



BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have a wonderful summer! We are looking forward to welcoming all our children back to school on Thursday 4th September for another new and exciting academic year! I am absolutely delighted to be joining the Banwell family and I am very much looking forward to getting to know your children over the next few weeks! Our first communication home is quite a lengthy one – there is lots to share and update you on so do make yourself a cup of tea and enjoy (hopefully!)

We have had a very busy summer holiday with some significant improvements to our site and provision which we are looking forward to sharing with you all. We are thrilled with our new resources for both our Sunflower (Reception/Year 1) and Buttercup (Year 1/Year 2) classes. We will be launching a new Year 1 curriculum this year and this significant investment of resources will make a huge difference to our provision. In addition to this, all classrooms have been resourced with a 'calm corner' and 'class reading area'. These are looking beautiful and we can't wait to introduce these to the children on Thursday. A huge thank you to our PFTA for their support of this project. The library has also had a makeover and tidy and we have created two new sensory circuit areas dedicated to developing a sensory provision.

You are all warmly invited to visit your child's new classroom as well as these new areas on **Tuesday 9th September 2025 3.15-4.15pm. This will be open to parents/carers from Reception to Year 6.**

A very warm welcome to all our new families especially those in Reception who are joining us, we hope that you soon feel settled and part of the family! We also extend a warm welcome to Miss Rosy Wyatt, Miss Rebecca Shield and Mrs Amy Jones, who are joining our Banwell staff team this week.

A reminder that Mrs Jones, our SENCO, working day will be a Tuesday. However, during Term 1, Mrs Jones will also be working on a Monday. **On Tuesday 9th September, you are warmly invited to join us in the school hall from 2.15pm to meet Mrs Jones.** However, if you have any questions and concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to us or email Mrs Jones at sendco@banwell.extendlearning.org



On Thursday 4th September, staff will be ready to greet your children and guide them to their new classrooms. **Registration will open at 8.50am and close at 9am** to ensure that the school day starts promptly and there is no lost learning time. Lessons start promptly at 8.50am so it is really important that child arrive in good time to start the day positively!

Mrs Evans and myself will be on the gates ready to welcome you into school – please come and say hello!

Key dates for Term 1

It is a busy start the academic year and there are some key dates for your diary. More details regarding each event will follow.

Date	Event
2 nd and 3 rd September	INSET days
4 th September	Children return to school
9 th September	Open afternoon from 3.15-4.15pm for all year groups
9 th September	SEND coffee afternoon with new SENDCO at 2.30pm
13 th September	POND WORKING BEE
19 th September	Swimming starts for Year 6
24 th September	Year 1 trip to Uphill boat yard
25 th September	Banwell Reception tour @9.30-10.30am
26 th September	Banwell Reception tour @9.30am-10.30am PTA Family BINGO 6-8pm
1 st October	Banwell Reception tour @9.30am-10.30am
2 nd October	Banwell Reception tour @9.30am-10.30am PTA AGM (after school)
3 rd October	PTA Drinks Social at The Brewers
6 th -11 th October	Harvest Festival assembly including Scarecrow trail on Thursday 9 th October 2025 at 3.15pm-4.15pm
6 th October	PTA Harvest Bake Sale

7 th October	Banwell Reception tour @9.30am-10.30am
17 th October	PTA Tuck Shop (after school)
21 nd and 22 nd October	Parents/Carers consultations
22 nd October	Reception 2025 parents/carers Phonics Workshop
23 rd October	LAST day of term 1 PTA Halloween Disco (straight after school)
24 th October	INSET day
27 th -1 st November	HALF TERM
3 rd November	INSET day
4 th November	Children Return to School

Class family names

Here is a roundup of all our class families for the year ahead:

Reception/ Year 1(Mrs Bevan)	Sunflower
Year 1/ Year 2 (Miss Dockerty)	Buttercup
Year 3/ Year 4 (Miss Wyatt)	Bluebell
Year 4/ Year 5 (Miss Shield)	Tulip
Year 6 (Mr Farmer)	Foxglove



PE

Mrs Evans and Mr Farmer has been working hard to develop further our PE and Sport's provision for year ahead. We will continue to have opportunities to play in tournaments against other ELAN schools or make use of the sports facilities at SIDCOT with Mr Lee Molland. In addition to this, we will be introducing Gym Club to our wider PE provision with a special launch day happening in later this term. We have also sourced some additional afterschool Sporting opportunities based on the feedback from our parent/carer survey. Further details on these exciting opportunities are coming soon!

All children will have two PE sessions per week in KS2. Children will continue to come to school wearing their full PE kit on days where their year group PE has been timetabled below. It is important the children are wearing the full PE kit so that they are comfortable and able to participate fully in their lesson.

PE kit is:

- dark (black, navy blue or grey) joggers or shorts
- plain white t-shirt
- school jumper or cardigan or dark black, navy blue or grey hoodie or zip up.
- trainers or daps
- **no football strips or brightly coloured gym clothes including very short shorts**



PE session	
PE starts Monday 8 th September 2025	
Monday	Sunflower (Reception/Year 1) Buttercup (Year 1/ Year 2)
Tuesday	Bluebell (Year 3 and Year 4) Foxglove (Year 6)
Wednesday	Tulip (Year 4/Year 5)
Thursday	Bluebell (Year 3 and Year 4) Tulip (Year 4 and Year 5)
Friday	Foxglove (Year 6) Swimming starts Friday 19 th September 2025

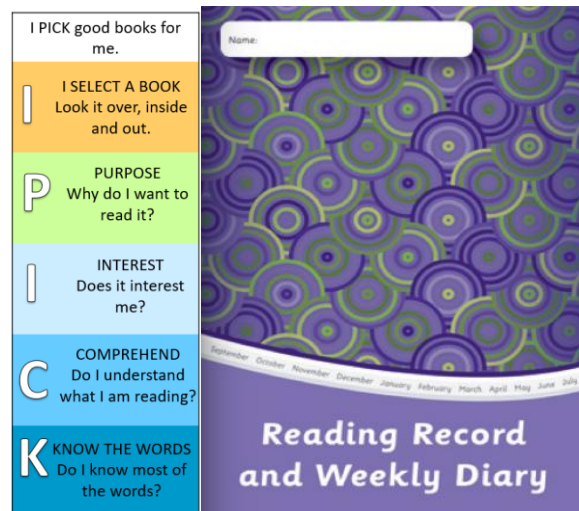
Reading

During the first week back all children will receive a new reading record and book. We are absolutely committed to ensuring that all our children love to read! In **Sunflower and Bluebell**, children have will have a decodable reading book that is matched to their phonic level. For Year 1 and Year 2, new books will go home by **Friday 12th September 2025**. In **KS2**, once children are fluent readers, we use the *IPICK system*. Children will be supported to pick a book of their choice but will be encouraged to explore different genres and authors by the year group team.

In **Bluebell and Tulip classes** please can all reading books and records be in school on a **Thursday** as part of the weekly reading check in.

In **Foxglove class**, children will use padlets to share their individual reading with their class teacher and peers. Mrs Evans will share more details with Year 6 parents/carers during the first week back.

Across all year groups, children will have daily guided reading sessions and a weekly library slot in the beautiful Banwell library. More details will be coming out about how we will be using the library in the coming weeks.



We will be encouraging all children to read at least 5x a week to earn merit and improve their reading fluency, stamina and enjoyment!

Over the next few weeks we will be sharing further updates about teaching and learning! **On Friday, you will receive your child's curriculum map outlining their learning for the term ahead.** A reminder that our website is an excellent source of curriculum information however, please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions!

School Meals – ELAN catering

A reminder that this September sees the launch of our new in-house school catering! We will be School Grid for ordering and payment of school meals from September 2025. Please remember that you need to activate your **SCHOOL GRID ACCOUNT** for both ordering and payments. From today (2nd September 2025), this is now available for you to use.

Here is a copy of our new menu which will be available from **Thursday 4th September 2025.**



AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

- Jacket potato with cheese, beans or tuna
- Sandwich with cheese, ham or tuna
- Fresh bread
- Raw veggie sticks
- Yoghurt
- Fresh fruit



ALLERGY INFORMATION

All of our food allergen information is stored in and available on SchoolGrid. Please access the app to view suitable options for your child. Please check carefully upon ordering.



SCHOOL MEALS MENU



	WEEK 1 Weeks starting 1 Sept, 22 Sept, 13 Oct '25	WEEK 2 Weeks starting 8 Sept, 29 Sept, 20 Oct '25	WEEK 3 Weeks starting 15 Sept, 6 Oct, 27 Oct '25
MONDAY	Chicken & sweetcorn pitta pizza OR Cheese & tomato pitta pizza (V) Pasta Salad Vanilla ice cream	Toad in the hole OR Quorn in the hole (V) Thyme roasted new potatoes. Baked beans School cake	Sweet, sticky honey & soy chicken OR Quorn chicken, veg & edamame stir fry (V) Wholegrain vegetable rice Orange drizzle cake
TUESDAY	Lincolnshire sausages & mashed potato OR Quorn sausages & mashed potato (V) Green beans. Gravy Apricot & raisin flapjack	Chicken masala curry OR Quorn chicken masala curry (V) Turmeric rice. Naan bread. Green beans Wibble orange fruit jelly	Macaroni cheese OR Cheese & tomato pitta pizza (V) Potato wedges. Broccoli Wibble forest fruit jelly
WEDNESDAY	Chilli con carne OR Mixed beans & vegetable chilli (V) Wholegrain rice Wibble strawberry jelly	Spaghetti bolognese OR Spaghetti Quorn bolognese (V) Garlic bread Lemon cookie	Chicken & ham pie OR Cheese & potato pie Mashed potato. Baby carrots. Cabbage Fruit salad
THURSDAY	Roast chicken with stuffing OR Roast Quorn with stuffing (V) Roast potatoes. Roast carrots. Peas. Gravy Apple crumble & custard	Roast pork OR Parsnip & apple pastry roll (V) Roast potatoes. Broccoli. Gravy Blackberry & apple crumble cake	Gammon with Yorkshire pudding OR Cauliflower & broccoli cheese (V) Roast potatoes. Seasonal green vegetables Peach crumble custard
FRIDAY	Fish fingers OR Vegetable fingers (V) Chips. Baked beans Chocolate chip cookie	Battered fish fillet OR Cheesy beans wrap (V) Chips. Peas Chocolate beet brownie	Chicken goujons (OR) Quorn nuggets Chips. Baked beans Brookie



Communication

We are paperless school and use PARENTPAY to send all our communications and for booking Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club. We are a cashless school and so all payments for this extended provision or contributions for other school events via ParentPay only. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with our admin if you are not receiving regular updates or need any support with getting this set up. On some occasions, emails will go to 'junk' folders so please do check! We do have some paper copies of key information and our fortnightly newsletter available from the school office if you would prefer this.

Please do get in touch with any questions or concerns, your feedback is very important to us. You can either contact us directly via school office or via email office@banwell.extendlearning.org. A reminder to 'like' and follow our school Facebook page. We will be sharing updates and reminders on this platform throughout the week.

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

Kindest regards,

Mrs Roxanne Simpson

Executive Headteacher



Meet our new Sendco Mrs Jones

Join us for a coffee and chat...
Tuesday 9th September @2.15pm in
school hall



Starting school in September 2026?

Join the Banwell Primary School family - where nurture and nature grow together

SCHOOL TOURS 2025

- 25 September 9.30am
- 26 September 1.30 pm
- 1 October 9.30 am
- 2 October 1.30pm
- 7 October evening tour 6.00pm



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