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PACT WORKSHOPS

AUTUMN TERM PACT WORKSHOPS ALL STARTING 9AM
(EXCEPT NURSERY)

Year Group	Date	Focus
Nursery	Thurs 22 nd Oct	Library visits am and pm
Reception <i>NEXT WEEK!</i>	Wed 7 th Oct	Writing
Year 1	Fri 6 th Nov	Writing
Year 2 <i>NEXT WEEK!</i>	Fri 9 th Oct	Writing
Year 3	Tues 10 th Nov	Reading
Year 4	Tues 17 th Nov	Maths
Year 5	Tues 20 th Oct	Writing
	Tues 24 th Nov	Reading
Year 6	Tues 13 th Oct	Writing
	Tues 1 st Dec	Reading



JUNIOR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

Due to Junior Parents' Evenings there will be no Junior Gymnastics, Art or Origami Clubs on Wednesday 7th or Thursday 8th October.

Rackets Cubed at Queen Mary's will still go ahead on Thursday next week.

The After School Club operated by Junior Adventures will continue as normal.

WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH 5TH – 22ND OCTOBER

As part of our Walk to School Month campaign this year, we are asking children to take part in Dazzle's 15-Day Challenge.

Pupils are encouraged to tick off each day that they walk, cycle or travel by scooter for all or part of their journey to and from school.

Children who manage to travel actively for all 15 days will receive a sticker and they will be entered into a prize draw at school, with prizes of A Star goodie bags to win!



FREE CYCLE HEALTH CHECKS AT DECATHLON STORES

From 5–9 October, Decathlon stores across the UK will become official *Cycle to School Week Pit Stops*, offering free cycle health checks to help families make sure their children's cycles are ready for the journey to school.



USE THE ARBOR APP FOR COMMUNICATION WITH THE SCHOOL, TO BOOK AND PAY FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS AND ALSO SCHOOL TRIPS

We have been emailing all families with details of how to download the Arbor App.

If you have not done so already, please download the Arbor App to your mobile device so that you can access Blue Coat Federation communications and services. If you need support, the office staff will be happy to help, please ask.



HARVEST SERVICES

We are looking forward to welcoming you for our Harvest Services.

Junior School Service – Friday 16th October 10.30 am – St. Matthew's Church – Everyone welcome!

Infant School Services – Wednesday 21st October 9.30am or 2pm – Due to space limitations, one ticket per family, please book using the slip which will be sent home shortly.

Please send your harvest donations for the Black Country Food Bank on the day of your child's service – thank you for your support.



YEAR 4 ROMAN DAY

As part of their History curriculum the Year 4 children will be having a Roman themed day on Monday 12th October.
Please use the Arbor App to confirm your child can take part.

YEAR 2 CALDMORE

GARDEN VISITS

As part of their RE and Science learning, the Year 2 classes will be visiting Caldmore Gardens soon.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This month is Black History month. The children will be learning about different inspiring black men and women and sharing what they have learned.

BLUE COAT SECONDARY ACADEMY OPEN EVENING – THURS 8TH OCTOBER 4.45 to 7pm

Blue Coat Secondary Academy Open Evening next week.



An Inclusive School where Kindness Flourishes



Blue Coat Church of England Academy

"Blue Coat Church of England Academy is an inclusive school where kindness flourishes. The school's values include wisdom, service, endurance and hope. The school's culture is rooted in these values. There are positive relationships between staff and pupils. Staff know their pupils well, and pupils feel cared for. Staff have high expectations, and pupils live up to these."
Ofsted 2023
www.bluecoatacademy.org
postbox@bluecoatacademy.org

Open Evening

Thursday 8th October 2026 4.45pm – 7.00pm
There will be one Principal's Talk at 5.00pm followed by school tours

Birmingham Street, Walsall, West Midlands, WS12ND
Website: www.bluecoatacademy.org
Email: postbox@bluecoatacademy.org Phone: 01922 720558



PARENTS' EVENINGS

We are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers to our Parents' Evenings.

Please return the slip so that your child's class teacher can book a suitable appointment time for you.

Junior School – NEXT WEEK!

Wed 7th and Thurs 8th October 3.45 to 6.15pm

The book fair will be available during the Junior School Parents' Evenings

Infant School

Wed 14th and Thurs 15th October 3.30 to 6pm



RECEPTION AND YEAR 3 SAFE PEDESTRIAN WALKS

The Reception and Year 3 classes will be having Safe Pedestrian training walks next week. These sessions are provided by Walsall Council as part of our commitment to the A Stars (Active Sustainable Travel and Road Safety) programme.



FUN FOOD FRIDAYS ARE BACK!!

The PTA will be offering Fun Food Fridays. Delicious sweets, treats and snacks will be available. All money raised helps the PTA.



Infants: 3.10pm Fri 2nd October – **TODAY!**

Juniors: 3.20pm Fri 9th October – **NEXT WEEK!**

Speech & Language Therapy Drop-in advice sessions

Do you have questions about your child's speech or language development? Are you worried that your child is not talking or doesn't understand you? Would you like some advice on general strategies to use at home or learn how to get more support with communication?

If your child is not already known to the Speech and Language Therapy service, you are welcome to come and talk to us at one of our drop-in advice sessions.

Face-to-face drop-ins (see booking details below)

Wednesday 7 th Oct	North Family Hub	9.00am – 11.00 am
Thursday 15 th Oct	Oak Park Leisure Centre	9.30am – 11.30am
Monday 19 th Oct	West Family Hub	9.30am – 11.30am
Monday 14 th Dec	South Family Hub	9.15am – 11.30am

Telephone advice line (see booking details below)

Wednesday 25th Nov Telephone advice 9am – 4.30pm

To book a call back for this date please email walsall.sl@nhs.net with the heading 'virtual drop-in appointment'. Alternatively, call 01922 606400. Please include the following information:

- Your child's name, date of birth, and GP surgery
- Your telephone number and email address
- Whether you would prefer morning or afternoon, and if there are any times of the day you cannot receive a call back.

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

We are delighted to be offering a great variety of extra-curricular clubs this term. Most clubs still have a few places. To book places, please download the Arbor App and register using the link that has been emailed to you. The Arbor app will be needed for other things like providing consent for school trips and receiving school communications so it's important all families have it on their phones. *We are aware that there have been some challenges to using the App, the office staff are happy to help, please let them know if you need support.*

Extra-curricular clubs

Infants	Juniors
Monday: Cooking - FULL Science Tuesday: Multi-sports Games, Puzzles and Problem-Solving Friday: Gymnastics	Monday: Y3/4 Multi-Sports Tuesday: Choir Wednesday: Y3/4 Gymnastics Thursday: Y5/6 Gymnastics Y3/4 Art Y3/4/5/6 Origami - FULL Friday: Y5/6 Multi-Sports Y3/4/5/6 Greek Mythology and Language



✈ Mission Starlight Is Coming This October Half-Term!

This **October half-term**, JAG's Holiday HQ camp is coming to our school with their Mission Starlight theme — a week of active games, creative activities and challenges to keep children busy while school is out.

From Asteroid Toss and Moon Walk Stilts to creating Space Rocket Tea Lights and Magnet Tile Rockets, there's something different for children to get stuck into throughout the week.

26–30 October

Check our school page on the JAG website for full details.

Ages 4–11

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BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be available during the Junior School Parents' Evenings next week.

