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Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Half Term!

Wow! Where have the last eight weeks gone? What a busy but exciting first half term we have had at Bentley West!

This week, our Year 2 children enjoyed a visit to Selly Manor, bringing their History learning to life as they explored what life was like in the past and discovered more about how people lived in Tudor times. Our Year 6 children had an exciting visit to Cosford, where they were able to enrich their learning about aviation, engineering and the history of flight.

Thank you also to all the parents and carers who attended our Headteacher Awards this week. It was lovely to celebrate the children's achievements and share these special moments with you.

We finished the week with a Spooky Spectacular! 🎃 It was wonderful to see so many children dressed up in their Halloween fancy dress, and our Halloween shop was a huge hit, with lots of goodies being snapped up! Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so much fun.

Reminders

- **Monday 2nd November:** Teacher Training Day – school will be closed to children.

As we head into the holiday, we would like to wish all our families a wonderful half term. We hope you enjoy some well-deserved rest, make lovely memories and have lots of Halloween fun!

We look forward to seeing everyone back on **Tuesday 3rd November at 8:35am**, ready for another exciting half term at Bentley West.

Have a spooktacular Halloween and a lovely half-term break!

Warm regards,

Miss Stanley

Head Teacher

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What is bullying?

Anti-bullying Alliance definition of bullying:

'The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.
Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online'

Please click on the link to find out more:
https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/all-about-bullying/understanding-bullying/definition

Conflict vs Bullying – what's the difference?
According to PACER's National Bullying Prevention Centre….

Conflict:

- Natural part of human relationships
- Happens between two people who are equal in the relationship (e.g. friends, classmates, co-workers) but have different points of view
- Sometimes escalates into a disagreement that's so strong people become really emotional
- There might be strong words used and lots of big feelings
- Both sides usually want the issue to be resolved
- Both sides want the relationship to continue in a healthy way*
- Neither wants to keep hurting the other

Bullying:

- The person (or group of people) doing the bullying means to hurt the other person
- The hurt/ harm is done on purpose to make the target feel less of a person
- There is always something unequal about the relationship between the two people e.g. the person bullying is physically stronger and creates fear because of that, or they might be more popular and has social power
- The power is used to make the other person feel less than who they are
- This treatment is not wanted or deserved
- Bullying behaviour is usually repeated or threatened to be repeated over and over

*Sometimes, conflict can even be helpful in a relationship that needs to change, providing an opportunity to improve something that's not going right between the parties.

Bullying scenarios might look like this: Someone convinces a group to tease another student based on their looks; someone threatens to beat a person up because of how they talk; somebody posts something untrue and hurtful online about someone else; or someone trips a classmate and makes everyone laugh at the person falling down. The harm is done deliberately, and the intent is to cause the other person to suffer in some way.

Remember, bullying is not the same as conflict. Bullying is meant to cause hurt or harm.

Bullying is not something that anyone deserves to have happen to them and they have the right to feel safe. If you are worried about your child, please speak to your child's class teacher/ teaching assistant

Academic Year 2026 - 2027

November 2026	
School Training Day	Mon 2 Nov 26
Children return to school - Gates open 8.35am	Tues 3 Nov 26
Year 3 Stone Age Workshop	Fri 6 Nov 26
Year 4 Times Tables Workshop - 9am start	Tue 10 Nov 26
Remembrance Day Assembly (Children only)	Wed 11 Nov 26
Year 4 (4KL) Carding Mill Valley Trip	Fri 13 Nov 26
Year 4 (4SL) Carding Mill Valley Trip	Mon 16 Nov 26
Homework Project Assemblies this week	Mon 16 Nov 26

Year 1 Local Area Walk	Wed 18 Nov 26
Vaccination UK Catch Up session	Wed 18 Nov 26
Children in Need	Thur 19 Nov 26
Homework Projects Set	Mon 23 Nov 26
Walsall Arena Christmas Concert Y5 Children - 12.15 - 8.45pm	Wed 25 Nov 26
Year 5 Residential at Brighouse - Overnight stay returning 1st Dec	Mon 30 Nov 26



Christmas Carol Services



Parents/Carers are invited to our annual carol services at Emmanuel Church, Bentley on the following dates:

Y3/4:
Tuesday 8th December 2026 - 9.30am
Y5/6:
Wednesday 9th December 2026 - 9.30am

Choir, recorder group and woodwind group will be performing at both services.

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 till take place on Friday 6th November at 9.00am.
Please come along and celebrate your child's achievement

1AM	A. Watton	4KL	I. Aplin
1LF	P. Butler	4SL	A. Singh
2HB	T Akinyebo	5EW	N Vincent
2LC	L. Webster	5WM	E. Jameson
3LJ	H Capewell	6EC	E Wilkes
3SA	M Smith	6MP	O.Patterson

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	80.1%
RVR	79.6%
1AM	96.6%
1LF	95.7%
2HB	91.7%
2LC	94.6%
3SA	93.9%
3LJ	95.0%

4SL	89.2%
4KL	95.4%
5WM	95.4%
5EW	98.6%
6EC	97.2%
6MP	95.0%

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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Dear School Contacts

FACE Walsall Parent Carer Forum is holding an **Information Sharing Event** for parents and carers of children and young people aged **0–25 with additional needs and disabilities**.

FACE Walsall Information Sharing Event
📅 **Thursday 12 November 2026**
⏰ **10.00am–12.00pm**
📍 **Bloxwich Active Centre, High Street, Bloxwich, Walsall, WS3 2DA**

The event is a friendly and informal opportunity for parents and carers to meet and chat directly with a range of organisations and professionals, ask questions and find out more about the support and services available to children, young people and families in Walsall.

Organisations and services attending include **Walsall SENDIAS, Family Hubs, Walsall Carers Hub, Healthwatch Walsall, Black Country Healthcare, Short Breaks & HAF, Nova Training, Sense College TouchBase Pears, Condover College, POP, Helping Hands, Reflexions** and the **Designated Clinical Officer (SEND 0–25)**.
There is no need for families to book – they can simply come along on the day.

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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:

- **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.







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