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LAST DAY OF TERM TODAY

Term ends today. The school day will end earlier than normal.

Infant School: 1.50pm

Junior School: 2pm

We hope all our families have an enjoyable and restful break.

The Infant and Junior Schools re-open for the children on Wednesday 2nd September.



YOUR CHILD'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Year 6 annual reports were emailed to parents/carers yesterday. All other year groups had their reports emailed last week.

JUNIOR SCHOOL MEALS BOOKING

Please make sure that you have booked your child's meal by 9.30am each day using the School Food United (SFU) app. Meals can be booked in advance so you can book for one or more weeks in one go. Meals must be booked even if your child receives free school meals.

The cooks can only prepare the meal your child wants if the booking has been made. If your child presents for a meal without a booking, they are offered a baked potato option. To avoid disappointment for your child, please make sure that you have booked in advance.

parents.schoolfoodunited.com

SCHOOL FOOD UNITED

YEAR 2 FAMILIES (CHILDREN MOVING TO THE JUNIORS)

Year 2 Parents/Carers if you want your child to have a school dinner when they move to the Junior School in September, make sure you book on the App even if your child is entitled to Free School Meals. You are able to book meals on the App now ready for September.

Walsall Leisure
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Leisure Services from Walsall Council

Monday 20 July to Sunday 30 August

Summer Holiday Activities 2026

Keep the kids busy over the summer holidays! For full details and public swim times visit www.walsall.gov.uk/leisure

Pool Fun Sessions • Football • Sports Camps & Courses
Badminton • Swimming Lessons • Roller Skating
Splash & Play • Junior Gym • Big Bounce

Bloxwich | Darlaston | Oak Park | Walsall Gala

CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS



Infants— Jaguars 99.17%

Juniors— 4OB 98.75%



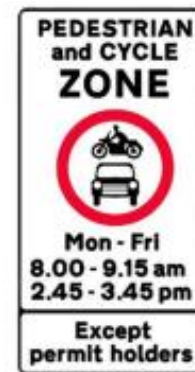
SWIMMING

Year 4 will be swimming every Friday in the Autumn Term. They will need a swimming costume, a swimming hat and a towel every Friday.



INFANT SCHOOL - HANCH PLACE – SCHOOL STREET SCHEME

A new School Streets scheme will be introduced at Blue Coat Infants School from the start of the new school year in September. This builds on the success of 10 existing School Streets schemes across the borough and is one of three new schemes being introduced for 2026. The scheme will restrict vehicle access to Hanch Place (where the Infant School is) during school drop-off and pick-up times, helping to improve safety, reduce congestion and encourage walking, scooting and cycling. Residents within the School Streets zone will be exempt and can apply for a free permit.



Signs and enforcement cameras will be installed over the summer holiday in preparation for the scheme going live. The scheme will operate initially as an 18 month trial, with opportunities for parents, residents and school staff to provide feedback during the first six months. Further information including how to take part in the consultation will be issued at the start of the autumn term.

Thank you for your support in helping to make the journey to and from school safer for everyone. **Please remember to plan your journeys accordingly ahead of the scheme starting in September.** 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**

WALSALL HAF PROGRAMME

There are loads of holiday activity opportunities for your child during the summer holiday. These are free if your child is eligible for free school meals.

For more information search for 'Walsall HAF' or visit: go.walsall.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/holiday-activities-programme-haf/about-haf-programme

MANY MORE FAMILIES CAN BENEFIT FROM FREE SCHOOL MEALS FROM SEPTEMBER

From September many more Blue Coat Junior pupils will be 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 last week 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!

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS

There will be two different holiday clubs running on the Junior School site available for infant and junior children during the Summer Holidays.

Junior Adventures Group

Mon 3rd to Thurs 6th August

Mon 10th to Thurs 13th August

Book online: junioradventuresgroup.co.uk

Sports Plus

Mon 17th to Thurs 20th August

Mon 24th to Thurs 27th August

Book by completing the booking form sent last week and return form with cash or cheque in an envelope marked for Sports Plus to one of the school offices.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, you can book a free place for them through the Walsall HAF booking portal.

Blue Coat C E Infant and Junior Schools' Federation
Term Dates 2026-27

Autumn term 2026

Training day: Tuesday 1 September 2026

Term starts: Wednesday 2 September 2026

Training day: Friday 23 October 2026

Half Term: Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026

Term ends: Friday 18 December 2026

Spring term 2027

Training day: Monday 4 January 2027

Term starts: Tuesday 5 January 2027

Half Term: Monday 15 February 2027 to Friday 19 February 2027

Term ends: Thursday 25 March 2027

Summer term 2027

Term starts: Monday 12 April 2027

Half Term: Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027

Training day: Monday 7 June 2027

Training day: Friday 9 July 2027

Term ends: Wednesday 21 July 2027

Training Days

Tuesday 1 September 2026

Friday 23 October 2026

Monday 4 January 2027

Monday 7 June 2027

Friday 9 July 2027

ARBOR APP

We are pleased to inform you that the Arbor App to improve our communication with parents and carers is now live. In order for you to successfully link the Arbor App on your phone to the Federation and information related to your child, you have been sent a log in link to the email we have on file for you (all primary guardians). The email will come from Arbor so you will need to check your junk/spam folder.

We will send some test communications over the summer holiday and from September; we will be becoming a cashless school so the App will be the only way to make payments for items or activities such as school trips. The App will also be the way to manage consents and book places for after school clubs. You will also be able to purchase items from the school shop through the App, such as items of uniform.

END OF YEAR RESULTS

Once again the Blue Coat children can be proud of their achievements. They have worked hard all year and their attainment outcomes show how much progress they are making.

It is great that the end of Foundation Stage, Year 1 Phonics, Year 2 National Assessments, Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check and the Year 6 National Assessments all show the Blue Coat children to be attaining in line with national outcomes.

SUMMER READING AND WRITING CHALLENGES

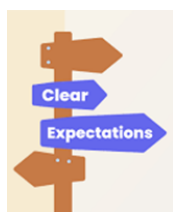
Keep your child's mind active by supporting them to participate in the Summer Reading and Writing Challenges. Full details were sent home with your child this week.

Visit Walsall Library as part of the Reading Challenge. There are thousands of books for your child to borrow for free and there will be great activities for them to enjoy at the library throughout the summer.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



THIS WEEK'S ONLINE SAFETY TIP



Holiday Screen Time Plans

School holidays often mean more screen time. Setting clear routines and expectations ahead of time can help.

TERM TIME LEAVE

Please remember that, in line with local and national expectations, the Governors do not allow extended leave during term-time. When booking holidays or travel plans, please make sure bookings fall within the school holiday dates. Thank you.