



# Bankside School

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## Newsletter: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Visible Consistency, Visible Kindness

Another busy week with pupils focused on their learning and personal development.

Thank you again for your support with regards to mobile phones which has seen a real positive turn around this week with the result that it is helping to encourage more youngsters to attend their lessons and concentrate even better.

From Monday we are introducing a new approach to controlling the Car Park, as it has become increasingly dangerous for pupils and parents/carers. We have emailed everyone on Dojo earlier today and will be distributing the letters to all the taxi drivers too. Please take the time to read the letter and support us with these new procedures. The aim is to keep everyone safe.

Have an enjoyable and positive weekend.

### Important Dates

- **February Half Term – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup>**
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – National Number Day**
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 '**Cooperation**'

## Nominations

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

- **Kay E** - Kay attended her first music lesson in a while and was fantastic, writing and playing her own Blues lick on piano! Amazing work.
- **Ola D** - For continuing to always work hard, make progress always with a positive can-do attitude throughout every Maths lesson.
- **Joe B, Ollie V & Zak R** - Absolutely fantastic in their PSHE cooking lesson. Great engagement - delicious results!
- **Archie Ho** - For being positive and proactive in his PSHE lesson this week
- **Ren H, Jayden B & Clare Mc** - For their acting out in English about the book Treasure Island.
- **Bradley T** - Great effort in maths coordinates lessons, he's been able asking for help when he needs it and has developed his confidence to the point where he is completing work independently to a brilliant level. Well done!
- **Daisy H** - For creating some beautiful watercolour work linking flowers to signs of the Zodiac in art.
- **Betty B** - For amazing effort in her writing (especially handwriting) and for really pushing herself in our work on Treasure Island.
- **Daniel R** - For making the conscious decision to join in and learn to cook for himself

### Kindness Champions:

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

- **Ola D** - Supporting and encouraging a fellow student by sharing her art skills and offering gentle guidance.
- **Harley M & Caleb W** - Without being asked to, they cleaned up graffiti off the class desks and the worktops in our classroom. Very kind and caring

### Progress Heroes: Special Mention:

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

- **Rupert L** - Showing excellent progress and independence by making his own pizza from scratch, kneading the dough, choosing his toppings, cooking it, and confidently trying it.
- **Archie Ho** - For working with determination and perseverance, showing development in his oil pastel technique during art.
- **Ewan L** - For showing amazing resilience with challenging situations this week!



# BAKE SALE

THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OF  
FEBRUARY

50P PER ITEM

ALSO ACCEPTING:

TOWELS

BLANKETS

TOYS{CAT ,DOG ,SMALL ANIMAL}

UNOPENED PET FOOD

ALL SOFT ITEMS MUST BE CLEAN!

THIS IS FOR THE RSPCA

## Helping our young people master shoelace tying

Learning to tie shoelaces is a big milestone for many young people, and our young people may need extra time, structure or sensory adjustments to master the skill comfortably. With patience and the right approach, this everyday task can become far more manageable.

### Practical ways to build confidence at home

- **Break the task into small, clear steps:** Many of our young people benefit from learning one step at a time. Using visual sequences, colour-coded laces, or practising each movement separately can make the process easier to understand.
- **Choose the right laces and shoes:** Wider, textured or two-tone laces can be easier to grip and see. Starting with shoes that stay open and stable while practising can reduce frustration.
- **Practise at calm, unhurried times:** Trying new skills when your young person is tired or rushing out the door can increase stress. Short, regular practice sessions in a relaxed setting tend to work best.
- **Support sensory needs:** Some young people find laces fiddly or uncomfortable. Allowing breaks, using fidget tools beforehand or exploring alternative laces as a temporary step can help reduce overwhelm.

### Compensatory strategies - alternative shoe lace options

- **Greeper laces** - Greeper laces are fitted to the footwear and they are loosened simply by pulling on the pull tab of the toggle. The user then simply makes the lace loops bigger to tighten the laces and enjoy a secure, snug fit. Small stoppers on the lace loops prevent the Greepers from coming undone | [www.greeper.com](http://www.greeper.com)
- **Hickies** - Hickies are easy to fasten laces that expand and contract with foot movement to deliver secure fitting | [HICKIES - No Tie Elastic Shoelaces](#)
- **Atlas laces** - Atlas elastic laces offer more flexibility for the young person when trying to put their shoes on whilst not compromising on the ease of fastening the laces [Elastic Laces - Atlas Athlete](#)
- **Zubits** - Once you have got these on your shoes there is no need to tie a lace again! Just attach Zubits magnetic closures to the shoelaces and let the magnets do the "tying" | [Zubits magnetic laces - The Active Hands Company](#)



# Malvern Multi-Sports Camp



Providing young people aged 4-14 with an opportunity to have fun, develop sports skills and meet with friends.

16th & 17th  
February 2026

8.45am-3.30pm  
@ Sport Dyson Perrins  
Leisure Centre



Yates Hay Road, Malvern, WR14 1WD.

£27.50 per day or £49.50 for 2 days.



To secure your  
place, contact:

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MSc. Sports Coaching  
07879 779569

**ONLY £1**



# THE MONDAY NIGHT CLUB

DISCO DRINK HAVE FUN!  
DANCE SOCIALISE

Every Monday 7pm - 9.30pm

▶ #MNclub ◀

at The Royal Porcelain Works  
Severn St, Worcester WR1 2NE

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**THE MONDAY NIGHT CLUB**

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Reg. charity number 1180646



#### 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](http://Easyfundraising.org.uk)

Or donate by visiting our website [www.themondaynightclub.org.uk](http://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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Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System



NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire



worcestershire county council



**YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT!**



your voice

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important



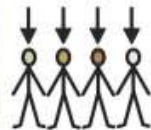
Chanika Benain

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



Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System



NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire



worcestershire county council