

Welcome

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Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Carers

We've had a great week at Bosworth Academy with so much going on. The Year 11 Prom was an incredible event, with over 90% of the year group celebrating the end of key stage 4. It was a brilliant occasion with students (and staff) enjoying the evening. You'll see from the many photographs how amazing everyone looked and there certainly was some enthusiastic dancing taking place! I'd like to thank Mrs Jones and Mrs Smith who helped organise such an outstanding school event.

On Thursday many of the same students joined our Sixth Form Taster Day at Bosworth Academy, The Oaks. Over 200 young people from across a number of local schools joined us to experience their A-Level courses and get to know more about the Sixth Form experience. We are looking forward to beginning courses in September once students receive their results.



On Tuesday I joined 12 of our students who are Stephen Lawrence Ambassadors, at a conference held at De Montfort University. Hundreds of students from across Leicestershire were celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Stephen Lawrence Research Centre, and to be recognised in their roles as ambassadors. Students were actively engaged in learning about social justice and racial issues, so they are confident to share what they know and have learned with students across our Academy. Our students have certainly become more confident in talking about antiracism, and our aim is to create a culture of upstanders, not bystanders.

Students attending the event shared their thoughts;

Samreet: "The Stephen Lawrence-DMU event was insightful and thought-provoking. We participated in a range of activities including learning the characteristics of being a good leader and writing "postcards to the future" pushing us to think about injustices and how we can correct them when we are older. The highlight of the day was meeting Stephen Lawrence's mother, Baroness Lawrence, and telling her how we are carrying on her son's legacy. Most importantly we learnt the importance of being an upstander not a bystander and being anti-racist isn't ignoring racism but challenging it head on."

Manveer: "I was inspired by my fellow ambassadors about making a change as more can still be done. The activities were a great way to get everyone involved, and put forward any ideas or questions we had. Meeting Baroness Lawrence was a pleasure, it was very influential as I saw a woman who was resilient about getting justice for her son and it highlighted the importance of challenging racial injustice. Throughout the Stephen Lawrence Symposium, I learned how important it is to be an upstander instead of a bystander, because it encourages a change in everyone for the better". Next week we have a number of reward celebrations taking place: Colours Evenings, Assembly celebrations and Rewards Trips. It will be great to see so many students being rewarded for excellent behaviour and character. All rewards as well as behaviour concerns are recorded on our MIS system which does not make automated decisions about consequences, staff make those decisions. Sanctions are then appropriately applied as a result, as per our behaviour policy. This ensures that we can maintain a calm, purposeful learning environment for all students. Student behaviour information is available to explain decisions that are made and these are available through the Arbor or by contacting the school directly.

On Monday we have Sports Day for Years 7 and 8, Work Experience Day for Years 9 and 10, and Enterprise Day for our Sixth Form - you will have already received communications about these events. If you've missed anything then please reach out to your young person's Head of Year.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr Brown, Headteacher



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Year 11 Prom

Last Friday saw our Year 11 students come together and celebrate their time at Bosworth Academy with the 2025 Prom at the King Power Stadium in Leicester.



The students looked amazing in their attire and arrived in style in a range of cars. Once inside, the Year 11s posed for the camera at a dedicated photo booth before tearing up the dance floor. Thank you to all the staff who supported in making the event so special and congratulations to all Year 11s - it has been a pleasure being your Head of Year and we wish you all the best of luck for results day in August. Have a great summer and we'll see you then.

Mrs Jones, Head of Year 11



High School Musical

Our performers across a range of year groups enjoyed a brilliant opening show of High School Musical on Thursday night. Everyone “got their head in the game” and were “all in this together” as the various cliques of East High overcame their differences thanks to Troy and Gabriella. Tickets are still available on iPay for Friday’s performance which starts at 7.30pm in the Main Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.
Mrs Jones and Miss Green



Stephen Lawrence

Our ambassadors recently had the honour of attending the Stephen Lawrence Youth Symposium at De Montfort University, a powerful and thought provoking event dedicated to promoting equality, anti-racism, and youth leadership.



The day brought together students and staff from across Leicester and surrounding areas to reflect on Stephen Lawrence's legacy and explore how we can all play a role in building a fairer society. Our students were deeply moved by the experience, especially having the opportunity to meet Baroness Doreen Lawrence OBE, Stephen's mother. Hussain M said, "It was very nice – it was an honour to meet Stephen Lawrence's mother, Lady Lawrence. It was nice to learn about how to be a good leader because I am going to be a student leader as well."

The event featured a range of talks, interactive workshops, and panel discussions designed to inspire young people to speak up and act against injustice. Paltiel M shared, "The Stephen Lawrence Day motivated and inspired me to talk more about the racism that goes unseen in society. The event was inspiring and interactive, which helped everyone get involved and understand more about his story."

Students also appreciated the chance to hear how other schools are embedding anti-racism into their everyday practice. Jasmin P commented, "Throughout the day, I learned a lot about tackling racism and listened to teachers from different schools on how they're creating anti-racism environments in their schools."

There was also recognition of the practical side of the event. Lexi O noted, "I thought that it was good and there were a variety of different

activities."

Finally, Fatmata J summed up the spirit of the day by saying, "I liked how there were inspiring words and messages and how we got to learn new things."

We are incredibly proud of the way our students engaged with the day, listening, reflecting, and thinking critically about how they can be change makers in their own communities. Stephen Lawrence's legacy continues to inspire a new generation to stand up for justice and equality.

Culture Day 2025

Our recent Culture Day was a vibrant and joyful celebration of the many backgrounds that make up our school community. Throughout the day, students across all year groups wore amazing outfits that proudly represented their cultures, bringing colour, tradition, and diversity to the school. The creativity and pride shown in the clothing choices were inspiring.

The afternoon was especially lively as our Post-16 students took part in culturally inspired activities, including games such as Myths and Legends, Guess the Flag, along with face



painting and henna. Period 5 was spent on the field and was filled with energy and laughter, as students enjoyed a range of music celebrating global sounds.

It was wonderful to see everyone embracing and appreciating different cultures with such enthusiasm and respect.

Culture Day was not only fun but also a reminder of the strength in our diversity – a great day that brought us closer together as a school.



Post 16 Taster Day

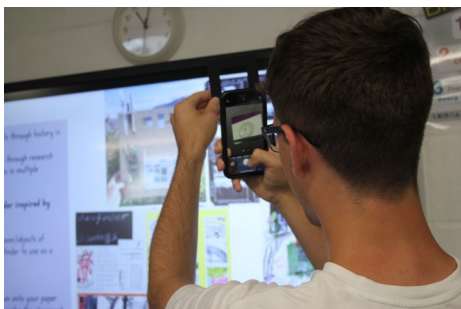
We welcomed current Year 11 students from Bosworth Academy and surrounding schools on Thursday to sample our Post 16 during this year's Taster Day.

The students, who wish to study Post 16 at Bosworth Academy next year, took part in a range of activities across the curriculum. Student ambassadors from our existing Year 12 cohort were able to give personalised tours around the Academy and The Oaks social and study area.

Visitors said how much they enjoyed

the day meeting new people as well as learning more about the subjects they'll be studying at Post 16.

We wish all Year 11 students the best of luck in their GCSE results and look forward to seeing them start Year 12 in September.



Apprenticeship Success

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the outstanding achievement of Sam M, one of our Year 13 A Level Geography students, who has secured a place on a highly competitive and prestigious Apprenticeship with Severn Trent Water.



Sam was selected from an applicant pool of nearly 1,000 candidates – a remarkable achievement that is a testament to his dedication, academic strength, and passion for sustainability. Sam will be joining Severn Trent as a Sustainability Analyst on a Level 4 Apprenticeship, which will last three years and may progress for a further two years to a Level 6 qualification. His role will involve collecting and analysing data on water use, energy consumption, waste, and carbon emissions. He will also help produce sustainability reports designed to drive real action in support of Severn Trent's ambitious Net Zero 2030 targets. In addition to his analytical responsibilities, Sam will be involved in helping to deliver the company's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) objectives – playing a part in projects that aim to benefit both the environment and the communities Severn Trent serves.

Sam's success is a fantastic example of how Geography can lead to impactful, real-world opportunities, and we know he will make the most of this exciting next chapter.

Congratulations, Sam — your Bosworth Academy family is very proud of you!

Mr Blackmore, Head of Geography

The Oaks Sixth Form

Be better than you thought you could be at The Oaks Sixth Form at Bosworth Academy. The opportunities available to you will prepare you to thrive in a complex world.

Choose The Oaks Sixth Form at Bosworth Academy today. See a day in the life of a sixth form student [here](#).

If you still wish to have a personalised guided tour of the Academy please contact the Post 16 team at lbrookes@bosworthacademy.org.uk



GCSE Geography

Over three days, nearly 130 Year 10 students from Bosworth Academy took part in their GCSE



Geography fieldwork investigation in the stunning Peak District National Park. The focus of the study was Burbage Brook, where students explored flood risk by collecting data on river characteristics such as width, depth, velocity, and bedload

size.

Despite hot and showery weather, students remained positive and resilient throughout. Working in groups, they applied fieldwork techniques to investigate how both human and physical factors influence flood risk. The trip offered a valuable opportunity to take learning beyond the classroom and experience geography in action within a real-world landscape.

Outdoor learning like this not only supports academic progress but also builds confidence, independence, and teamwork. A huge thank you to Charlotte Wilson, Steve Hewitt, Jenny Jacobs, Nikki Symmons, and Liam Grest for making the trip possible — and to parents and carers for their continued support.

For those who enjoyed the experience and have a passion for understanding the world around them, we'd strongly encourage considering A Level Geography in the future.

Mr Blackmore, Head of Geography



Stepping Up to Year 9

We would like to invite parents/carers of current Year 8 students to attend our 'Stepping Up' event on Monday 7th July, 6:00 pm until 7:00pm.



The purpose of the evening is to introduce you and your child to the GCSE journey that will commence in Year 9 and provide you with an opportunity to meet the Year 9 team. We will also provide details

about your child's option choices and outline key information about uniform and equipment. If you are able to attend the event please book a space via the Ticket Source link or by scanning the QR code :



<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bosworth-academy/t-ojgpapv>

We look forward to seeing you on the 7th!

Mr Worn, Head of Key Stage Four

Extra Curricular Activities

We now have a wide range of clubs for students to participate in during lunchtimes and after school.

For full details, including timetables, click [here](#).

As a reminder, transport will not be provided for after school clubs.

Mrs Coulson, Lead Practitioner



Sports Day 2025 Update

As we approach Sports Day at Saffron Lane Athletics Stadium on Monday 30th June we wanted to give you some more details about the day and what your child needs to bring.



Students must come to the school in their school PE kit. There will be no need to bring their uniform with them. They will need to check the weather and bring appropriate clothing to keep them warm and/or dry so please bring a waterproof coat and jumper. Please note they will be expected to wear school PE kit and anyone wearing unsuitable clothing will be expected to borrow PE kit from the school. If the weather is hot and sunny please provide your child with sun cream and plenty of water.

Students will be at Saffron Lane for the vast majority of the day and will not be able to purchase lunch in the normal way at the school canteen. Students should make sure they bring enough food and drink with them from home. If your son/daughter is a recipient of FSM please place a lunch order via this link by Monday 23rd June. Some snacks and drinks will be available to purchase at Saffron Lane. Students will need to bring some money to make these purchases. Please also ensure your child brings enough water to last the whole day.

The nature of the day means that students' belongings may be unattended for periods of time. Please ensure all clothing is named and we would encourage students to leave valuables at home.

Parents will be allowed to spectate the event from 10.00am onwards and a separate seating area will be provided for your viewing pleasure. Please note students will be expected to travel to and from Bosworth via the school coaches as we have

tutor interventions planned that all students will need to be part of.

Finally if you have not yet made the £5 parent contribution and would like to do so please make payment via iPAY.

We are really excited about this event and it will offer a unique opportunity for students in KS3. Below you can see the current contributions to the Year 7 and Year 8 goals.

Mrs Hayton, Head of Year 8



Sports Day Sponsorship

Year on year the cost of Sports Day increases so this year, to help fund the event, we are asking companies if they wish to sponsor the event alongside fund-raising activities led by each tutor group as well as asking for contributions from parents.

Please get in touch if you would like to sponsor this event to help with the costs and ensure that we can continue to give our students this experience. Your company's name will be shared on our social media channels and also in our 'In the Loop' newsletter and via communication with parents regarding the event.

These are suggestions and can be discussed or adapted:

£500 - Sponsorship of the Sports Day x1

£250 - Sponsorship of the transport x4 (one per year group)

£100 - Sponsorship of the stand x 4 (one per year group)

£25 - Sponsorship of an event x 20

If interested then please contact Kirsty Hayton (khayton@bosworthacademy.org.uk) to discuss how you can support this.



Sports Day Journalism

As part of the run up to the Key Stage Three Sports Day 2025 students have been writing pieces of journalism to capture the excitement before the big day.

Below are examples of students' work:

Sports Day Journalism - 8RWA Sports Day, 2025

How is 8RWA preparing for this event?

After weeks of hard work and guidance from Mr. Moore and Mr. Wallace, we are making great strides in preparing for sports day. With the deadline for sports day approaching, the excitement is building. Our talented students have been busy crafting posters to inspire our sports enthusiasts to give it their all. The athletes have dedicated their time away from Physical Education to participate in the heats for our tutor group. 8RWA is fully prepared.



Vanshal S - Artistic Amazement

Interview #1 - Ethan H - Main Activity for the day - High Jump

"I'm enthusiastic about jumping, especially when it comes to the high jump. I genuinely believe I have the strongest jump in our group and am confident I can win. I'm excited to represent 8RWA and am eager to showcase my skills."

Interview #2 - Aidan C - Main Activity for the day - 200m

"I chose this activity because I think I am fast, so I can win. I think I can win because of my pace and my physical strength. It's an honour to represent 8RWA. I am doing the 200m to make the tutor group proud and win sports day."

Interview #3 - Thaine R - Main activity for the day - Running

"I chose this activity because I want to run, and I feel like running is good for me. Most excited about watching and possibly participating in the 800m run. I don't think I will win, but I will try to. Sports day is good. I am being motivated by wanting to win."

Sports day is near and the race is getting closer. I am most looking forward to the discus as I did it last year and I really enjoyed it. I am also doing the frisbee passing and shot put which would be really fun. Our tutor group have each donated £5 and made posters to support our tutor on the day. We have also done a sports day quiz as a tutor group.



We have made posters to represent our tutor group. My friend Tobias is excited about the 800m race. Jessica is excited about the relay.



These are some images of us preparing for the sports day and the events.



Arbor Parent App

The Arbor Parent Portal has been specifically designed to improve how parents and school staff communicate.



The school can send and receive information via the Arbor app and portal and Parents can view key information relating to their child, including:

- real-time attendance data
- real-time behaviour information including rewards
- academic progress reports
- timetables
- communication channels

You can install the app on your phone:

[Apple](#) and [Android](#).

For help and guidance, please visit: <https://www.bosworthacademy.org.uk/arbor/>



Tennis Success

Bosworth Academy took part in the KS3 and KS4 HBSSPAN Tennis this week. Our KS4 boys Elijah W and Owen C (who played up a Key Stage) played very well, competing in some very close games and finishing 3rd overall.



Out of six schools Insher V and Alex B had some great wins in the KS3 boys competition. They showed real improvement as a team and Insher was a brilliant coach. They also finished in 3rd place. A huge congratulations to our KS3 girls, Zoe-Michelle A and Fatmata J for becoming overall champions of their competition against seven other teams. They only lost one match the whole day, they were unstoppable! Well done to all that took part, you were fantastic!
Mrs Goodall

Bike Maintenance

HBSSPAN held a Bike Maintenance session for a number of our Year 7, 8, 9 students.

These workshops, funded by CHYMLeics and Leicestershire County Council, gave 47 students the opportunity to learn essential bike maintenance and repair skills from the expert mechanics at B-BUDDIES.

Students aged 11–14 took part, learning how to fix gears, adjust brakes, and carry out basic repairs—getting many of them confidently back on the road.

As well as the workshops, Bosworth Academy have received a Bicycle repair kit, including a track pump, puncture repair kit, tyre levers, Multi-tool and adjustable spanner which will be kept in the school Games office behind reception.

Martin Lynch, HBSSPAN Manager



Sport Leaders Tennis

A group of enthusiastic sports leaders recently lent their time and energy to support a tennis festival held at Hinckley Town Tennis Club. The event was aimed at Year 3/4 Students from local schools with over 60 students in attendance. The sports leaders played a crucial role in the smooth running of the day, assisting with everything from warm-ups to skill stations and encouraging young players. Their positive attitude, teamwork, and leadership skills created a welcoming and energetic atmosphere for all attendees.

Not only did the festival provide a fantastic opportunity for community engagement, but it also gave the sports leaders a chance to put their training into practice and gain valuable experience in event management, coaching, and mentoring. Organisers praised the sports leaders for their professionalism and enthusiasm, noting that their contribution made a real difference to the success of the event. It was a day filled with smiles, rallies, and sportsmanship—highlighting the power of youth leadership in sport. Students who took part were: Joshua W, Charlotte E, Iris W, Jasmeen S, Billy R, Alex W, Fiona P, Connie M, Erin R, Owen C, Daniel F, Daisy G, Rosie G and Hollie W.



Bosworth Academy PE Kit

For PE, students are able to wear a plain black T-shirt as their PE top. We are also going to allow sports T-shirts with small logos. The logo must be discreet. Students may continue to wear their black Bosworth Academy branded polo shirt next year also.



hoodie is optional.

Branded PE kit will still be available to purchase via the school website.

Students must wear black tracksuit bottoms, black mid-thigh length shorts or black leggings. These can also have a small, discreet, logo on them. Students will be permitted to wear a plain black hoodie or one with a small logo. The

PE Footwear

The reason for requiring specialist footwear is due to having a large sum of money invested in our PE facilities and the incorrect footwear can lead to early wear and tear. 'Normal' trainers flatten the surface and reduce the lifespan and 'bladed football boots' give players too much grip on the rubber crumb surface which can lead to ripping the carpet or serious injury to the player wearing the boot.

The footwear will be required at lunch and break should students be wishing to access the Dome or 3G pitch.

These boots can be picked up for £20 from Sports Direct so please do not feel pressure to buy the latest, most expensive boots.

Trainers/'Astro' trainers are needed for indoor lessons.

Boots or trainers can be used on the field.

Miss Hall, Curriculum Lead PE

Recommended Footwear for Synthetic Surfaces					
Footwear Types					
3G Football Turf / Long pile Carpet	✓	✓	◆	✗	✗
	✓ Recommended		◆ Not ideal	✗ Not permitted	

Turn Up and Tuck In!

As we approach the final stretch of the term, we're launching a brand new 3-week attendance challenge. From now until the last day of term, we'll be tracking attendance across all tutor groups. The Top 5 tutor groups with the



best attendance will win an exclusive Period 5 celebration on the final day of term. Think food, fun, and a chance to finish strong together!

The Prizes

- Domino's Pizzas for the whole tutor group
- A whole tray of fresh donuts to share with the tutor group
- A mountain of sweets for everyone to share
- Biscuits and popcorn to snack on
- Party food and fizzy drinks for the group

This is the students' chance to come together as a tutor group, boost their attendance, and earn a delicious reward. Whether you're aiming for the top or just want to help your tutor group win a treat, every day in school counts!

So remember please encourage your child to attend school, and they might just tuck in to something tasty on the last day of term. Let the challenge begin!

Mrs Whitaker, Assistant Headteacher





Year 10 Careers Talks

We were excited to run a special Careers Insight Event for our Year 10 students on Tuesday which gave them the chance to explore future pathways by signing up for sessions focused on different career sectors.



Each session was led by real employers who shared what it's really like to work in their field, what skills and qualities are needed, and what opportunities exist locally, nationally, and even internationally.

The event covered a range of industries that our students have shown interest in, including key areas like Medicine and Healthcare, Creative Industries, and Construction - which made it a great chance to start thinking about what comes next.

Mrs Morar, Careers Coordinator



Upcoming Careers Events

Over the next few weeks we look forward to hosting a number of careers-related events up until the end of the academic year.



Please see below for details:

- Monday 30 June — Year 12 Enterprise Day
- Monday 30 June — KS4 Work Experience
- Wednesday 2 July — Year 7 Guess My Job
- Wednesday 9 July — Year 12 Futures Day

Careers Bulletin

You can now stay up-to-date on Careers news with our Careers Bulletin.

From apprenticeships to careers talks, advice and Post 18 options, you can get the latest on Careers by clicking [here](#).

Careers Team



Stay Safe Webinar

Upcoming Live Safe Workshop for Parents & Carers: Keeping Young People Safe from Knife-Related Harm



We are pleased to share details of the next Live Safe Parents/Carers Workshop, aimed at helping families keep children and young people safe from knife-related harm.

Date: Tuesday 8th July

Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Location: Virtual (via MS Teams)

This free, virtual session is delivered by the Violence Reduction Network and is designed to raise awareness and provide practical strategies for keeping young people safe. Whether you're concerned about your child or simply want to be informed, this workshop offers valuable insight and support.

There will also be a Q&A session, and all participants can choose to remain anonymous. Cameras and microphones are optional; your comfort is the priority.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/lrviolencereductionnetwork/1755769>

Mrs Whitaker, Designated Safeguarding Lead

iPay Update

I'm pleased to advise that we have received the refund data and funds from sQuid.

We have now completed all refunds due.

These should appear on your child(s) iPay account in the History section of your child's account and show as PC Revaluer, Cash.

Please check your child's iPay, the refund should be dated during the half term 26th May 2025 - 30th May 2025

Should there be any issues please email

office@bosworthacademy.org.uk.



SOCIAL PRESCRIBING
CONNECTING INTO YOUR COMMUNITY

Parent/Carer Connect



Learning disability & SEND children and families
social prescribing drop-in support sessions:

**Every Tuesday
10am - 11.30am**

**Hinckley Children and Family Centre
Granville Rd, Hinckley LE10 0PP**

A welcoming space for connection,
peer support & conversation



Bus Transport

All students who require bus transport must reapply for their space including those who received transport in the current academic year.



Reapplications are essential to ensure accurate route planning and seat allocations. This applications also applies for incoming Year 7 students.

As a reminder, the deadline to submit applications is **Friday, 25th July 2025**, and final route and stop details will be confirmed by Friday, 9th August 2025. Routes and stops may be adjusted based on submissions to assign students to their nearest available service and ensure efficient use of transport resources. Applications can be submitted via the Passenger Travel Solutions website below:

[Bus Pass Applications 25 - 26 — Passenger Travel Solutions](#)



Maths Puzzle of the Week

Last week's puzzle: Number Square

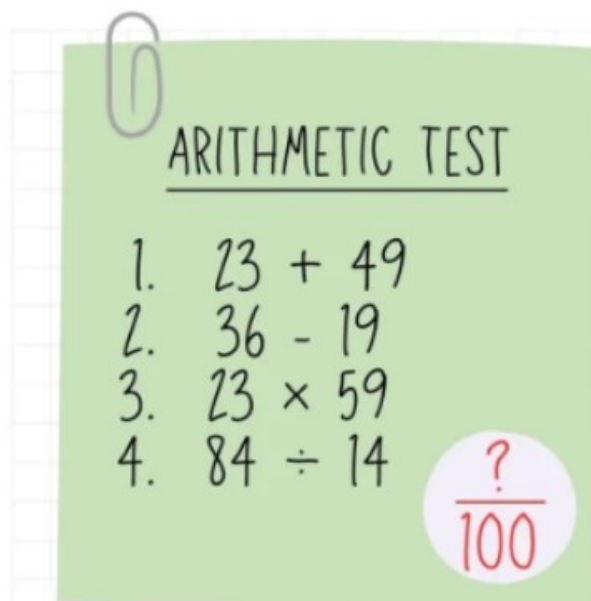
Can you put the numbers 1 to 8 in each of the squares so that each side adds up to the middle number?

7	6	1
3	14	5
4	2	8

This week's puzzle: Arithmetic Test

On four tests, each marked out of 100, my average mark was 85

What is the lowest mark I could have scored on any test?



Free School Meals Support

Students who receive Free School Meals can be supported in a number of ways, which may include a contribution towards the cost of uniforms, equipment and trips.

If you believe that your children may qualify for this support based on your income, you can apply by following these links:

- [Leicester \(City\)](#)
- [Leicestershire \(County\)](#)



Pupil Premium: We now have a dedicated Pupil Premium email address that you can contact for any queries. If you wish to get in touch please email:

pupilpremium@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Pantry: We also have a supply of food in our pantry. Please email pantry@bosworthacademy.org.uk if you would like further details.

If you have further queries about Free School Meals and the support we offer, please contact the school.

Proudly supported by MCKS Charitable Foundation UK

Bosworth Academy School Pantry

We have a great resource at Bosworth Academy to support families in our community. If you ever find your family struggling to get basic cupboard and hygiene products you can access them through our school pantry.

If you would like to arrange a time to collect some items, please do not hesitate to email the link at the bottom of the page.

Items that you may find in the school pantry:

Pasta	Tinned fruit and vegetables	Shampoo & Conditioner
Rice	Soup	Shower gel
Jarred sauces	Sugar, tea and coffee	Sweet treats
Cereals	Tooth brushes	Sanitary products
Crisps	Toothpaste	

pantry@bosworthacademy.org.uk



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like Cyberpunk 2077 and Hitman have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

18 CENSORED

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like Fortnite or Splatoon 4 allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

DoS#1

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, 'The Super Mario Bros. Movie' (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

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New name, new features... same concerns? The Nintendo Switch 2 is the Japanese gaming giant's latest console, and while it boasts impressive updates, it also brings a few new features for parents to be aware of. From the arrival of real-time GameChat and a plug-in camera to an easier path to mature content and in-app spending, there's a lot to consider. The #WakeUpWednesday guide sets out what adults need to know, and how they can keep gaming fun and safe for the children in their care.



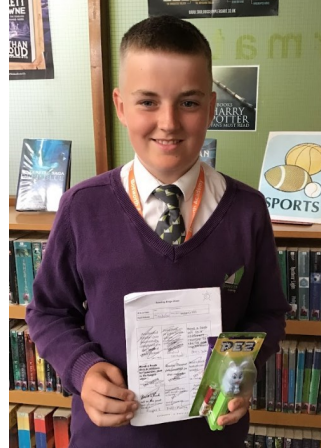


The Compass

Library News

We have another student who managed to read 10 books from our reading challenge for Year 7 students - well done Olivia S.

Another full house on our reading bingo challenge has also been achieved by Alfie B.



Win £1k For School Library

Read for Good® and National Book Tokens have been working in partnership for over a decade, giving children and schools the chance to choose and enjoy wonderful new books.

It's well established that reading for pleasure leads to significantly better outcomes for children – boosting academic performance, enhancing wellbeing, and fostering vital life skills like empathy.

National Book Tokens have launched their annual prize draw – giving five schools the chance to win £1,000 in National Book Tokens to help rebuild their libraries with brilliant new books.

Each of the five winning schools will also receive an additional £300 in cash to help improve their library space and make it fun and welcoming for all.

But that's not all: if your nomination is one of the five selected, you'll win a £100 National Book Tokens gift card to spend in your favourite bookshop!

This competition closes after 31/07/2025 so don't delay and nominate today!.

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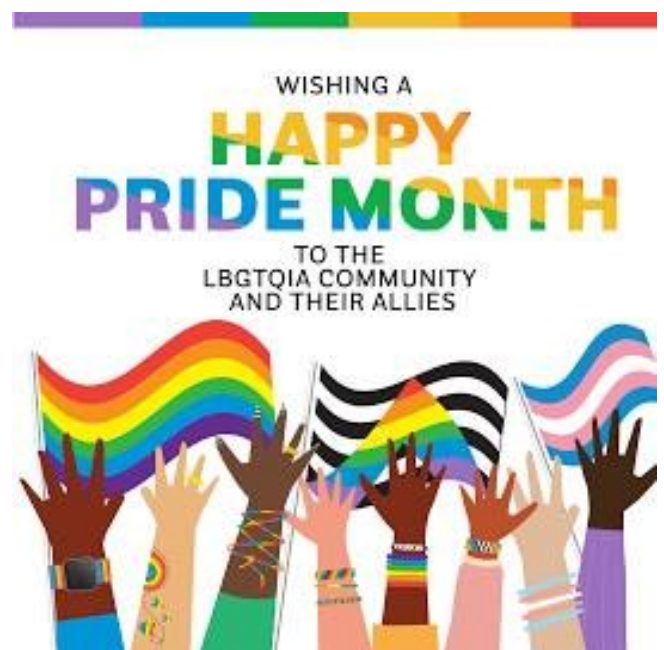
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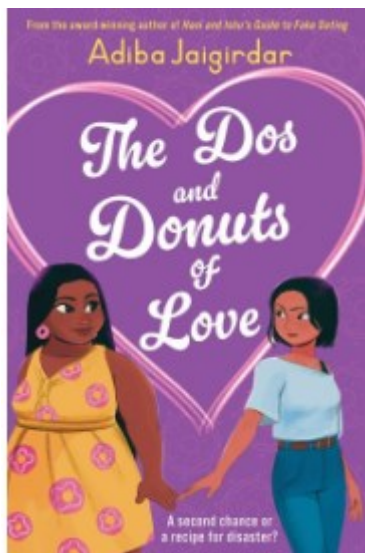
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Book Recommendations



Key Stage Three



An amusing, light-hearted and entertaining Rom-com, with a strong and endearing protagonist. Deals with issues of racism and fat phobia, whilst being based around the GBBO style competition. "Welcome to the first ever Junior Irish Baking Show!" Shireen Malik is still reeling from the breakup with her ex-girlfriend, Chris, when she receives news that she's

been accepted as a contestant on a new televised baking competition show. This is Shireen's dream come true! Because winning will not only mean prize money, but it will also bring some much-needed attention to You Drive Me Glazy, her parents' beloved donut shop.

Things get complicated, though, because Chris is also a contestant on the show. Then there's the very outgoing Niamh, a fellow contestant who is becoming fast friends with Shireen. Things are heating up between them, and not just in the kitchen.

As the competition intensifies, Shireen will have to ignore all these factors and more - including potential sabotage - if she wants a sweet victory!

Key Stage Four



Set in WW1 at the Battle of the Somme, this is a poignant & emotional read following the struggles & identity issues suffered by the main characters. Perfect for those facing insecurities as they try to discover the power of acceptance & self-love. At just nineteen,

Dates For Your Diaries

DATES	EVENT
Friday 27 June	High School Musical 7.30pm start
Monday 30 June	Y7 & 8 Sports Day Saffron Lane Athletics Stadium
Thursday 10 July	Last day of Summer 2025 term
Tuesday 12 August	Y13 Prom 7-11pm The City Rooms Leicester
Thursday 14 August	AS and A-level Results Day
Thursday 21 August	GCSE Results Day
Tuesday 26 August	Start of 2025/26 Academic Year

[Term Dates 2024-25](#)

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Stephen has already survived a year at the front. Now he is returning to the trenches to lead a platoon, despite his wounds. Broken-hearted from the loss of his first love, Stephen wonders what he's fighting for. Then he meets Private Danny McCormick, a smart, talented young recruit. From their first meeting, there's something undeniable between them – something forbidden by both society and the army. Determined to protect Danny, Stephen must face down the prejudices and ignorance of his superiors as well as the onslaught of German shells and sniper fire. As the summer of 1916 ticks down to one big push on the Somme, can Stephen and Danny stay together – and will their love save them – or condemn them?



Lunch Menu

We will now be having the lunch menu on a two-week rotation.

Next week's menu can be found below on the Week Two timetable.

[Week One](#) and [Week Two](#) menus are also available to view by clicking the links.

Ms Ford, Head Cook

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH THIS WEEK?				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork Meatballs in Tomato & Basil Sauce Spaghetti Pasta Corn on the cob / Green Beans Garlic Bread	Cumberland Sausage Seasoned Mashed Potato Baked Beans / Salad	Cheesy Chicken Pasta Broccoli & Carrots Garlic Bread Coleslaw / Salad	Chilli Beef Taco Shell Garlic Baby Potatoes Sweetcorn / Salad	Sausage Roll Herby Diced Potato Baked Beans Coleslaw / Salad
Arrabiatta Chicken White Rice Corn on the cob / Green Beans Garlic Bread	BBQ Pork Loin Seasoned Mashed Potato Baked Beans / Salad	Tomato & Basil Pasta Broccoli & Carrots Garlic Bread Coleslaw / Salad	Chicken Tikka Wrap Garlic Baby Potatoes Sweetcorn / Salad	Chicken Pie Herby Diced Potato Baked Beans Coleslaw / Salad
Vegan Balls in Tomato & Basil Sauce Corn on the cob / Green Beans Garlic Bread	Vegan Sausage Seasoned Mashed Potato Baked Beans / Salad	(2 Choice Menu)	Vegan Chilli White Rice Sweetcorn & Salad	Cheese & Onion Slice or Vegan Sausage Roll Herby Diced Potato Baked Beans Coleslaw / Salad
Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day



Filled Baguettes, Sandwiches, Wraps available Daily
Bosworth Academy Week 2

if you would like information on which foods contain allergens please ask a member of the catering team who will be happy to help

Read All About It!

Want to look up an old article?

Our most recent In the Loop newsletters are available [here](#) for you to access.

Important Contact Details

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