



Bentley West Newsletter Issue 03

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents,

This week, we were delighted to welcome our Chair of Governors and members of our School Improvement Team into school.

They spent time visiting classrooms and talking with children and staff, and were incredibly impressed with what they saw. They commented on how settled and happy the children are, how engaged they are in their learning, and the strong culture of high expectations and high standards that is evident across the school.

We are incredibly proud of our children for the way they represent Bentley West every day. Thank you to our staff, children and families for your continued support in making our school such a positive place to learn.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Miss Stanley
Head teacher

School photographs

Reminder that the photographer will be in school on
Wednesday 23rd September 2026



Creativity



Aspiration



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CARES AWARDS

Our assembly will take place on Friday 25th September at 9.00am.
Please come along and celebrate your child's achievement

1AM	<i>H Aboagye</i>	4KL	<i>V. Eyong Nkongo</i>
1LF	<i>D Aplin</i>	4SL	<i>M. Moore</i>
2HB	<i>M. Stanley</i>	5EW	<i>Z Lebond</i>
2LC	<i>R. Gardner</i>	5WM	<i>J. Tagedin</i>
3LJ	<i>M Agboola</i>	6EC	<i>T Singh</i>
3SA	<i>L Speed</i>	6MP	<i>A Speed</i>

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



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 1LF 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 21 Sep 26, return Tuesday 22 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 (4KL)	See Y4 Parent Information Booklet	Thurs 1 Oct 26
Year 4 Tamworth Castle Trip (4SL)		Fri 2 Oct 26
Book Fair in all week	All week after school 3pm in the small hall	Mon 5 Oct 26
Harvest Donations to be brought in this week	All week	Mon 5 oct 26
Parents Evening	4-7pm	Wed 7 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

Parent Survey

You Said... We Did...

Your views
make a difference!



Thank you!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who completed our Parent Survey before the summer break. Your feedback is important to us and helps us to reflect on what we are doing well and identify areas where we can continue to improve.

I have discussed the feedback with the Senior Leadership Team, and we have considered the points raised carefully. Below are some of the key areas you highlighted and our responses.



YOU SAID...

"I would like more opportunities to discuss my child's progress and attainment."



Parents' Evening dates for this academic year:

Autumn

Wednesday
7th October
2026

Spring

Wednesday
3rd February
2026

Summer

Thursday
7th July
2026



At the February Parents' Evening, parents and carers will also receive an attainment overview, providing information about their child's progress towards age-related expectations.



At the end of the academic year, every child receives a written pupil report, providing a further overview of their progress, attainment and achievements throughout the year.



WE DID...

There are three Parents' Evenings each academic year, providing opportunities for parents and carers to meet with their child's class teacher and discuss their progress, attainment, learning and next steps.



Communication – who to contact



YOU SAID...

"I would like to know who to contact if I have a concern or need support."



WE DID...

We want parents and carers to feel that they can approach us whenever they need support. We have an open-door approach and encourage you to speak to us if you have a concern or would like to discuss something about your child.

Our communication process is:

1

Class Teacher

Your child's class teacher should always be your first point of contact.

2

SENDCO

For Special needs queries please contact Mrs Evans.

3

Phase Leader

If your concern has not been resolved or you need further support, please speak to your child's Phase Leader.

4

Deputy Headteacher – Mr Molloy

If further support is required, Mr Molloy can assist.

5

Headteacher – Miss Stanley

Where necessary, matters can then be escalated to Miss Stanley.

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Safeguarding

For Safeguarding please contact
Mr Molloy
(Safeguarding lead/DfL)

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Special Educational Needs

If you have a query regarding Special needs please contact
Mrs Evans (SENDCO)



Communication by Email

We also receive a large number of emails from parents and carers. To ensure that we can manage these effectively and respond appropriately, all school email correspondence will receive an automatic reply confirming that we aim to **respond within 48 hours**.



Please be assured that your message will be dealt with as soon as possible and directed to the appropriate member of staff where necessary.



Working Together

We are committed to maintaining positive, open and respectful communication with all our families. Our shared aim is to ensure that every child is happy, safe and successful at Bentley West.

If you have a concern
about your child, please speak
to their class teacher in the
first instance.

We are always happy to listen, provide support and work together with you to find the best way forward for your child.

Thank you for your continued support and for working in partnership with us.

Miss Stanley

Headteacher
Bentley West Primary School



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Attendance Matters

How has your child's class performed this week?

RIS	97.1%
RVR	88.3%
1AM	96.7%
1LF	95.3%
2HB	89.2%
2LC	92.9%
3SA	95.4%
3LJ	95.2%

4SL	95.4%
4KL	93.9%
5WM	99.6%
5EW	95.8%
6EC	98.6%
6MP	98.7%

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:

- 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.

BLOXWICH ACADEMY

OPEN MORNING

Come and discover what makes Bloxwich Academy a great place to learn, grow and succeed. Meet our staff, explore our facilities and find out what life at our school is all about. We look forward to welcoming you!

22 - 23 SEPTEMBER

09.15 - 10.25

Matrix Academy Trust

Bloxwich Academy
Leisure Lane
Bloxwich, Walsall
West Midlands
WS2 7NR

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

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 £2.70 per day, please book via Scopay before 12 midnight the night before

