



Bankside School

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Visible Consistency, Visible Kindness

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Another successful, albeit hot week, here at Bankside over these last five days.

Tuesday saw us hold our annual transition day when all pupils met their new Tutor and Teaching groups, in preparation for the next academic year. We also welcomed nine new pupils for the day who will be joining us in September.

It was a pleasure to wander around all the classrooms and see the variety of well planned activities taking place, from the construction of 'buildings/sculptures' using spaghetti and marshmallows to the making of mini catapults, from problem solving activities incorporating plastic cups and string to pupils drawing and designing creations for their work stations to be used in September. There was a buzz to the school!

It was really lovely to see new friendships being fostered and our new pupils being supported and made to feel so welcome by our current students. We had some really positive feedback from parents of our new pupils including the following:

- *She loved the day and she made many new friends. All good feedback about the facilities – great science room, music room and the kitchen. She left with a smile which in itself says it all. She liked all the teachers and felt all the people engaged with her. She felt comfortable. Thanks so much.*
- *A good day and 100 times better than he could have imagined. His words were 'quadruple trillion times best school'.*
- *He had had a tricky morning and was anxious about coming. When he came out at the end of the day, he was smiling and telling me all about what he had done throughout the day. Thank you so much.*

We appreciate it has been a very tricky few days for all our pupils with regards to the extreme heat and well done to you all for handling it whether you made it into school or stayed at home. Let's hope for a cooler week next week and we look forward to seeing more of you back at school. Remember we have air conditioning!

Stay safe and have a good weekend!

Important Dates

Friday 10 th July	- Bankside Prom for KS4
Thursday 16 th July	- End of Year Awards Presentation
Friday 17 th July	- Summer Fayre for pupils and staff
Friday 17 th July	- Last Day of Term

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.

Star Learners: For outstanding effort and focus in lessons:

- **Archie Ho** - Archie you absolutely blew me away with your recall and understanding of The Tempest. Well done!
- **Betty B** - For engaging really well in PSHE this week, she handled a tricky topic (healthy and unhealthy relationships) in a positive way and completed the whole lesson!

Kindness Champions:

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

- **Cyrus C** - Cyrus was extra kind and welcoming to the new students on Tuesday, he went out of his way to ensure that all students in the group were included and was a lovely role model for the community values we have at Bankside.

Progress Heroes: For making visible strides in learning, behaviour and confidence:

- **Becca C** - Well done, Becca, for making a sensible and mature choice when feeling overwhelmed, using the strategies that we worked on together. We're super proud of you!
- **Ren H** - For taking part in a group music game for the first time ever and communicating well when the room felt too loud! Fantastic progress and amazing work.
- **Zak R** – Zak cooked a favourite meal of his- mum's recipe of tuna pasta from scratch, no recipe, all from memory, and made a really tasty main meal! Well done, Zak!
- **Archie Ha** - Archie has made fabulous progress in Maths this week showing amazing concentration and listening and then performing lots of complex calculations as a result. He has even helped other students by explaining his methods! Well done Archie!
- **Lewis J (J)** - For his resilience and teamwork and joining in during the leavers transition sessions. Great to see him playing games with others and kindly sharing the space he usually uses.

Clinical Input Academic - Year 26/27

Last week we sent out a consent form for clinical input for the next academic year. Thankyou for those that have completed it so far, if you are yet to fill it in, can we please urge you to do so at your earliest convenience. Thankyou in advance.

[Consent for Clinical Team involvement – Academic Year 26-27 – Fill in form](#)

Water safety



Following on from our pupils learning about Water Safety in their PSHE lessons and being aware of on-going national tragedies linked to the hot weather and water accidents please see the following information and links that you may find useful. The Royal Life Saving Society UK has a really useful website that offers lots of advice and resources. It is well worth a visit.

Summer
WATER SAFETY

To enjoy the water safely and make the right call...

ENTER SLOWLY
AND CAREFULLY

STAY WITHIN
REACH

ALWAYS BE
SUPERVISED

In an emergency...

CALL
999

IF YOU'RE IN
TROUBLE FLOAT AND
CALL FOR HELP

**A guide to talking
to your teenager
about Water Safety**

'Have The Conversation' Toolkit

The toolkit includes simple conversation prompts that help teenagers understand the real risks of open water and make safer choices when hanging out with friends near rivers, lakes, beaches, and other bodies of open water.

Email me the 'Have the Conversation'
Toolkit



Join us! FUN • FRIENDS • FOOD

Monday Juniors Club: Age 9-13 5pm - 7pm (£1)

Tuesday Youth Group: Age 13-18 5.30pm-8pm

Wednesday Youth Group: Age 13-18 5.30pm-8pm

Saturday SEND Social Club: Ages 14-18 11:30am - 2.30pm

Sunday SEND Club: Ages 8 - 18 10.30am - 1.30pm

Outreach • Mental health support • Counselling • Careers advice & much more

Trained Youth and Community workers on hand to provide weekly activities & support wherever needed.

Scan our QR code to find out more!



www.pershoreriversidecentre.org.uk or call us on **01386 554713**

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Pershire Riverside Centre CIO (charity no 1156413) King George's Way, Pershire WR10 1QU

Sunshine Festival Upton Local Family Offer

Sunshine Festival is offering local school families access to a limited Community Access Offer for this year's August Bank Holiday festival at Fish Meadow, Upton upon Severn.

Families can buy an adult weekend ticket and bring children and teens aged 17 and under at no additional ticket cost.

Sunshine Festival is a family-friendly weekend event with camping, live music, entertainment, activities and a relaxed festival atmosphere.

How to book Visit www.thatsthetickets.co.uk and add your adult weekend ticket, teen tickets and child tickets to your basket.

Then enter coupon code FAMILYFUN at checkout. To find out more about Sunshine Festival, visit www.uptonfestival.co.uk or follow Sunshine Festival on Facebook at www.facebook.com/thesunshinefestival.

This is a limited community access allocation and is subject to availability. The offer cannot be applied retrospectively to existing bookings and cannot be used with any other offer. All under-18s must attend with a responsible parent or guardian.

**A Special
SUNSHINE FESTIVAL
Community Access
OFFER**

2026

**27th-30th
AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY**

**Fish Meadow, Upton Upon
Severn, Worcestershire**

KIDS GO FREE

A SPECIAL SUNSHINE FESTIVAL COMMUNITY ACCESS OFFER FOR LOCAL SCHOOL FAMILIES

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Sunshine Festival reserves the right to amend or withdraw the offer at any time.

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