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Visible Consistency, Visible Kindness

Newsletter: 6th November 2026

A very warm welcome back to all of our pupils, families and staff. I hope everyone had a restful half-term break and has returned refreshed and ready for what promises to be another busy, positive and enjoyable half term at school.

As we head into the first weekend of Autumn 2, many of our families may be enjoying Bonfire Night celebrations. We hope that everyone has a wonderful time and, most importantly, stays safe. In school, pupils will also be exploring bonfire safety and community responsibility as part of our learning this half term.

There is so much for our school community to look forward to over the coming weeks. We will come together for our Remembrance assembly and two-minute silence, take part in Anti-Bullying Week and support Children in Need through pupil-led fundraising and citizenship activities. Some of our pupils will also have the opportunity to take part in residential trips later in November- we are busy.

As December approaches, there will be plenty of opportunities to celebrate together. Our final week includes a trip to the pantomime, festive activities with parents, Christmas lunch and our Santa Run, before we finish the term with a choice of festive activities for pupils.

We are really looking forward to the weeks ahead and to sharing lots of learning, achievements and special moments with our pupils and families. Welcome back, everyone, and here's to a fantastic Autumn 2!

Important Dates

D of E Children in Need Walk	-	Wednesday 11th November
School Closed to pupils (Training Day)	-	Friday 20th November
Residential Trip to Malvern Boundless Outdoor Centre	-	Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th Nov
Christmas celebration week (details to follow)	-	Week beginning 14th December
School closes for Christmas	-	Friday 18th December

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:

- **Joseph B -** For working exceptionally hard throughout the whole of last half term in all of his lessons. He has shown fantastically maturity, focus and engagement and his work ethic and approach to learning is influencing others to knuckle down and make good choices too.
- **Etta M -** You engaged in multiple activities at forest school and demonstrated progress with cooking on an open fire and using tools independently. Well done.
- **Sylvie U -** Sylvie provided clear and descriptive instructions, using correct terminology to explain each exercise. This helped her classmates understand how to perform the exercises with the correct technique. Well done Sylvie!
- **Elodie M and Amelia A -** For their excellent team work skills when working together in cooking this week. They were patient with each other taking turns respectfully and discussing steps together to follow the recipe. They were also caring towards peers and staff sharing the delicious cookies with them.
- **Group 3 -** The whole class contributed with enthusiasm throughout our science lesson this morning about our new topic, Life processes. Super proud of you all.
- **Annabelle S -** Annabelle, you worked incredibly hard in science this week. You answered 6-mark GCSE questions with confidence, even though you had missed the input lesson beforehand. Super proud of you!
- **Rupert L -** He really got stuck in during DofE football, gave it his all and ensured he showed a great defensive performance! Well done Rupert!
- **Betty B -** She always works so hard in maths, and has completed a tough unit of work on percentages this week. Betty is a great independent worker and is getting much better at accepting feedback to improve her work. Well done Betty!

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

- **Archie C and Sammy T –** For their engagement during art session this week was excellent. They both created some fantastic polystyrene tile prints for the coming Worcester Christmas tree festival.
- **Jess B -** For your commitment to your work experience which is leading to a weekend paid position. We are proud of you!
- **Kay E -** Kay, you have shown great determination in stepping outside of your comfort zone this week. You've challenged yourself to contribute more in class, and you are striving to build positive relationships with the other students. Even when things felt difficult or unfamiliar, you demonstrated resilience and a willingness to keep trying... We are so super proud of you Kay-keep going, it WILL get easier!
- **Archie H -** In Cooking because he always gives it his all and sticks with tasks even when they are challenging 😊
- **Harley M -** Harley you were amazing this morning in your intervention, you gave such thoughtful answers to some tricky questions. I hope you feel very proud of your progress!

Kindness Champions:

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

- **Archie H -** For being kind in lesson, helping Jayden to complete a task without being asked.
- **Jayden W -** For his kindness in sharing his coat with a peer who was cold during forest school. This was a wonderful act of kindness and was great to see!
- **Vinny G -** You knew that someone was nervous of balloons and came to warn them that there were some out. Your kindness and thoughtfulness shone through. I am very proud of you. Well Done!

Mobile Phones

To meet DfE expectations and ensure consistency:

· Pupils must hand in their phones at the designated collection point each morning.

· Failure to comply will result in parental contact and temporary phone bans.

· Repeat non-compliance will lead to longer-term restrictions, and may require parents to collect phones directly from school.

· Phones must remain switched off and out of sight throughout the school day.

Thank you for your support.

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BBC CHILDREN IN NEED





WE'RE RAISING MONEY



WHAT

The Bankside Duke of Edinburgh Bronze group are doing a sponsored walk of the length of the Malvern Hills to raise money for Children in Need.

WHEN & WHERE

The walk will be on Wednesday 11th of November, starting at Chase End and ending at North Hill.

CONTACT

Donate at the school office, or on JustGiving.com (search Bankside Duke of Edinburgh Fundraising).

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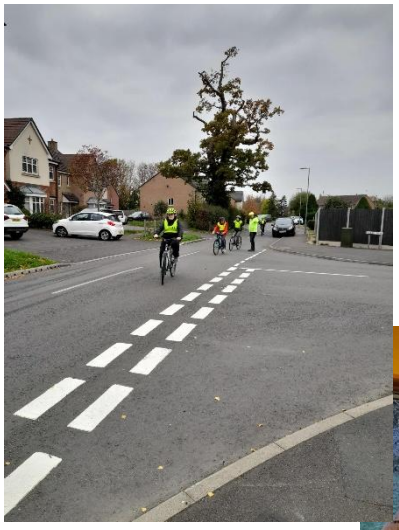
Bike Ability Level 2

Today, students took part in their Bike Ability Level 2 training at Worcester Woods, where they developed their cycling skills and learned how to ride safely and confidently when sharing the road with other vehicles.

Throughout the session, students completed a range of practical activities, including following their instructors in a single file 'snake' formation, practising the use of traffic light signals and developing their awareness of their surroundings. They learned that green means go, amber means look and check over their shoulder for traffic, and red means stop safely using both brakes.

Students also explored the differences between major and minor roads and practised using appropriate stop and start signals. They developed an understanding of road positioning, including how to position themselves safely and visibly to vehicles. They also learned how to approach and pass stationary vehicles safely, checking their surroundings to ensure they were safe to continue.

It was a valuable opportunity for students to put their learning into practice, build their confidence on a bike and develop important road safety skills that will support them in becoming safer and more independent cyclists. Well done to everyone to all of the students who participated in this activity today! Great effort!











Animal Care

If your child attends animal care...



please make sure they are dressed appropriately as it is wet and muddy!

Wet and muddy!



Waterproof coat



Waterproof trousers



Wellies (or sturdy boots)



Warm layers (e.g. hoodie or fleece)



Gloves (optional but helpful)



Appropriate clothing keeps your child warm, dry and safe – and helps them enjoy the animals!

Thank you for your support!

Acton Mill Care Farm

On Thursday, the students visited Acton Mill Care Farm, where they had the exciting opportunity to see some baby calves. One of the calves had even been born that very morning! It was a lovely experience for the students to see the young animals up close and learn more about life on the farm.









