



Bentley West Newsletter Issue 02

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great first, full week back at Bentley West Primary School! It has been wonderful to see the children settling into their new classes, building relationships with their teachers and demonstrating such positive attitudes towards their learning. We are really proud of the fantastic start they have made.

Year Group Welcome Meetings

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Year Group Welcome Meetings across the week. It was lovely to see so many of you engaging with school and finding out more about the year ahead. We really value the strong partnership between home and school, and your support makes such a positive difference to your children.

Parking Around School

A gentle but important reminder that parents and carers must not park on the pavement or on the yellow lines outside the school gates.

Please help us to keep our children, families and wider community safe by parking considerately and legally when dropping off and collecting children.

Raising Concerns

We understand that, from time to time, parents and carers may have concerns or questions about their child or something that has happened in school. If you have a concern, please ensure that this is raised through the appropriate school channels, so that we can listen, investigate where necessary and work with you to resolve the issue.

We kindly ask that parents and carers do not approach or confront other parents on the playground, particularly in front of children. We want our school to remain a calm, respectful and supportive environment for everyone.

If you have a concern, please speak to the appropriate member of staff rather than attempting to resolve the matter directly with another parent.

Keep Reading Every Day!

Please remember the importance of reading with your child every day. Just a few minutes of reading together can make a huge difference to your child's vocabulary, fluency, comprehension and confidence.

Whether it is reading their school book, sharing a story together or simply talking about what they have read, please make reading part of your daily routine.

Healthy Snacks

Finally, a gentle reminder that children should bring a healthy snack into school for break time.

Good choices include fruit, vegetables or other healthy options that will help children to stay focused and energised throughout the morning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a really positive start to the new academic year, and we are looking forward to another fantastic week of learning, growth and possibilities!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Miss Stanley

Head Teacher



Creativity



Aspiration



Respect



Excellence



Supportive



CARES AWARDS

1AM	M Sago	4KL	M Lebond
1LF	A Speed	4SL	A Butler
2HB	R Dams	5EW	J Moorcroft
2LC	B Singh	5WM	L Ball
3LJ	N Young	6EC	F. Sweeney
3SA	F Thomas	6MP	A.Droach

FOR AUTUMN TERM

Nursery and Reception - for our CARES values our children will be given their special certificate in class, this is to give the children time to settle into their environment. There is no need for parents to attend the children will bring this home on a Friday/.



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Academic Year 2026 - 2027



Year Reception Welcome Meeting (9am)	Dinner Hall	Mon 14 Sept 26
Homework Project Assemblies	All week - make sure they are in school this week	Mon 14 Sept 26
Year 6 Bikeability Day 1 (1st cohort)	More information to follow	Tues 15 Sept 26
SATs Parent Meeting	Small Hall 9am	Tues 15 Sept 26
Year 6 Bikeability Day 2 (1st cohort)	More information to follow	Wed 16 Sept 26
Year 6 Bikeability Day 1 (2nd cohort)	More information to follow	Thur 17 Sept 26
Year 6 Bikeability Day 2 (2nd cohort)	More information to follow	Fri 18 Sept 26
Safeguarding Day + Parent Assembly (9am)	Small Hall	Mon 21 Sep 26
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Meeting (+ Year 2 retakers)	9am in Dinner Hall	Tues 22 Sept 26
Year 1AM Twycross Trip	See Year 1 Parent Information Booklet	Thurs 24 Sep 26
Year 1AM Twycross Trip	See Year 1 Parent Information Booklet	Fri 25 Sep 26
Macmillan Coffee Morning (Parents)	Small Hall 9.30am	Fri 25 Sept 26
Year 4 PGL Residential	Please join us for the parent meeting earlier in the month	Mon 28 Sep 26, return Tuesday 29 Sept 26
Multiplication Check Meeting Y4	Small Hall 9am	Wed 30 Sep 26
October 2026		
Spotlight on Attendance - Be in today for the chance of winning a voucher!	You've got to be in school to get the chance to win!	Thurs 1 Oct 26
Year 4 Tamworth Castle Trip (Class 1)	See Y4 Parent Information Booklet	Thurs 1 Oct 26
Year 4 Tamworth Castle Trip (Class 2)		Fri 2 Oct 26

PE Dates

Nursery - Monday and Wednesday
 Reception - Monday and Friday
 Year 1 - Wednesday and Thursday
 Year 2 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 - Tuesday and Friday
 Year 4 - Monday and Thursday
 Year 5 - Wednesday and Friday
 Year 6 - Monday and Tuesday



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JOIN US

FOR OUR OPEN EVENING!

Wednesday 16th September 2026

4:30pm - 6:30pm

- Explore our academy
- Meet our dedicated staff and welcoming students
- Take part in interactive activities
- Discover the wide range of opportunities available



E-ACT Willenhall
Academy



E-ACT

MY CHILD AT SCHOOL (MCAS)

Now that our communication with parents is through our MCAS app, can we ask all parents to please download the app and add the same details we hold on our system. Any problems please speak to the school office who will do their best to help.



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Black Country Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

CAMHS Parent/Carer Workshops

Come and join our Parent/Carer Workshops, run by Black Country CAMHS services (on MS Teams for 1 hour). Groups held 12pm - 1pm.

We know that suffering from mental health difficulties does not only affect the person struggling, but also the family around them. Parenting a child/young person with mental health difficulties can create additional challenges for parents.

We are running workshops exploring a range of difficulties that children/young people may experience, that can impact their emotional wellbeing.

22.04.2026 - Anxiety

27.05.2026 - Understanding Autism

17.06.2026 - Low mood in Children

15.07.2026 - Anger Conduct

23.09.2026 - Trauma with attachment

21.10.2026 - Self Harm with DBT skills

18.11.2026 - Anxiety and OCD



To register your interest telephone Andrea Ehgartner / Nicole Whitehouse on 01922 607400

www.blackcountrychildrens.nhs.uk/camhs

Free School Meals

Changes from September 2026

What is changing?

- The Government is changing the rules for Free School Meals from September 2026
- This means all children who currently get Free School Meals will be checked again before September 2026 to make sure they still qualify.
- If your child no longer qualifies, you may need to pay for their school meals from September 2026
- All families receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to Free School Meals under the new rules.
- After this, children receiving Free School Meals will be checked every year.



Who can get Free School Meals?

Your child may be eligible if you receive certain benefits. If you qualify, Free School Meals will be split into two groups, depending on your circumstances.



Walsall Council

Dear Parents/Carers

We're delighted to let you know about a range of special school lunch promotions taking place between September and November, giving pupils even more to look forward to at lunchtime:

- 26 September-12 October:** Love British Food Fortnight - celebrating local and British-grown ingredients as part of this national initiative.
- September Snacktember:** Sammy's Healthy Snack Tasting Specials - sampling healthy food choices.
- October:** 100 Years of Winnie-the-Pooh - celebration menu featuring a cupcake with a Winnie-the-Pooh topper.
- 1 October:** Census Day - Sammy's Special Box Meal (Burger/Wrap/Hotdog etc) - every school meal chosen on this day helps support your child's school.
- 31 October:** Hallowe'en - Spooks & Jelly Special Menu + Guess the Number of Pumpkin Seeds in the Jar competition - celebrating Hallowe'en.
- 5 November:** Bonfire Night - Sparkling Special Menu - a seasonal favourite pupils love.
- 10-14 November:** National School Meals Week - supporting this national initiative and celebrating the benefits of school meals.
- 11 November:** Remembrance Day - poppy cupcakes.

These promotions help make mealtimes engaging and enjoyable while celebrating healthy eating, British produce, national initiatives, seasonal events, and key dates throughout the school year. They form part of our commitment to creating positive dining experiences, encouraging healthy choices, and supporting school meal uptake.

Choosing a school meal is about more than convenience - it supports healthy eating habits, helps children stay energised for learning, and allows them to be part of the shared school dining experience.

Please see the attached information for more details.

Thank you.



Walsall's SEND Local Offer

The Local Offer website provides useful information, available in one place for children and young people aged 0-25 years with Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND), their parents/carers and professionals.

This includes information about local services to help children, young people, parents and carers make choices about the support they receive.

The Local Offer is created and published in collaboration with SEND children, young people and their parents/carers.

To find out more, visit the Local Offer website: <https://send.walsall.gov.uk/> or scan the QR code.

Walsall Council, SEND, NHS Black Country, and other partner logos are displayed at the bottom.

We are a Nut Free School

Please be advised that NO nuts or items of food containing nuts are allowed in school at any time this includes for dinner or snack time.

School dinner
School meals are now £2.65 per day, please book via Scopay before 12 midnight the night before

School photographs
The photographer will be in school Wednesday 23rd September 2026

