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Welcome Back to Week 2!

It is great to see the children are all settling into their routines for the new school year. The children are looking amazingly smart and are remembering to change their shoes. Continuing this theme, we will be reminding all pupils who have shoulder length hair (or longer) to tie it back.

Meet the Teacher

We had a fantastic turnout for the Year 4 meeting on Monday. Thank you to those who were able to come along! The other meeting dates are detailed below. We aim to start the meeting as soon as all the children have arrived and been registered. The Year 4 parents did a magnificent job of waiting patiently and signing in efficiently. We look forward to seeing more of you as the weeks progress.

Year 5 – Thursday 19th September at 9.15

Year 3 – Friday 27th September at 9.15

Individual/Sibling Photo Day

We had a great turn out for our Individual/Sibling photos which took place on Wednesday 11th September. We will be sending out information on how to purchase the photographs at a later date.

Booking School Lunches

We have had quite a few pupils expecting a school lunch this week without having a booking. Although our kitchen team are amazingly accommodating, this causes stress on both them and the child, so please try to book well in advance.

Homework/Home Learning

We are in the process of reviewing our homework/home learning offer. This is following some very useful feedback from last year. As such, we will not be setting homework this half term. This will also afford the children time to settle back into school. Please continue to read with your children at home as normal. Thank you.

Eco Schools Award

We are proud to tell you that we have once again gained an Eco-School's award, with distinction, for the academic year 2023-2024. The credit goes to the whole of the BW community for the support shown towards all our initiatives, with a special mention going to the eco warriors for their hard work last year – congratulations!

Fairtrade Fortnight

The Fairtrade Foundation is a charity that works with farmers and workers in more than 1,900 producer organisations, across 68 countries, so they can improve their living standards, invest in their communities and businesses, and protect our shared environment.

Tring are supporting Fairtrade Fortnight - you may have seen a banner at the top of the High Street, and we thought that as an eco school, we should support it too. On Monday I will be doing an assembly about Fairtrade. I will also be setting the children a challenge - to seek out fairtrade products while they are at the shops, and if any are bought by their family, to bring in the wrapper so that we can add it to a world map showing where the product was produced.

[Here is a link to the Fairtrade Fortnight website](#) if you want to find out any more. Also, [here are some recipes](#) that could be made with your children using Fairtrade products!

Behaviour for Learning Champions!

Congratulations to the following children who were the Behaviour for Learning Champions last week!

3I – Rory O and Phoebe C

3S – Hal W and Eleanor B

4A – Esther H and Eli B

4PS – Ektaa M and Leo C

5DR – Indy R and Felix M



5H – Ellis M and Alfie JP
6C – Callum H and Scarlett D
6M – Luke W and Eli W

Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

Joseph W, Freya S, Arthur B, Arthur J, Charlie E, Elle B, Seb B, Magnus M, Omari AO, Alex D and Wills H.

Other Honours

Pom-Poms – 4PS

Term Dates 2025 – 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Wednesday 3 rd September	INSET Day
Thursday 4 th September	Pupils Return to School
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st October	Half Term
Monday 3 rd November	Pupils Return to School
Friday 28 th November	Occasional Day – School Closed
Friday 19 th December	End of Term – School Closes at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5 th January	Pupils Return to School
Monday 16 th – Friday 19 th February	Half Term
Monday 23 rd February	Pupils Return to School
Friday 27 th March	End of Term – School Closes at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 th April	Pupils Return to School
Monday 4 th May	May Day Holiday – School Closed to Pupils
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Monday 1 st June	Pupils Return to School
Friday 17 th July	End of Term – School Closes at 1.30pm
Monday 20 th – Thursday 23 rd July	INSET Days – School Closed to Pupils

Around School

This week

Year 3 enjoyed their first ukulele lesson of the year! Year 4 have been enjoying learning about the properties of gasses in their science lessons. Year 5 have been writing kennings about their favourite topic – themselves! Year 6 were fortunate to have a visit from Mr Saunders, a vascular sonographer.

Next week

Year 3 are looking forward to making diary entries about the Stone Age. Year 4 will be learning about numbers and basing them on number lines. Year 5 are learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Year 6 are looking forward to their Wise Up Day.

Thank you and best wishes

Mr Stanley