



Bankside School

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Visible Consistency, Visible Kindness

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What a difference the sun makes! It has been lovely to see lots of pupils accessing the outdoor spaces at breaktimes as well as for some of their lessons! Fingers crossed that it continues!

A highlight of the week was the Year 9 Key Stage 4 Options Assembly held on Wednesday. A presentation was shared with the Pupils explaining the learning pathways for Key Stage 4 and the Subject Options that would be available for them to choose from. They displayed great listening skills and asked some pertinent questions. Following the Assembly, they continued to discuss amongst themselves the opportunities available to them and, from feedback by parents, this opened up conversations at home too. A great result!

Next Tuesday, parents and carers have been invited into school to hear the same presentation and will have the opportunity to discuss the different courses with the subject teachers before pupils make their final decisions. An exciting next step for these young people on their learning journey.

Across the wider school, pupils continue to work hard across all subjects and it was great to celebrate so many pupils achieving their AQA Unit Awards in a variety of subjects.

Neuro-diversity week was celebrated in PSHE lessons and we hope to have some interesting displays set up in school shortly that we can share with you.

Today we celebrated Red Nose day and we hope you enjoy any related activities that you may watch or be involved in over the weekend.

Enjoy the weather this weekend as we prepare for our last week of the Spring Term! It seems to have arrived far too quickly!

Important Dates

- **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 '**Guidance**'

Nominations

Star Learners: For outstanding effort and focus in lessons:

- **Owen D** - For really engaging well in football and working well in the team!!! You have been amazing!
- **Harley M, Cyrus C & Caleb W** - They put their learning from this term into practice to do some amazing group drumming! Fantastic work
- **Rupert L** - For his amazing work in science, he completed all work, showing extensive knowledge, as well as helping a peer.
- **Cyrus C** - After having time off, he's come back and faced a few difficulties and still got stuck in.
- **Lily R** - She's very alert, prepared, focused and enthusiastic in the kitchen and is always helping out above and beyond her own cooking. It's like having a sous chef in the teaching kitchen! 😊 She talks about cooking with me during lunch breaks and is making great skills progress.

Kindness Champions:

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

- **Rupert L** - For not only working super hard to complete some challenging maths questions himself, but for taking the time to help a peer who was struggling by explaining the methods step by step. Well done Rupert!
- **Jess I** - For her gentle and kind support of younger students. During our cinema trip, she helped others feel safe, included, and cared for.

Progress Heroes: Special Mention:

For making visible strides in learning, behaviour and confidence:

- **Erin B** - For showing incredible bravery at horse riding this week by getting on and riding again despite the fear you faced. Everyone, including William the horse, is very proud of you!
- **Kay E** - For dealing with an unexpected change to her routine, and the mature attitude she showed. Well done Kay!
- **Etta M** - For joining the class and bringing so much positive energy and enthusiasm alongside her excellent work in English!
- **Oliver H** - It's been an absolute pleasure seeing you, Oliver, get stuck in with Redgate's football today and interacting with a different cohort of students. Lovely team work Oliver!
- **Archie C** - Archie conquered a life time fear of heights at the park. Well done Arch :)

Bankside's Science Podcast – Episode 5

This week's episode of the **Bankside Science Podcast** dives into one of the most powerful organs in the human body — the heart.

In *Episode 5: The Heart & Blood*, students explore:

- How the heart works as a pump
- The journey of blood around the body
- The role of oxygen and nutrients
- Why circulation is essential for life

As with all our episodes, the content is carefully sequenced to reflect our science curriculum, reinforcing key vocabulary and core concepts from our work on life processes and the human body.

The podcast is designed to be accessible, engaging and easy to revisit — whether students want to consolidate learning, revise, or simply satisfy their curiosity about how their own body works.

Families are warmly encouraged to listen along and join the discussion at home.

Because science doesn't just sit in books — it beats in your chest 100,000 times a day.

<https://youtu.be/nIOSfH3MGNU>



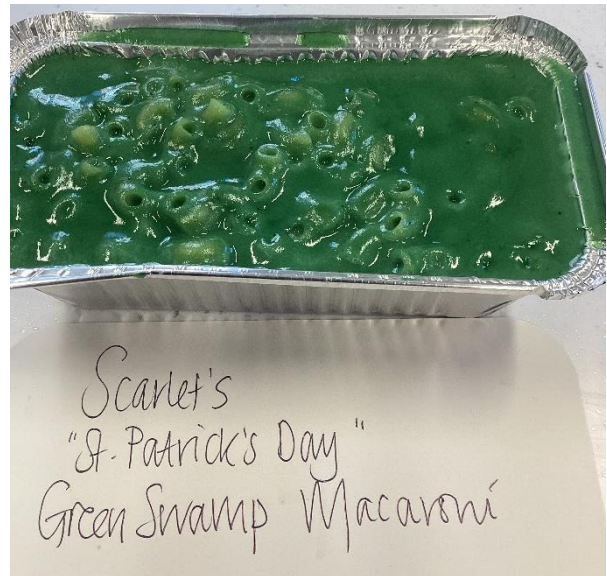
Red Nose Day 2026

What's been cooking in the kitchen?

Feel free to stick your nose in!

This week, our young learners have had time to be creative and have fun for this Friday's Comic Relief Red Nose Day. Funny pizza faces and red velvet cupcakes with a cherry on top have filled the surfaces of the teaching kitchen... as well as some rather mysterious, luminously green cheese 'n' mac (for St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday) and a very vibrant red one too! It's been a pleasure to witness the creativity and laughter. Many thanks to everyone who has taken part, staff and young people

Jacqui and Debs



Red Nose Day 2026



Bankside's Art Exhibition

This week we have art pieces on show from Erin, Harley, Jess I



Schools Football Week

During the week of March 23rd - 27th we will be celebrating School's Football Week 2026. An initiative created by the English Schools Football Association and in partnership with Pokémon. School's Football Week aims to promote inclusive football and physical activity to all pupils.

We will be celebrating Schools' Football Week in PE with a range of fun challenges for pupils to try during their PE lessons and lunch clubs such as:

Penalty shoot outs	Crossbar challenge
Relay races	Knockout tournaments
Small sided football games.	

Football clubs will take place during the lunch times specified below:

Tuesday 1st sitting - Girls only indoor football	Tuesday 2nd sitting - Mixed football
Thursday 1st sitting - KS4 Football mixed	Thursday 2nd sitting - KS3 Football Mixed

Pupils who participate in football week activities will be given a Pokémon card fun pack. For more information about School's Football Week see the website below - [Pokémon Schools' Football Week -](#)



Fishing Trip

On Thursday, we had a fishing trip out. Despite not catching any fish, we had a great time soaking up the sun, and learning new fly fishing techniques to ensure we can cast out further to have more chance of fish! Hopefully they'll be more luck next time





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:

07879 779569

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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.

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

8.45am-3.30pm @
The Elms School, Colwall,
Malvern, WR13 6EF.



£27.50 per day or £49.50 for 2 days.



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