



**Bankside
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Visible Consistency, Visible Kindness

Half Term Reflections: A Celebration of Progress and Community 🌟🌟

As we close our first half term, we're proud to celebrate the many successes across our school community. Pupils have shown remarkable resilience, creativity, and growth — embracing new challenges, settling into routines, and contributing positively to every aspect of college life. Their achievements, both big and small, reflect a culture built on *visible consistency* and *visible kindness* — values that continue to shape our shared journey.

Staff have modelled these values daily, creating safe, inclusive spaces where learners feel supported, understood, and empowered. From trauma-informed enrichment to differentiated curriculum delivery, every step has been taken with care, clarity, and compassion.

Looking ahead, next half term brings a festive sparkle. We'll be celebrating together through creative showcases, seasonal enrichment, wellbeing activities, and a few joyful surprises. Alongside the festivities, we'll continue embedding inclusive practice, learner voice, and purposeful curriculum planning — all wrapped in warmth and celebration.

Thank you to every pupil, staff member, and partner for making this half term so special. Wishing you a restful break and looking forward to a joyful, purposeful return.

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

Return to school: Monday 3rd November 2025

Please note that our TED day is the **21st of November**

Nominations

Star Learners: For outstanding effort and focus in lessons:

- Sammy T - For his amazing use of inkscape during his computing lesson, to design a new superhero 'StarMan'
- Betty, Archie Ha, Sammy and Bradley - For completing and confidently sharing their English presentations this week.
- Betty B - For excellent contributions and knowledge in Geography this half term

Kindness Champions:

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

- Archie Ho' - For showing consideration and kindness to others when they have not been feeling too well.
- Jess Ingram and Etta - For being really kind and helping clear out the library

Progress Heroes: Special Mention:

For making visible strides in learning, behaviour and confidence:

- Etta M - For attending her English lessons this week and making a start on her presentation piece.
- Ollie V – For fantastic progress and engagement in PSHE lessons. You have shown maturity, and your contributions have helped to develop conversations.
- Daniel R - For his progress in attending lessons and in his resilience and understanding in dealing with challenging situations.

Visitor meets this term's Library Group

Amy Knight, a co-production officer for WCC, visited the Library Group today and discussed her job with the pupils. Her role is to connect with young people across Worcestershire and to gather their views and voices on a range of topics. It is also to encourage participation with young people at all levels.



Year 7 enjoy Bankside's Outdoor space!

Last week Year 7 enjoyed roasting marshmallows on the campfire up in the Bankside woods. Pupils had to find an appropriate length stick in the woods and then whittle it to make it thinner, cleaner and ready to act as a toaster implement for their marshmallows.

Following the campfire, pupils enjoyed exploring the woods, making dens, setting up and using the hammocks or making interesting 'meals' in the mud kitchen!



Acton Mill Care Farm

Pupils have enjoyed attending Acton Mill Care Farm this term, helping out with the cleaning, feeding and fundamental care of a variety of animals.



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 'Hope'

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

Kindness Club / Kindness Day: Thursday 13th November



Urgently needed items:

- ✓ Hot dogs (tins)
- ✓ Laundry - liquid/sheets
- ✓ Laundry - powder/tabs
- ✓ Microwave rice packets
- ✓ Packet pasta sauce
- ✓ Tins of ham
- ✓ Tins of meat - spicy/chilli
- ✓ Dog food, tins/pouches
- ✓ Cat food, tins/pouches

They are also short of:

- ✓ Biscuits
- ✓ Coffee 100g and 200g
- ✓ Meaty soup, tins
- ✓ Tins of corned beef
- ✓ Tins of fruit cocktail
- ✓ Tins of mandarins
- ✓ Tins of meat - stew/sauce
- ✓ Tins of pears
- ✓ Tins of pineapples

They have got plenty of:

- Porridge, porridge pots
- Cereal
- Bottled/flavoured water
- Baby food
- Noodles

THINGS THEY CANNOT ACCEPT:

- × Formula milk
- × Food past its use by date
- × Toys, books, clothes, baby equipment
- × Medicines
- × Bleach
- × Home made items

"We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis."

World Kindness Day is on Thursday 13th November.

Bankside Kindness Club are asking for food donations for the Malvern Hills Foodbank.

We would love to be able to collect donations from now until the day. Members of the club will take your donations to the foodbank on behalf of the school.

If you have anything you can donate, please bring it into school and put it in the box in reception when you arrive.



Parent Partnership Request: Road Safety and Carpark Use

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are reaching out to ask for your support in improving road safety around our school and college site. As many of you will be aware, the current speed limit and signage on approach to our entrance do not adequately reflect the needs of a specialist setting serving children and young people.

We are actively seeking a reduction in the speed limit and the installation of additional signage to ensure safer entry and exit for all vehicles, especially during busy drop-off and pick-up times. To strengthen our case with the Local Authority, we need your help.

If you share our concerns, we encourage you to:

- Share your experiences or observations with us directly
- Support our request by endorsing future petitions or consultations

Your voice matters. The more we can demonstrate community concern, the more likely we are to secure meaningful change.

We also kindly remind all families of the appropriate use of the carpark, particularly:

- Disabled bays must only be used by vehicles displaying a valid Blue Badge
- Please avoid blocking access routes or parking in undesignated areas
- Drive slowly and remain vigilant for students and pupils getting into their vehicles

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our community safe and inclusive. If you have any questions or would like to support this initiative further, please contact the school office.

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.

Football

Our year 8/9/10 boys played their first football fixture against the Bridge school this week. They showcased some excellent football skills and teamwork, working hard for each other on the pitch and remaining positive throughout. We are super proud of their efforts, attitudes, and the way they represented Bankside school. Despite team captain Joe opening the score, the game ended 2-1 to the Bridge. We look forward to the return fixture next term.



BRIDGES OF LIGHT.

Presented by Severn Arts
Part of the Local Voices Creative Choices programme



Worcester City Centre

Free to Attend

**29 and 30
October
6pm-9pm**

Bridges of Light is a new, two-day light festival, with a focus on communities, creativity and collaboration.



Through high quality light artwork, we invite you to share in our community stories. Visit our light installations, take part in our interactive artworks, grab a bite to eat, and enjoy Bridges of Light with family and friends.

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