



Bawnmore Community Infant School and Cygnets Pre-School Newsletter



10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! I can't remember a summer like it! Thank you for continuing to send your child in with:

- A named sun hat
- Sunscreen applied before school
- A named water bottle

A reminder that children may also wear their PE kit all week if they would find this more comfortable during the hot weather.

FOB Summer Event

Don't forget that it is the FOB Summer Event tomorrow, Saturday 11th July from 5.00pm–8.00pm. There will be a bar, BBQ, live band and bouncy castle, making it a wonderful opportunity for families to come together and celebrate the end of another successful school year. Adults: £5 Children aged 12 and under: Free

Please see the FOB newsletter for full details. We would love to see as many families there as possible and hope you will come along and support this fantastic community event. The forecast is looking promising, and we're hoping for a beautiful summer evening! If you haven't booked tickets, they will still be available on the gate.

End of Year Reports

We are pleased to let you know that your child's end-of-year report has been sent out today via email. As part of our commitment to reducing paper usage and being more environmentally friendly, we will not be automatically providing printed copies of reports this year. If you have not received your child's report, or would like a paper copy, please contact the school office and we will be happy to arrange one for you.

We would also be very grateful if you could take a few moments to provide feedback on your child's report and their year at school. Your feedback really does matter to us and helps us continue to improve what we do.

Please use the following link to complete our short survey: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/L8EhYBFnLg> Thank you in advance for sharing your views.

Sports Day – Monday

We are looking forward to welcoming families to our Sports Day events on Monday. The forecast is currently showing cooler temperatures and no rain, so we are planning for all events to go ahead as scheduled.

KS1 Sports Day: 9.00am–10.30am

EYFS Sports Day: 10.30am–12.00pm

Children should come dressed in their PE kit, item of clothing or accessory in their team colour and trainers. As always, please apply sunscreen before school if needed.

Year 2 Water Fight– Tuesday

Year 2 will be cooling off with a water fight on Tuesday afternoon. Don't forget to bring your water pistols and spare clothes!

Year 1 to 2 Transition Morning

On Wednesday morning, our Year 1 children will spend time in their new Year 2 classes with their new teachers. This is an exciting opportunity for children to meet staff and become familiar with their new classrooms ahead of September. We know that transitions can bring a mixture of emotions, but please be reassured that staff have carefully planned opportunities to help children feel confident and excited about the next stage of their learning journey.

End of Year Assemblies – Wednesday

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend our End of Year Assemblies on Wednesday:

Reception: 1.20pm

Year 1: 1.45pm

Year 2: 2.20pm

Following their performance, children may be collected directly from the playground if you wish.

Cygnets End of Year Celebration– Thursday

Parents and carers are invited to celebrate their child's time in Cygnets with a special assembly and activities during the morning.

School Fayre – Thursday

A reminder that Thursday is Non-Uniform Day in preparation for our School Fayre.

The Fayre will take place from 3.15pm–5.00pm and promises to be a wonderful afternoon for our school community. Thank you in advance to all of the volunteers and FOB members who have worked so hard to organise this event. We hope to see lots of families there.



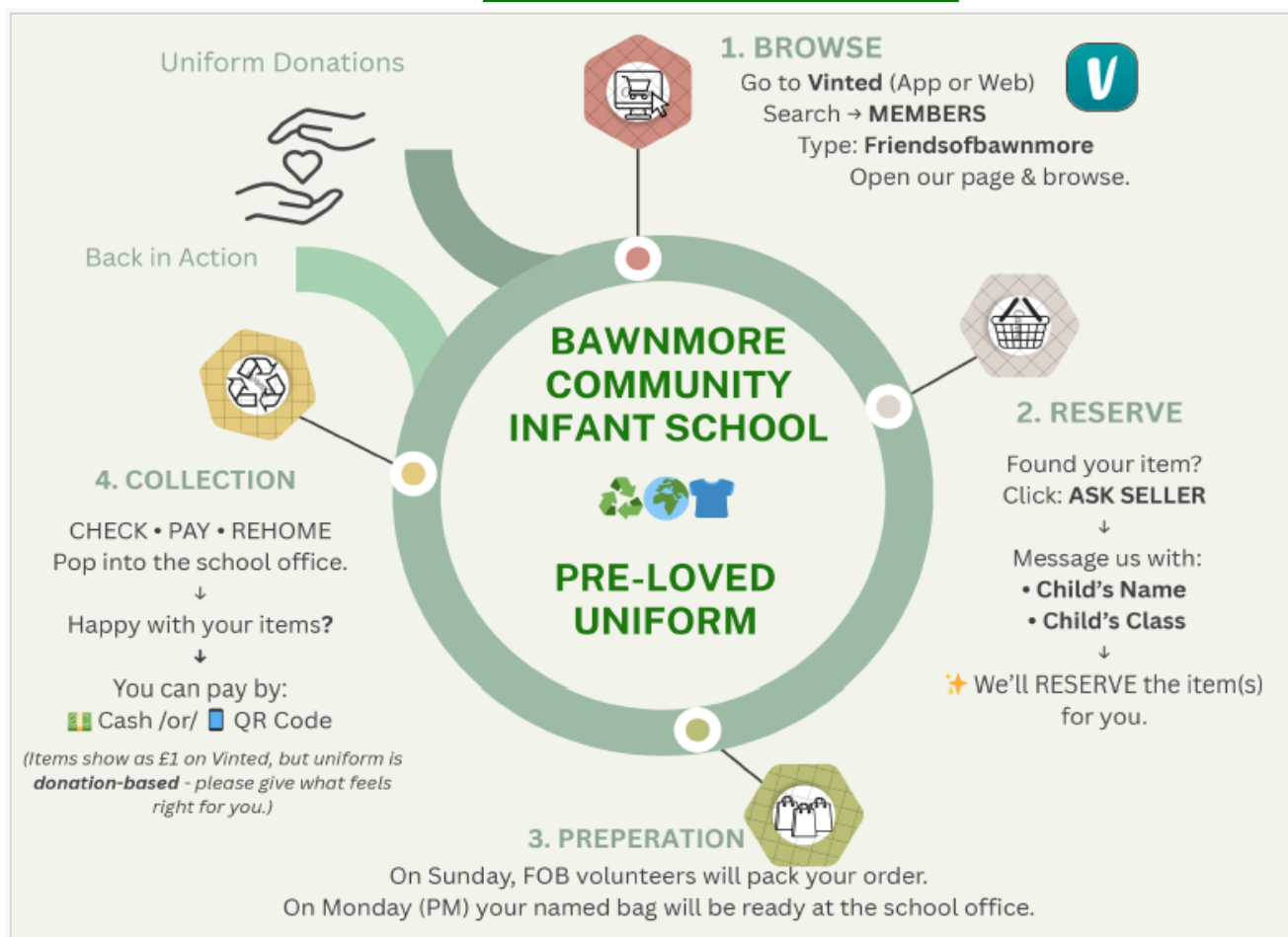
Friday is our last day of term and we finish at our usual time of 3.10pm.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Pam Davey

Head of School

Friends of Bawnmore



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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.





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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.

6	Sat 11th July	5pm— 8pm	All	School Grounds	Summer Sounds—Live Music All invited to join us for an evening of wonderful live music.
7	Mon 13 th July	Morning	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 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	Tue 14 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	Wed 15 th July	Morning	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. 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	Thur 16th July	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.
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

Puffins

What a wonderful week we have had in Puffins as we explored our Summer topic! The children loved being creative, making their own sunglasses using colourful cellophane and observing how the different colours changed everything around them. They also enjoyed creating delicious looking ice creams, carefully using pipettes to add colour and bring their designs to life. The highlight of the week was the return of the Puffin Ice Cream Shop! The children enjoyed selecting their ice cream flavour and toppings.

As the school year comes to an end, we are looking forward to spending our final days together enjoying lots of fun, laughter and free choice activities. This will be the last Puffins newsletter of the year, so from all the Puffins team we would like to wish everyone a wonderful, safe and happy summer holiday.



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.



Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Dimensions tool



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Sleep

Our bodies need sleep and rest to help us function every day. When we are sleeping, it gives our brain and body time to repair and regenerate, re-energise and improve our motivation. We also need sleep to be able to process information, problem solve, learn new things and concentrate (you might notice you find it particularly difficult to focus at school after a bad night's sleep!) Sleep also benefits our mental wellbeing, by helping us to regulate our emotions and mood.

It is important to find time for our brain to completely 'switch off' and rest, to take some time out of our busy day to stop, take a break and do something that promotes our wellbeing!

Our tips for improving sleep:

1. **Maintain a regular sleep schedule** – this includes going to bed around the same time every night, as well as waking up at a similar time every morning (even on weekends!) Sleeping in later than normal can disrupt the body's circadian rhythm, which can lead to more tiredness.
2. **Create a calming environment** - dim the lights an hour before bed. Keep the room dark, if possible, try using an eye mask or black out blinds. A cool bedroom and slight drop in body temperature can help us to go to sleep.
3. **Reduce electronics** – using electrical devices before bedtime is one of the main reasons we have sleep difficulties. The light exposure on the screens can trick our brain into thinking it is still daytime, which stops our body from being able to wind down and feel tired! Turn devices on night mode or leave outside your bedroom to limit temptation.
4. **Minimise daytime naps** – napping during the day can make it harder to fall asleep at night, they also break up sleep (which means lower quality sleep and fewer benefits).
5. **Complete homework after school** – getting stuck into homework tasks before bed can delay tiredness, as our brains are busy trying to concentrate! Try to do activities that relax you before bed, to help you switch off from schoolwork.
6. **Spend time relaxing** – you may want to have a shower or run a warm bath, listen to calming music, read a book, journal or keep a diary from the day, stretch, meditate, or spend time with a pet.
7. **Scan the QR code for more helpful information and sleep tips!**



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.

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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

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