



Bentley West Newsletter Issue 07

Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic week at Bentley West! Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Reading Workshops across the year groups. It was wonderful to see such a great turnout and such positive engagement with supporting your children's reading.

On Wednesday, 6EC enjoyed an exciting visit to Cosford Air Base, which provided a fantastic opportunity to bring their learning to life. We hope the children enjoyed this memorable experience!

Important Reminders

Parking and Road Safety

Please **DO NOT park on the pavement or on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school gates**. These restrictions are in place to keep our children and families safe. It is also vital that you and your children are wearing seatbelts for your safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectful Conduct on the School Site

We would like to remind all parents and carers that we expect everyone to behave respectfully towards our staff at all times. We will not tolerate aggressive or verbally abusive behaviour towards any member of our school team.

As adults, we are role models for our children, and it is important that we demonstrate kindness, respect and appropriate behaviour in all our interactions. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe, welcoming and positive school environment for everyone.

Looking Ahead to Our Final Week

As we look forward to our final week of this half term, we are excited to celebrate our children's achievements at our **Headteacher Awards!**

If your child has been selected to receive an award, their celebration will take place on one of the following days:

- **Monday 19th October:** Nursery and Reception
- **Tuesday 20th October:** Years 1 and 2
- **Wednesday 21st October:** Years 3 and 4
- **Thursday 22nd October:** Years 5 and 6

These will take place in the Dinner hall at 9am. We look forward to celebrating the children's hard work, effort and achievements!

Halloween Dress-Up Day – Friday 23rd October

On the final day of this half term, we invite the children to dress up in Halloween-themed costumes and bring in a £1 voluntary school donation. As 6MP are on a trip on Friday 23rd October - 6MP can dress up on Thursday 22nd October.

We look forward to seeing the children's spooky and creative outfits as we end the half term on a fun note!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to another great week at Bentley West.

Kind regards,

Miss Stanley

Headteacher



Creativity



Aspiration



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Academic Year 2026 - 2027



New Homework Projects being set this week	All years	Mon 19 Oct 26
Y2 Selly Oak Manor Trip (2LC)		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
Vaccination UK	9-12.30pm	Fr 23 Oct 26
Y6 RAF Cosford (6MP) DATE CHANGE		Fri 23 Oct 26
Halloween Non-Uniform £!	6MP Only	Thur 22 Oct 26
Halloween Non Uniform - £1	Whole School	Fri 23 Oct 26
Break up for Half Term	3.25pm finish	Fri 23 Oct 26

November 2026

School Training Day	School Closed to Children	Mon 2 Nov 26
Children return to school	8.35pm gates open	Tues 3 Nov 26
Year 3 Stone Age Workshop	Small Hall	Fri 6 Nov 26
Remembrance Day Assembly (Children only)	Dinner Hall	Wed 11 Nov 26
Year 4 Carding Mill Valley Trip		Thurs 12 Nov 26
Year 4 Carding Mill Valley Trip		Fri 13 Nov 26
Trust Christmas Card Deadline	More information to follow	Fri 13 Nov 26

Teacher Training dates

Monday 2nd November 2026
Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 12th April 2027
Friday 11th June 2027



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Attendance Matters

How has your child's class performed this week?

RIS	89.4%
RVR	87.3%
1AM	94.7%
1LF	96.4%
2HB	92.4%
2LC	90.4%
3SA	95.4%
3LJ	93.1%

4SL	95.4%
4KL	98.8%
5WM	94.6%
5EW	98.1%
6EC	90.7%
6MP	98.0%

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

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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Cosy Reading Session
for KS1 Children

Monday 9th November
4:15pm – 4:50pm

How it works...

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Children will leave school at their normal time.

Go home and change into your pyjamas.

Return to school and be dropped off at the main school gates.

Children will be collected from the dinner hall on the KS1 playground.

During the session...

You will hear stories from guest readers!

Enjoy a complimentary hot chocolate and biscuit!

Unwind, imagine and get cosy!

You can bring a cuddly toy and blanket if you would like to.

Parents do not stay during the session.
Children will be looked after by school staff.

Please notify your child's class teacher if you do not want your child to have any food or drink.

There is no cost to parents for this event.





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Cosy Reading Session
for KS2 Children

Tuesday 10th November
4:15pm – 4:50pm

Relax
Unwind
Imagine
Get Cosy!

How it works...

- 1**
Children will leave school at their **normal time**.
- 2**
Go home and change into your **pyjamas**.
- 3**
Return to school and be dropped off at the **main school gates**.
- 4**
Children will be collected from the dinner hall on the **KS1 playground**.

During the session...

- You will hear stories from guest readers!
- Enjoy a complimentary hot chocolate and biscuit!
- Unwind, imagine and get cosy!
- You can bring a cuddly toy and blanket if you would like to.

Parents do not stay during the session.
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6MP Only

Non uniform Thursday 22nd October 2026





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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:

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

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