



Bawnmore Community Infant School and Cygnets Pre-School Newsletter



22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sponsored Walk Success!

What a fantastic morning we had for our Sponsored Walk today! It was wonderful to see so many families joining us and to truly experience the strong sense of community that makes our school so special. Mr Newton claims he ordered the sunshine especially for us!

After walking together to Bilton Junior School, the children embraced the challenge of completing laps of the field. There was a brilliant atmosphere throughout, filled with encouragement, determination and smiles. Some children chose a steady pace, while others challenged themselves to run – as the many rosy, smiling faces showed!

A huge thank you to the Year 6 pupils at Bilton Junior School, who supported the event so brilliantly. They helped track laps and encourage our children, acting as fantastic role models throughout.

Thank you also for your continued support with sponsorship – every contribution will make a real difference to our school. Sponsorship money can be returned either as cash in a named envelope or via BACS (details can be found on the sponsorship form). Please ensure that all sponsorship money is received by Friday 5th June.

It was a really fun, active morning – well done to everyone who took part!

Staffing Changes in September

As shared on ClassDojo, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Towers at the end of the Summer Term. She is moving on to an exciting new role as Deputy Headteacher at a Catholic primary school in Coventry. Mrs Towers has been part of the Bawnmore family for almost eight years and has made a significant contribution to school life. Her care and dedication along with the strong relationships she has built with pupils, families and colleagues, means she will be greatly missed.

You may also have seen that Mrs Kim Gordon and Mrs Becca Tanner will be joining us in September as our new Assistant Headteachers. We are absolutely delighted to welcome them to our school community and are confident they will be a fantastic addition to our leadership team.

I have also shared on ClassDojo today that Mrs Holton will be leaving us at the end of the Summer Term. She writes: "After 5 fun-filled years at Bawnmore, I have decided it is time for me to move on to a full primary school. I am so thankful for all of the wonderful opportunities I have had here, and I have loved making memories with such a fantastic team. It has been an absolute privilege to teach your children, and I will miss it immensely. I live just around the corner from school, so if you see me cycling around – please come and say hello!"

We are incredibly grateful for the commitment and enthusiasm Mrs Holton has brought to our school over the past five years. She will be greatly missed by both staff and children. Please do join us in wishing Mrs Holton all the very best for her next chapter.

We are, however, pleased to share that we have appointed Miss Jaymie-Leigh Jenkins, an experienced infant school teacher, who will be joining our team in September. We look forward to welcoming her to Bawnmore.



School finishes for the half-term break today and we reopen on Monday 1st June.

Have a lovely half-term break – I hope the sunshine continues!

Pam Davey
Head of School

Art Club Creations



Assembly Award

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



Lunchtime Award

Congratulations to 1R who have been chosen as our Lunchtime Winners this week.

Class Awards

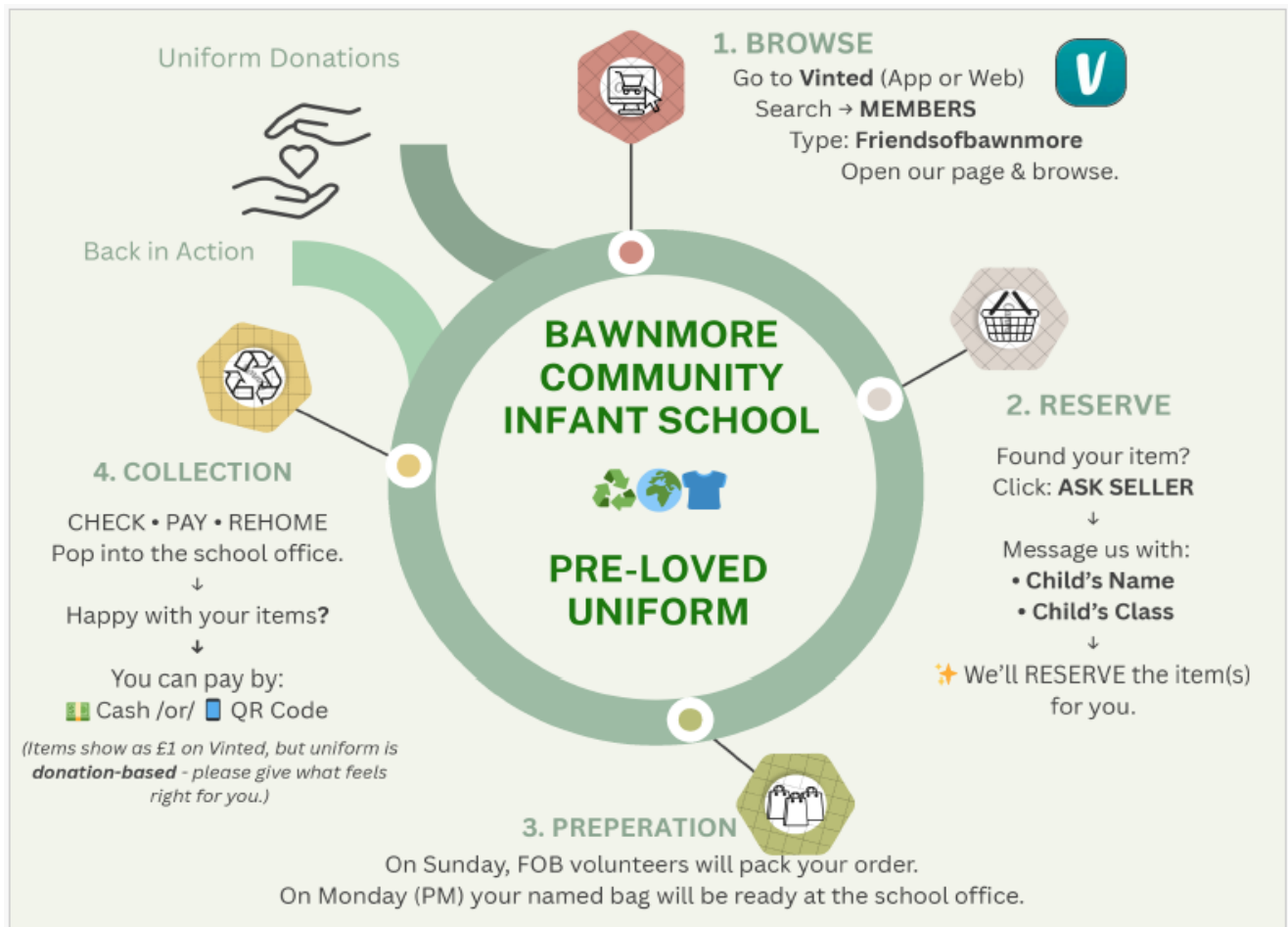
Attendance Award

Congratulations to 1H, our Attendance Champions this week, with an impressive 97% attendance! Our whole school attendance was just 93.8%- way below the government's target for attendance. Please do ensure your child attends school every day unless they are really poorly. We are not able to authorise term time holidays.

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.

Friends of Bawnmore



Save Money • Re-Use • Support School FAQs ?

Do I pay on Vinted?

No - please do NOT pay through Vinted. Use ASK SELLER to reserve only. If you pay using Vinted you pay buyers protection and postage!

What if I can't find what I need?

It may be out of stock or being saved for an event. Get in touch and we'll try to help.

What if I no longer want the item after viewing?

No problem! Just leave unwanted items in the bag and we'll return them to stock. Uncollected items will be removed from reservation the following Monday.

How much is it per item?

All uniform is donation-based. Items are listed as £1 on Vinted purely for technical reasons and to allow the reservation system to work. Families are invited to donate whatever they feel is appropriate when collecting items.

Why did we choose Vinted?

We chose Vinted because it is a well-established and easy-to-use platform for selling preloved clothing online. We considered several options including Facebook Marketplace, eBay and Uniformly, but Vinted works particularly well for school uniform.

It allows families to browse and reserve items easily, does not require social media, and helps us make non-logo uniform items available to more families.



Calendar

Our Calendar is available on our website. You can link the website calendar to your phone– never miss an event again! We do our best to ensure the calendar is updated as it changes and changes are shown in red here.

| 6 | Fri 22 nd May | 3.10pm | All | | End of half-term. |
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| Half Term Holiday | | | | | |
| Saturday 23rd May – Sunday 31st May | | | | | |
| Summer 2 2026 | | | | | |
| Week | Date | Time | Who | Where | Description |
| 1 | Mon 1 st June | 8.45am- 3.10pm | All | Drop off/ pick up from playground | All pupils return to school. |
| 1 | Thu 4 th June | 8pm | | Online | The FOB committee will be meeting to discuss upcoming fund-raising ideas and projects. |
| 1 | Fri 5 th June | 12noon | School Council | Mrs Tower's Classroom | Eco-Council Meeting |
| 2 | w/b 8 th June | During the school day | Year 1 and 2 Pupils | Classrooms | Phonics Screening Check. Year 1 pupils and some Year 2 pupils will take part in their end of Phonics Screening Check as part of their normal day. |
| 2 | Tues 9 th June | 7.30pm | Sep '26 Reception Parents/ Carers | School Hall | New Parents' Evening. Welcome meeting for parents and carers of children starting in Reception in September 2026. |
| 2 | Tues 9 th June | 7.30pm | Sep '26 Pre-school Parents/ Carers | Pre-school | New Parents' Evening. Welcome meeting for parents and carers of children starting in Pre-school in September 2026. |
| 2 | Thu 11 th June | 9.30am- 11am | Sep '26 Pre-school Parents/ pupils | | Pre-School Stay and Play Morning. An opportunity for all pupils starting in Pre-School in September 2026 to come into school with their parents and carers and join in with some lovely activities with some of their new teachers. |
| 2 | Fri 12th— Sat 13th June | 5pm | Year 2 Pupils | School | Year Two pupils are invited to join the Year Two team for an end of year campfire, movie and sleepover! This is a reward event and will only be open to invited pupils with a consistent track record of following our school mission. Pupils will have the option to just attend the evening event only or to stay over. More details to follow. |
| 2/3 | Fri 12 th and Mon 15 th June | During school day | All pupils | Classrooms | Across the school, the children will be taking part in outdoor learning activities. They may need wellies and waterproof coats if the weather is bad or hats and sun cream if we are lucky! |

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| 3 | 15-19th June | During school day | All pupils | | FOB will be running a Fathers' Day Shop. 1 free present each available for those receiving PP funding. Please speak to the office for further details. |
| 3 | Wed 17 th June | 9.15am-11.15am | | | Cygnets and Reception workshop morning. A chance for our Cygnets pupils to come into main school and join in with our Reception pupils. |
| 3 | Thu 18 th June | During school day | Cygnets and Reception Pupils | | Cygnets and Reception pupils will be visiting Stratford Butterfly Farm. More details available on MCAS. Free places available for those receiving PP funding. Please speak to the office for further details. |
| 3 | Fri 19 th June | 8am, 9.05am, 1.15pm and 2.15pm | Dads (or other carers) and their children | School Hall | <p>Fathers' Day Events</p> <p>8am Dads (or other carers) are invited to book in and have breakfast in the hall with their children. Only £2.50 per adult! Places strictly limited due to the space available in our hall.</p> <p>9.05am or 2.15pm Active Dads. Come and join Miss Sprayson's PE session for Dads (or other carers) and their children. Siblings are welcome to team up! Places strictly limited due to the space available in our hall.</p> <p>1.15pm Cygnets Dads (or other carers) are invited to join their children for a special Fathers' Day Ploughman's Lunch. Only £2.50.</p> |
| 3 | Fri 19 th June | 12noon | School Council | Mrs Tower's Classroom | School Council Meeting |

Some extra-curricular opportunities are **free to all children**. Children who receive **Pupil Premium funding** may be able to access a paid-for club **free of charge**. Please speak to the **admin team**. All school run clubs are available to book on the MCAS app.

| Day | Activity | Led By | Timings | Year Groups |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Monday | Maths in Action | Mrs Holston | 3.10pm-4.10pm | By invitation only |
| Tuesday | Music Lessons | Rocksteady | 8.30am-11am | Reception, Years One and Two |
| Tuesday | Gym | Miss Sprayson | 3.10pm-4.10pm | Reception, Years One and Two |
| Tuesday | Cookery | Miss Bourton | 3.10pm-4.10pm | Reception |
| Thursday | Art | Mrs Lear and Mrs Wigginton | 3.10pm-4.30pm | Years One and Two |
| Friday | Outdoor | Miss Sprayson | 3.10pm- 4.10pm | Reception, Years One and Two |
| Friday | Football | DM Coaching | 3.10pm-4.30pm | Age 5 and above -FULL |

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| 4 | Mon 22 nd June | During the school day | Year 2 Pupils | Rugby School | Year 2s may like to take part in the “Big Dance and Play” at Rugby School’s Festival on the Close. More details available on MCAS. Free places available for those receiving PP funding. Please speak to the office for further details. Only 30 places available. |
| 4 | Tue 23 rd June | 1.30-3.00 | Year 2 Pupils | BJS | Our Year 2s have been invited to watch a professional production of “Alice in Wonderland” at BJS as part of their transition programme. All our Year 2s will be attending, regardless of the junior school they will be joining in September. |
| 4 | Thu 25 th June | 9.05- 10.05am | Sep ’26 Rec Parent s/ pupils | School Hall | Reception Stay and Play Music Morning. An opportunity for all pupils starting in Reception in September 2026 to come into school and join in with some lovely activities with their new |
| 4 | Fri 26 th June | During the school day | All | | Non-uniform Day. Children are invited to wear non-uniform in return for a donation for our Summer Fayre tombola or raffle. |
| 4 | Fri 26 th June | 3.30pm- 5.30pm | All | School grounds | Summer Fayre. Come along to our annual Summer Fayre organised by FOB to raise funds for our school. Please let us know if you would be able to help with this event. |
| 5 | Mon 29 th June | 2.15pm | School volunteers | School Hall | Adults who have volunteered this year in school will be invited to attend a ‘thank you’ afternoon tea hosted by our School Council with entertainment provided by Year Two pupils. |
| 5 | Fri 3 rd July | During the school day | All pupils | School Hall | Whole School Poetry Performance. This event is not open to parent and carers. Each class will perform a poem for the rest of the school and receive feedback from our guest judge. Children will then perform their poems in our end of year assemblies. |
| 6 | Wed 8 th July | 8.45am- 3.10pm | All pupils | | Warwickshire Schools Induction Day. Children will be invited to spend the day in their new classes/ schools. |
| 6 | Thu 9 th July | 3.15- 4.30pm 4.45-6pm | All Pupils | School Hall | End of Year Discos. Reception and Year 1 pupils are invited to attend a disco from 3.15pm-4.30pm. Year 2 are then invited to a special “Leavers Disco” 4.45pm-6pm. Free places available for those receiving PP funding. Please speak to the office for further details. |
| 6 | Fri 10 th July | 12noon | School Council | Mrs Tower’s Classroom | Final School and Eco Council Meeting of the year. We will have a treat and discuss our highlights from the year. |
| 7 | Mon 13 th July | 9.30am- 11.30am | All pupils | School grounds | You are invited to come and watch our Sports Day. If the weather is bad, the event will be moved to Wednesday 15 th July 9.30am-11.30am. Children to wear sports kits and an item to represent their colour group e.g. t-shirt, socks, hair band etc. |
| 7 | Tue 14 th July | During School Day | Local Pre- schools | Reception Classrooms | Local Pre-schools are invited to book in to bring small groups of children for a short visit to familiarize the children with the setting before induction day. |
| 7 | Wed 15 th July | 9.30am- 11.30am | All pupils | School grounds | Reserve Sports Day |
| 7 | Wed 15 th July | R 1.20pm Y1 1.45pm Y2 2.20pm | All | School Hall | Year Group End of Year Assemblies. Families are invited to watch their child(ren)’s assembly. 2 tickets per family will be issued. Reception-1.20 p.m. Year 1- 1.45 p.m. Year 2- 2.20pm Children can be taken home following their performance. |
| 7 | Thu 16 th July | | Cygnets + Parents/ Carers | Cygnets Buildings | Cygnets End of Year Celebration. Parents and carers are invited to celebrate their child’s time in Cygnets with a special assembly and activities. |
| 7 | Thu 16 th July | During the school day | Year 2 Pupils | | Year 2 will be taking part in a water fight during the school day. Please send your child in with a change of clothes. |
| 7 | Fri 17 th July | 3.10pm | All | | End of school year |
| Summer Holidays Saturday 18th July – Monday 31st August (Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September: Staff Training Days- School closed to children) Children return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2026 | | | | | |

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2025-26

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).

First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.

Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.

Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.

Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.

For parents and carers of 3-7s

This Safer Internet Day, we are starting a conversation about how to use AI technology safely and responsibly. Whilst your 3 to 7 year old may not yet be ready to use the internet independently, use our top tips to start good online habits now that will help keep them safe in the future.

■ Enjoy going online together

Spending time online together with family is an important learning experience for the youngest internet users. Not only will you both enjoy the quality time together, but you can supervise their usage and guide them to make the safest choices.

▲ Talk about their online experiences

Help give your child the words to explain what they're experiencing online by starting conversations about the internet and technology as early as possible. Talking regularly about what they love doing online, as well as any worries they may have, will help establish this habit and mean they're more likely to come to you for help as they get older.

● Make use of settings and controls

Parental controls and other safety settings can help protect your child from online harms, including upsetting or inappropriate content. Think about how your child uses technology, for example if you have a smart TV or a voice assistant at home, and explore specific settings to support your household.

◆ Introduce simple ideas about AI technology

You don't need to be a computing expert to start conversations at home about AI. Explaining that a voice assistant is a computer, not a person, or helping your child to understand that not everything they see online is real, is a good start. Encourage them to ask questions about the technology in their lives, and even if you don't know the answers, you can find them out together.

✨ Make sure they know they can always come to you

The most important thing for your child to know is that you are always there to support them, online and offline. Encourage them to talk to you if anything they experience makes them feel worried or upset, and show them they can trust you to stay calm, listen and help make things better.



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THE JUNCTION DROP IN CLUB

Every Tuesday in term time from 3:00-4:30 at the BEC Woodlands Centre.

Drinks, snacks, games, colouring, work space and wifi.

You're welcome to either come after you've picked children up to grab a drink, pop in instead of waiting outside or in the car or wait with your children between school pick-ups or for an after school club to finish.

If you have any questions email alex.holtonebecchurch.org.uk. We'd love to see you there - no need to book, just pop in.

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