



Bawnmore Community Infant School and Cygnets Pre-School Newsletter



17th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has played a part in making Bawnmore such a special place for our children.

Our children have shown such enthusiasm, kindness, resilience and hard work throughout the year. It has been a joy to watch them learn and grow so much. Thank you for being such a brilliant group of children!

To our parents and carers, thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement and partnership. The positive relationships we share between home and school make a tremendous difference to our children's success and happiness. Thank you also for the many kind cards, thoughtful gifts and lovely messages that have been sent to staff over the past few weeks. Your generosity and appreciation mean a great deal to us all.

I would also like to thank our incredible staff team. Their commitment, care and dedication ensure that every child is supported, challenged and encouraged to thrive each day. We are extremely fortunate to have such a talented and hardworking team.

Thank you to our Governing Body for their continued support, challenge and guidance throughout the year, helping us to ensure that the school continues to move forward and provide the very best for our children. We also say goodbye to Christine Assheton, who has been an incredibly supportive Foundation Governor. We thank Christine for her commitment to Bawnmore and hope she will stay in touch with us.

A special thank you must also go to our Friends of Bawnmore (FOB). Emma Bourton, Emma Burnham, Emma Grey, Claire Cox, Elodie Cullen and Sandra Radzevice have worked tirelessly, alongside many other volunteers, to organise events, raise valuable funds and strengthen our school community. Their commitment and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated and have enriched the experiences of all our children. As Emma, Emma, Elodie and Sandra say goodbye to us today, we would like to thank them for everything they have done for Bawnmore over the years. Your dedication, time and friendship have made a huge difference, and you will be greatly missed.

As highlighted in the end-of-year letter you received on Tuesday, there are a number of important updates regarding staffing, uniform expectations, school timings and arrangements for September. Please take the time to read this information carefully if you have not already done so. It also contains the link to our parental feedback survey– we'd love to hear from you!

We look forward to welcoming our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils back to school on Thursday 3rd September. Staff will be in school for training on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September. Reception families have received separate information regarding start dates and arrangements.

For now, it is time for everyone to enjoy a well-earned break. Whether you are heading away on holiday or spending time closer to home, we hope you have a happy, safe and relaxing summer.

Thank you once again for your support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at Bawnmore.



Best wishes,
Pam Davey

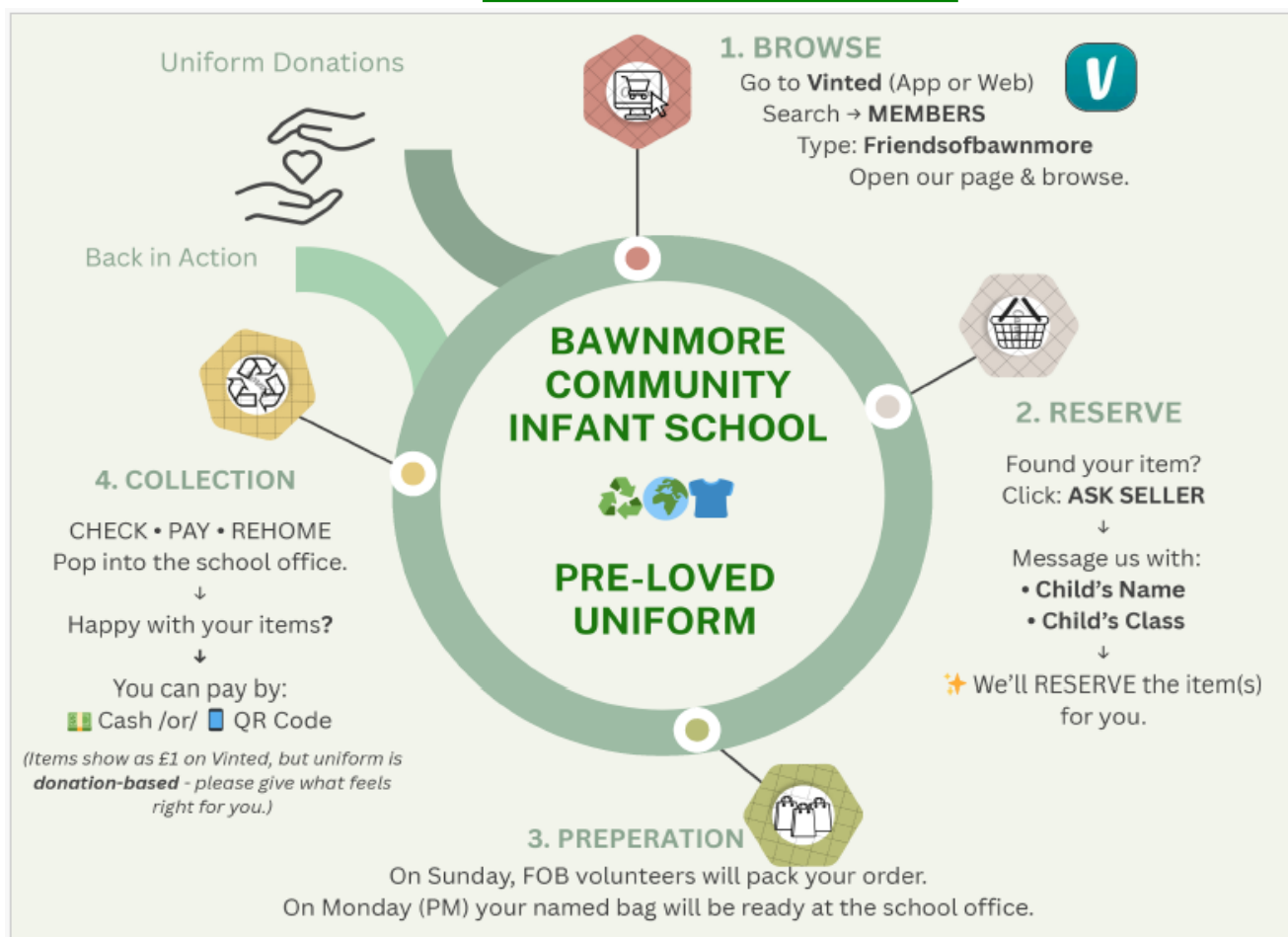
Summer Holidays

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

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.





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benefits us both!

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easy to sign up!

Sign up now



Paper Fan Painting Workshop

Market Hall Museum

Tuesday 11th August

10.30am – 12noon or 1pm – 2.30pm

Join illustrator Jessica Hartshorn to paint beautiful watercolour artwork onto paper fans inspired by the Warwick Castle exhibition. Learn a range of techniques. Each child will have the opportunity to paint two fans each. Suitable for ages 7 – 12 yrs. **£10 + booking fees. Spaces limited, book in advance.**



Blood, Guts and Gore

Market Hall Museum

Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th August, 10am – 2pm

Step back in time and uncover the gruesome and bloody history of medicine with a Stuart Doctor and their assistant. They will reveal strange cures and questionable treatments, including a pretend pig's bladder! Put your knowledge to the test with the kill or cure quiz, grind your own herbal remedy and take part in a craft activity. **No need to book, just drop in. Suggested donation £3 per child.**



ST JOHN'S HAUNTED HOUSE

Family Fossil Hunt

Cross Hands Quarry, near Moreton in the Marsh

Thursday 27th August, 11am – 2pm

Enjoy a day fossil hunting and explore our Jurassic past with expert guidance. You can keep anything you find! Children must be aged 7 and over. All children must be accompanied by an adult. All attendees must pay. **£9 + booking fee. Spaces limited, book in advance.**

Through the Shop Window: Family Trail

Follow this free family trail and discover which shops and businesses used to be in Warwick in the Victorian times. Find out what they sold to Warwick Castle. Complete your trail and get your map stamped at the Warwick Court House. Trail maps can be collected from Market Hall Museum, the Tourist Information Centre and shops around town. Don't forget to see the 'Warwick Castle Unboxed' exhibition at the Market Hall Museum when you pick up a trail map.



Museum Birthday Parties

Book for a Lego, Egyptians or Dinosaur Footprints party at Market Hall Museum. Our party leader will run crafts, games and activities. For ages 5 to 8. Available on Sundays for up to 20 children.

Find out more

HALLOWEEN - St John's Haunted House

29th October - 31st October, 10am - 5.30pm

Join us for spooky fun at St John's House in Warwick. Discover the traditional story of Sleeping Beauty and go on a trail through the woods, into the castle and watch out for the ogress! Make slime, take part in craft activities, potion making and messy play. Tickets: £12 children, £6 adults, 2 and under free. Spaces limited so book in advance.

TO BOOK EVENTS

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice



Tel: 01926 412069, 01926 412501
Market Hall Museum, Warwick, CV34 4SA
St John's House, Warwick CV34 4NF
Email: museum@warwickshire.gov.uk
www.heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk



Warwickshire Museum
[@heritageandculturewarwickshire](https://www.facebook.com/heritageandculturewarwickshire)



What's On

Summer Holidays 2026



Family Fun Activities from
Heritage & Culture Warwickshire



Warwickshire
County Council

St Marks Bilton Church and Overslade Community Centre invite you to...

A FANTASTIC FUN FREE

GAMES
CRAFTS
SONGS

HOLIDAY CLUB

PRIZES

July 20th - 24th

for ages 5-11 years old

MISSION: SEARCHING FOR LIFE

Join us for an exciting journey of
discovery on our space voyage

BIBLE
STORIES

10am-12:30pm each day

Overslade Community Centre, CV22 6AY

Lunch provided daily

(Thursday Family Event 6-7:30pm)

LUNCH



Come early the first day to register (Form on reverse)
For more info 07757 562504 katiethomas@ntlworld.com



Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

The public are ready to get behind the scheme and are keen to take advantage of the discounts available. As trusted pillars of their communities, schools play a vital role in connecting families with important information.

We need you to help spread the word. So please share details of the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme through your newsletters, school apps, and other communications to parents and carers, so that the families in your school community know about the experiences they can enjoy this summer for less.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free child-care, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their post-code and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Businesses can find out more about the VAT reduction by visiting GOV.UK and searching 'Temporary reduced rate of VAT for family attractions'.

Yours sincerely,

RT HON BRIDGET PHILLIPSON MP

Secretary of State for Education

RT HON RACHEL REEVES MP

Chancellor of the Exchequer

OUTDOOR CINEMA NIGHT

THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST | FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN | **TOP GUN**

GATES OPEN 8PM | MOVIE STARTS AT DUSK

A CELEBRATION OF DREAMS, AND THE MAGIC OF BELIEVING.

★ TWO EPIC NIGHTS. ONE UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE. ★

BIG SCREEN OUTDOOR CINEMA | BRING YOUR CHAIRS & BLANKETS | FAMILY & FRIENDS WELCOME | GREAT FOOD ON THE NIGHT

★ **ON SALE NOW** ★

TICKETS £10 PER PERSON

✓ ONE GREAT PRICE FOR EVERYONE
✓ PRE-SALE TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW
✓ DON'T MISS OUT!

★ AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT FROM DGM OINKHAUS ★

FRESH POPCORN	£2
NACHOS WITH HOT CHEESE SAUCE	£4
LOADED NACHOS	£5
LOADED PULLED PORK FRIES	£6
FRIES	£4
MILKSHAKES	FROM £3.00
SLUSHIES	FROM £2.50

OLD LAURENTIAN RFC, LIME TREE AVENUE, RUGBY, CV22 7QT

RB Coaching in the Community (RBITC)

<https://rb-coaching-itc-ltd.classforkids.io/camps>

SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP

THE MIDLANDS | AUGUST 1

CERTIFICATES, MEDALS & TROPHIES TO BE WON!

JULY 20TH - 31ST AUGUST | 9AM - 3PM | LOCATION: UEFA

Onside Coaching

6 Weeks of Activities!
Monday 20th July to Friday 28th August

Summer of Fun!

Football & Active Kids

Fun, active and flexible holiday childcare for ages 5-11

ONLY £20 per day
or save money
5 days for **£85**
Childcare vouchers accepted.

At **Lawrence Sheriff School**
Hours
8.30 to 9am drop off
3.30 to 4pm collection

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LOCATION: LMSD Studios, Market St Lutterworth LE17 4EJ

DANCE SUMMER CAMP

27-31 JULY 2026 **9:30AM-3:30PM**
EARLY DROP OFF AVAILABLE

ALL INSTRUCTORS ARE FULLY QUALIFIED, INSURED, DBS CHECKED, SAFEGUARDING & FIRST AID TRAINED

DANCING, SINGING, ACTING, CRAFTS, GAMES & LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL - SUITABLE FOR AGES 3-12 YEARS

ALL WELCOME **5 DAYS £120** **3 DAYS £75** **SINGLE DAYS £29** **LIMITED SPACES**

TO BOOK VISIT: www.lmsdlutterworth.com/shop

RAINSBROOK VALLEY RAILWAY

2026 SUMMER SEASON PUBLIC RIDE DAYS

- Just 5 minutes from central Rugby
- Free parking
- Friendly cafe & picnic area
- Beautiful scenery
- All ages welcome!

Save the dates!

19th July
16th August
30th August
20th September
11th October
31st October

Book your tickets today

Great for all the family and friends!

Find out more at...
www.rainsbrookvalleyrailway.co.uk

CHILD FRIENDLY WARWICKSHIRE

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

Warwickshire Families First



ROAR! CAMPS
CHEER & TUMBLE
 27TH JULY – 20TH AUGUST
 HARRIS SPORTS CENTRE

BOOK HERE

WHY JOIN?

- EXPERT COACHING
- SKILL-BUILDING, TEAMWORK & CONFIDENCE
- BUILD STRENGTH
- LEARN HOW TO TUMBLE
- LEARN ABOUT ALL THINGS CHEERLEADING
- ARTS & CRAFTS

CHEERLEADING, TUMBLES AND ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 5-12!

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HAF
 HAF SPACES AVAILABLE



August 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

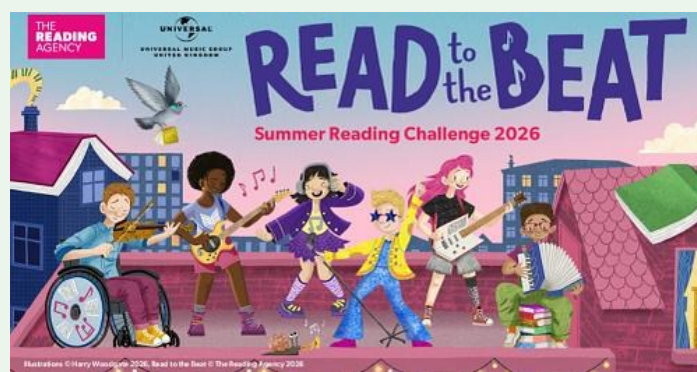
£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	3 Aug 10am
Anxiety Explained	3 Aug 7pm
Facing Defiance	4 Aug 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4 Aug 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	10 Aug 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	10 Aug 7pm
Introduction to OCD	11 Aug 10am
Decreasing Depression	11 Aug 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Aug 10am
Improving Family Communication	17 Aug 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 Aug 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	18 Aug 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	20 Aug 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Aug 10am
Understanding Anger	24 Aug 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 Aug 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25 Aug 7pm

Summer Reading Fun with Warwickshire Libraries!



Looking for free activities to keep your child reading over the summer holidays? Warwickshire Libraries have a fantastic programme of events for children and young people.

Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat

Children can join a music-themed reading adventure, earn rewards and celebrate their reading achievements throughout the summer.

Family Book Bingo

Enjoy shared reading together as a family and complete fun reading challenges alongside the Summer Reading Challenge.

Free Library Activities

Local libraries will be hosting a range of exciting events, including:

- Music workshops
- Digital sound sessions
- Dance activities
- Summer Reading Challenge clubs

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.