



**Bankside
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Visible Consistency, Visible Kindness

What a fabulous week we have had, including some long awaited sunny and warm weather!

This week saw us celebrating the annual World Book Day with lots of the school community dressed up and participating in various English curriculum related activities. Please see the photos as well as the list of winners and runners up below.

Three pupils were picked at random to receive a 'WBD Competition Winners – Golden Ticket' as they participated in all the activities planned. The Golden Ticket will allow pupils to choose an 'off-curriculum' afternoon activity in the near future.

The winners were:

Betty Br
Daniel Fr
Hannah Wa.

Our word of the week has been 'bravery', and we definitely saw examples of this shining through this week, from those young people who sat their GCSE Mock exams to those pupils who had their vaccinations on Tuesday. Well done to you all!

We look forward to another busy, positive week next week and to meeting many of you on Tuesday for our Parents' consultation evening.

Important Dates

- **Tuesday 10th March – Parents/Carers Consultation Evening** - [Bankside School Parents Evening: Tuesday 10th March 2026](#)
- **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**

Nominations

Star Learners: For outstanding effort and focus in lessons:

- **Daniel Fr** - For great engagement in GCSE History; answering questions verbally as well as in written format and working well to achieve the Learning objectives.
- **Cat B** - A brilliant Maths lesson last Friday, she learnt a new concept and practised it well.

Kindness Champions:

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

- **William E** - Staff and students thought you were amazing when you made a treasure map of Bankside school where we can see a red X for the treasure. William made the map out of his own initiative and I had a nice time going out in the field to look for the treasure.
- **Archie Ho** - For always showing care and concern for other students on a consistent basis in cooking
- **Jess I** - For prepping and helping cook another students cottage pie dish earlier this week, as well as doing her own, and generally being very thoughtful, aware and helpful in the kitchen, and using her initiative
- **William E** - For showing respect and kindness for the school environment and his peers.

Progress Heroes: Special Mention:

For making visible strides in learning, behaviour and confidence:

- **Millie F** - She engaged in every lesson on Wednesday and produced some amazing work. Super proud of her! :)
- **Clare Mc** - For fabulous progress when working on measuring combined with mental arithmetic! Well done Clare!

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 '**Freedom**'

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.

[Autism Unpacked Podcast - Options Autism](#)



PSHE Careers Talk

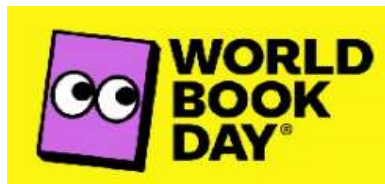


Last Friday, we had the pleasure of welcoming Danielle Hopton-Jones, a lecturer at the University of Worcester, into our KS4 PSHE lesson to talk about studying law at university.

It was fantastic for our young people to consider the range of careers in law and consider the different areas of law you can specialise in.

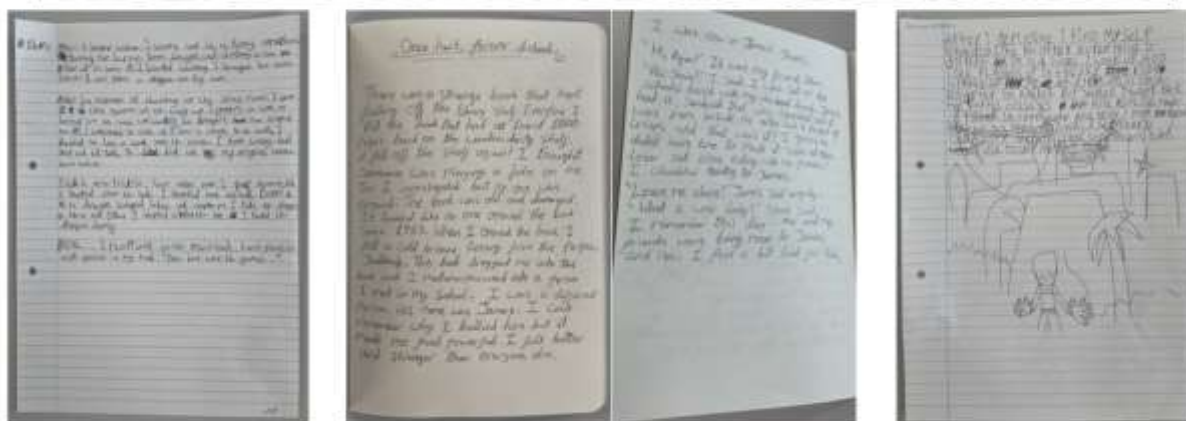
There were great questions for Danielle throughout the talk, especially about jury selection. We even had some common myths debunked, such as judges in the UK do not use a gavel! It was interesting to hear the history of why wigs and gowns are worn in the courtroom too!

A huge thank you to Danielle from all of us at Bankside.



WBD Competition Winners – Creative Writing

Congratulations! You have each won an Amazon e-voucher. This will be sent home via email this afternoon.



1st Place – Daniel F

2nd Place – Ren H

3rd Place – Archie H

WBD Competition Winners – Notebook Design

Congratulations! You have each won an Amazon e-voucher. This will be sent home via email this afternoon.



1st Place – Jessica

2nd Place – Ola

3rd Place – Sammy

WBD Competition Winners – Best Dressed

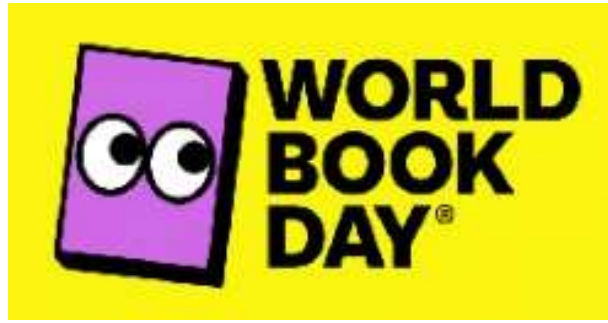
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Pupils:

- 3rd Place – Catalina
- 2nd Place – Harrison
- 1st Place – Millie B

Staff:

- 3rd Place – Paula
- 2nd Place – Joe J
- 1st Place – Izzy



Bankside 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. We had art pieces on show from Harrison, Ollie V, Ola and Hannah.



Bankside's Science Podcast

At Bankside, we believe science should be something you **experience, question and explore**, not just something you read in a textbook. That's why we're excited to introduce the **Bankside Science Podcast** series.

These short, engaging episodes are designed to support the science curriculum while also sparking curiosity about the world around us. Each podcast focuses on a key idea from our science learning, breaking it down in a clear and accessible way so that students can revisit concepts, hear explanations again, and explore science beyond the classroom.

The first few episodes include topics such as:

- **What is Science?** – exploring how scientists investigate the world
- **What Does it Mean to be Living?** – understanding the characteristics of life
- **Cells: The Building Blocks of Life** – discovering the tiny structures that make organisms work
- **Food, Fuel and Energy in the Body** – how our bodies use energy to survive and thrive

The podcasts are designed to be **short, engaging, and easy to access**, meaning students and families can listen at home, on the way to school, or whenever curiosity strikes.

At Bankside, we're always looking for creative ways to make learning meaningful and inclusive, and these podcasts are another way we're bringing science to life for our students.

You can listen to the first three episodes here:

 https://youtu.be/vF3jijt_BQ7Q

 <https://youtu.be/M1YEc8OC2wE>

 <https://youtu.be/cMAqsaPeNfQ>

We're excited to keep growing the series and sharing more science with the Bankside community!

