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## WE ARE OPEN NEXT WEEK!

Please note that Blue Coat Secondary Academy's term dates are different to ours. The Infant and Junior Schools are open for the children Monday to Thursday next week.

# **HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

We are closed on **Friday 24th October** for a staff training day. The following week is the half term holiday.

The Infant and Junior Schools re-open on **Monday 3rd November**.

# **UPCOMING CURRICULUM TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES**

Year 1's visits to the Leather Museum continue as part of their History work looking at Toys through Time.

Penguins—Tuesday 21st October

Seahorses—Thursday 23rd October

Year 3 will be having a Stone Age visitor on Wednesday 22nd October as part of their History curriculum.

Year 4 will be having a Roman visitor on Tuesday 21st October as part of their History curriculum.

Each Year 5 class will be visiting Birmingham Museum as part of their Anglo-Saxon History learning.

5LJ-Monday 20th October

5GB—Tuesday 21st October

5EB—Wednesday 22nd October

## PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP STARTING AGAIN

We are excited to be re-opening our popular Parent and Toddler group from 4th November every Tuesday 9am at the Infant School.



Everybody welcome!

## SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD—WEAR RED DAY—THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER—NEXT THURSDAY!

All the children can wear red clothes on **Thursday 23rd October** for 'Show Racism the Red Card' day. During the day we will be talking to the children about what Racism is and how we can continue to unite and work together as a community to ensure a zero tolerance of any Racism.



#### INFANT SCHOOL PHONICS WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS—NEXT WEEK!

We have a strong track record in successfully teaching the Blue Coat children to read from a young age. The children's rapid acquisition of all the phonic knowledge they need to be successful readers for the rest of their lives is a key building block to their success.

We are offering, once again, special workshops for Infant parents/carers to explain how we teach phonics to the Blue Coat children and to share strategies that you can use to support your child at home to become a fluent and confident reader.

Year 1 and Year 2 workshop: Monday 20th October 9am

Reception workshop: Tuesday 21st October 9am

Thank you for supporting the successful partnership we have between school, parents and carers to benefit your child.

## **CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS**



Infants— Dolphins & Tawny Owls
100%



Juniors— 3RF 98.71%

#### **INFANT HARVEST SERVICE**

Thank you to our Junior families for your incredible generosity for our Junior Harvest Service today.



We are asking for food donations for our Infant Harvest Service next Wednesday. All items will be passed to the Black Country Foodbank after the service.

Parents/Carers are invited to join us for the service:

Wed 22nd Oct 10am at the Infant School

# **REMEMBRANCE POPPIES**

Remembrance Poppies and other Poppy related items will be available for the children from Monday 3rd November in both schools. Children can bring in a donation for the British Legion to exchange for a Poppy.

We will remember the sacrifices British soldiers have made for our country with a one minute silence at the Infant and Junior Schools on 11th November.



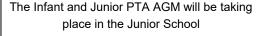
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

#### PTA AGM





#### 6pm on Thursday 6th November

Everybody is welcome to attend.

A separate letter has been sent with more details.

Free Healthy Families programme

Contact: henry@walsall.gov.uk

01922 653901

www.henry.org.uk/walsall



## YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL PREFERENCES

Parents/Carers must make sure their preference form is submitted through the local authority online portal by

# 10pm 31st October 2025

If you would like support in completing this process, please email

familysupport@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

## **PACT WORKSHOPS**

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

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Year Group	Date	Focus	Parents and Children Togethe
Nursery	Mon 10th Nov	Library visits am and pm	
Year 1	Fri 7th Nov	Writing	
Year 3	Tues 11th Nov	Reading	
Year 4	Tues 18th Nov	Reading	
Year 5	Tues 25th Nov	Reading	
Year 6	Tues 21st Oct	Writing	
	Tues 2nd Dec	Reading	

#### **GIRLS' CRICKET**

# FREE GIRLS ONLY CRICKET SESSIONS

There has never been a better time to join our growing girls' cricket squad at Walsall cricket club! We are looking for more girls to join our winter training program which starts on the 4th November 2025. We are offering the first 6 weeks of cricket training sessions completely FREE\* for 8-11 year olds, with a complimentary

Our junior coaching program runs indoors through the winter and then moves outdoors during the summer. There are opportunities for all ages and abilities, with girls only teams. Come and have fun playing cricket and make new friends at the



No kit necessary

personalised T-shirt.

- · Beginners welcome
- ECB qualified female coach
- limited free spaces

#### Important Info!

Our winter girls coaching is

- Tuesday evenings 6:00 7:30pm (Fridays in Summer)
- . Normally £5 to £8 per session
- "Dynamos" funded sessions

# Interested?

For more information, please e-mail Monica walsallccwomenandgirls@outlook.com or call/Whatsapp on 07968-027823





# **HAPPY DIWALI!**

The festival of Diwali is taking place on Monday next week.

We wish all our Sikh and Hindu families a joyful celebration!



## WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

October is Walk to School month! All children are encouraged to walk, scoot or cycle to school during the month. Avoiding bringing your child to school by car helps reduce congestion around the schools, creates a safer environment and takes away the stress of finding somewhere to park.





# Blue Coat C E Infant and Junior Schools' Federation Term Dates 2025-26

#### Reminder

Our term dates are not the same as Blue Coat Secondary Academy—we are open Mon to Thurs next week

## Autumn term 2025

Training day: Friday 24 October 2025

Half Term: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

Term ends: Friday 19 December 2025

# Spring term 2026

Term starts: Monday 5 January 2026

Half Term: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

Term ends: Friday 27 March 2026

## Summer term 2026

Term starts: Monday 13 April 2026

Training day: Friday 22 May 2026

Half Term: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

Training day: Friday 10 July 2026

Term ends: Friday 17 July 2026

# **Training Days**

Friday 24 October 2025

Friday 22 May 2026

Friday 10 July 2026

Monday 20 July 2026