



Bushbury Lane Academy Newsletter



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A message from Mrs Sleigh

Welcome back to Autumn 2! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. As we move into this half term, we are excited to share some of the wonderful activities and learning experiences planned for the coming weeks.



This term, we are embracing the festive spirit and community involvement. We are delighted to invite you to join us for first ever Christmas Fayre, a joyful event where families can come together to celebrate the season with games and stalls. We are also looking forward to our traditional nativities and carol concerts, which showcase the incredible talent and hard work of our children. Your presence makes these occasions even more special, and we can't wait to see you there.

Beyond the festive events, we have some enriching educational trips planned that will spark curiosity and broaden horizons. These outings are designed to complement the curriculum and give children hands-on learning experiences that they will remember for years to come.

Our commitment to fostering a love of physical activity continues with upcoming sports competitions. We are proud of the enthusiasm and sportsmanship that the children have showed in competitions so far, and we continue to look forward to seeing them represent our school with pride.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. It's the partnership between home and school that truly enriches our children's educational journey. Wishing you a wonderful and festive term ahead.

Kindest regards, Mrs Sleigh

A message from Miss Walters

This half term, we are excited to further develop our School Parliament, Eco-council and play leader roles, empowering our children to take on more leadership and responsibility within the school community. Additionally, I am looking forward to seeing the excitement build as children dive into their new class texts, which promise to ignite a passion for reading and learning.

Recently, I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 6 on an inspiring trip to Liverpool to visit the Slavery Museum, which tied in beautifully with their History project, 'MAAFA.' It was a powerful experience that enriched their understanding and sparked meaningful discussions and they represented our school so beautifully out in the community.

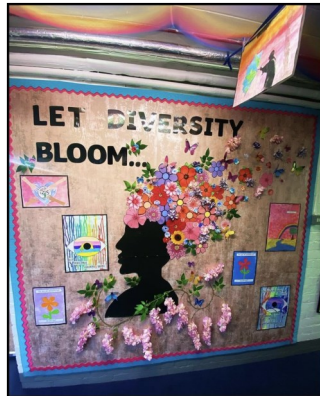
I am confident that this half term will be another successful one for us at Bushbury Lane Academy, filled with meaningful learning and enriching experiences.



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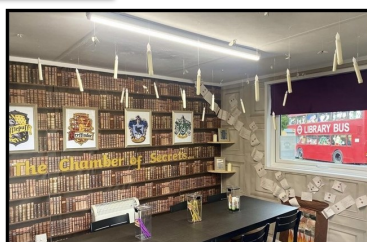
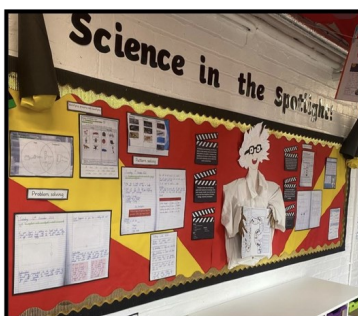
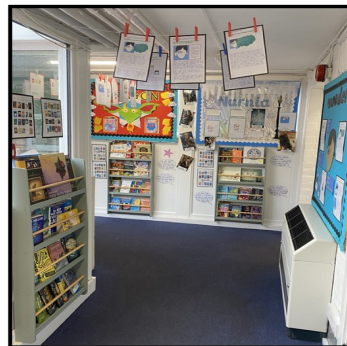
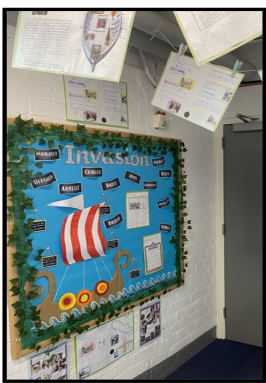


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Our Learning Environments

Our classrooms and corridors truly reflect the rich, vibrant curriculum we offer. We take every opportunity to showcase the children's work, celebrating their creativity and achievements. It is heartwarming to see their faces light up with a sense of pride when they spot their own work on display, knowing their efforts are valued and appreciated. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff team for consistently ensuring that our learning environments are both purposeful and welcoming to our school community. Your hard work and commitment make our school a warm, inspiring place for everyone.



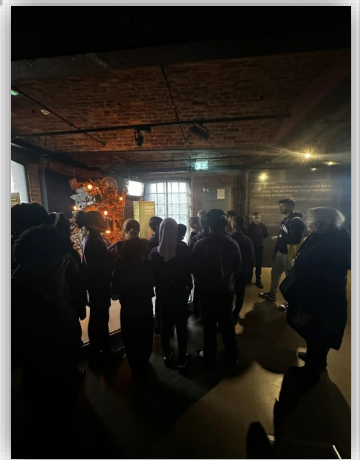


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Year 6 trip to Liverpool...



Year 6 recently enjoyed an educational and memorable trip to the Liverpool Slavery Museum. The day began with a walk through the city of Liverpool, where the children had the chance to see some notable sights and spend time at the historic docks. They participated in an engaging Bee Experience workshop, which added an interactive element to their visit. At the Slavery Museum, they deepened their understanding of history and gained valuable insights into the subject. Despite it being a long day, the children had a wonderful time, returning with new knowledge and lasting memories.





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Introducing our School Captains...



A message from Teijan (Year 6)

Hi everyone my name is Teijan and I am a student in Year 6. I like to play games especially team games like football – this is a sport that I play outside of school for a club! I really like school and my favourite subjects in particular are reading and PE! I was really happy when I found out that I was voted School Captain – it is something that I am really proud of and I will do my best to make sure that all of the children in our school feel safe and will work with my other captains to keep improving Bushbury Lane Academy.

A message from Selma (Year 6)

Hello, my name is Selma and I am also a student in Year 6. My favourite hobbies are art and drawing and my favourite subject is Geography because I like learning about our Earth and how to keep it safe! I think it is really important for children to speak out if something is upsetting or bothering them and I want to be someone that children can look up to and confide in. I promise I will work tirelessly to keep our school enjoyable and inspiring!

A message from Aymaan (Year 6)

Greetings children and parents, my name is Aymaan! I wanted to become a School Captain so that I could help lead this school to its highest and because I knew I could be an excellent role model. I didn't expect to be voted as School Captain so when my name was read out in Assembly, I felt so proud. In my spare time, I enjoy playing football and chess! I feel like I can help this school by listening to everyone's opinion and through making improvements to ensure that this school is the best it can be! I am trustworthy, intelligent and sporty and I think I can bring a lot to this role.



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Our Young Leaders



Our School Parliament members play an important role in representing the voices and ideas of their peers within the school community. As part of the school parliament, members participate in regular meetings to discuss school initiatives, share feedback, and contribute to decision-making processes. They work collaboratively with staff and students to bring forward suggestions that improve school life, promote inclusivity, and foster a strong sense of community.



Our Eco council members play a vital role in promoting environmental awareness and sustainable practices within our school community. These children have been selected for their enthusiasm for protecting the environment and commitment to making a difference. As part of the eco council, members meet regularly to discuss and plan eco-friendly projects, share ideas and lead initiatives that encourage sustainability, such as recycling programs, energy-saving campaigns and creating green spaces.



Safeguarding squad members hold an essential role in ensuring that the school remains a safe and supportive environment for everyone. These children have been chosen for their empathy, trustworthiness and dedication to promoting wellbeing within the school community. As part of the safeguarding squad, members work closely with staff to raise awareness about safety, wellbeing and anti-bullying initiatives.



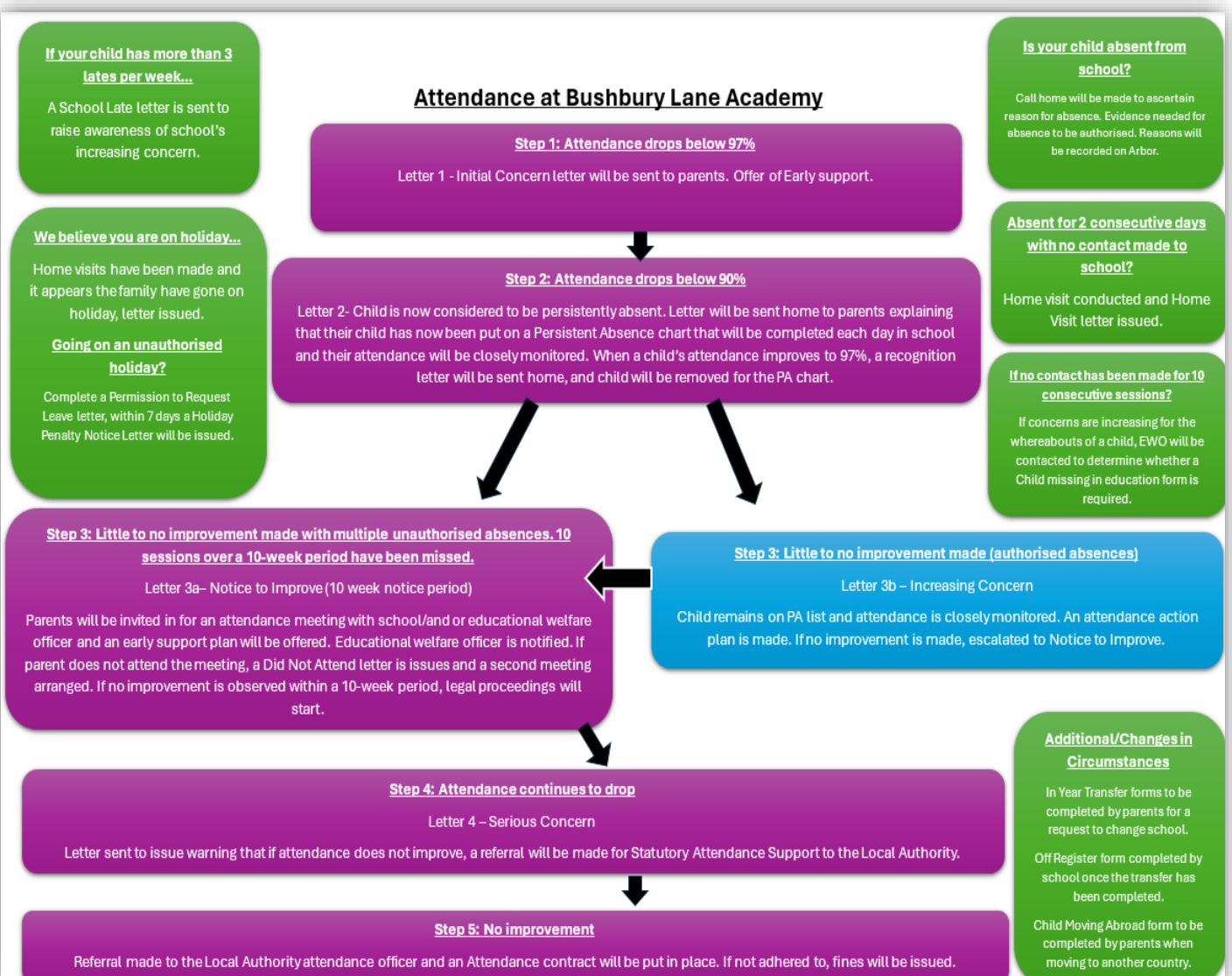
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Attendance

At Bushbury Lane Academy, we understand the critical role that regular attendance plays in your child's education. Consistent attendance ensures that children receive the full range of learning opportunities, build important social skills, and make steady progress in all areas of their development. It's essential that children attend school on time every day, as missing school can affect their academic progress and their sense of belonging. We follow a clear process to monitor and improve attendance and punctuality, which can be seen in the flowchart below and is also available on our school website. Our goal is to support every child in achieving the best outcomes, and regular attendance is a key part of this. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child's success!





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Anti-bullying week

This week, we will be marking Anti-Bullying Week within school, a national event that empowers children and teachers to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

We will be using anti-bullying week as an opportunity to reinforce the message that bullying is not acceptable. This is a topic we cover regularly in lessons and teachers hold discussions within the classroom about.

We will be providing opportunities for the children to consider what bullying is and what we can do to stop it. It is important that our children think about their friendships, words and actions carefully and understand the ways in which these are powerful in preventing bullying. Learning to understand and manage conflict is an important part of growing up. Bullying is not simply a 'falling out'. Research shows that experiencing bullying can have a significant impact on a child's life well into adulthood. To ensure we are able to prevent bullying and act quickly when it takes place it is important that we:

- Help children to understand the difference between falling out with friends, being a bit mean and signs that they might be experiencing bullying. Bullying is persistent, there's intent to cause harm and there's an abuse of power.
- Support children to grow in confidence, to make friends in a variety of settings and to take part in activities that build their self-esteem.
- Talk about how they might respond if someone calls them names or tries to hurt them. What could they say back? Who could they go to for help depending on the situation? Being good role models. Little eyes are always watching us! How we manage conflict in our relationships and how we treat others has a big impact

We will be kickstarting the week with a special whole school assembly which will support the children in thinking more deeply about this topic before engaging in discussions and activities back in their classrooms.





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Fundraising events!



Prostrike Sports Event

Last half term, our school was thrilled to host the Prostrike event, an engaging and fun-filled day that brought excitement and energy to all of our children. The event featured an inflatable goal where each child was timed to take their shot. The event not only provided an opportunity for physical exercise but also fostered a sense of camaraderie and confidence among the children. We're delighted by the positive feedback and are grateful for such an enriching experience that reinforced the importance of staying active. Thank you to all of our children and their families who participated in fundraising. We raised an impressive total of £400!

Children in need

On Children in Need Day, our school was filled with bright colors and fun as students and staff wore yellow or spotted clothing to show their support for this important cause. Children in Need is a UK charity that raises money to help change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the country. By participating, we joined thousands of schools nationwide in raising awareness and funds to provide essential services and opportunities for children in need. The day was a wonderful mix of fun and learning, helping students understand the importance of compassion and community while contributing to a cause that makes a tangible difference. Thank you to everyone who joined in and made the day so special! We raised £121.00!



We need your unwanted toys!

With the festive season fast approaching, we are excited to share that preparations for our Christmas Fayre are well underway! To make this event a memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone, we are kindly requesting donations of any unwanted toys that are in good condition.

If you have toys that your children have outgrown or no longer use, we would be most grateful if you could bring them to school before the 2nd November. These donations will be used to create a special stall at the Fayre, bringing joy to others while also supporting our school's community spirit.





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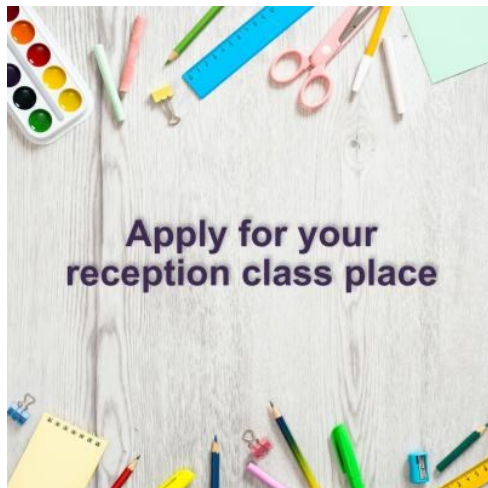
Sports competitions



Tettenhall College



We are thrilled to announce our exciting new partnership with Tettenhall College, which will allow our children to participate in a series of sports events throughout the academic year. This collaboration provides our children with opportunities to engage in a variety of sports such as cross country, tag rugby, football, netball and much more! Already, some of our KS2 children have taken part in tag rugby and cross country events, showcasing their skills and representing our school with exceptional sportsmanship and pride. We are eager for the upcoming events and look forward to seeing our students develop their talents, teamwork and confidence through these wonderful experiences.



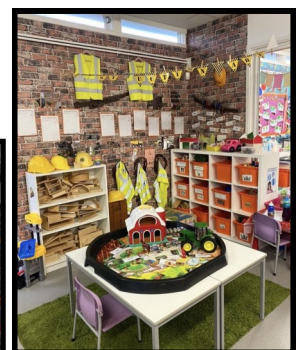
**Apply for your
reception class place**

Reception places 2025-2026

We have already hosted two open evenings for prospective Reception parents for the 2025-2026 school year and we have another one planned for Thursday 5th December at 4:00pm, please contact the school office if you or someone you know would like to attend.

Our outstanding Early Years setting is a wonderful place, filled with enriching learning experiences where strong foundations are set for life.

We warmly invite you to discover what makes our Early Years exceptional and how it supports each child's journey to success.



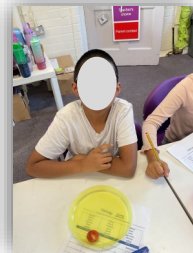


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Fruit and Vegetables



We have teamed up with Tesco to launch a new fruit and vegetable initiative in our school. Each half term, we are gifted a range of different fruit and vegetables and use them in different ways with our children. From food tasting to design and technology projects, from fruit hampers and more, our children will have many opportunities throughout the year to try different foods. This initiative supports our commitment to promoting a healthy lifestyle and broadening our students' food experiences.

Launch days!

Last week, our Nursery children began their journey into the enchanting world of our new topic, 'Once Upon a Time'. To celebrate, they came dressed as their favourite characters from traditional tales, filling the classroom with princes, princesses, kings and other storybook friends. The day was filled with magic as the children explored storytelling, imaginative play, and creative crafts inspired by beloved tales.

Thank you to all the parents for making such a tremendous effort with the costumes—your support truly added to the magic of the day.





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Important Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 20th November	Vaccination UK Flu Vaccination catch-up session
Wednesday 4th December	Christmas Fayre 4:00pm—6:00pm
Tuesday 10th December	2:30pm Key Stage 1 Nativity, Y1 & Y2 parents invited
Wednesday 11th December	9:20am EYFS Nativity, Nursery & Reception parents invited
Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day 9:20am Key Stage 2 Carol Concert—Year 3 & 4 parents invited 2:30pm Key Stage 2 Carol Concert—Year 5 & 6 parents invited (more information about our performances to follow by letter)
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Dinner (more information to follow)
Friday 20th December	Class Christmas Parties—bring treats from home to share
Friday 20th December	2:00pm Children break up for the Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	INSET Staff Training Day—School closed to all children
Tuesday 7th January 2025	Children return to school—8:50am

