



Bentley West Newsletter Issue 06

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents

A wonderful week of learning at Bentley West!

A big thank you to all the parents who attended our Parents' Evening on Wednesday. We had a fantastic turnout, and it was lovely to see such a warm, welcoming and positive atmosphere throughout the evening. These opportunities to work together are so important in supporting our children's learning and celebrating their progress.

On Thursday and Friday, our Year 5 children enjoyed an educational visit to Blists Hill Victorian Town as part of their History learning. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to bring their learning to life, explore what life was like in Victorian times and deepen their understanding of the past.

We ended the week with a visit from Jilly, our Read Write Inc. (RWI) Phonics Consultant. Jilly spent time in school looking at our phonics provision and supporting us to continue developing the teaching of early reading, ensuring our children have the very best foundations for becoming confident, fluent readers.

A few important reminders

- **Healthy snacks and lunch boxes:** Please ensure that children bring healthy snacks for breaktime and nutritious lunch boxes. A balanced diet helps children to concentrate, learn and feel their best throughout the school day.
- **Mobile phones:** As a reminder, please do not use mobile phones whilst on the school site. Thank you for helping us to maintain a safe and focused environment for our children.
- **Reading workshops:** Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school for our reading workshops. These sessions will provide a valuable opportunity for you to explore ways to support your child's reading at home and build their confidence and enjoyment of books.
- **Parking:** Please do not park on the pavement, yellow lines or Zig Zags outside the school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for working in partnership with us. It is wonderful to see our school community coming together to help our children thrive.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Stanley

Head Teacher



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Academic Year 2026 - 2027



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 Trip (2LC)	Please see Y2 Parent Information Booklet	Mon 19 Oct 26
Y2 Selly Oak Manor Trip (2HB)		Thur 22 Oct 26
Headteacher Awards EYFS	Dinner Hall (9am) - look out for a message if your child has been chosen	Mon 19 Oct 26
Headteacher Awards Y1/2	Dinner Hall (9am) - look out for a message if your child has been chosen	Tues 20 Oct 26
Headteacher Awards 3/4	Dinner Hall (9am) - look out for a message if your child has been chosen	Wed 21 Oct 26
Headteacher Awards 5/6	Dinner Hall (9am) - look out for a message if your child has been chosen	Thur 22 Oct 26
Halloween Disco 1-6	Year 1/2 4-4.45pm Year 3-6 5-5.45pm	Thur 22 Oct 26
Vaccination UK	9-12.30pm	Fr 23 Oct 26
Y6 RAF Cosford (6MP) DATE CHANGE	Please see Y6 Parent Information Booklet	Fri 23 Oct 26
Break up for Half Term	3.25pm finish	Fri 23 Oct 26

Teacher Training dates

Monday 2nd November 2026
Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 12th April 2027
Friday 11th June 2027



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CARES AWARDS

Our assembly will take place on Friday 16th October at 9.00am.

Please come along and celebrate your child's achievement

1AM	<i>P. Boswell</i>	4KL	<i>S Toor</i>
1LF	<i>H. Kaur</i>	4SL	<i>O. Ajayi</i>
2HB	<i>M Billingham</i>	5EW	<i>F Murray</i>
2LC	<i>M-J. Smith</i>	5WM	<i>E. Angell</i>
3LJ	<i>O Victor Odubar</i>	6EC	<i>I Haye</i>
3SA	<i>B Kaur</i>	6MP	<i>A. Butler</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	90.3%
RVR	89.2%
1AM	94.0%
1LF	93.7%
2HB	92.4%
2LC	91.5%
3SA	96.8%
3LJ	98.1%

4SL	97.9%
4KL	95.0%
5WM	97.1%
5EW	97.7%
6EC	94.5%
6MP	98.3%

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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**Bentley West
Primary School**

Healthy Lunchboxes

Healthy choices = Happy learners!

Helping our children to learn, grow and thrive!

At Bentley West Primary School, we want all our children to have the energy and concentration they need to learn, play and enjoy their school day.

WHAT MAKES A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX?

Try to include:

✓ Fruit & Vegetables	✓ Starchy Foods	✓ Protein	✓ A Drink
Fresh fruit, berries, cucumber, carrots, peppers or tomatoes. 	Wholemeal bread, wraps, pasta, rice or crackers to provide energy. 	Egg, cheese, chicken, tuna, beans or yoghurt. 	Water is the best choice! 

Something filling + something fresh + something crunchy + water!



WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL

PLEASE DO NOT SEND NUTS OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTS INTO SCHOOL.

This includes foods such as:

✗ Peanuts and other nuts	✗ Some cereal bars and snack bars
✗ Products containing nuts	✗ Cakes, biscuits and other products containing nuts
✗ Peanut butter	

Please always check the ingredients label before sending food into school. This is an important part of keeping our children safe and healthy.



Please help us to keep Bentley West a Safe, healthy school

Healthy choices help healthy bodies, healthy minds and happy learners!

Thank you for your support.
Bentley West Primary School

Is your child in year 6?

We still have a number of students without an application. Please 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



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Audiology

Will no longer be undertaking routine hearing screening for children in Year 1 from September 2026.

Children with suspected hearing difficulties should be referred to Children's Audiology.

Indicators for hearing difficulties may include:

- Difficulty following verbal instructions
- Frequently asking for repetition
- Inattention or reduced listening skills
- Speech and language concerns
- Turning one ear towards the speaker
- Delayed or unclear speech
- Struggling in group discussions
- Watching others before responding

Parents and carers are encouraged to discuss any concerns with their GP, Health Visitor, School Nurse or other appropriate professional. The service also accepts self-referrals from parents. Parents and carers may self-refer their child directly to Children's Audiology from the age of 6 months if they have any concerns about their child's hearing.

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:

- **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.

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.

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



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:









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



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