



# Bankside School

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## Newsletter: 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

### Visible Consistency, Visible Kindness

What a fabulous return to school by all pupils! They have all come back with really positive attitudes and have obviously rested over the two weeks break.

Pupils are remembering to work towards, and achieve, our three major expectations that we are continually striving to attain, namely:

- to attend registration
- attend all classes
- communicate with staff.

It has been very hot at school this week so we have been encouraging pupils to drink plenty of water and fluids and to stay in the shade. Please encourage your youngster to apply suntan lotion when the weather indicates the need to do so as well as wear a hat.

This term's Class Curriculum Newsletters should have been sent to you via Class Dojo today informing you of this term's focus and objectives. We are excited to welcome Dominique to our staff team as a teacher and our Lead for PSHE and RSE.

We have a busy 'show stopping' week with our entries into the Malvern Well Dressing and Water Festival as well as the RHS Malvern Garden Show being set up this week. We hope you will be able to pop along and see both displays. Well done to all the pupils and staff that have been involved.

### Important Dates

#### Summer Term

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	<b>Malvern Well Dressing and Water Festival</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	<b>Bank Holiday Monday – School Closed</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	<b>RHS Spring Garden Show at the Three Counties Show ground.</b>

Just as a reminder we are a **NO NUT** School, we have a number of pupils who have allergies, this includes for some pupils, coconut allergy, please be mindful of pupils using sprays or body lotions as they can be sensitive to this.

## This Weeks Recognition

Ollie	for remaining in class 20 minutes into lunch break to ensure he completed his excellent and visually striking model of <i>Kurosaki Ichigo</i> Hollow form from the anime <i>Bleach</i>
Ollie, Jake, Zak, Aston, Tom	Independence, creativity and engagement in animation
Aston, Dylan, Lily and Ewan	For demonstrating resilience to change in their new groups
Lily	For a great maths lesson in her new group
Zena, Jess, Bryan, Daniel and Ola	For great behaviour on the trip to Hereford Cycle Track and fully participating in all of the session
Daniel	Pushing himself out of his comfort zone and being super polite as always
Jess	Jess has had an excellent first week and developed some new friendships
Etta	Working hard towards the well project, using her creative skills to make amazing Fairy house planters
Jayden	For showing amazing resilience this week
Ollie	Being really responsible and willing to share all his equipment in cooking
Dylan	Making a really positive start in Zoe's class.
Rupert	For great effort in English and Maths on Monday when peers were absent. Rupert completed the work we had planned for two days in one
William	For enthusiasm and effort in DT when starting our hedgehog house build
Etta and Jayden	For pursuing their work and staying focussed during their Reading session
Sylvie	Working independently and problem solving when weaving using natural materials in the outdoors
Rupert and Stanley	Listening to instructions when helping to set up a hammock in the woods
Hayward, Joe, Betty and Hannah	For their amazing efforts in using the very complicated Blender programme in Computing!
Ewan	For having the most expressive and creative ideas and sharing them really successfully
Clare	For exceptional resilience and maturity
Jess	For completing her first week - attending and engaging in all sessions
Zena	For attentive and focussed learning to improve understanding

### Special Mention:

Phoebe - For showing politeness to new students when being shown around the school.  
Being a positive representative of Bankside.

## Word of the Week

As a school we have introduced Word Aware. Each week we pick a word and explore it's meaning to extend vocabulary and to develop understanding of more complex words.

Next week, our Word of the week will be 'Commemorate', particularly in relation to VE Day.

## Clinical Team News

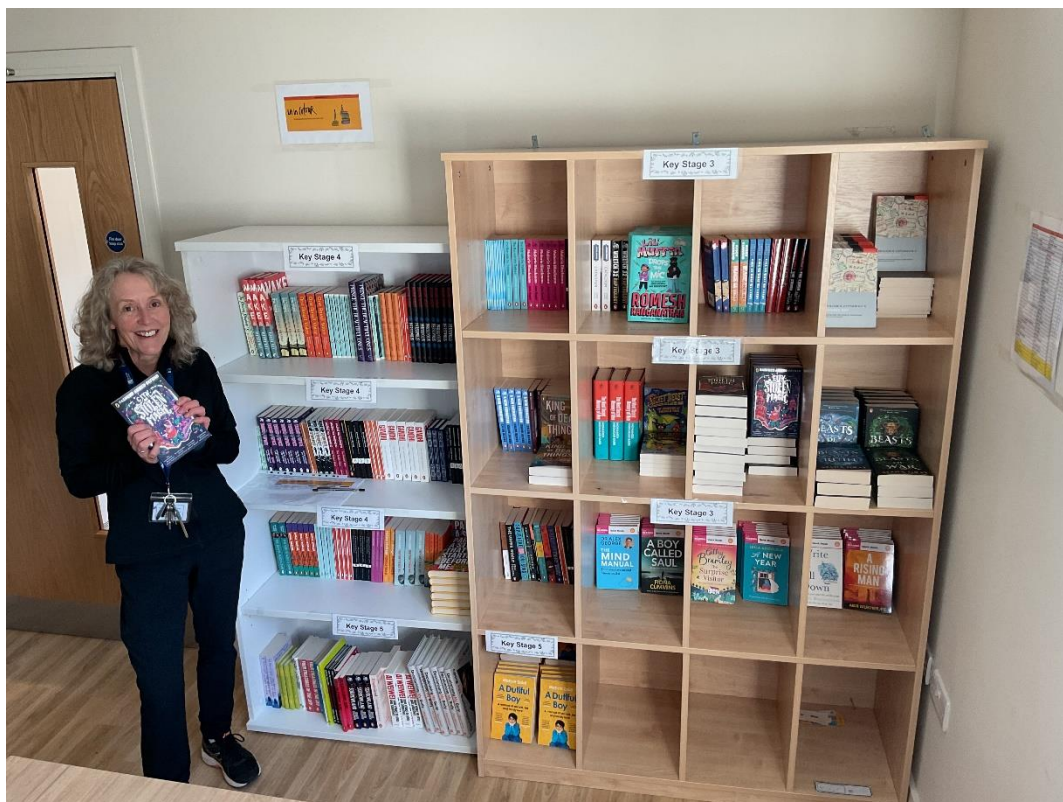


Deaf Awareness Week will be celebrated from 5th – 11th May 2025. This is an annual opportunity to raise awareness of hearing impairments. Celebrating Deaf Awareness Week aims to promote understanding, reduce stigma, and support a more inclusive society. This week encourages us to recognise and appreciate all forms of communication, such as signed languages and lip-reading. At Bankside, we encourage our young people to learn a variety of British Sign Language signs, which we are proud to display on our website.

## Lit in Colour

Bankside School are proud to have been chosen as a 'Lit in Colour Pioneer Centre'.

Penguin books in collaboration with Pearson have donated a wonderful catalogue of books across Key Stages 3-5 to support this. We will be using them within our literacy curriculum and would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Penguin and Pearson.





## Class JoKn's visit to Hereford Cycle Track

A lovely afternoon was spent riding all sorts of bikes around Hereford Cycle Track on Thursday afternoon in the beautiful sunshine. Five of the students were taken to the outdoor track to think about speed, distance and time as part of our Science lessons. We all had lots of fun, trying different bikes and zooming round the 1km traffic free loop!

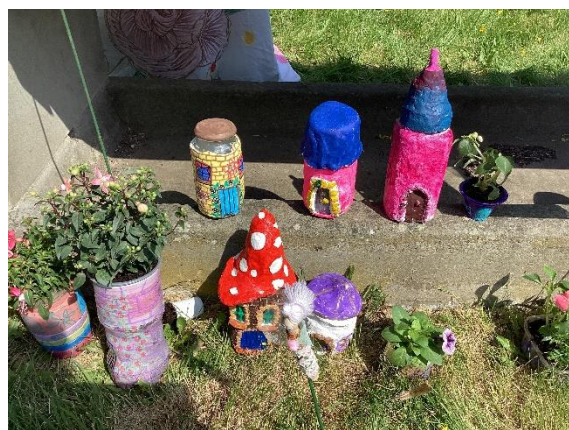




## Malvern Well Dressing and Water Festival

This week we are carrying out the well project for Malvern water festival. CaPe's class have created some fantastic work for the project. If you would like to see the well- (it's more of a cattle trough), we will be setting it out on Friday PM and it will be on display for a week. The location is the Guarlford road in Malvern, I have attached a google map with yellow to site the rough location. The water festival family day and award ceremony takes place on the bank holiday Monday in Priory park, please feel free to attend and celebrate. The link to find more information is;

<https://www.visitthomalverns.org/blog/malvern-well-dressing-festival-returns/>





A variety of activities were explored in Outdoor Learning this week!

