



# Blue Print

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 ASSISTANT HEADS: MR. S. BRANIGAN (ACTING) & MRS R MOORE



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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back to all our families! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful holiday.



## DAYS AND DATES



We are finalising the Days and Dates for the term and we hope to send these to families next week.

## YEAR 5 SWIMMING THIS TERM

All the Year 5 classes will be swimming on Fridays this term. Year 5 children should have a dark blue or black swimming costume and towel every Friday. On Friday's Year 5 children can wear their Blue Coat PE kit all day.



## SPRING AND SUMMER PACT WORKSHOPS

Year Group	Date	Focus
Nursery	Tues 14th April	Maths walk
Reception	Wed 28th Jan 9am Wed 11th March 9am	Reading Maths
Year 1	Fri 6th Feb 9am Fri 17th April 9am	Reading Maths
Year 2	Fri 23rd Jan 9am Fri 27th Feb 9am	Reading Maths
Year 3	Tues 3rd Feb 9am	Maths
Year 4	Tues 27th Jan 9am	Maths
Year 5	Tues 20th Jan 9am	Maths
Year 6 NEXT WEEK!	Tues 13th Jan 9am	Maths



## CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. MATTHEWS!

We are delighted to announce that Mr. Matthews (one of our Deputy Executive Heads) has a new addition to his family – a newly adopted baby girl!

Mr. Matthews is now on parental leave so there have been some changes to the leadership team for the schools.

## Blue Coat Infant & Junior Schools' Leadership Team

**Executive Head:** Mr. A. Orlik

**Deputy Executive Heads:**

Mrs. L. Adlington and Miss. H. Johnston (Acting)

**Assistant Heads:**

Mr. S. Branigan (Acting) and Mrs. R. Moore

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY BLUE COAT!

This year is the three Walsall Blue Coat Schools' 370<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Blue Coat Foundation has been providing educational provision for Walsall children since 1656!

There will be events and activities this year to mark the extraordinary presence the schools have had in the community for hundreds of years. The anniversary celebrations will be a particular focus of the Blue Coat Sunday Service on March 8<sup>th</sup> and the theme of this year's service and the Blue Coat Exhibition is '*Centuries of Service*'.

The children will be learning about the history of their school and they will have the opportunity to look at historical sources including photographs. Over the next few weeks, the Year 1 and Year 4 classes will be visiting the Walsall Archives at Walsall Library to carry out some research, with Walsall's Archivist, using some of the historical sources stored there.



## AUTUMN TERM SUMMARY REPORTS

We are pleased to be introducing termly progress summaries for every child. We plan to email these to parents/carers next week.

The summaries will provide an update on your child's progress and achievements in the Autumn Term within these areas:

- Behaviour
- Maths, Reading and Writing attainment
- Attendance

If you have any questions about the information, please contact your child's teaching team. Parents' Evenings later this term will also provide an opportunity to discuss the summaries with your child's teachers.

Maintaining high quality and open communication with you about your child's progress at school has always been important to us and we hope that you find the termly summaries useful.

## ORDERING JUNIOR SCHOOL DINNERS

To avoid your child being disappointed and not being able to have the meal of their choice, please make sure that you have ordered your child's school dinners on the SFU App in advance.

<https://parents.schoolfoodunited.com/login>

## FINAL REMINDER

**NURSERY AND YEAR 2 PARENTS/CARERS MUST SUBMIT SCHOOL PREFERENCES ONLINE BY 15TH JANUARY 2026 – NEXT WEEK!**

*If you do not submit your preferences on time, the local authority will allocate a school place for your child at the nearest school to your address with spaces—this may not be the school you want for your child.*

*For further support please speak to the office staff or email:*

***[familysupport@bluecoatfederation.co.uk](mailto:familysupport@bluecoatfederation.co.uk)***

## ATTENDANCE CELEBRATIONS AND AWARDS

Your child's attendance at school every day matters.

Research has shown that there is a direct link between a child's level of attendance at school and their level of school achievement.

Overall, the Blue Coat children have great levels of attendance and we are grateful to our parents/carers for all you do to support us and maintain your child's commitment to their education.

We celebrate children's attendance in a number of ways. These include:

- Weekly class attendance competition;
- Termly certificates for excellent and 100% attendance.
- We are also shortly going to be introducing awards for improved attendance.

Instead of the annual raffle to win a bike, this year we are holding a termly raffle. All children who had 100% attendance for the term will be entered into the raffle and two infant winners and two junior winners will be drawn each term. The winners will receive a £30 gift card for the store of their choice!



## RECEPTION PEDESTRIAN SAFETY WALKS

We are working with Walsall Council A Stars to provide pedestrian safety training for our Reception children. Detailed information, dates and times have been sent to Reception parents/carers.

For their session, every child will need to be accompanied by an adult from home.



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Extra-Curricular Clubs are starting next week in both schools. The booking form for clubs was sent out this week.

## PLANETARIUM

The Pop-up Planetarium will be at the Infant School on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January. All the Reception children will visit the Planetarium as part of their learning about Space.