



# Bawnmore Community Infant School and Cygnets Pre-School Newsletter



12th December 2025

## Head of School's Letter



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a festive week it has been! We began with our Christmas Fayre, which raised an incredible £1,219.85 (Raffle: £503.55 + Fayre: £716.30). Thank you to everyone who made it such a success- our amazing volunteers, visitors, and the local businesses whose generous donations were incredible.

On Sunday, a group of KS1 children joined the BJS choir at the Christingle Service at St Mark's, singing beautifully and filling the church with joy.

Tuesday and Wednesday brought our Christmas assemblies, where every year group performed with confidence and festive cheer. Thank you to all families who came along- your support means so much. On Thursday, the children enjoyed a live performance of Dick Whittington by Chaplins Theatre Company. The laughter and excitement said it all- thank you for making this possible through your contributions.

Today, we ended the week with Cygnets Christmas Crafts Morning and The Santa Dash! The hall was awash with glitter and glue this morning as Cygnets and their parents completed their Christmas crafting. This was followed by a playground full of festive jumpers and hats as children ran, jogged, or walked their mile. Two Father Christmases even joined us- though we suspect one was Mr Newton in disguise! Thank you for your donations to Myton Hospice Care; if you haven't yet contributed, please send in £1 on Monday if you can.

Sadly, our visits to Westlands Care Home and St Cross Carol Singing were cancelled due to illness. We hope to reschedule similar events in the new year.

Looking ahead to the last week of term and there are still plenty of festive events to enjoy:

Monday (15th): Year 2 visit Bilton Infant School and St Mark's for a rehearsal. Parents can sign up to help on Class Dojo.

Tuesday (16th): Our whole school will walk to St Mark's Church for the annual Christmas Service led by Rev. Dan. Parents are warmly invited to join us. Please meet at school at 1:00pm so we can leave together at 1:05pm- the children will be finishing off their lunches in the hall until this time so please don't arrive too early! The service will start at 1:30pm and last about 45 minutes. If you can't walk with us, you're welcome to meet us at the church.

Wednesday-Friday: Christmas-themed non-uniform days (no donations required).

Wednesday is Christmas lunch and party day (with a special visitor!),

Thursday brings a Christmas assembly about Polish traditions thanks to Oli's mum and a Christmas movie afternoon as a reward for children who have followed our school mission: Ready, Respectful, Safe, followed by FOB discos. Please book and pay in advance as tickets will not be available on the door. If you receive Pupil Premium or are experiencing financial difficulties, free places are available by speaking to the office or Mrs Davey.

Friday is our last day of term and children can wear Christmas PJs for a fun, relaxed end to term. Teachers have planned some lovely festive activities for the children to take part in.

As we approach the holidays, thank you for your incredible support throughout this joyful season. The children have worked so hard and brought so much happiness to our school community.

Warm regards,  
Pam Davey  
Head of School

## Club Creations

This week was Puffins second week of festive fun, we have been busy making light up snowmen out of ping pong balls, rocking Santas, delicious shortbread reindeers and we also had fun with some festive dressing up (including the staff) Next Tuesday will be Puffins Christmas party.



# Values Book

Date: 12.12.25

Class	Child's Name	Award	Reason
<b>RD</b>	Mia	Wonderful Work	For a brilliant repeated pattern Christmas wreath.
	Jonathan	Certificate	For showing concentration and focus when making a Christmas card for home and for becoming more enthusiastic to learn.
	Harrie	Values Sticker	For learning his line for the performance quickly and saying it confidently and also joining in more with class activities.
	Bella	Values Sticker	For showing pride with amazing writing recently, using her phonics sounds, working on clear letter formation and writing her long name – Isabella!
	Harrison	Values Sticker	For standing in last minute (on the day!) to go on stage and read a line of the poem in our performance!
<b>RS</b>	Dottie	Wonderful Work	An amazing repeating pattern Christmas wreath.
	Rosie	Certificate	Trying incredibly hard with all that she does and making great progress with her phonics and reading.
	Edith	Values Sticker	Being a kind and respectful friend and showing kindness when a friend was upset.
	Imogen	Values Sticker	Being super helpful to both her friends and the teachers. Immie always helps others without being asked which a is lovely.
	Shelby	Values Sticker	For always try hard and following instructions given by a grownup. Shelby is always making the right choices.
<b>1H</b>	Bodhi	Wonderful Work	For working so hard on his writing this half term, and for an especially good Traction Man story.
	Jacob	Certificate	For always following our school mission and demonstrating our school values of care and respect.
	Ollie	Values Sticker	For trying really hard in his learning recently.
	Emily	Values Sticker	For being a kind member of our class.
	Lenny	Values Sticker	For a positive attitude to school life.
<b>1R</b>	Ollie	Wonderful Work	For a fantastic hand puppet design and written list.
	Lucy	Certificate	For really applying herself, showing resilience and asking for help if things get tricky.
	Harry	Values Sticker	For showing care and kindness to others when he can see they're in need of help and support.
	Alex	Values Sticker	For fantastic delivery of their lines in the Nativity, even when faced with technical challenges and a dauntingly large audience!
	Alfie	Values Sticker	
	Tomek	Values Sticker	For showing great co-operation and courage, stepping into parts they hadn't rehearsed in the Nativity.
	Jasper	Values Sticker	
<b>2K</b>	Dylan	Wonderful Work	For fantastic descriptive writing about African animals.
	Charlie	Certificate	For joining in fantastically in our Christmas performance!
	Ada	Values Sticker	For being an amazing Mary understudy.
	Lucas H	Values Sticker	For working so hard on his expression to give an amazing performance in the Christmas play!
	Amelia	Values Sticker	For shining bright as a wonderful star of Bethlehem!
<b>2W</b>	Jacob	Wonderful Work	For an excellent performance as a judge in our class play.
	Emily	Certificate	For displaying fabulous confidence when speaking in our class play.
	Chun Yuet	Values Sticker	For dancing their socks off in Lights, Camel, Action!
	Pippa	Values Sticker	
	Grace	Values Sticker	

## Celebrations

### Attendance Award

Congratulations to 2W, our Attendance Champions this week, with an impressive 98.9% attendance! Well done! Our whole school attendance was 92.8%, which is still very much lower than usual due to bugs, coughs, and colds going around. Please remember to send your child into school if they are well enough to attend-we really appreciate your support in keeping attendance high. Together, let's aim for higher attendance for our last week before Christmas!



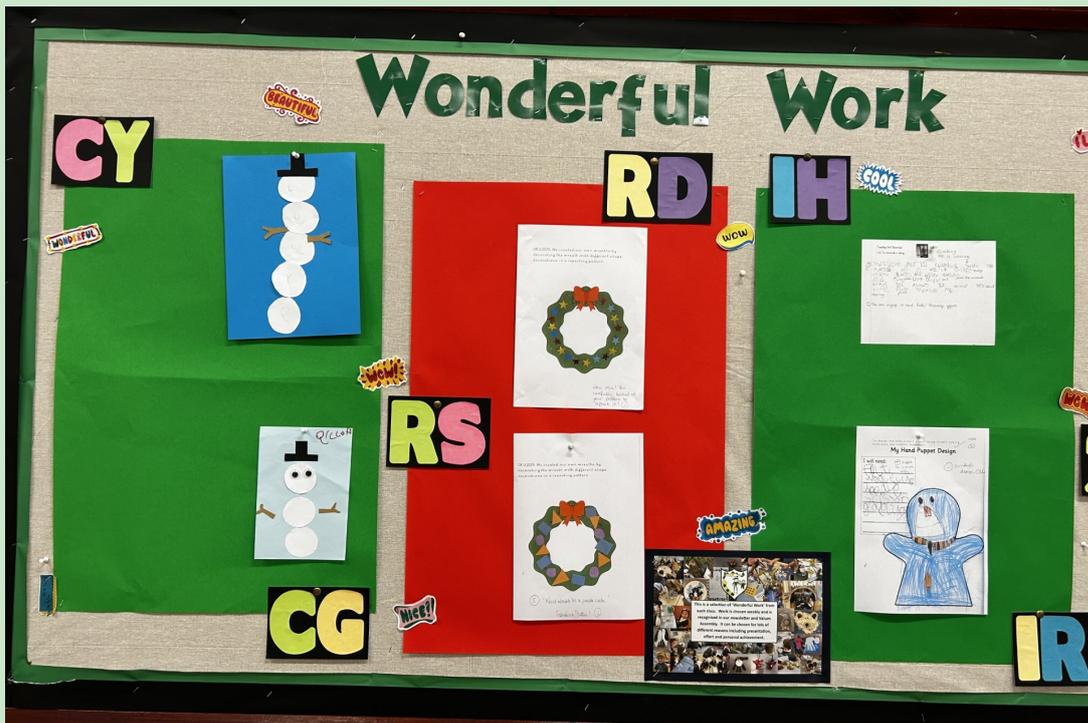
### Assembly Award

Congratulations to RD who have been chosen as our Assembly Champions this week.

### Lunchtime Award

Congratulations to RD who have been chosen as our Lunchtime Winners this week.

## Wonderful Work



### Celebration Assembly

This year, on **Tuesdays** we invite the children to share any certificates, medals or trophies that they have been awarded in the previous week at clubs attended out of school e.g. swimming, gymnastics. Please send these in with your child on a Tuesday morning.

# Calendar

7	Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> December	1pm walk, 1.30pm service start	Rec-Year 2 Pupils, parents and carers	St Mark's Church	Join us as we walk to St Mark's Church for a Christmas Service.
7	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> December	During school day	All pupils	School Hall/ Classrooms	Christmas lunch & class parties. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform.
7	Thu 18 <sup>th</sup> December	During school day	All pupils		Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform.
7	Thu 18 <sup>th</sup> December	3.15pm- 4.30pm  4.45pm- 6.00pm	Cygnets and Re- ception pupils  Year One and Year Two pupils	School Hall	School Discos. Adult helpers will be required. More details later on.  Cygnets and Reception pupils are invited to attend a disco from 3.15pm-4.30pm. All children attending this disco will need to be accompanied by a designated adult.  4.45pm-6.00pm. Year 1 and 2 pupils are then invited to attend their disco without an adult.
7	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> December	During school day	All pupils		Children are invited to come to school in their Christmas pjs or non-uniform.
7	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> December	3.10pm	All		End of term. Puffins Wraparound Care closes at 5.00pm on this day.
<b>Christmas Holidays</b> <b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>(5<sup>th</sup> January: Staff Training Day- School closed to children)</b>					

Join us at the BEC Centre  
27 Main Street, Bilton. CV22 7NQ

## Nativity Service

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
@ 10.30am

## Carols by Candlelight

with Bilton Silver Band  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December @ 6pm

## Christingle Service

Christmas Eve @ 4pm

## Christmas Celebration

Christmas Day @ 10.30am

Join us at the BEC Woodlands Centre

53 Cymbeline Way, Bilton, CV22 6JZ

## Carol Singing

around the neighbourhood  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 6pm

## Carol Service

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
@ 3.30pm



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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS



YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

### BE WARY OF ADVERTISING



Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

### DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE



YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

### SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED



YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

### AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION



There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading "scientific" videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

### DATA COLLECTION RISK



While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### PARENTAL CONTROLS



YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as "Preschool" or "Younger". You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

### SET TIME LIMITS



The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

### CHECK WATCH HISTORY



YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the "Recommended" icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's "My Activity" page.

### WATCH TOGETHER



It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, THE INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.





## Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



### Connect

Children thrive when they feel connected to family, friends, and their community. As a parent or carer, you play a key role in helping them build strong relationships and emotional resilience. Connection is essential for emotional wellbeing – small, consistent action such as listening, playing and supporting friendships can have a lasting impact.

#### Our tips for connecting at home:

##### 1. Encourage Everyday Conversations

- Ask about your child's day and really listen.
- Share your own stories to show openness and trust.
- Try "highs and lows" of the day at mealtimes—what was the best and hardest part?

##### 2. Support Play and Shared Activities

- Play games, do crafts, or cook together—these build bonds and social skills.
- Encourage your child to join clubs, sports, or hobbies with peers.
- Tip: Even short periods of shared fun strengthen relationships.

##### 3. Model Positive Friendships

- Show healthy ways to make and maintain friendships.
- Talk about how you handle conflicts or disagreements respectfully.
- Tip: Children learn connection by watching how you treat others.

##### 4. Encourage Empathy and Kindness

- Praise acts of kindness and encourage helping others.
- Discuss feelings and perspectives to build emotional awareness.
- Tip: Use stories or role-play to practice empathy in everyday situations.

##### 5. Quality Family Time

- Share meals, read together, or have family game nights.
- Even 10–15 minutes of focused attention helps children feel valued.
- Tip: Make time a priority, not just a free moment.

#### Remember:

- Connection is a skill children can develop—your support makes a difference.
- Small, consistent efforts to nurture relationships build lifelong wellbeing.

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Walk-in Wardrobe</b> Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's 9.30am to 11.30am <b>Toy Library</b> 9.30am to 11.30am <b>Claremont CFC</b> 22nd December only</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b> Non-walkers from birth 10.00-11.00 am <b>Claremont CFC</b> 22nd and 29<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p><b>Toddler Time</b> Aimed at 0-5 years 10.00am to 11.30am <b>Long Lawford CFC</b> 22nd December only</p> <p><b>Family Time</b> Aimed at 0-8yrs 1.30-3.00pm <b>Claremont CFC</b> 22nd and 29<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b> Non-walkers from birth 1.30-2.30pm <b>Long Lawford CFC</b> 22nd December only</p>	<p><b>Family Time</b> Aimed at 0-8years 10.00am to 11.30am <b>Boughton Leigh CFC</b> 23rd and 30<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b> Non-walkers from birth 10.00am to 11.00am <b>The Barn @ Houlton</b> (CV23 1AL) 23rd December Only</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b> Non-walkers from birth 1:30pm-2:30pm <b>Boughton Leigh CFC</b> 23rd and 30<sup>th</sup> December</p>	<p><b>Little Stars</b> For children with additional needs 10.00am to 11.00am <b>Claremont CFC</b> 24th and 31<sup>st</sup> December</p> <p><b>Family Time</b> Aimed at 0-8yrs 10-11.30 am <b>Long Lawford CFC</b> 31<sup>st</sup> December only</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b> Non-walkers from birth 1.30-2.30pm <b>Long Lawford CFC</b> 31st December only</p>	<p></p> <p><b>BANK HOLIDAYS</b> <b>ALL CENTRES CLOSED</b> <b>BOTH CHRISTMAS DAY</b> <b>AND NEW YEARS DAY</b></p> <p></p> <p><b>TO BOOK</b> a place on our sessions scan the QR code or follow the link: <a href="https://rugbycfc.eventbrite.com">https://rugbycfc.eventbrite.com</a></p> 	<p><b>BOXING DAY</b> 26<sup>th</sup> December <b>BANK HOLIDAY</b> <b>ALL CENTRES</b> <b>CLOSED</b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> January Claremont and Long Lawford CFCs open for enquiries only.</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b></p> <p><b>Saturdays</b> Next Saturdays is the 10<sup>th</sup> January</p>				



**Useful Contact Information**

**Family Information Service**  
Providing information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children & young people aged 0-25.  
New Free Tel: 0800 408 1558  
Tel: 01926 742274  
Email: [fis@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk)  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis)

**Warwickshire's Child and Family Well-being Service**  
Tel 0300 247 0072  
or email:  
[wcfw.contact@hcrgraegroup.com](mailto:wcfw.contact@hcrgraegroup.com)

**Warwickshire Health Visiting Drop in Clinic**  
Tuesdays: 9:30am to 11:00am  
Claremont Children & Family Centre

**Breastfeeding Support Drop-in Group for Babies and Toddlers**  
Wednesdays: 10:00am to 11:30am  
Claremont Children & Family Centre

**Citizens Advice Bureau**  
Tel: 0808 250 5715  
Boughton Leigh Children and Family Centre  
Drop In: **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
9:00am - 1:00pm

**ROSA Drop in Clinic for those impacted by sexual violence**  
Contact Claremont Children & Family Centre for more details.  
Tel: 01788579488

**Warwickshire Family Connect**  
For concerns about a child's wellbeing  
Tel: 01926 414144

**Early Support**  
**Drop ins at the CFCs**  
Long Lawford Tues - 2.00-4.00pm  
Claremont Weds - 2.15-4.15pm  
**Family Support Help Line**  
Monday to Friday: 9.00am to 4.00pm  
Tel: 01926 412412  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies)

**Midwives**  
Maternity advice,  
The Owen Building, St. Cross Hospital  
Tel: 01788 663184

**Adult and Community Learning**  
<https://warwickshire.gov.uk/acl>  
Tel: 01926 736392

**Speech and Language Therapy Preschool Team**  
Tel: 01788 555107

**HCRG Sexual Health & Contraception Drop-in**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at Claremont CFC  
4th Monday of the month at Boughton Leigh CFC  
9.30-11.30am

**Interested in volunteering?**  
please contact  
[serena.langan@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:serena.langan@barnardos.org.uk)

**WHAT'S ON GUIDE**  
**Rugby Children & Family Centres**  
**Christmas 2025**

**Rugby Children & Family Centres (CFC)**

**Boughton Leigh Children & Family Centre**  
Wetherell Way, Rugby,  
CV21 1LT Tel: 01788 570347

**Claremont Children & Family Centre**  
Claremont Road, Rugby,  
CV21 3LU Tel: 01788 579488

**Long Lawford Children & Family Centre**  
Holbrook Road, Long Lawford,  
Rugby, CV23 9AL Tel: 01788 561313  
Email: [rugbycfc@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:rugbycfc@barnardos.org.uk)  
Website  
<https://coventryandwarwickshire.barnardos.org.uk/children-and-family-centres/rugby/>



Please note the changes in times to a lot of the groups from our regular term time timetable  
 On the 2<sup>nd</sup> January Boughton Leigh will be closed. Please contact one of the other centres if you require any information.

**2 DAYS**  
Christmas Jumpers Welcome!



## AK COACHING

### Christmas Holiday Club

- Football ● Tag Rugby ● Frisbee ● Dodgeball ●
- Basketball ● Netball ● Hockey ● Tennis ●
- Cricket ● Rounders ● Gymnastics ● Table Tennis ●

**PLUS, PLENTY OF OTHER FUN GAMES**



**MON 22<sup>ND</sup> DEC**  
**TUE 23<sup>RD</sup> DEC**

0900-1600

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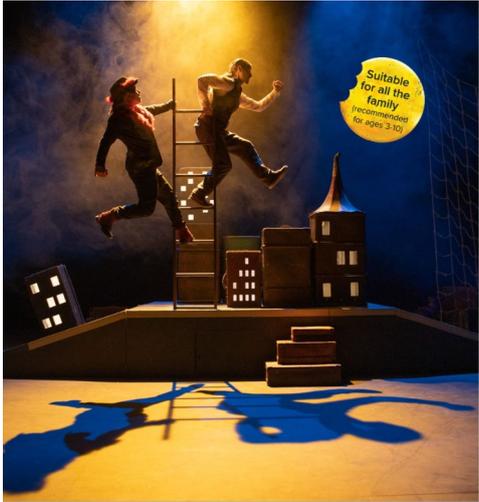
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### OUR VENUES THIS WINTER

Loughborough CofE Primary School	St Joseph's Catholic Voluntary Academy	Henry Hinde Infant School	Outwoods Primary School	St John's CofE Primary School
LE11	LE5	CV22	CV9	WS9
8am - 5pm	8am - 5pm	8am - 5pm	8am - 4pm	8am - 5pm



**PLEASE BRING**  
A packed lunch  
Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!

Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this Winter as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy as they start 2026!

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