



# Banwell Primary School Newsletter

## TERM 1 2024



### A message from Mrs Pocock

What a busy term it has been!

The children have adjusted really well to their new classes and have returned to school looking very smart in their uniforms. Thank you for your support with this. The first term of the year is always a long one so we know that the children (and staff!) are all ready for a well earned break next week.

We have enjoyed welcoming the NSPCC to school on Tuesday. They have carried out workshops from their Speak Out Stay Safe workshops with some year groups and we are very grateful to the volunteers who give up their time to do this.

Please can I take this opportunity to encourage all families to download the ESchools app. We have discovered that some of our school emails have been going into junk folders. If you have the app it will mean that you will be alerted when we send something out. Please let us know if you are having any issues with this.

We are currently looking for a 15 hour a week Learning Support Assistant in school. If you know of anyone who could be interested, please send them our way!

As the nights become darker please remind your children about the importance of keeping themselves safe if out and about. This is especially important when children may be venturing out for Hallowe'en activities.

Finally, I hope all families get to spend some time together next week. We look forward to seeing everyone back for the start of our Christmas term on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.



### Save the date!

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

### TERM 2

Start Date—Monday 4th Nov

21st Nov—Flu Vaccines

6th Dec—Individual Photos

10th Dec—Rec & KS1 Nativity to parents 2pm

11th Dec—Rec & KS1 Nativity to parents 9.30am

13th Dec—KS2 Carol Service—KS2 parents invited

16th Dec—Rec & KS1 Christmas Party

17th Dec—KS2 Christmas Party

18th Dec—Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

19th Dec—Outstanding Certificates Assembly 9.15am

### TERM 3

11th Feb—Parents Evening 4pm-6.30pm

12th Feb—Parents Evening 3.30pm—5.30pm

### TERM 4

4th April—Outstanding Certificates Assembly 9.15am

### HARVEST ASSEMBLY



A big thank you for the generous donations that came in for the harvest assembly on Wednesday. The assembly was lead by Caz from New Creation Churches and all the donations have been given to Weston Food Bank. Thank You!



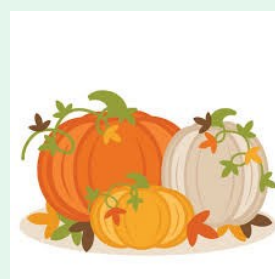
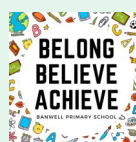
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The next Coffee & Catch Up with Mrs Parker will be on

Tuesday 12th November after drop off in the sports hall community room.

Don't forget to keep a note of the important dates listed here. Further details on the events to follow next term via emails, Facebook, school website and on the weekly roundup!



**Class Rota**

Week commencing

4th November - Sea Lion Class  
 11th November - Dolphin Class  
 18th November - Starfish Class  
 25th November - Penguin Class  
 2nd December - Shark Class

Bubble & Squeak would love any of your left over uncooked veg.

If you have any spare they really enjoy eating

Lettuce - butterhead, red leaf or little gem

Courgette      Bell peppers  
 Carrot tops      Green beans  
 Cauliflower leaves & stalks  
 spinach

### POPPY APPEAL

Poppies will be available to buy from the school after half term. Some of our Y6's will be out on the playground at the start of the day with the box of poppies, festival bands, snap bands, reflectors and stickers from the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Suggested donation for these items is £1.



Many thanks for your support.

**15th Nov - Children in Need—wear something spotty**

**21st Nov—Flu Vaccines**

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**19th Dec—Awards Assembly at 9.15am**

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## ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

### TERM 5

7th May—Y5 & Y6 Lifeskills Trip

12th-15th May—KS2 SATs

21st-23rd May—Y6 Camp

### TERM 6

6th June—Sports Day 9.15am

1st July—Class Photos

9th July—Y6 Production to school & parents 1.30pm

10th July—Y6 Production to parents 6pm

17th July—Outstanding Certificates Assembly 9.15am

18th July—Leavers Assembly 9.15am

### Bubble & Squeak

Bubble & Squeak are the school guinea pigs who live in the grassed area that is fenced off near the sports hall. They have a very nice guinea pig house that they live in and also have space on the grass where they can run about.

To help us achieve their 5 a day we would like to ask children to bring in any uncooked vegetables from dinner time (if there are any spare) . So that we don't end up with lots of waste, we are asking classes to only bring in veg on the week that their class is allocated. There will be a plastic box left by the sports hall for any kind donations. Thank you

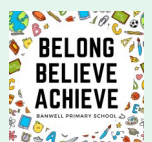
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## Opening Worlds

From September 2023, classes in the final term of Year 2 and in Key Stage 2 have adopted the Opening Worlds curriculum. This is a scheme originating in the London Borough of Haringey that uses knowledge rich texts and high quality storytelling to embed learning. The scheme cleverly weaves together teaching across History, Geography and RE to build knowledge and ensures considerable frequent recall and application of new learning.

The material is organised so that pupils use earlier material to access to later material. This means that pupils start to see how everything connects within a subject.

The children in Key Stage 2 are currently studying the following topics:

The Roman Republic - History

The Rhine and the Mediterranean - Geography

Christianity 1 - The Family of Jesus - RE

For more information please see your child's class page on the school [website](#).



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## Communication!!

We are keen to ensure that you receive all the important we need to share with you. This will normally be done via email.

It has come to our attention that some of our emails are landing in **SPAM/JUNK** inboxes. We believe we may have fixed this issue but please do **CHECK** your **SPAM /JUNK** emails.

## [ParentPay](#)

As we have now arrived at half term, please could you check that your ParentPay accounts are up to date.

Breakfast Club from 7.45am & Afternoon Session 3.20pm to 4.20pm ~ £5.00

After School Sessions 4.20pm to 6pm ~ £10.50



**We hope you all have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4th November.**



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For those of you who do not know, Friends of Banwell School are our school PTA. They organise wonderful events and activities in order to raise much needed funds for Banwell Primary School. In past years they have helped with the cost of the trim trail and the climbing wall for example.

They also help to fund book bags and books for reception children among other things that the children would not benefit from without the fabulous work of the PTA.

Banwell Primary School would like to say a huge thank you to the new parents who have joined the group.

The Committee Members

**Chair**—Alice Geleit Urch **Vice Chair**—Leanne Sherlock

**Secretary**—Laura Baron **Treasurer** - Nic Ripley

A full list of PTA events is attached at the end of the newsletter, please do take a look.



## INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate ££s to schools.



Thank you to those that have already opted in, the school cashpot amount currently stands at £169.

It's easy and does not effect the rewards you earn for your personal cashpot. Click [here](#) for more information and download the app today.

Cashpot for schools is only available for a limited time so please opt in today.

The PTA are planning on a bake sale in the early part of next term alongside a seconds Christmas jumper sale. We would really appreciate any donations of Christmas jumpers that your children may have outgrown. Adult jumpers also welcome.

Collection box can be found in the main entrance lobby.



If you have any question about fundraising or events, or if you would like to get involved with the PTA, please contact them at: [friendsofbanwell@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbanwell@gmail.com)

This year the PTA are taking part in the Christmas Art Project, to raise money for the school. The children have already completed their artwork which they will bring home in the next couple of days, along with a leaflet explaining how to make an order.

There are a variety of different items available from cards to wrapping paper to tote bags and mugs.

The last day for ordering is Wednesday 6th November.

Any orders received after this date will have additional postage charges and we not receive any fundraising for these late orders.

Orders will arrive back to school by the end of November in plenty of time to send out for Christmas.

## CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Turn your child's creativity into personalised gifts that everyone will love!

### HOW TO ORDER:

1. Visit [apforders.co.uk](http://apforders.co.uk) or scan the QR code below.
2. Enter the unique artwork code on the back of your child's artwork under the QR code.
3. Place your order and get your unique gifts delivered to school.

Please note: Pencil drawings often don't reproduce well when printed. We are unable to enhance the quality so reprints or refunds cannot be offered. Please make sure you order before the deadline allowed by your organiser to guarantee delivery.

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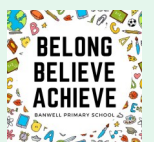
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# PTA Events

Bake Sale & Christmas Jumper Sale - Monday  
11th November After School

Christmas Crafts Event 4th December After  
School

Quiz Night - Friday 13th December 7-7:30pm  
Start

Disco - Tuesday 17th December 4:20pm -5:50pm



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SCAN FOR INFO



### Step 1

Visit [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org) to  
sign up for free and link to  
your child's school



### Step 2

Register your credit/debit  
card to your account



### Step 3

Spend at  
participating retailers



### Step 4

Start receiving  
your eGift Cards!



***Christmas***

***Extravaganza!***

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
in the School Hall from 3:30pm**

Christmas Bake Sale

Live music

Teas and coffees by the PTA

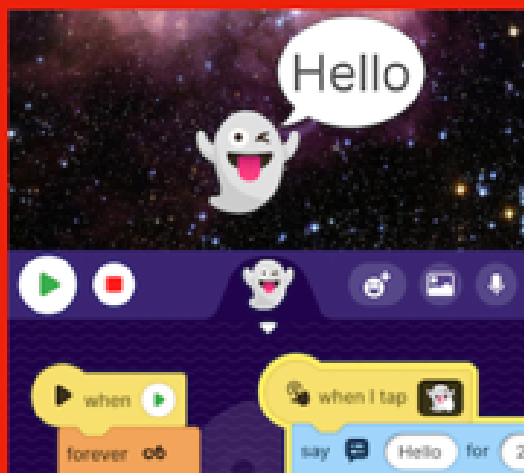
Christmas Carols

Christmas Jumper Sale



# CODING WORKSHOP

Inspiring the next generation of coders and makers



For more information and to register:  
<https://codingbug.co.uk/create-mobile-games/>

## Create Mobile Games

An interactive workshop for aspiring game designers. Learn how to use the capabilities of your smartphone or tablet to make fun games and stories.

Suitable for children in primary school (age 7+)

## WHERE

Yatton Library  
BS49 4HJ

## WHEN

Thursday 31st October 2024  
From 10am - 12:30pm

[codingbug.co.uk](https://codingbug.co.uk)

Email: [info@codingbug.co.uk](mailto:info@codingbug.co.uk) or call 07909226520



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Entry £1



# BANWELL YOUTH CLUB

TUESDAYS 6:30-8:30PM (TERM TIME) AGES 10-18

New members ALWAYS WELCOME! 🐼

🍪 £1 per person

[#BanwellYouthClub](https://www.instagram.com/BanwellYouthClub)



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# Banwell School

## ADMISSION 2025

### Open Days

11th November at 1:30pm  
19th November at 5:30pm  
20th November at 9:15am

To book a place please Phone or Email  
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Email. [office@banwell.extendlearning.org](mailto:office@banwell.extendlearning.org)





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Students are  
taught lessons  
in drama,  
singing and  
dance by fully  
qualified and  
experienced  
enhanced DBS  
checked  
teachers.



### What we do:

- ☆ Roleplay
- ☆ Drama games
- ☆ Improvisation
- ☆ Scripted work
- ☆ Characterisation
- ☆ A range of dance styles
- ☆ Mime and movement
- ☆ Singing
- ☆ Voice production



### At WYT students will:

- ☆ Develop confidence
- ☆ Work as a team
- ☆ Learn performance skills
- ☆ Develop communication skills
- ☆ Take part in full-scale productions
- ☆ Enter LAMDA exams in acting and verse and prose
- ☆ Have fun
- ☆ Make life-long friends

