



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another full week of wonderful learning draws to a close. Thank you to everyone who attending the Curriculum Evenings this week. It was lovely to have you in school and we appreciate the effort you made to attend. We will hold individual Parent Teacher meetings for the English stream in the last week of this half term. More details will be sent out nearer the time. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or would like some advice on how to help your child at home. We are always here to help and truly believe in the positive impact we can have on your child by working in partnership with you.

On Monday afternoon, we were very fortunate to welcome a new author, Philippa Leathley to BWA. Pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6 had the opportunity to meet this talented and inspiring author. She shared her journey as an author, and what inspires her stories. It is always fantastic for our pupils to hear directly from a published writer as it sparks their creativity and deepens their love of reading and writing.

I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed Mrs Hatcher as our Assistant Headteacher, AHT for short. I know you will join me in wishing Mrs Hatcher the very best of luck in her new role at BWA. A role she has done before, and I know she will work tirelessly with the staff team to ensure our pupils are safe and have the very best learning opportunities every day.

I hope you all have a peaceful weekend.

Séana Henry
Headteacher

Important dates:

Last day of Autumn Term 1: Friday 24 October

Autumn half term: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October Inset Day:

INSET Day (English Stream): Monday 3 November – school closed to children

First day of Autumn Term 2 (Bilingual Stream): Monday 3 November

First day of Autumn Term 2 (English Stream): Tuesday 4 November

Important information:

- Please ensure your child has **suitable clothing in school**. We have PE and play outside in all weathers.
- Please remember that we are a **Nut Free School**.
- Our [communication table](#) should signpost you to the right person to deal with any queries you have.

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

Class	Pupil
RM	Eleanor
RB	French Week
Y1	Helena
1B	Emile
Y2	Leonora
2B	Sophia
Y3	Olympe
3B	Chloe.V
Y4	Alice
4B	French Week
Y5	Jada
5B	French Week
Y6	Charlotte
6B	Noa

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Inaaya
RB	French Week
Y1	Scout
1B	Imaan
Y2	Nellia
2B	Will
Y3	Oscar
3B	Victoria
Y4	Alex T.F
4B	French Week
Y5	Rico
5B	French Week
Y6	Shalaina
6B	Gabriel

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Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

Nursery are having a great second week and it's been wonderful seeing their personalities and confidence grow as they settle at BWA. Our highlight of the week has been seeing the pupils' creative thinking and inventive ways of using resources in their play. Particularly their use of the balance boards, which have been used as part of a 'river bridge' and a 'gate' on the bike tracks. Another special moment to mention is the travelling circus, which a group of pupils created together one afternoon. It is wonderful to see the pupils using their imagination and communication skills to work together.



This week in **Reception**, our pupils have been very busy in their Maths, Phonics, and Handwriting lessons. In Phonics, they have been learning the sounds s, a, t, and p, exploring how they can be used to blend. In Maths, pupils have been learning about matching and sorting in different ways and have enjoyed it very much. They all enjoy choosing time and love exploring the small world resources as well as sharing stories in the book corner.

During their English lessons, **Year 1** have been learning more about Julia Donaldson. Pupils enjoyed reading a range of Julia Donaldson's books and starting to identify the key features. They have learnt about repetition and rhyme and have worked hard to show they can identify these features in the books. Pupils really enjoyed acting out the story of *Room on the Broom* and used repeated phrases from the book, such as "I am a dog/cat/frog as keen as can be, is there room on the broom for a dog/cat/frog like me?" We are looking forward to reading the sentences they will write using adjectives to describe each of the animals.



Our **1B** pupils have had a wonderful start to their first full English focus week. They were excited to discover that over the weekend, Fred the Bear went on his own adventure outside of school, complete with a bus ride, fishing and a trip to the shops. The class practiced sequencing events, before planning and writing a recount of all of Fred's antics. It was a great way to use their understanding of time words and sentence structure.

This week in Science, pupils in **Year 2** have been learning about food chains in Science. They explored how plants and animals depend on each other for survival and why every part of a food chain is important. Pupils enjoyed creating their own food chains, linking together producers, prey and predators, and discussing what might happen if one part of the chain was missing.

2B have had a fantastic, fun filled week with Miss Wilkes. They have been reading a new book called, *On Sudden Hill*, and recounting the story in their own words. In geography, they have been looking at the world around us, looking at continents and oceans. They have been remembering the continents of the world through song and then labelling them on a map.



Our Week – Key Stage 2

Year 3 has had a fabulous week. They particularly enjoyed delving into their Science topic, human anatomy. They used their knowledge of the human skeleton to create and label their own model.

This week, **3B** have been busy learning all about forces, specifically push and pull. Through hands-on activities, the pupils explored how different objects move and how forces can change their direction or speed. They had lots of fun sorting various actions and items into "push" and "pull" categories, deepening their understanding of how these forces work in everyday life.



In Geography, **Year 4** have been learning about North America and making comparisons between the Caribbean and the United Kingdom. They discovered that, especially with the weather, the Caribbean seems very appealing. The pupils have also learnt how to graph their findings and compare the two places carefully. They enjoyed using devices to research different cities and uncover interesting facts.

Year 5 took on the role of advice-givers, writing thoughtful letters in response to an anonymous author who asked for help mending a friendship they had damaged. Pupils gave consistent and heartfelt guidance, focusing on the importance of being true to yourself, showing kindness to everyone, and making good choices. Their advice highlighted the value of treating others with respect so that at the end of each day we feel happy that we have acted and cared for those around us as best we could.

This week, **Year 6** have been investigating the causes of World War Two. They were amazed by the number of their friends who have been reading about this topic at home: they had so much knowledge to share with the class. Pupils listened to the radio broadcast in which Neville Chamberlain declared war before ordering the events that led to the outbreak of war and analysing quotations from key historical figures.

6B have been diving into the exciting world of mixed operations and BIDMAS. They've been mastering how to solve problems that involve addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division all in one go, while applying the BIDMAS rule (Brackets, Indices, Division and Multiplication, Addition and Subtraction) to ensure they tackle each part of the equation in the correct order. Pupils have been engaging with fun challenges, strengthening their problem-solving skills and boosting their confidence in tackling more complex mathematical problems.



Wellbeing Webinars and Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

We are delighted to be able to access the SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service. They offer great lunchtime and evening parent webinars across the year to help you support your child's wellbeing and mental health. You can sign up to any of their free webinars here: [Early Years \(Nursery and Reception\)](#), [Primary \(Years 1 – 6\)](#). We do encourage you to have a look.

They are also holding a free parent/carers coffee morning here at BWA **on Thursday 25 September from 9-10am**. Please do come along for an informal chat and hear more about their services. For further information, please speak to our SENDCO Katie Walsh.

Their next webinars are **Through the School Gates – Overcoming daily challenges getting into school** for all primary parents/carers on [Monday 29 September 7-8pm](#) and [Tuesday 30 September, 12-1pm](#).

PE Update

In this week's Outdoor Education lesson, our Year 5 pupils had a fantastic time experiencing blindfolded football. The activity was all about teamwork, trust, and communication. With blindfolds on, the players had to rely on the clear instructions of their teammates to move around the pitch and aim for the goal. There was lots of laughter and cheering as they discovered how important listening and guiding each other can be. It was a fun and challenging way to build confidence, improve cooperation, and learn in a new and exciting way.



Term Dates – English Stream

Autumn Term 2025

Inset Days: Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 September - school closed to children

First day of Autumn 1: Wednesday 3 September

Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 24 October

Autumn half term: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October

Inset Day: Monday 3 November – school closed to children

First day of Autumn 2: Tuesday 4 November

Last day of Autumn 2: Friday 19 December

Holidays: 20 December – 4 January

Inset Day: Monday 5 January – school closed to children.

First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 6 January

Term Dates – Bilingual Stream

Autumn Term 2025

Inset Days: Monday 1, Tuesday 2 September and Wednesday 3 September - school closed to children

First day of Autumn 1: Thursday 4 September

Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 24 October

Autumn half term: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October

First day of Autumn 2: Monday 3 November

Last day of Autumn 2: Friday 19 December

Holidays: 20 December – 4 January

First day of Spring 1: Monday 5 January

Full term dates for both streams are [available on our website](#).