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SCHOOLS CLOSED TOMORROW FOR TRAINING DAY AND HALF TERM HOLIDAY

The Infant and Junior Schools close for the half term holiday at the end of the day today.

Tomorrow is a staff training day and the following week is the half term holiday.

The schools re-open for the children on Monday 2nd November.



PTA NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friday 13th November

On Friday 13th November, the PTA are asking children to bring £1 to support the work of the PTA for the Blue Coat community. Children can wear their own clothes on the day.

PACT WORKSHOPS

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

Year Group	Date	Focus
Year 1	Fri 6th Nov	Writing
Year 3	Tues 10th Nov	Reading
Year 4	Tues 17th Nov	Maths
Year 5	Tues 24th Nov	Reading
Year 6	Tues 1st Dec	Reading

LATE COLLECTION – EMERGENCY CHILDCARE CHARGE

Please make sure that your child is collected on time:

Infant School 3.10pm – Junior School 3.20pm

As set out in the Governors' Charging and Remissions policy, if a child is collected late, there is a £10 charge for the emergency childcare provision.

A more cost effective option is for parents/carers to book for their child to attend the before and after school childcare operated by Junior Adventures:

www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk

YEAR 6 PARENTS/CARERS – IMPORTANT NOTICE

Year 6 parents/carers must make sure that you have submitted your preferences for your child's secondary school by 31st October, 2026. If you do not submit your preference by the deadline, the local authority will allocate your child a place at a secondary school anywhere in Walsall that has places and this is unlikely to be the school you and your child want.

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP IS BACK!

We are pleased to announce that our Parent and Toddler group will be starting again after the half term holiday.

The group meets every Tuesday at 9am in the Infant School Hall. The first session will be on Tuesday 3rd November.

Everybody welcome!



HARVEST DONATIONS – THANK YOU

***'I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.'* Matthew 25:35**



We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the community in support of our Infant and Junior Harvest Services. Thank you so much for all the food and toiletries you have donated. These have all been collected by the Black Country Foodbank to be distributed to those in need in our local area.

BAG 2 SCHOOL COLLECTION

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

Bring your unwanted clothes in good condition to school on Friday 6th November for the Bag 2 School collection.

All the items shown below are welcome to be donated. Items should be clean and in good condition.

The more that the community donates, the more money the PTA will raise.

Thank you for your support.





FREE BREAKFAST CLUB BACK AT BLUE COAT ACADEMY FROM MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

The Free Breakfast Club will be back at Blue Coat Secondary Academy when we return after the half term holiday.

DEBATE CLUB STARTS SOON

If your child is signed up for Debate Club, the Club will be starting on Monday 9th November. The club takes place after school and finishes at 4.45pm on Mondays.

WALSALL FIREWORK SPECTACULAR

Enjoy a spectacular firework display safely at the Arboretum on Saturday 7th November.

Book online:
https://www.ticketsource.com/healthyspaces/walsall-firework-spectacular-walsall-arboretum-2026/e-bpeppv

West Midlands Police have useful advice around keeping yourself and your children safe at this time of year.

You can watch this video with your child:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=hyIRME6G9hU

and/or follow this link for helpful safety information:
www.westmidlands.police.uk/police-forces/west-midlands-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/darker-nights/

YEAR 5 RACKETS CUBED

The next Rackets Cubed session is on Thursday 5th November.

HELP YOUR CHILD TO BE AN ATTENDANCE HERO



Morning Arrival Times:

Infants: 8.40 to 8.50am **Juniors:** 8.45 to 8.55am

It is really important that your child arrives on time every day. If they are late, they are missing out on their learning time and this can affect their progress as they move through the school.

Help your child to be an Attendance Hero –

Here Everyday Ready On time



JUNIOR SCHOOL LOST PROPERTY

Junior School lost property is available to look at after school every day and on Friday it is brought out onto the playground to help you claim lost items. **Please be aware that after two weeks unclaimed lost property is donated to charity.**

PSHE CURRICULUM CONSULTATION

The consultation for the upcoming changes to our Personal, Social, Health and Economic education (PSHE) curriculum is open.

Information about the proposed changes to Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum is available on our website. These are scheduled to take effect from December 2026.

Parents/Carers are invited to take part in a consultation so that your views can help shape the final curriculum. We value your input and want to work in partnership to ensure that the programme reflects both statutory requirements and the needs of our school community.

How to participate:

Read the new proposed PSHE and RSE curriculum https://www.bluecoatfederation.co.uk/blue-coat-c-e-junior-school/curriculum/pshe/pshe-consultation-october-2026

Consultation period: Monday 12th October 2026 to Friday 6th November 2026.

Share your views:

Complete our consultation form via Microsoft Forms (on the Federation website) or request a paper copy from the school office or contact via email at PHSEConsultation@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

APPLE DAY AT THE ARBORETUM

SAT 24TH OCT 11.30AM TO 3.30PM – FREE EVENT



Join Walsall Arboretum User Group in celebrating this year's apple harvest from the Arboretum's own orchard!

Children's activities- Refreshments -Apple Juicing

Bouncy Castle – Games - Special Guests

The Orchard Pavilion is a short walk from the Grange Car Park (WS1 2QB)