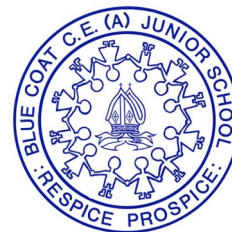




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FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2024

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SCHOOLS CLOSED

The Infant and Junior Schools close for the children at the end of today.

Tomorrow (Friday 25th October) is a staff training day (the Infant and Junior schools will be closed for the children).

The schools will be closed for the half term holiday from Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November.

We hope all our families have an enjoyable and restful break.

Both schools re-open for the children on Monday 4th November.



NEW WORSHIP THEME

After the half-term break, the Worship theme in both schools will be Creativity.



REMEMBRANCE POPPIES

Remembrance Poppies and other Poppy related items will be available for the children from Monday 4th November in both schools. Children can bring in a donation for the British Legion to exchange for a Poppy.

We will remember the sacrifices British soldiers have made for our country with a one minute silence at the Infant and Junior Schools on 11th November.

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.**



YEAR 6 FAMILIES SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE PREFERENCES DEADLINE—31ST OCTOBER

All Year 6 families must make sure that they have submitted their secondary school preferences by **31st October**. You will know that your preferences have been successfully submitted if you have received a confirmation email from the Council.

If you miss this deadline the local authority will offer your child a secondary school that has a place available. This will almost certainly not be at the school you want your child to go to. Do not miss the deadline!

We can help you with this process.

Contact Family Support through the school office or by email: familysupport@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

Secure the secondary school place you want for your child. Do not miss the deadline!

NON-UNIFORM DAY—HELP THE PTA

Non Uniform Day



There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 8th November. Children can bring a £1 donation for the PTA in exchange for wearing their own clothes that day. All the funds raised will help the PTA to put on an amazing Christmas Fair for the community later in the term.

PARENT AND TODDLER STARTS AFTER HALF TERM

Our popular weekly Parent and Toddler group will start again on Tuesday 5th November at 9am.

Everyone welcome!



WE ARE NOW ON FACEBOOK!

We have moved from Twitter/X to Facebook. Search for **Blue Coat Infant and Junior Schools—Walsall**

CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS



Infants— Dolphins and Jaguars
98.6%

Juniors— 4ST 98.67%



PTA AGM

Everyone is welcome to attend the PTA AGM meeting on Thursday 7th November at 6pm. The meeting will take place in Federation House (number 2, Springhill Road).



FUN FOOD FRIDAY

The PTA will be running a Fun Food Friday event at the Junior School on Friday 15th November.

Sweet treats will be available to enjoy!
All proceeds help the PTA.



YEAR 2 GURDWARA VISIT

Year 2 will be visiting a Sikh Gurdwara on Monday 11th November as part of their Religious Education curriculum.

PHONICS WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 1 AND 2 PARENTS

There will be a parent workshop explaining how you can help your child to develop their phonic and reading skills on Fri 15th Nov at the Infant School.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

The week beginning 11th November is Anti-Bullying week. This year's theme is *Choose Respect*.



ODD SOCKS DAY—FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

As part of Anti-Bullying week, all the children can wear different coloured socks on Friday 15th November.

PACT WORKSHOPS

AUTUMN TERM PACT WORKSHOPS ALL STARTING 9AM

Year Group	Date	Focus
Year 3	Tues 12th Nov	Reading
Year 4	Tues 19th Nov	Reading
Year 5	Tues 26th Nov	Reading
Year 6	Tues 3rd Dec	Reading



ENJOY LOCAL FIREWORKS EVENTS SAFELY

Residents can now buy tickets to attend Walsall Council's fireworks events this November. The firework spectaculars will take place on Saturday 2 November at Walsall Arboretum and on Tuesday 5 November at King George V Playing Fields in Bloxwich.

FIREWORKS
FOOD | FLAME SHOW | FAIR

Saturday 2 November
Walsall Arboretum

Tuesday 5 November
King George V Playing Fields

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!
Advanced tickets only

For the first time, the family event will include a special flame show choreographed to music from classic films, as well as food and the ever-popular funfair.

Early bird tickets cost £8.50 for adults and £6.50 for Children, family tickets cost £24 and tickets for children under 3 cost £1.

Book tickets at:

<http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/healthspaces>

GREAT IDEAS FOR THE HALF TERM HOLIDAY AND BEYOND!



FREE water safety sessions for Years 5/6 children (ideal for weak and non-swimmers)

Being held at Walsall Gala Swimming and Fitness Centre
October half term FREE crash courses available

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November
10:00am-11:00am

All sessions are free and include free Healthy breakfast snack,
Open for ages 8-11 years
Ideal for weak and non swimmers to introduce water safety
For more information and to book a free space
please contact:
Michelle.rollinson@activeblackcountry.co.uk




FAMILY TENNIS & FUN GAMES SESSIONS

Willenhall Memorial Park
Wednesday 30th October
11am-12pm
Children aged 6+ welcome
Fun, tennis-based session for all abilities

Palfrey Park
Thursday 31st October
1pm-2pm
Children aged 6+ welcome
Fun, tennis-based session for all abilities

Rackets are supplied for both sessions, but feel free to bring your own!

Walsall Council
Places are limited so please contact Dan Craggs
Daniel.Craggs@walsall.gov.uk or
07341 792293 to register your interest & book a place



8-WEEKS FROM 21st OCT

Healthy Spaces Fitness Programme

Fitness Bootcamp

Days	Times	Locations
Monday	9:30am	Walsall Arboretum
Friday	9:30am	Holland Park (Brownhills)

New Fun full-body workouts suitable for all fitness levels.

Boxing Skills & Fitness

Days	Times	Locations
Tuesday	9:30am	Holland Park (Brownhills)
Thursday	9:30am	Walsall Arboretum

New Develop fundamental boxing skills over 8-weeks through the GB Boxing Awards programme*
[*A medal & certificate awarded on completion]

For more info: matthew.mason@walsall.gov.uk

HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Junior Adventures are offering a Holiday Club for ages 4 to 11 at the Junior School during the half term holiday.

Visit www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk for more details and to book a place.

