



**Bankside
School**

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Visible Consistency, Visible Kindness

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A positive week of learning and engagement!

Well done to those young people who undertook more GCSE mock exams this week. It has been a test for them all, facing a new challenge in their educational and personal development. They all coped with the situation well and can now settle back into their usual routines and practice hard for the real exams later this year.

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in the Parents' consultation evening this week. It is always beneficial to meet in person and discuss our young people's progress and achievements with you all. We hope you enjoyed looking at some of their folders and reviewing the work they have undertaken.

Please remember, tutors and staff are always available to answer questions. Please contact us via Class Dojo and we will get back to you as quickly as we can.

Next week, we will be focusing on the national 'Neurodiversity Celebration week 2026' celebrating and promoting understanding of neurological differences.

May your weekend be an enjoyable and fulfilling time.

Important Dates

- **Friday 20th March – Red Nose Day**
- **Tuesday 24th March – Year 9 KS4 Options afternoon 3.30 to 4.30pm**
- **Friday 27th March – Last day of Term**
- **Monday 13th April – Back to School**

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 '**Neurodiversity**'

Nominations

Star Learners: For outstanding effort and focus in lessons:

- **Cat B** - For great engagement in Tuesdays Maths & English lessons. Also, for demonstrating mature communication to overcome a problem. Well done Cat!
- **Millie B** - For working really hard consistently every single Friday Maths lesson since the start of term. She is a superstar.
- **Vinny G** - He went to the maths lesson with a positive attitude and worked so hard. Well done Vinny!
- **Ren H** - Ren demonstrated maturity throughout a really challenging PSHE lesson this week. I was so impressed with the level of detail in her written work and the way she dealt with difficult content.
- **Tom N, Ola D and Ewan L** - During cooking this afternoon, we made chocolate truffles & had the best time, all were very sticky & chocolatey but had so much fun! It was the happiest I've seen ToNa. (Great skills used too!)
- **Jake L and Fynn M** - For completing a practice run of their spoken language presentations in front of the class and answering questions about their presentations - they were both absolutely fantastic!
- **Bradley T** - For listening really well and answering difficult questions about Islam.
- **Daniel F** - He was fully engaged during the whole two hours of PE in the afternoon this week, participating in all the activities. He was also able to deflect distractions, staying focused and encouraging other friends to also go to their lessons. A positive attitude, full of patience and kindness, responding with humour and camaraderie and helping setting up. A great team mate in PE and a great Tuesday afternoon!

Kindness Champions:

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

- **Rupert L** - He took the time to support another student with their maths work while still completing his tasks to a high standard, showing patience and consideration for others.
- **Hayward F** - He helped us clean windows today even though a couple of students teased him, he carried on helping.
- **Lucas S** - He saw me heading towards a door with my hands full of crockery, and he turned around and walked back to the door to hold it open for me which was so considerate of him!
- **Vinny G** - For showing compassion towards a friend who was struggling this week. You have shown true empathy for a friend in need, staying by their side with care, kindness, and support.
- **Betty B** - For being really helpful by filing students' work!

Progress Heroes: Special Mention:

For making visible strides in learning, behaviour and confidence:

- **Kay E** - This week she has shown resilience and bravery after problem solving a tricky situation. Consequently, having a wonderful time at the park with her classmates. So proud of you Kay!
- **Stanley, Vinny and Hayward** - For a mature, positive and focused attitude to prepping and cooking in the teaching kitchen, and being proud of what they've produced 😊
- **Caleb W** - His engagement in lessons this week has been much better and he's produced some great work!
- **Kay E** - For amazing positive approach to coming to lessons and engaging really well!

Bankside's Science Podcast – Episode 4

Food, Fuel and Energy in the Body

Our latest episode of the **Bankside Science Podcast** explores one of the most important questions in biology: *how does the body get the energy it needs to live?*

In this episode, students learn how the food we eat becomes the **fuel that powers our bodies**. We explore how nutrients provide energy, how our bodies use that energy for movement, growth and keeping our organs working, and why eating a balanced diet matters for staying healthy.

As with all Bankside Science Podcasts, the episode is designed to support the curriculum while being **clear, engaging and accessible for all learners**. Students can listen again to reinforce what they've learned in class, or families can enjoy exploring the science together at home.



<https://youtu.be/DlooMuLNowA>

Red Nose Day! Friday 20th March!

“Take Yourself Funny For Money”

Students and staff can dress up "Funny for Money" - this may be an outfit, wearing clothes back to front etc... OR Red to Toe. No masks or clowns please!!

From scarlet socks to ruby slippers, a raspberry beret to a crimson cape (or just a classic Red Nose and Red Nose Day T-shirt combination). Bonus points to anyone who goes red from head to toe. All we are asking is for a small donation.



Students will have the opportunity to render their favourite member of staff in cake or biscuit form. From tasty Rich Tea-chers to a dunkable deputy head, the base can be bought (and iced etc...) or baked. Then it's all in the eye-cing.

Bankside's Art Exhibition

The Bankside Art Exhibition is a space for our own artists in residence to show what they've created in school or at home in their own time. Artists can participate bringing original art works (painting, drawing, sketches, creative writing) or photos of any 3D pieces (sculpture, crafts, masks, fashion pieces, etc). Please see photos of the artwork from our artists this week.

This week we have art pieces on show from Sylvie, Ren H, Zak and Clare.





Netball Camp

30th, 31st March &
9th, 10th April 2026

8.45-3.30pm each day

@ The Elms School,
Malvern, WR13 6EF.

£27.50 per day or £52 for 2
days.

For children aged 7-16.

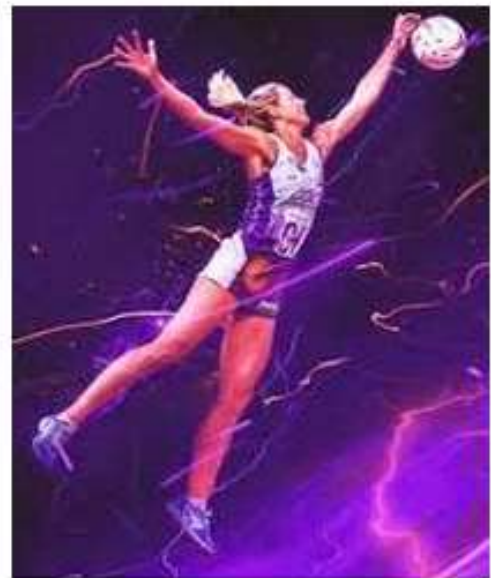
Netball Fundamentals

Fun Games

Skill development

Tactics

Matches



To secure your child's place contact:

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Malvern Multi-Sports Camp



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

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The Elms School, Colwall,
Malvern, WR13 6EF.



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