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#### NON-UNIFORM DAY-NEXT FRIDAY-BRING £1

Friday 27th June is a non-uniform day. Children can bring a £1 for the PTA and wear their own clothes. The money raised is used by the PTA to help with the Summer Fair.



### **VE DAY CELEBRATION PICNICS**

Each year group is having VE Day Celebration picnic events—parents/carers are invited to join us for these special occasions.



| AM Nursery10.30amWed 16th JulyPM Nursery1.45pmWed 16th JulyReception1.45pmWed 16th JulyYear 112.30pmMon 14th JulyYear 212.30pmMon 7th JulyGardens              | The Ark (SRP) | 1.45pm  | Wed 16th July |                |
|--|---------------|---------|---------------|----------------|
| PM Nursery       1.45pm       Wed 16th July         Reception       1.45pm       Wed 16th July         Year 1       12.30pm       Mon 14th July       Caldmore | AM Nursery    | 10.30am | Wed 16th July | lu faut Cabaal |
| Year 1     12.30pm     Mon 14th July     Caldmore  | PM Nursery    | 1.45pm  | Wed 16th July | Infant School  |
| Caldhore   | Reception     | 1.45pm  | Wed 16th July |                |
| Year 2 12.30pm Mon 7th July Gardens  | Year 1        | 12.30pm | Mon 14th July | Caldmore       |
|  | Year 2        | 12.30pm | Mon 7th July  | Gardens        |

#### **HEALTHY SNACKS ONLY PLEASE!**

All the Infant children receive a free piece of fruit every day to have as a snack. Junior children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to school each day to enjoy at break time—for example: fruit or raw vegetables.

Please do not send chocolate or sweets with your child.

### NEW NURSERY, RECEPTION AND YEAR 3 PARENTS' MEETINGS—NEXT WEEK!

There will be special meetings for parents/carers of children starting in Nursery, Reception and Year 3 in September. We will be sharing important information to help parents/carers to support the children as they start the next phase of their education.

| Year group<br>child is<br>moving into | Meeting date         | Meeting time | Location    |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Nursery                               | Tues 24th<br>June    | 2.15pm       | Infant Hall |
| Reception                             | Tuesday 24th<br>June | 5pm          | Infant Hall |
| Year 3                                | Thurs 26th<br>June   | 5.15pm       | Junior Hall |

#### SPORTS DAYS

| Reception | 1.45pm | Fri 20th June   | Infant School         |
|-----------|--------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| TODAY     |        |                 |                       |
| Year 1    | 1.30pm | Thurs 10th July | Mayfield School Field |
| Year 2    | 1.30pm | Thurs 26th June | Mayfield School Field |
| Year 4    | 1.30pm | Thurs 3rd July  | Mayfield School Field |
| Year 6    | 1.30pm | Thurs 17th July | Mayfield School Field |



Year 4 NEW DATE: Thurs 3rd July 1.30pm at Mayfield Year 6 NEW DATE: Thurs 17th July 1.30pm Mayfield



#### WHEELBARROW GARDEN FESTIVAL

Don't miss the Wheelbarrow Garden Festival at St. Martin's Church, featuring Garden Wheelbarrows created by the infant and junior Blue Coat children!

#### Sunday 22nd June 12 to 3.30pm

Federation website: bluecoatfederation.co.uk Facebook: Blue Coat Infant and Junior Schools - Walsall

E-mail: postbox@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

# WALSALL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME SUMMER 2025

HAF is a free and exciting holiday programme for children and young people aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for free school meals, have an EHCP, or are a registered Young Carer.

The Summer Holiday Activity Programme Offer: each child can pick up to 4 holiday clubs or 16 pick 'n' mix sessions or a Family activity over the period 28th July – 22nd August. There are a range of activities including, bowling, horse riding, football, crafts, swimming, dancing, SEND activities and much more.

The HAF Portal goes live on 26th June 2025 – activities can be booked via the portal. To find out more information visit; www.walsall.gov.uk/ children\_and\_young\_people/haf\_signup

Or Email: familysupport@bluecoatfederation.co.uk



CHOIR CONCERTS—PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME

Junior Choir—4pm Tues 1st July Infant Choir—3.45pm Wed 2nd July

#### FUN FOOD FRIDAYS ARE BACK!

Bring some money for sweet treats when you collect your child and help the PTA!



Infant School—Friday 20th June—TODAY!

Junior School—Friday 27th June

## **CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS**



Infants— Penguins 98.71% Juniors— 5EB 99.31%





Year 2 will be visiting Aisha Mosque on Tuesday 24th June as part of their Religious Education curriculum.





Year 5 will be focused on learning about Ancient Greece on Thursday 26th June.

Year 1 will be visiting Cannock Chase on Monday 30th June as part of their scientific learning about plants and growth.





Year 2 will be visiting the Black Country Museum as part of their History curriculum on **Thursday 3rd July**.

IMPORTANT FOR ALL YEAR 5 PARENTS CONSIDERING QUEEN MARY'S OR ANOTHER GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

If your child is in Year 5 and you would like them to try for a place at Queen Mary's or another grammar school for their secondary education, <u>you MUST register them to take the entrance exam by 27th June 2025</u>

<u>at 4pm.</u>

The exams are taken in September when your child is in Year 6 but they will not be able to take the exam if you have not registered them now.

To register your child, you need to use the portal accessible through any of the grammar school websites in the Admissions section.

This link will take you to the registration page for all West Midlands Grammar Schools:

## https://westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk/

#### **BISHOP OF WOLVERHAMPTON VISIT NEXT WEEK**

We will be welcoming the Bishop of Wolverhampton, the Rt Revd Dr Tim Wambunya, and other guests next Thursday, for the official opening of our new Specialist Resource Provision—*The Ark*. The provision has been operating very successfully since January providing a specialised education for children with complex communication needs.

The Bishop will be joined by Dorothy Buchanan who served on the Blue Coat governing body for over 30 years. Miss. Buchanan received an MBE from the Queen for services to education in 2013. The SRP building has been named after her.

The Bishop will meet all the Blue Coat children in both schools during his visit.



## CHILDREN BRINGING MONEY AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS TO SCHOOL

Children should not have any money with them during the school day. Any money for trips, non-uniform days etc. should be handed in by your child when they arrive in the morning.

Children have no need to have money in school and doing so can lead to problems.

Likewise, children should not have personal belongings such as toys in school. Sometimes children are bringing personal belongings to school to give to other children. This can lead to problems and to keep all the children and their personal belongings safe, no one is permitted to bring items like this into school.

If your child tells you they are being asked to bring money or other items to school by other children, please contact the school straightaway so that we can investigate.



#### HATS AND SUN CREAM



Please make sure that your child has a sun hat to wear at playtimes in this extremely hot weather. Please clearly mark it with their name.

Your child can also bring sun cream to school but they need to be able to apply it themselves. Please make sure that the bottle is named.

## SCHOOL HEALTH—SCHOOL READY PARENT WORKSHOP

Friday 4th July 9am to 10am-Infant School Hall

School health working in partnership with school and families are offering a **School Ready Workshop.** We understand the start of a new school term is exciting but can also feel a little daunting. School health will offer advice to help develop your child's confidence and independence. All parents and carers of children moving into Nursery and Reception are invited to attend. The topics covered in the workshop will help your children to make a strong and happy start on their journey in our Early Years at Blue Coat.

#### HOLIDAYS CAN NOT BE TAKEN DURING TERM TIME

The Federation's Attendance Policy is set by the Governing Body. The policy does not allow for children to have extended leave or holidays during term time. This is in line with local authority and government requirements.

Please do not make any travel bookings for dates within term time as they can not be authorised. If your child has unauthorised extended leave, the local authority will issue

a fine.

