



# Bankside School

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## Visible Consistency, Visible Kindness

### Newsletter: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

This week, our whole school community came together to Celebrate the marking a moment of hope, renewal, and new beginnings. Pupils explored the meaning of Easter through stories of courage and resilience, discovered spring traditions from around the world, and reflected on the small but powerful ways we can each bring kindness, confidence, and positivity into our daily lives.

It was a wonderful opportunity to pause, celebrate the season, and recognise the growth we've seen across the school.

As we reach the end of this term, it has been truly lovely to reflect on everything our pupils have achieved. From academic progress to acts of kindness, from creative successes to moments of quiet determination, this term has been filled with energy, warmth, and a real sense of community. We are incredibly proud of the way our pupils support one another and embrace new challenges.

Looking ahead, we feel excited and optimistic about the future. There is so much to build on, so much potential to nurture, and so many opportunities waiting for our young people in the months ahead.

We wish all our families a peaceful, joyful Easter break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting new term full of possibility.

### Important Dates

- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Bankside Science Podcast – “What Is a Fart?”

This week’s episode of the **Bankside Science Podcast** tackles a topic that causes giggles... but is actually packed with brilliant biology.

In “*What Is a Fart?*” students explore:

- How the digestive system works
- The role of gut bacteria (the microbiome)
- What fermentation means in biology
- Why some gases smell and others don’t
- The chemistry and physics behind what happens next

The episode explains how trillions of helpful bacteria in our large intestine break down food and produce gases such as hydrogen and methane. It also explores how sulphur-containing compounds create smells — and why diet can affect this.

As always, the content is carefully aligned to our science curriculum, reinforcing key vocabulary and deepening understanding of digestion, microorganisms and chemical processes.

It’s informative, accessible, and just the right level of mischievous to keep students engaged — because sometimes the most memorable science learning starts with a giggle.

Families are warmly encouraged to listen together and continue the conversation at home.

<https://youtu.be/rgf9VHAaNqU>



## Bankside's Art Exhibition

This week we have art pieces on show from Daisy, Clare & Zak



## Mosque Trip

On Thursday, Groups 2 and 3 went on a visit to a Mosque in Worcester. Our guide was excellent and gave us a presentation all about Islam, most of which we had already covered in our lessons! He explained who uses the mosque and what happens there and gave us a very thorough tour. The mosque was huge and we really enjoyed looking around at the main prayer hall and all the artwork with Arabic script. We then went downstairs and looked at the area used for washing before prayers where we even got a demonstration (on Zoe!) of how to wash before praying. We also learnt about the part of the mosque where food is prepared to break the fast during Ramadan. The students were all exceptionally well behaved and respectful and asked some insightful questions, making great reflections on our return to school. We are really proud of the students and grateful for the opportunity to have such a fantastic insight into Islam.



## Well Being Hub Make Over

Our Wellbeing hub has had a makeover, creating a calm, neutral space for students to take time when needed and be ready to return to learning. At Bankside School, we have a skilled wellbeing team that provides a relational and regulatory foundation that our students need before learning can take place. A designated safe space which is a therapeutic environment. The Wellbeing team and dedicates space form a critical part of our graduated response, ensuring that students are supported to regulate, feel safe, and engage in learning. This provision enables a proactive, relational approach that reduce anxiety, promotes independence, and ensures equitable access to education.





# Netball Camp

30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> March &  
9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> 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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