term
- Mon 6th Nov - School reopens
- Fri 10th Nov - Y4/Y5/Y6 Remembrance Assembly (10.00am)
- Mon 13th Nov - Y4 Kingswood Residential (2 nights)
- Thu 23rd Nov - Y2 Foxhowl Residential (1 night)

Further information will be sent out for events nearer the time.

Useful Links

[School Term Dates](#)

[School Website](#)

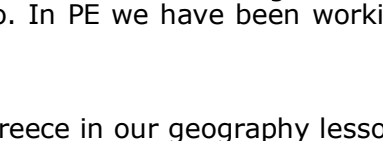
Attendance & Rewards

Attendance continues to be a priority for school.

Our new whole school reward is **"To Attendance & Beyond!"**

Each week if your child's class has attendance of 96% or above they will receive the reward of an extra playtime the following week.

Every Day Counts



Classes who achieve 100% attendance for the week will receive an extra treat!

Everyone can help to earn their class a reward!

School current attendance = 95.6%

School Gateway Reminders

Currently payment/consent is due for:

- **Tuck** - Payment of £10.00 due for all pupils for yearly tuck (fruit)
- **Y2 Foxhowl Visit:** Full balance due by Fri 4th Nov
- **Y4 Kingswood Visit** - Full balance due by Fri 27th Oct
- **Y5/Y6 Edinburgh Visit** - Next payment due by 27th Oct
- **Y3 CHET Visit** - Next payment due by Fri 10th Nov
- **Y5/Y6 Young Voices 24:** £5.00 deposit due as soon as possible

A reminder we no longer send out paper copies of newsletters and letters. All communication is sent by email however paper copies are available if requested. **If you are not receiving any communications please update the office with your email address [here](#).**

Curriculum Overview

Our website provides a more detailed overview of what each class is learning about each term but here is a brief overview.

Reception

Reception children have been busy learning all about themselves and their peers, making friends and building positive bonds. We have now started our Autumn themed term learning about the different seasons and creating beautiful art work with leaves and natural resources. We are reading 'The Little Red Hen' in literacy which is a folk tale about friendship and sharing, the children have loved getting into the character roles. Our weeks ahead have lots of fun activities including Halloween crafting and cooking.

Year 1

Year 1 we are learning to write simple sentences independently and to add numbers to 10. In Geography we are learning all about our school grounds and local area, and finally in science we are learning all about our bodies and how amazing they are.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy few weeks settling into year 2. We are confident now with our rules, routines and expectations. In maths we have explored numbers to 100 and we are about to begin exploring addition and subtraction. We are exploring letter writing in English and various other genres. Science has been fun learning about humans and other animals. Our history focus is significant individuals. Lots more fun and exciting lessons are to follow before we break up for half term!

Year 3

Year 3 this term, we shall be focusing on numbers to 1000, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division in Maths. We are exploring narratives, playscripts and informational and instructional texts in English. We shall be learning about The Stone Age and Iron Age in History, North America in Geography and animals, including humans and rocks in Science. Pupils will get the opportunity to develop their gymnastics and multi-sports skills in P.E. and also how to see like an artist by using techniques such as shading and using shapes to help them improve their work. We have a busy term ahead of us!

Year 4

Year 4 have hit the ground running and have been working hard on place value in maths and dilemmas in English. We have been learning all about the Romans ready for our trip to Chester too. In PE we have been working on our hockey and gymnastics skills.

Year 5

Year 5, we have been learning all about Greece in our geography lessons which we are able to link to our English topic of Myths and Legends. We have been looking closely at the myth 'Prometheus and Pandora' and doing lots of writing about the different characters. We have been delving further into this in our reading lessons, looking at a range of myths. In maths, we have finished our place value unit and we are now moving on to addition and subtraction. In Science, we have been fortunate to visit OBA where we have been learning all about states of matter and in school we have been learning all about life cycles.

Year 6

This term we will be learning about our local area and how we fit in the wider world. We will use maps and ordinance to develop skills. I'm art we will be creating photo montages and explore effects of colour, shape and size. Later in the term Year 6 will be investigating how Liverpool became a city and how our region changed during the Industrial Revolution. I'm Science, we have been learning about the heart and circulatory system. In English, we will be writing narratives and explore new grammar and punctuation. In maths we will be developing our skills and fluency in a range of number and calculation topics.