



PACT WORKSHOPS

We are delighted to be offering three PACT (Parents and Children Together) workshops over the course of this academic year for each class. These workshops provide a brilliant opportunity for you to attend a lesson alongside your child, to gain an understanding of how we teach different subjects at Blue Coat and things you can do to support your child at home with their learning. We hope that every child will have a parent/carer attending their workshop.

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

Year Group	Date	Focus
Nursery	Thurs 22 nd Oct	Library visits am and pm
Reception	Wed 7 th Oct	Writing
Year 1	Fri 6 th Nov	Writing
Year 2	Fri 9 th Oct	Writing
Year 3	Tues 29 th Sep	Writing
	Tues 10 th Nov	Reading
Year 4	Tues 22 nd Sep	Writing
	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



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNINGS

Friday 25th September

There will be coffee mornings at both the Infant and the Junior Schools from 8.45am to 11am on Friday 25th September.

Parents and carers are warmly invited to come into school and enjoy a hot drink and a piece of cake in support of the Macmillan Cancer charity.

On the day, the **Junior children** can bring 50p to school to buy a cake to enjoy at break time.

To support this event, please send donations of cakes in to school on Thursday 24th September.

Thank you to the PTA and the community for supporting the coffee mornings.



MANY MORE FAMILIES CAN NOW BENEFIT FROM FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Many more Blue Coat Junior pupils are now eligible for a free school meal every day.

If you receive Universal Credit, your child is now entitled to free school meals. A leaflet was emailed to all families previously with more details.

To get this benefit for your child you need to apply online now. Use the link below for more information:

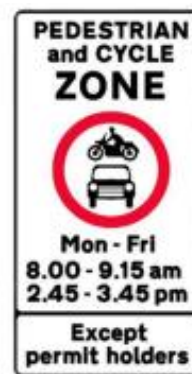
<https://go.walsall.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-meals/free-school-meals#eligibility>

Don't miss out! Apply today!

INFANT SCHOOL - HANCH PLACE – SCHOOL STREET SCHEME

If you drive up Hanch Place during these times, the Council is now able to issue you with a penalty fine.

Thank you for your support in helping to make the journey to and from school safer for everyone. **Now the scheme has started, please remember to plan your journeys accordingly ahead. We don't want any of our families to be fined.** This is a Walsall Council initiative with the support of the school. If you do have any questions or concerns please direct them to trafficmanagement@walsall.gov.uk



PE DAYS

Nursery	Fri	Year 1	Thurs	Year 3	Fri	Year 5	Thurs
Reception	Mon	Year 2	Wed	Year 4	Wed	6OB & 6GB	Mon
The Ark -SRP	Fri			Year 4 swimming	Fri	6BA & 6LW	Tues

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

We have been emailing all families with details of how to download the Arbor App. Please download the Arbor App to your mobile device so that you can access Blue Coat Federation communication and services.

We have emailed parents/carers details of the extra-curricular clubs available this term. To book a place for your child, please use the Arbor App.



KEEP IN TOUCH—HOW TO CONTACT US

Short messages can be given to staff on the playground at the start or end of the day.

If you would like a more detailed conversation about a particular matter, please make an appointment through the office.

Your child's teaching team can be easily contacted by email. These emails are checked each school day and someone from the team will get back to you.

Nursery & Reception	Earlyyears@bluecoatfederation.co.uk
Year 1	Year1@bluecoatfederation.co.uk
Year 2	Year2@bluecoatfederation.co.uk
Year 3	Year3@bluecoatfederation.co.uk
Year 4	Year4@bluecoatfederation.co.uk
Year 5	Year5@bluecoatfederation.co.uk
Year 6	Year6@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER VISITS

The photographer will visit on the following dates:

Junior School: Thursday 17th September

Infant School: Friday 18th September

On each of these days parents/carers can bring older and younger siblings for family photographs from 8am. Parents/carers will need to stay and supervise their children until normal school opening times.



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.slt@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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PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES FROM SEPTEMBER 2027

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN IN NURSERY, YEAR 2 AND YEAR 6

The secondary school preference application system is open for Year 6 families

If your child is in Year 6, you can now submit your preferences for your child's secondary school. Over the next few weeks there will be opportunities to visit open events at secondary schools you are considering.

Secondary preferences must be submitted by 31st October.

The primary school preference application system is open for Nursery and Year 2 families

If your child is 3 years old, you can now submit your preferences for your child's primary school. Your child does not automatically get a place in our Reception – you must apply.

If your child is in Year 2, you can now submit your preferences for a junior school. Your child does not automatically get a place in our Junior School – you must apply.

Primary preferences must be submitted by 15th January.

A separate letter from Walsall Council is being emailed to Nursery, Year 2 and Year 6 families with more details.

We will offer explanation meetings for parents/carers shortly.

AUTUMN TERM DAYS AND DATES

Look out for the Days and Dates for this term which we will be sending to all families at the start of next week.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR EVERY CHILD

PARENTAL CONDUCT POLICY

Our relationships with families are extremely important to us. We value the opportunity to have open and constructive conversations with all our parents and carers. The Governors have agreed a Parental Conduct Policy to support these positive relationships and to maintain a safe environment for our whole community of children, parents and staff.

The policy and a leaflet for parents/carers is being emailed to all families.

Thank you for your support.

