



**Bankside
School**

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Visible Consistency, Visible Kindness

A wet and miserable week but the pupils have continued to make good strides in their learning and personal development.

We hosted an Open Evening for prospective parents and pupils on Tuesday and it was lovely to show off our pupils' work and their achievements with interested people.

Thank you for your support in talking to your young people about phones and for keeping them at home or encouraging your children to hand them in. We have seen a very positive outcome this week.

Additionally, thank you for engaging with us to help further support your youngster, whether it be encouraging them to attend their lessons, sharing with us that they have had a tricky night or morning, or encouraging them to share difficulties with their Tutor or other staff. The home-school link is vital and we are keen for communication to work both ways.

Enjoy reading through the achievements and successes from this week.

Have a positive and enjoyable weekend.

Important Dates

- **SENDIASS Autism & Me Workshop – Thursday 29th January – 1.00 – 3.00pm**
- **February Half Term – Monday 16th – Friday 20th**
- **Friday 6th February – National Number Day**
- **Friday 13th February – National Wear Pink Day in aid of Worcester Breast Unit**

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.

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.

Spring term's first week, our Word of the week will be '**Wisdom**'

Star Learners: For outstanding effort and focus in lessons:

- **Clare Mc & Ren Hus** - In science, they both showed great enthusiasm & engagement in the new topic magnetism.
- **Bradley T** - for his amazing creative ideas when describing setting sail on the voyage in Treasure Island in a diary entry!
- **Jayden B** - for brilliant encoding and decoding using Morse Code in Computing! He really did a fab job with it
- **Kay E** - Fantastic research into your chosen career in PSHE: detailed and beautifully presented. Well done Kay!
- **Clare Mc** - For amazing resilience and bravery following her eye operation
- **Betty Br** – you have been working very hard and independently on a penguin presentation for computing. We're looking forward to seeing the final results.
- **Rupert L** - For fantastic focus and engagement in maths. Sticking at your work despite distractions and asking for help to ensure you were making progress.
- **Jake L** - for working really hard in Stats every week even last week when Jo (his teacher) was not in the lesson.
- **Erin B** - For attending and engaging in all her lessons on Tuesday.
- **Harley M** - You have shown consistent positive engagement across English, French and art sessions on Wednesday mornings. Harley always works hard and has demonstrated beautiful handwriting in his work.
- **William Ed & Harrison S** - for working hard and showing resilience to prepare for their FS Maths.
- **Tom N** - Positive and productive engagement in History GCSE lesson, answering questions, voicing opinions and extracting pertinent information from history texts.

Kindness Champions:

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

- **Stan B** - He showed patience, calmness, and kindness when teaching a peer how to play chess today!
- **Daniel R** – You constantly check in on many students and staff, asking people how they are and how their day is going.
- **Millie B** - for taking time to check in with her friends each morning consistently without fail.
- **William E** - Leading an ICT lesson, offering individual support to other students, explaining how to rename files very clearly.

Progress Heroes: Special Mention:

For making visible strides in learning, behaviour and confidence:

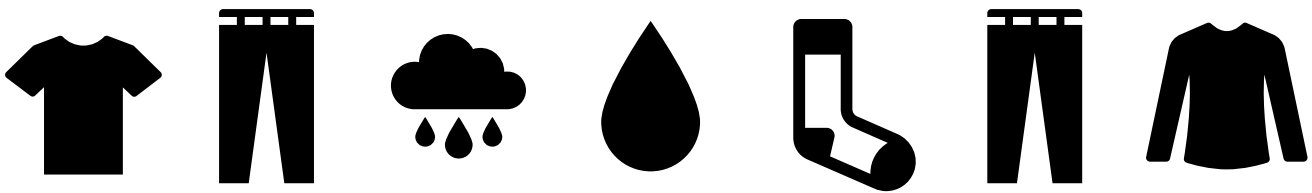
- **Daniel Fr** - due to his amazing, continued efforts partaking in Redgate
- **Daniel Fr** - for challenging himself at Boundless; pushing boundaries, taking risks, facing fears and being so brave when totally out of his comfort zone!
- **Liam O'S** - For being super resilient, coming, engaging and working super hard a full maths lesson on Thursday as well as working well independently on Weds.
- **Vinny, Hayward & Roo** - for being showing great responsibility and resilience during their outdoors adventure to the driving range. All shown their practice over the previous weeks had paid off, with everyone hitting their personal bests. A special shout out for not only Hayward's hit of over 201 yards, but also for the three of them giving the best live renditions of Justin Bieber 'Baby' & Taylor Swift's 'Shake it Off'
- **Cyrus C** - for showing resilience and keeping calm when facing a challenging situation.
- **Joe B** - Joe Burrow for showing persistence and resilience during art sessions. Focusing despite distractions and working hard to create a fab Aston Villa art outline. I can't wait to see how your project develops!

Special Mention

The KS4 girls for attending and engaging with the activities at the Worcester Girls Can festival. Especially Jess B who got a special mention from both the fitness and pom dancing instructors for her determination and movement techniques.

Spare Clothes

Please remind pupils to bring a spare change of clothes with them when participating in PE and outdoor activities. We will be able to store individual spare kits in school if pupils would prefer to bring one to leave here rather than each week. If you are having a clear out, please feel free to send any old sports clothes, coats, trainers etc into school as donations that we can loan out.



Are you a family member of an autistic person? Join us for one of our reflective sessions to come together with other families.

These are free online events where you can share your experiences and connect with others who 'get it'.

Just some of the things guests have said they've enjoyed about past sessions:

- ✓ Listening to others
- ✓ The sense of not being judged
- ✓ Feeling part of a community
- ✓ Feeling positive and motivated

This month, we're exploring topics such as working with crisis teams, building autism and ADHD pride and supporting identity development in adolescence.

Book your place: <https://orlo.uk/RMCUw>

Autism Central is delivered by Anna Freud and commissioned by NHS England Workforce, Training and Education #AutismAcceptance



Join our
free reflective
sessions for
families of
autistic people



Autism & Me Workshop

Worcestershire SENDIASS are coming onsite to offer an interactive workshop to parents and carers. This workshop will take place on: **Thursday 29th January 2026 – 1:00-3:00pm**

Every young person with autism experiences the world in their own unique way. This **free interactive workshop** will provide parents and carers with first-hand insights from young people with autism, helping to build understanding and develop strategies for support.

Who is it for? This session is for parents and carers of young people with SEND, particularly those with autism, who want to understand their perspective and improve communication and support.

What to Expect:

- Insights from young people with autism on their experiences, challenges, and strengths.
- Strategies for supporting communication, sensory needs, and emotional wellbeing.
- A deeper understanding of behaviours and what they might mean for your child.
- A chance to ask questions and explore useful resources.

Session Details: This is a **two-hour interactive workshop** featuring real-life experiences and practical discussions.

If you would like to book onto the workshop please click on the below link.

[SENDIASS - Autism & Me \(for parent/carers\)](#)



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Every Monday 7pm - 9.30pm

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WHAT IS IT?

A social club for adults with learning disabilities and / or autism. We organise inclusive fun activities and social events.

WHEN IS IT?

Mondays - Disco at Henry Sandon Hall, Royal Porcelain Works, Worcester, 7pm - 9.30pm.
Wednesday Sports Club at Christopher Whitehead Language College, St Johns, Worcester, 6pm - 7.30pm.
Football on Thursdays at St Johns Sports Centre, Worcester, 5pm - 6pm.
MNC Saturday Kitchen, at various places, 11am - 2.30pm. Check our website.
We have other special events and day trips throughout the year.

WHO ARE WE?

The Club was founded in 2011 by Laura Gill, who has learning disabilities and autism herself, so that she could meet her friends and have some fun.

DO WE PROVIDE SUPPORT?

No, we don't provide support. We regard our members as people out enjoying their lives. If you need support to enjoy our activities please bring staff, friends or family with you.



Scan to go to our website and find out more



ABOUT US

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Volunteer! Come and help out on Monday nights.

Organise a fund-raising event. We can help you!

Create a Facebook Fundraiser for a special occasion.

Sponsor our football team. As little as £10 a month can make a big difference to us.

Donate as you shop online. Find us on Easyfundraising.org.uk

Or donate by visiting our website www.themondaynightclub.org.uk

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The Monday Nite Club



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:



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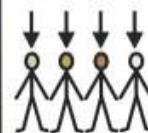
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We are Co-production Officers for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) up to 25 years old.

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



Amy Knight



everyone



working together on an equal basis



to improve



services



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