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WELCOME BACK!

It has been great to see all the children again this week after the summer break. We hope all our families have had an enjoyable and restful holiday.

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A MEDICAL NEED WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT? DOES YOUR CHILD NEED TO HAVE MEDICINE IN SCHOOL?

Please make sure that we are aware of any medical needs your child has.

If your child needs to have medication in school, such as an inhaler or an epi-pen, please make sure that you have completed the correct consent form. Please also be aware of when your child's medication will expire and organise a new prescription from your child's doctor in enough time to replace the item before it can no longer be used.

MANY MORE FAMILIES CAN NOW BENEFIT FROM FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Many more Blue Coat Junior pupils are now eligible for a free school meal every day.

If you receive Universal Credit, your child is now entitled to free school meals. A leaflet was emailed to all families previously with more details.

To get this benefit for your child you need to apply online now. Use the link below for more information:

<https://go.walsall.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-meals/free-school-meals#eligibility>

Don't miss out! Apply today!

TERM TIME LEAVE

Please remember that, in line with local and national expectations, the Governors do not allow extended leave during term-time. When booking holidays or travel plans, please make sure bookings fall within the school holiday dates. Thank you.

JUNIOR SCHOOL MEALS BOOKING

Please make sure that you have booked your child's meal by 9.30am each day using the School Food United (SFU) app. Meals can be booked in advance so you can book for one or more weeks in one go. Meals must be booked even if your child receives free school meals.

The cooks can only prepare the meal your child wants if the booking has been made. If your child presents for a meal without a booking, they are offered a baked potato option. To avoid disappointment for your child, please make sure that you have booked in advance.

SCHOOL FOOD UNITED

SWIMMING

Year 4 will be swimming every Friday in the Autumn Term. They will need a swimming costume, a swimming hat and a towel every Friday.



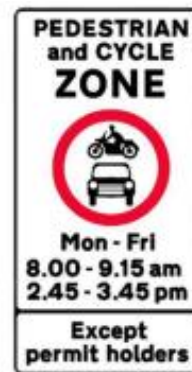
JUNIOR SCHOOL: THE THIN BLUE LINE!

When you are waiting on the Junior playground at the end of the day, please stand with any young children behind the blue line. This allows enough space for each class to gather with their teacher and enables the children to be transferred to you safely.

INFANT SCHOOL - HANCH PLACE – SCHOOL STREET SCHEME

A new School Streets scheme has been introduced at Blue Coat Infants School. This builds on the success of 10 existing School Streets schemes across the borough and is one of three new schemes being introduced for 2026. The scheme restricts vehicle access to Hanch Place (where the Infant School is) during school drop-off and pick-up times, helping to improve safety, reduce congestion and encourage walking, scooting and cycling.

If you drive up Hanch Place during these times, the Council is now able to issue you with a penalty fine.



Signs and enforcement cameras have been installed. The scheme is now operating, initially as an 18 month trial, with opportunities for parents, residents and school staff to provide feedback during the first six months. Further information including how to take part in the consultation will be issued soon.

Thank you for your support in helping to make the journey to and from school safer for everyone. **Now the scheme has started, please remember to plan your journeys accordingly ahead.** This is a Walsall Council initiative with the support of the school. **If you do have any questions or concerns please direct them to trafficmanagement@walsall.gov.uk**

USE THE ARBOR APP FOR COMMUNICATION WITH THE SCHOOL AND ALSO TO BOOK AND PAY FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

In order for you to successfully link the Arbor App on your phone to the Federation and information related to your child, you were sent a log in link to the email we have on file for you (all primary guardians). The email came from Arbor so you may need to check your junk/spam folder to locate it. If you would like the email to be sent again, please contact the school office.

Please download the Arbor App to your mobile device so that you can access Blue Coat Federation communication and services.

We will shortly be taking bookings for extra-curricular clubs and these will need to be made through the App.

SUMMER READING AND WRITING CHALLENGES

We have celebrated the children's participation in the Summer Reading and Writing Challenges this week. It's not too late if your child still has photos, library certificates, completed booklets or Writing challenge entries to bring in. We will continue to celebrate participation in the challenges over the next fortnight.



Blue Coat C E Infant and Junior Schools' Federation Term Dates 2026-27

Autumn term 2026

Training day: Tuesday 1 September 2026

Term starts: Wednesday 2 September 2026

Training day: Friday 23 October 2026

Half Term: Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026

Term ends: Friday 18 December 2026

Spring term 2027

Training day: Monday 4 January 2027

Term starts: Tuesday 5 January 2027

Half Term: Monday 15 February 2027 to Friday 19 February 2027

Term ends: Thursday 25 March 2027

Summer term 2027

Term starts: Monday 12 April 2027

Half Term: Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027

Training day: Monday 7 June 2027

Training day: Friday 9 July 2027

Term ends: Wednesday 21 July 2027

Training Days

Tuesday 1 September 2026

Friday 23 October 2026

Monday 4 January 2027

Monday 7 June 2027

Friday 9 July 2027

New to JAG? Register & Book Now!

Create your account online in minutes to book **Wraparound Care** and **Holiday HQ**, unlock flexible payment options, and enjoy exclusive offers. **Let the adventure begin!**



Wraparound Care at your school

RISE THEN SHINE **STAY AND PLAY**



Payment Options

- Tax-Free Childcare: Save 20% with HMRC top-ups
- Payment Plans: Spread the cost monthly
- £1 Deposit Plan: Secure future bookings



Sibling Discount:

10% off Holiday HQ, 5% off Wraparound Care

Key Links

Find your local JAG school or venue:

<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/find-us>

Register Online:

[junioradventuresgroup.co.uk](https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk)

Contact Us:

hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk



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and register
today



JAG (Junior Adventures Group) operate our Before and After School Club in the Junior School canteen every school day for Blue Infant and Junior children.

www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk for more details.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER VISITS

The photographer will visit on the following dates:

Junior School: Thursday 17th September

Infant School: Friday 18th September

On each of these days parents/carers can bring older and younger siblings for family photographs from 8am. Parents/carers will need to stay and supervise their children until normal school opening times.

