



**Bankside
School**

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Visible Consistency, Visible Kindness

Welcome back for Autumn Term 2

We hope you had an enjoyable half term and that the break from school was a positive one for you all.

It is lovely to have the pupils back and getting involved in their learning once more. Curriculum Newsletters are currently being sent out to all parents and carers which gives you the overview of the topics and themes being worked upon this Autumn Term 2 for each individual Teaching Group. If you have not received your copy (via DoJo) by next Monday then please contact your child's Tutor.

We are delighted to welcome Morgan, a new TA for the school, and hope she will be very happy with us here at Bankside.

It was lovely to have parents and carers joining us today for our Celebration Assembly when the pupils below received their certificates for achieving their first AQA Unit Award at Bankside. **Congratulations** to all the pupils and to their teachers. We anticipate many more certificates and awards to be given out over the coming year.

Finally, a huge **congratulations** to our newly elected Student Leadership Team who were announced this afternoon.

Wishing you all a positive weekend.

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

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

Nominations

Star Learners: For outstanding effort and focus in lessons:

- Zak R – For fantastic descriptive writing on a Gothic character in English
- Stanley B - For fantastic descriptive writing on a Gothic character in English
- Betty B - You have shown focus and maturity in all of your PSHE lessons Betty, and it is great to see you at Kindness Club every week.

AQA Awards

Feeling Safe: Increasing Awareness of Personal Safety

Jayden B
Archie Ham
Etta M

Betty B
Archie Ha
Ren P

Kay E
Clare Mc
Bradley T

Understanding Rhythm for Music Production

Zak R

Ollie V

Music Technology: Music Production

Hannah W
Ewan L

William E
Sylvie U

Archie Ho

Locating and Using Ideas and Information from a Literary Text

Daisy H
Lily R

Jake L
Lola W

Fynn M

Thankyou for everyone who attended the Celebration assembly virtually. Unfortunately, due to GDPR we were unable turn on the camera so that you could see your young person be presented with their certificate.

They are bringing home a photocopy of their certificates today and we are collating the hardcopies in a presentation folder for them to bring home at a later date.

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 '**Courage**'

Introducing Table Cricket to Bankside PFA Workshop

Pupils in group 2 enjoyed a visit from Worcester Cricket Foundation who are delivering a 6 week programme on table cricket. The pupils enjoyed learning new skills and taking part in a new sport. Over the 6 week programme pupils will develop their understanding of the game in preparation to play more competitively against others with a view to us participating in a competition organised by Worcester Cricket Foundation in February. Where we will be able to play table cricket against other school teams.



Worcester Cricket Foundation also run the Super 1's Hubs which are SEN friendly cricket sessions across Worcestershire. Please see details on the poster for more information.

	<p>ALL DISABILITIES WELCOME</p> <p>AGES 8+</p> <p>FREE INCLUSIVE CRICKET SESSIONS</p> <p>ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED</p> <p>GET ACTIVE AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!</p>	
<p>WORCESTER SEND HUB</p> <p>Term Time Only MONDAYS 5 - 6PM</p> <p>PERDISWELL LEISURE CENTRE WORCESTER WR3 8DX</p>	<p>MALVERN SEND HUB</p> <p>Term Time Only Starting 27th October TUESDAYS 5 - 6PM</p> <p>SPORT DYSON FERRING LEISURE CENTRE MALVERN WR14 3WD</p>	<p>OLDSWINFORD SEND HUB</p> <p>FRIDAYS 6 - 7PM</p> <p>THORNS COLLEGIATE ACADEMY BRIERLY HILL DY32NU</p>
<p>REDDITCH SEND HUB</p> <p>Fortnightly Sessions starting 26th October</p> <p>SUNDAYS 10 - 11AM</p> <p>FLOOR ORANGE ACADEMY REDDITCH B98 7UH</p>	<p>KIDDERMINSTER SEND HUB</p> <p>Fortnightly Sessions starting 1st October</p> <p>THURSDAYS 5 - 6PM</p> <p>WYRE FOREST LEISURE CENTRE KIDDERMINSTER DY11 7DT</p>	<p>WORCESTER V1 HUB</p> <p>Term Time STARTING IN JANUARY 2024</p> <p>NEW COLLEGE WORCESTER WHITTINGTON ROAD WR5 2JX</p>
<p>CONTACT:</p> <p> NIC BUCKLE</p> <p> 07741 272502</p> <p> nicolas.buckle@worcestershirecricketfoundation.co.uk</p>		
<p> LORD'S TAVERNERS Empowering young people through cricket</p> <p>www.lordstaverners.org/super1s Registered Charity No. 384054 OSCR No. 3004238</p>		

PFA Workshop



Friday 28th November 09:30 - 12:30 at Bankside School in the Lodge.

Navigating the transition to adulthood can feel overwhelming for young people with SEND—and for their families. This **free interactive workshop**, run by SENDIASS and hosted by Learning Services Worcestershire, is designed to equip parents and carers with the knowledge, tools, and confidence to support their young person in planning for the future.

Who is it for?: This session is most relevant for parents and carers of young people aged 13 and over, though early preparation can be beneficial.

What to Expect:

- Practical guidance on key areas such as education, employment, independent living, health, and finances.
- Interactive activities to help create a personalised action plan.
- The opportunity to ask questions and discuss real-life scenarios.

Before attending, participants will receive a resource pack to help explore their young person's views, wishes, and aspirations, ensuring they remain at the heart of future planning.

Session Details: This is a **three-hour interactive workshop** with breaks.

Takeaway: By the end of the session, participants will have a clear, actionable plan to help their young person take the next steps into adulthood with confidence.

[PFA Booking Form](#)

Parent Partnership Request: Road Safety and Carpark Use

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.

Sensory Friendly Environments

Outcomes
First
Group.



Dim
lighting



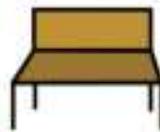
Reduce
noise



Create quiet,
calm spaces



Easy access
to toilets



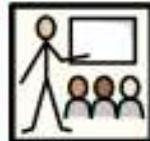
Offer seating
areas



Be mindful of
strong smells



Reduce
clutter



Simple, visual
displays



Allow tactile
exploration

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.





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Student Leadership Structure 2025/26

HEAD STUDENT

Jake L

DEPUTY HEAD STUDENT

Ewan L

ASSISTANT HEAD STUDENT (& WELLBEING LEAD)

Archie Ho

ASSISTANT HEAD STUDENT (& TECH LEADER)

William E

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Cyrus C

Tom N

Ren H

Jake L(*HS*)

Betty B

William E (*AHS*)

Zak R

Ewan L (*DHS*)

WELLBEING AMBASSADORS

Archie Ho (*AHS*)

Hannah W

ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

Oliver H

Sylvie U

Zak R (*CR*)

Clare Mc

PLAY LEADERS

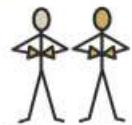
Harrison S

Archie C

PEER MENTORSHIP TEAM



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We want to



connect with



children and young people



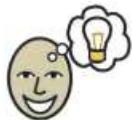
with



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)



to gain



their opinions,



views and feedback



on the services



they use!

If you are someone, or know of someone who would love to take part in projects such as redesigning this leaflet or helping design a logo, contribute to a SEND newsletter or be part of a SEND forum to improve services in Worcestershire, please contact us on:



FIND OUT MORE



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www.worcestershire.gov.uk/SENDcoproduction



Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System



Herefordshire and Worcestershire



worcestershire county council



YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT!



your voice

is



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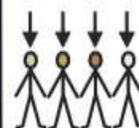
Chanika Benain

We are Co-production Officers for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) up to 25 years old.



Amy Knight

We would love to have children and young people with additional needs working closely with SEND services, to help inform decisions.



everyone working together on an equal basis to improve services



Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System



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worcestershire county council