



Bawnmore Community Infant School and Cygnets Pre-School Newsletter



26th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been! The sunshine certainly made itself known, and we couldn't be prouder of how brilliantly the children have responded to the challenging heat. Their resilience and continued enthusiasm for learning have truly shone through.

Throughout the week, we have adapted our routines to ensure everyone stayed as cool and comfortable as possible. Classrooms made good use of fans, shady outdoor spaces became valuable learning areas, and the occasional ice pop provided a welcome (and much appreciated!) refreshment. There was even a little envy directed towards our Cygnets and their air-conditioned room!

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all parents and carers for your understanding and flexibility during this period of extreme weather. Your support with adjusted arrangements, including early collection options and changes to lunch and uniform expectations, has been invaluable in helping us prioritise the well-being of the children and staff.

The option of early collection at 1:15pm has been greatly appreciated by many families, while others have opted for children to remain in school, where our hot weather procedures have continued to ensure safety and comfort. Wraparound care has continued successfully, with children benefiting from time in the cooler, air-conditioned Yellow Room.

As you are aware, difficult decisions had to be made, including postponing the school fayre and associated non-uniform day. We appreciate your patience and will share a new date as soon as cooler weather allows us to safely enjoy the event together.

Despite the heat, the children have continued to demonstrate excellent behaviour, adaptability and a wonderful sense of togetherness. We are incredibly proud of them all.

Thank you once again for your continued support. It truly makes a difference. Let's hope for slightly cooler days ahead!



Warmest wishes,
Pam Davey
Head of School

Uniform Reminder

From September, we are making some small clarifications to our uniform expectations to ensure consistency and practicality.

Our school colours are **bottle green, grey and black**, and the **only visible logo allowed is the school badge**. Please note: **uniform does not need to have the school badge** and can be bought affordably from most supermarkets.

All days (PE and non-PE): A bottle green hoodie, cardigan or sweatshirt worn with a white polo shirt. Branded uniform is available, but not required. Supermarket options are often just as durable and much more affordable.

PE days: black or grey leggings, shorts, skorts or joggers

Non-PE days: black or grey trousers, skirts, shorts, **green gingham summer dresses** or pinafores

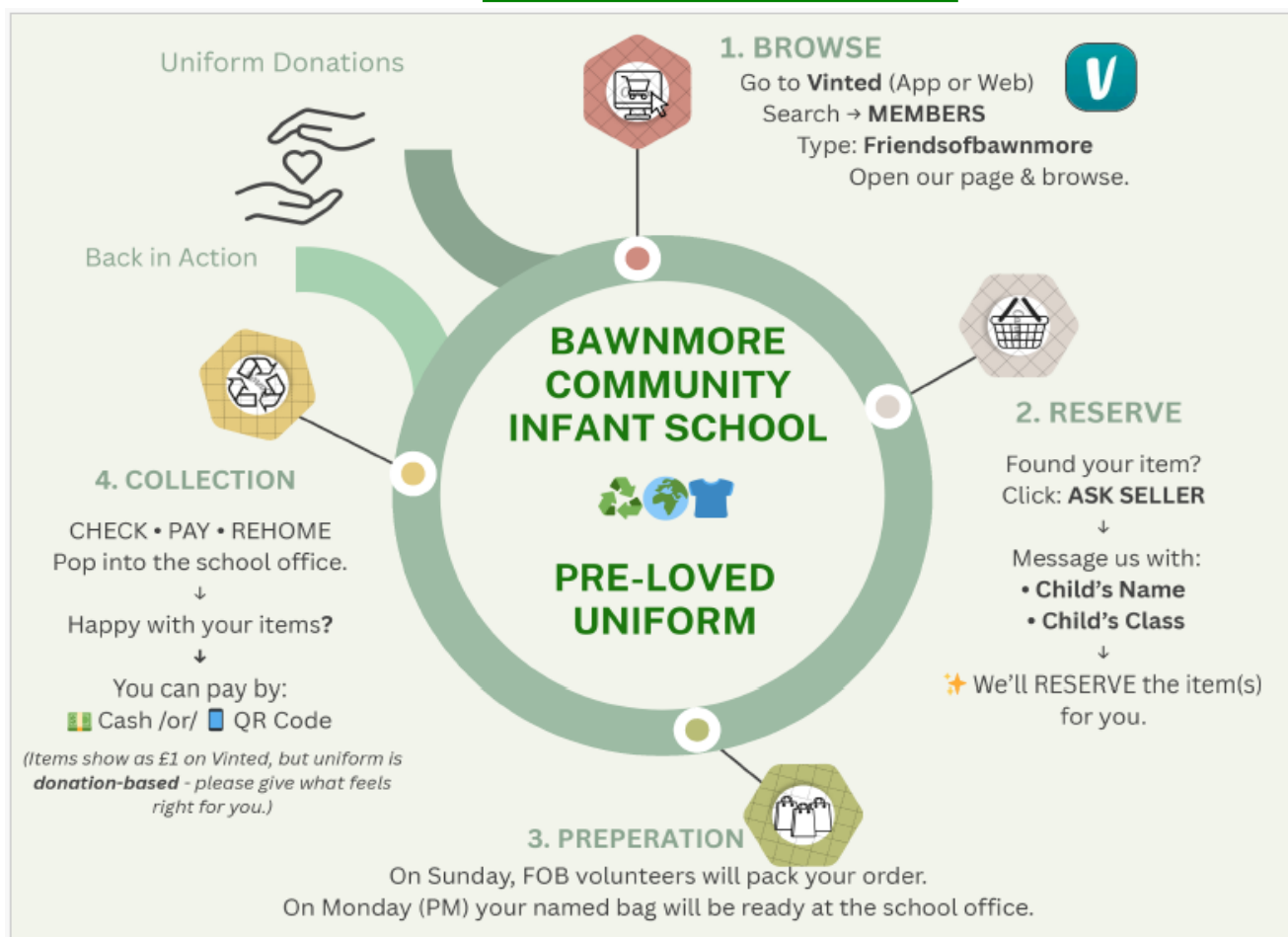
Footwear:

Trainers can be worn every day but must be black or white, ideally with Velcro fastenings. Black school shoes remain an option for non-PE days (again, velcro preferred). Other colours or styles are not permitted.

We hope these updates help to simplify uniform expectations while keeping children comfortable, smart and ready to learn.

Pre-loved uniform is a fantastic way to save money, reduce waste, and support sustainability within our school community. It gives good-quality items a second life while helping families keep costs down.

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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.



Values Book

Date: 26.06.26

Class	Child's Name	Award	Reason
RD	Venba	Wonderful Work	For a fantastic number line, filling in the missing numbers.
	Mia	Certificate	For always being focussed in lessons, listening carefully and confidently answering questions!
	Conor	Values Sticker	For being helpful around the classroom and keeping it tidy.
	Nate	Values Sticker	For being a kind friend to everyone in the class.
	Meda	Values Sticker	For always being engaged and enthusiastic about her learning.
RS	Ares	Wonderful Work	For a wonderful thank you card for the bees.
	Sophie	Certificate	For becoming more settled, confident and independent within school. It has been lovely to watch you flourish.
	Remy	Values Sticker	For trying very hard with his number formation and taking his time with his learning.
	Fraser	Values Sticker	For trying incredibly hard with his listening and learning.
	Cosimo	Values Sticker	For brilliant, turn taking and kindness.
1H	Carter	Wonderful Work	For great independent sentences using his phonics knowledge for spelling.
	Ollie S	Certificate	For taking greater ownership of his learning and trying hard in his work.
	Reggie	Values Sticker	For being super kind and helping his classmates this week.
	Brooke	Values Sticker	For her enthusiasm to improve and publish her Kennings poem.
	Ethan	Values Sticker	For showing respect by consistently putting his hand up during carpet time.
1R	Ella	Wonderful Work	For writing fantastic Kenning poems and presenting beautifully.
	Alex	Certificate	For some excellent work in maths on money – recognising coins and notes and making different amounts.
	Daniel H	Values Sticker	For a brilliant attitude to their learning – working hard to write lovely poetry, solve some problems involving money and show resilience in our PSHE lessons.
	Marika	Values Sticker	
	Daniel S	Values Sticker	
2K	Josh	Wonderful Work	Amazing writing about Malala.
	Mari	Values Sticker	For being incredibly kind to others.
	Amelia	Values Sticker	For being incredibly kind to others.
2W	Ameline	Wonderful Work	An excellent storyboard about Malala's life.
	Findlay	Certificate	For great engagement in all lessons, and for joining in brilliantly with rehearsals.
	Thea	Values Sticker	Always modelling beautiful behaviour.
	Jacob	Values Sticker	For being incredibly kind to others.
	Grace	Values Sticker	For brilliant discussions about Malala Yousafzai.



Class Awards

Assembly Award

Congratulations to 2W 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.

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.

How can we help make our air cleaner?

It's important for us to have clean air so we don't breathe in too much dust and fumes, as well as gases like CO₂. We want to keep our lungs and bodies healthy, and look after our world.

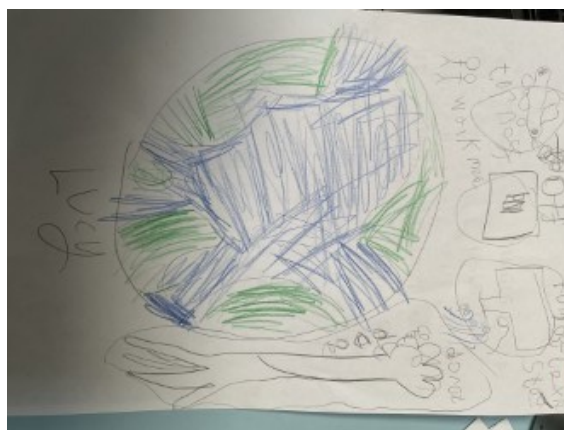
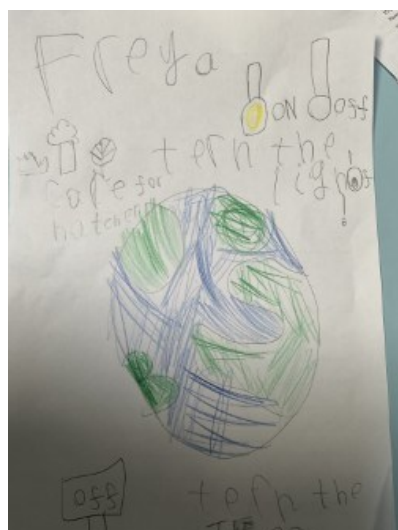
If possible, we could walk or scoot or cycle (or roller skate!) to school instead of driving in our cars. Then we don't use as much petrol, keep the air cleaner and we get some exercise! If you must drive to school, try to park and stride - make sure you turn off your engine while you're stopped!

Trees and plants swallow up the CO₂ and give out oxygen when they make their own food. So we need to help look after our green spaces and our planet!

Turning off lights and electrical appliances at the plug when we're not using them, can save energy and fossil fuels, so we're not giving off so much CO₂.

Try these things today!

Written by Lucy, Jasper, Max & Ella in 1R





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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.

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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SUMMER TERM VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMMES WITH THE FAMILY & RELATIONSHIP SUPPORT TEAM

Workshop/Programme	Date and Time	Venue
Routines	Friday 19th June 10am - 12pm	Virtual
Parenting Together	Wednesday 1st July 9:30am - 11:30am	Virtual
Sleep	Monday 6th July 1pm - 3pm	Virtual
Sleep Better 4-week programme	Thursday 9th July 9:30am - 11:30am	Virtual
Understanding Your Teenager	Thursday 9th July 12:30pm - 2:30pm	Virtual
Boundaries & Rules	Tuesday 14th July 9:30am - 11:30am	Virtual
Understanding Your Teenager	Saturday 18th July 9:30am - 11:30am	Virtual
Routines	Monday 20th July 10am - 12pm	Virtual
Understanding Children's Behaviour	Tuesday 21st July 2:30pm - 4:30pm	Virtual
Parenting Together	Wednesday 29th July 9am - 11am	Virtual

For further information about all our workshops and programmes please email the Family & Relationship Support Team at ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk