



**Bankside  
School**

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## Newsletter: 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### Visible Consistency, Visible Kindness

Firstly, a big **thank you** to you all for your patience and support whilst we try and implement a safer Car Park procedure at the beginning and end of the day.

We appreciate there have been a few frustrations, and we are working on ironing these out. Ultimately, we have introduced these new systems following a near accident with one of our pupils so we appreciate your co-operation.

Pupils have engaged in a couple of different trips this week, with Groups 2 and 3 participating in some Wheelchair Basketball at the Worcester Arena, as well as undertaking a Geography field trip to Upton-upon-Severn. These were both very successful and the pupils engaged well in both educational experiences.

Today we have celebrated National 'Number day' with some great results and participation from our young people. Please see below.

Have a positive weekend and we look forward to welcoming pupils back on Monday for the last week of this term.

### Important Dates

- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – National Wear Pink Day in aid of Worcester Breast Unit**
- **February Half Term – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup>**

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 '**Collaboration**'

## Nominations

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

- **Elsa S** - Really good art work this week! Growth in confidence in the kitchen, willingness to try new things and eating what has she cooked at home.
- **Lily R** - for producing a fantastic CV in PSHE. This will help you now and, in the future, - well done Lily.
- **Zak R** - For always trying hard in lessons, especially PE and Redgate, developing his football skills and scoring multiple goals!
- **Ren H** - For her amazing work with binary numbers in computing, she was fantastic!! 😊
- **William E** - he's worked so hard every week in his DofE sessions to learn everything he needed to know for his HAM radio exam, and it's all paid off with earning his qualification on Monday!
- **Becca C** - for attendance and full engagement in Math lessons on Monday and Tuesday.
- **Ren H, Jayden B, Betty B & Archie C** - for excellent engagement and pushing themselves to try something new with wheelchair basketball on Monday! They were all fantastic. They picked up how to control the chairs quickly, engaged with the learning opportunities, and were a credit to our school when accessing the local community - great manners and respect for others

### Kindness Champions:

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

- **Daniel Ro** - Checking in with staff and supporting them to ensure their wellbeing was well.
- **Hayward F** – For respecting the school environment this week!

### Progress Heroes: Special Mention:

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

- **Jake Jones** - Has begun to attend more lessons, and is showing resilience, giving tasks a go even when it's not a subject he enjoys
- **Arche Ho** - for several examples of outstanding independent writing and English work throughout this week. SO impressed and proud of him!
- **Liam O'S** - for attending both cooking sessions and the whole of his maths lesson, engaging well and working super hard!
- **Millie F** – For great engagement in music lessons
- **Lucas S** – For a successful transition into school this week.

## Options Autism Podcast – Autism Unpacked

Please have a look at the Options Autism podcast, Autism Unpacked, discussing different topics around Autism. Please follow the link below and you can see what each episode covers. This week's episode was about **Maths and Anxiety**.

[Autism Unpacked Podcast - Options Autism](#)



## Celebrating Number Day at Bankside!!

Bankside have had lots of fun celebrating NSPCC Number day today. The students had some large Bankside Bingo games sessions, with lots of fun and participation, the opportunity to decorate a mug with a Number day design and then we ended with a Number Day Scavenger hunt where students used their teamwork and social skills to find out things they didn't know about the staff - all based on numbers of course!

Number day is celebrated across the country and is designed to promote the awareness of the NSPCC, including what Childline is and how it can be accessed, which we also talked about at the start of the day. Any donations (via our JustGiving page) for the NSPCC and the great work that they do to keep children safe would be gratefully received.

[www.justgiving.com/page/banksidenumberday](http://www.justgiving.com/page/banksidenumberday)



Scan to donate

Help us reach our target!

Make a donation with **JustGiving**

Winners of the decorate a mug for number day comp:

### Most creative

Betty  
Harrison S  
Caleb

### Most mathematical

Lily R  
Jayden  
Ren H

But lots of students did a beautiful job of decorating....especially Elsa's who coloured in the whole mug all afternoon.



# Number Day Continued...



## Wheelchair Basketball

On Monday Group 2 and 3 pupils visited Worcester Arena for a wheelchair basketball as part of our inclusive sports PE topic. Pupils had a great time learning how to use the sports wheelchairs and even playing an adapted wheelchair basketball game. The pupils enjoyed taking part in tagging games and races.



## Geography Trip to Upton

On Thursday Groups 2 and 3 went on a Geography Field trip to Upton on Severn. This was as part of our 'Our Country' study about the UK. We followed a map using landmarks and road signs to find our way around and looked at different physical and human geographical features mapping them on our own maps! It was a little bit cold and drizzly, but we still had a great time!



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# ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

Click on each of the following boxes to explore the different resources in this month's newsletter. Please feel free to save and share resources with colleagues, families and other professionals as appropriate.



## Safer Internet Day 2026

Safer Internet Day 2026 will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2026, with celebrations and learning based around the theme

**'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'**

Explore the impact of AI on all of our lives, look at how AI can be used for good, and give advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly.



Children's Online Safety Test

## Try this....

Check out Virgin Media's **Children's Internet Safety Test.**

Covering key topics such as- cyberbullying, parental controls, social media and inappropriate content, the short set of questions test your knowledge of online safety.

Responding to AI misuse and 'Undressing' images on Social Media



## Responding to AI misuse and 'undressing' images

No one deserves to have their images misused, altered, or sexualised without consent, whether by a person or by AI. Being targeted in this way is a form of abuse. This article delves into the issue, highlights critical legislative gaps and outlines how to respond if it happens to you.



## Training Opportunity

Worcestershire Virtual School is dedicated to ensuring that all education settings within Worcestershire are Trauma Informed and Attachment Aware Settings (TIAAS) so we have expanded our TIAAS training menu to offer something suitable for everyone.

All the training is fully funded by Worcestershire Virtual School and so is completely free to you!

[Take a look!](#)



## Mental Health Support

Mentor Link has over 20 years' experience of providing a dedicated mentoring and therapeutic service in schools across the West Midlands. They are now delivering a new EBSA project based on supporting children back into learning following periods of absence.

For further information,  
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[CLICK HERE](#)

## Get in touch

Ask a question

Request further information about something from a previous newsletter  
Suggest a topic to cover on future newsletters  
Recommend a useful online safety or mental health and well-being resource  
Suggest some great available training..... or anything else you think would be helpful!

## Temporary Road Closure

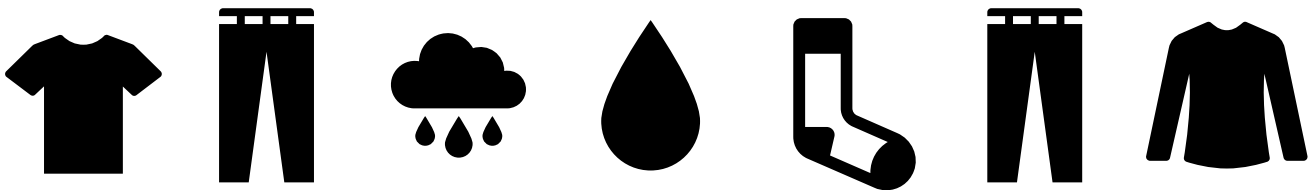
Temporary Road Closure – B4424 Upton Road (by the old hills) will be closed on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb** for one day.

Please use an alternative route. Diversions available through Kempsey n via Upton or via Malvern, Madresfield/Guarlford.



## 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



## Kindness Club Bake Sale and Collection

Kindness Club Collection and Bake Sale next Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February for the RSPCA.  
Any contributions of towels, blankets, toys and unopened pet food can be donated to the office.  
Kindness Club students will be making the cakes in their catering lessons.

# 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

# 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.



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