



Bentley West Newsletter Issue 04

Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

☀️ What a wonderful week at Bentley West! ☀️

It has been another busy and exciting week in school, with lots of opportunities for our children to learn, experience new things and make special memories.

🍌 Year 4 Residential – Monday & Tuesday

Some of our Year 4 children enjoyed an exciting overnight residential to Boreatton Park House Outdoor Activity Centre on Monday and Tuesday this week.

The children took part in a range of outdoor activities and challenges, giving them opportunities to develop their independence, teamwork, resilience and confidence. It was fantastic to see them supporting one another, trying new things and embracing the experience. We are very proud of how they represented Bentley West.

A huge thank you to all the staff who accompanied the children and helped to make the residential such a memorable experience!

📖 Year 1 Phonics Parent Meeting – Tuesday

On Tuesday, we held our Year 1 Phonics Parent Meeting. The focus of the meeting was to share the expectations for the Phonics Screening Check, which will take place in June, and to explain how parents and carers can support their children with their phonics and reading at home.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended and took the time to find out more. Your support makes such a difference to your child's confidence and progress in reading.

📷 School Photographs – Wednesday

On Wednesday, we welcomed our school photographers into school. We hope everyone enjoyed having their photographs taken! We will let you know as soon as the photographs arrive in school and are available to parents and carers.

🦁 Year 1 Visit to Twycross Zoo – Thursday & Friday

Thursday and Friday were very exciting days for our Year 1 children, as they enjoyed their first school trip of the year to Twycross Zoo.

The children had a fantastic time seeing and learning about the different animals and were a wonderful credit to our school. One child summed up the experience perfectly:

"It was amazing, Miss Stanley! I loved all the animals!" 🦁🦒🦋

It was lovely to see the children's excitement, curiosity and enthusiasm for learning outside of the classroom. A huge thank you to the Year 1 team and all the adults who helped to make the visits such a memorable experience.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards

Miss Stanley

Head teacher



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Academic Year 2026 - 2027



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
Y5 Blist Hill Trip (5EW)	Please see Y5 Parent Information Booklet	Thur 8 Oct 26
Y5 Blist Hill Trip (5WM)		Fri 9 Oct 26
Y6 RAF Cosford (6EC)	Please see Y6 Parent Information Booklet	Wed 14 Oct 26
Y5 Reading Inspire Workshop (9am)	More information to follow	Mon 12 Oct 26
EYFS Reading Inspire Workshop (2.30pm)		Mon 12 Oct 26
Y6 Reading Inspire Workshop (9am)		Tues 13 Oct 26
Y1 Reading Inspire Workshop (2.30pm)		Tues 13 Oct 26
Y4 Reading Inspire Workshop (9am)		Wed 14 Oct 26
Y2 Reading Inspire Workshop (2.30pm)		Wed 14 Oct 26
Y3 Reading Inspire Workshop (9am)		Thur 15 Oct 26
Athlete Attending Bentley West		Fri 16th Oct 26
New Homework Projects being set this week	All years	Mon 19 Oct 26
Y2 Selly Oak Manor Trio (2LC)	Please see Y2 Parent Information Booklet	Mon 19 Oct 26
Y2 Selly Oak Manor Trio (2HB)		Thur 22 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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CARES AWARDS

Our assembly will take place on Friday 2nd October at 9.00am.

Please come along and celebrate your child's achievement

1AM	<i>E. Russon</i>	4KL	<i>H. Macaulay</i>
1LF	<i>H. Lateef</i>	4SL	<i>N. Kabadzhova</i>
2HB	<i>H. Capewell</i>	5EW	<i>A Walker</i>
2LC	<i>L. Malkin</i>	5WM	<i>O. Harbinson</i>
3LJ	<i>M Jones</i>	6EC	<i>A. Selvey-Cook</i>
3SA	<i>B - R Harbinson</i>	6MP	<i>A. Rashid</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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Attendance Matters

How has your child's class performed this week?

RIS	94.4%
RVR	93.8%
1AM	95.3%
1LF	96.3%
2HB	91.5%
2LC	96.5%
3SA	96.4%
3LJ	93.5%

4SL	92.5%
4KL	97.8%
5WM	97.9%
5EW	92.3%
6EC	93.4%
6MP	95.7%

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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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.



Celebrate Reading at our Book Fair!

To continue the celebration of the National Year of Reading 2026 the Book Fair will be arriving in school, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy.

Come and join us!

When: **Monday 5th - Friday 9th October from 3.30pm in the small hall**

Parents' Evening will also be taking place that week (Wednesday 7th October). Therefore, on this day, the book fair will be set up in the corridor outside the dinner hall. Come and buy a book for your child after your appointment with your child's class teacher.

There will be over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from - there is sure to be a book for everyone.
Discover books from just £3.99.

If your child receives 100% attendance that week, your child will be put into a draw to win a £5 voucher that they can use at the book fair.

This year's book fair will be cashless. You will need to pay for books by scanning the QR code on your smartphone or using the card payment terminal.

Don't forget that everything you buy helps to earn free books for our school. These will enrich the curriculum and classroom libraries. All children would benefit from the purchase of these new books. We hope to see you soon at our Book Fair!



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:** Halloween - Spooks & Jelly Special Menu + Guess the Number of Pumpkin Seeds in the Jar competition - celebrating Halloween.
- **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:







Free School Meals

Changes from September 2026

What is changing?

- This 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.




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

 bchft_camhs  www.blackcountrychildrens.nhs.uk/camhs

Is your child in year 6?

If so, you can apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2027 through the [Walsall Council School Admissions](#) portal.

Key Dates for September 2027 Admission

- **Applications Open:** 11 September 2026
- **Closing Date:** 31 October 2026 (10:00 PM)
- **National Offer Day:** 1 March 2027

