

[13th September 2024](#)



I hope that you all enjoyed a restful and joyful summer break. As we embark on another exciting academic year, I want to extend a warm welcome to all our families, especially those joining us for the first time. It has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm, ready to embrace new learning experiences and friendships.

Getting back into the school routine, or starting a new one, can be difficult but I think you have all managed really well this week. Thank you for getting acquainted with the start and end of day times and arrangements. Your co-operation has been truly valued by the staff team. If you ever need to find these timings, please do click [here](#).

This term is already off to a fantastic start, with our classrooms buzzing with energy and creativity. Our dedicated staff have worked hard to prepare engaging lessons and activities that will challenge and inspire every child. We are committed to ensuring that every pupil feels supported, valued, and encouraged to reach their full potential. I'm very aware I have said this many times before but I do wish I could capture what I get to see when I walk around the school as I think you would be super impressed with how focused your children are in their lessons and how quickly learning starts after you say goodbye to them in the morning.

In our weekly newsletter, you will find important dates, upcoming events, and updates about the exciting things happening across the school.

I am looking forward to working together to make this year a memorable and successful one for every child at BWA. As always, my door is open if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. Thank you for your continued support.



[School Improvements](#)

I wrote to you just before term started to share information about our summer building works. Thank you for your understanding whilst work continues. During the summer we also had the Pirate Ship fixed. I know the pupils have loved getting back to play on it.

[Communication](#)

Our [communication table](#) should signpost you to the right person to deal with any queries you have, no matter how small or trivial you think they may be.



[Parent Forms](#)

- If your child requires medication, you will need to complete a form online.
- If your child requires time out of school, you will need to complete a form online.
- If your child is allowed to go home alone, you will need to complete a form online.

These forms are available on the school website, under News, Parent Forms. A link is also [here](#).



Curriculum Evenings

At the start of the year we offer parents the opportunity to attend a Curriculum Evening Presentation and encourage everyone to attend. During the presentation we share key information about the year ahead – the curriculum, expectations, special events, systems and procedures etc. thank you to everyone who attended the sessions we had this week. I look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks. the remaining meetings are set out in the table below.

Please note that these events will be in the classrooms and are for adults only.

Date	Time and Year Group		
		5:30 pm	6:30 pm
Monday 16 th September	2B at 4:30pm	Nursery	Reception
Tuesday 17 th September	4B at 4:00pm		
Wednesday 18 th September		RB 5B	
Thursday 19 th September	3B at 4:00pm		
Tuesday 24 th September	6B at 4:30pm		
Wednesday 19 th September		1B	



Homework Expectations

Homework have been sent out with details of the homework expectations which I hope will be helpful for you. Please don't hesitate to ask if you require any help.

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LEARNERS who are:

- inquisitive, resilient and have high expectations of themselves
- critical and creative thinkers who can solve problems and evaluate effectively
- confident, collaborative and articulate
- excellent learners

Here are some of the highlights of our great week together.

Nursery have had a lovely first full week of school. Pupils enjoyed singing lots of songs to help them learn the new routines of school. In their choosing time they loved painting and using collage materials to create fantastic art works. They also enjoyed exploring the different activities outside, especially using the bikes and building different types of homes with the wooden blocks.

In Reception, pupils have been learning the new classroom routines and rules while at the same time making new friends in class and the playground. They have all loved the story time with Miss Ford and Mr Armstrong as well.

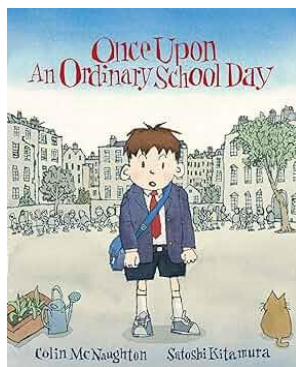
Pupils in RB are settling into their new class very well. They have enjoyed getting to know each other and talking about their families. A standout moment this week was when they created a frame for their family photos that we took on the first day of school. Pupils have been keen to decorate the frames with paint and glitter and have spent a long time making their frames with care, which was wonderful to see.



Year 1 really enjoyed the start of their science unit, learning all about the five senses. Pupils received a letter from Zorbub the alien, challenging them to become scientists and investigate the senses. Pupils spent time thinking about which body parts are associated with each of the sense, and they enjoyed completing a matching activity in their brand-new science books. Everyone is keen to learn even more this half-term.

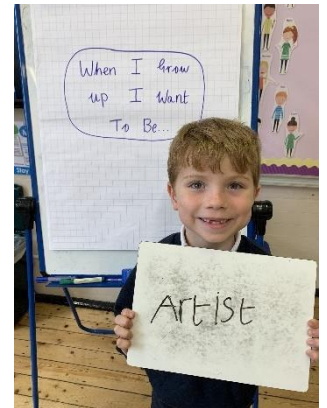
Year 2 have had a wonderful start to the term. Their highlight has been starting their History topic on The Great Fire of London. Pupils have been thinking about questions they want to ask about the Great Fire.

This week in 2B, pupils looked at the book *Welcome* by Barroux which inspired them to think carefully about how they can welcome and include everyone. Pupils shared the story and then thought about the characters thoughts, feelings and actions. They came up with lots of lovely ideas about how we can all make everyone at BWA feel welcome and created some colourful posters to inform and inspire.



3B have enjoyed a fantastic week back to school. Together, they read the book, *Once Upon an Ordinary School Day*. This is one of our key books at school. It tells the story of an ordinary young boy waking up on an ordinary morning. He had an ordinary journey to school but then Mr Gee bounced into the classroom and everything changed. Mr Gee plays rousing music which thunders around the classroom, and asks what it makes them think of. The dull grey world has been transformed into one of colour and excitement. 'Write a story about it!' laughs Mr Gee. And the ordinary boy began to write: the words just tumbled out of him pell-mell. The places he went to, and the things he saw were extraordinary!

Year 3 have had a wonderful first week in Key Stage 2. At the start of the school year we remind ourselves of how it is ok to have lots of different feelings during the day. at BWA we use Zones of Regulation to help us understand our feelings and what we can do to help ourselves and others. They also had a wonderful time thinking about what they would like to be when they grow up – I do wonder how many pupils have the same hopes and dreams as last year.



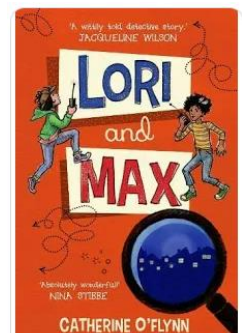
Year 4 have hit the ground running, making a tremendous start back to school. After the traditional formalities and hearing about everyone's amazing summer break, they didn't waste any learning time. Everyone is excited to be learning about the Digestive System and North America this term.



5B have had an amazing start to their History topic this half term, starting with an exploration of all the ways our life today has been influenced by Ancient Greece. They found out about some Greek gods and goddesses whose names we see on company logos such as Hermes and Nike, and discovered that Ancient Greek inventions include democracy, yo-yos and even ancient vending machines. Pupils then shared what they already know about Ancient Greece and what they would like to find out more about.

Our Year 6 class have also had an exciting start to the new school year. they have been sharpening their place value skills in Maths, and it's been great to see everyone settling back into the rhythm of learning.

In English, they started reading a wonderful book called *Lori and Max*, which has sparked some fantastic discussions in class. In Science, they will be learning about circuitry and electricity, and the pupils are really enjoying getting hands-on with their experiments.



This term they will be learning more about World War II. The children have been incredibly enthusiastic and eager to learn more about this important time in history.

Excellent Learners			
Listen Well			
Aria-Rose	RA	Georges	3B
Imaan	RB	Ryan	Y4
Leonora	Y1	Raffy	Y5
Mia	Y2	Owen	5B
Louise	2B	Amelia	Y6
Alice	Y3		

Summer Reading Challenge

If your child has completed the Summer Reading Challenge please do go to the library and let them know. There is a prize of £500 for the school for the maximum number of children signing up and finishing the challenge.



Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a Nut Free site.

Birthday Treats

When it is a child's birthday during the school term, parents and carers can choose to celebrate this special occasion by bringing in food to share with the class if they wish. This food is given out at the end of the school day so that parents and carers can decide if their child consumes it. If you do choose to bring in food for the class, we would really appreciate it if, in addition to nut-free, consideration could be given to other allergies, religious and dietary preferences, so that all children can share in the class celebration.



Prepared for the Day

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing in school. Getting outside remains very important at BWA and we plan to have both PE and play outside in all weathers.



Dates to Remember

- **Half term** – week beginning Monday 28th October.
- **INSET Day for all BWA staff** – 4th November. This means there is no school for pupils in the English stream. Pupils in the bilingual stream will be expected to be in school as the French teacher will be teaching on this day.

I wish you all a very peaceful weekend.

Miss Henry