



**Bankside  
School**

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## Newsletter: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

### Visible Consistency, Visible Kindness

It is great to see so many bookings for Parents evening which is scheduled for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

There appears to have been a little confusion with regards to teachers and the subjects they deliver so your child's Tutor will resend your child's timetable so it includes the full names of the Teachers, which will hopefully help you book slots with the correct teachers.

For your information, pupils' attendance in each individual subject lesson is monitored on a daily basis so that we can assess each child's level of engagement. In this respect, we can better support pupils with their personal development and learning by identifying and addressing any gaps in attendance. We can then open up discussions with pupils about why they are not attending and help provide strategies and support mechanisms to encourage them back into class. Teachers will be able to share attendance information with you at parents' evening.

A steady week of learning and engagement has been achieved this week and well done to those who have received certificates this week. We wish you an enjoyable and restful weekend.

### Word of the Week

As a school we continue to follow our 'Word Aware' focus. 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 "Isolation"

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.

### Important Dates

#### **Autumn Term**

**Autumn Term:** 3rd September 2025 – 19th December 2025

**Half Term:** 27th October 2025 – 31st October 2025

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October:** Parents Evening – **3:30 – 6:30**

Please note that our TED day is the **21<sup>st</sup> of November**

## Nominations

### Star Learners: For outstanding effort and focus in lessons:

- **Archie Ham** - Great determination and perseverance in Geography Lesson
- **Ren H** - For being simply brilliant
- **Cyrus C** - Presented fantastic English work on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday!!
- **Betty B** - You come to every PSHE lesson ready to engage and learn. Your positivity and smile make lessons a pleasure to teach

### Kindness Champions:

#### For showing compassion, helping others and lifting the mood of those around you:

- **Phoebe S** - For being helpful, polite and supportive

### Progress Heroes:

#### For making visible strides in learning, behaviour and confidence:

- **Oliver H** - For attending all maths lessons this week and working well
- **Millie F** - Engaging well in lessons this week
- **Erin B** - For engaging well in lessons this week
- **Stan B** - For working well in his sessions to make sure he is achieving his goals

## Functional Skills Exams & Access Arrangements

Functional Skills exams are scheduled to take place in mid-November. As part of our preparations, we are currently seeking parental consent for access arrangements. These arrangements are designed to support our students who may need additional help during exams, and they apply to all qualifications. Even if your child has not previously used access arrangements, we want to ensure everything is in place should the need arise. Please look out for the consent form and return it promptly. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

## Friday morning Library explorations

Group 3 have been enjoying getting out into the community and using our local Library service. They initially visited The Hive in Worcester and learnt how to register for a Library card, which they now all possess. Subsequently, they have used their card to access library books and resources and are learning how to use the Library as a means of reference and learning.

They are all working towards achieving two AQA Unit Awards:

- Joining and using a Public Library
- Study skills and library work.



## Parents Evening 14<sup>th</sup> October – 3:30 – 6:30

Just a reminder that you can now book your book parents' evening slots with your young person's subject teachers. Tutors are resending your child's timetable out so that you know which teachers you would like to book slots with. Each slot will be 10 minutes long so please only book slots at least ten minutes apart.

# Trauma Informed Practice

## The 3 C's



### Connection

Connect helps reach out to young people so they feel 'seen' and kept in mind.

#### PACE

Safe and Trusting Relationships

Meet and Greet

Nurturing Rituals

Random Acts of Kindness

Unexpected Praise

Relationship Repair



### Co-Regulate

Co-Regulate develops and supports a sense of safety in the young person and their environment.

Therapeutic Anchor Points

Consistency, Predictability, Structure, Boundaries, Repetition

Safety in the Environment

Brainstem Calming

Grounding Skills

Emotions Coaching

My Emotions Plan



### Co-Reflect

Co-Reflect is to support with therapeutic boundaries to develop safe and effective ways of being.

The Two Hands Approach

Non-Shaming

Natural and Logical Consequences

Learning New and Safe Ways of Being

Reflective Time

Inclusive Boundaries



Outcomes First Group.

[www.outcomesfirstgroup.co.uk](http://www.outcomesfirstgroup.co.uk)



### NEW: Malvern Event for SEND Families

Is your young person struggling with school? Concerned about their fine motor skill? Co-ordination a challenge? Think they might be dyspraxic? Sensory overwhelm or sensory seeking? Waiting to see Paediatric Occupational Therapy?

Join Worcestershire Parent Carer Forum at our new MALVERN event where Cathy Parvin, founder of Dyspraxia Education, will be joining us to share her expertise, insights and advice.

Cathy is a dyspraxia expert and the creator of Jimbo Fun, a catch-up intervention programme used across Worcestershire schools to aid the early identification of children who lack essential pre-writing motor skills and to provide effective support. Cathy is also a parent carer, so gets the frustrations and the challenges.

This will be a relaxed event with plenty of time for coffee and chat with other SEND parents.

📍 Malvern Cube, Albert Rd North, Great Malvern, Malvern. WR14 2YF

📅 Thursday 9th October 2025

🕒 10am to 12 noon

🎟️ FREE - just book on Eventbrite - [SEND Views & Voices 'Malvern' with Cathy Parvin of Dyspraxia Education Tickets, Thu, Oct 9, 2025 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

