



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 <i>NEXT WEEK!</i>	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 – NEXT WEEK!

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 next Thursday (24th September).

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



AUTUMN TERM DAYS AND DATES

We emailed the Days and Dates for the term earlier this week to all families. **Please be aware that there were initially some errors so we sent a second email with the corrected Days and Dates attached.**

We are sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

We look forward to welcoming you to all the events detailed during the term.

Please be aware that sometimes dates can change, we will always try to notify you as early as we can if this happens.



A STARS GOLD AWARD

We are delighted that once again, both the Infant and Junior Schools have been awarded the A Stars Gold Award. This recognises the schools' work and commitment towards safe and sustainable children's journeys to and from school.

The Mayor of Walsall will shortly be attending Celebration Assemblies in both schools to present the Award and celebrate this achievement with the children.



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

YEAR 6 FORMULA ONE DAY

The Year 6 children will be having an exciting Design Technology focus day on Thursday 1st October. During the day they will design and make model racing cars. At the end of the day there will be races to see who has created the most streamlined design.



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 25 th Nov	Telephone advice	9am – 4.30pm
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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: Y3/4 Art Y3/4/5/6 Origami - FULL Friday: Y5/6 Multi-Sports Y3/4/5/6 Greek Mythology and Language

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.

There is a meeting for Year 6 parents/carers on Monday (21st September) after school to provide information and support.

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.

INFANT SCHOOL OFSTED INSPECTION

The Infant School was inspected last week. We expect the report to be published in a few weeks. As soon as it is available, we will share it with the community.