

BILTON NEWS

Newsletter July 2025



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

*Year 9 Residential
High Adventure, Yorkshire*



ATTENDANCE TARGET

No more than 3 missed school days across the academic year.

Be the best you can be!



Our Creative Arts mural is complete! Students teamed up with Nicoló from The Artsy Twins to transform our space. Well done to Emily D (Y8) and Olivia S (Y11), whose designs were chosen to inspire the final piece.

"What a fantastic year "



What a fantastic year for our Bilton School community. Students have experienced a

range of exciting curriculum learning activities from launching balloons in science, standing in a river in geography or becoming immersed in French during our Bastille day. On average 65% of our students have been involved in memorable experiences. Sixth Form have been to New York, various universities and the law courts. Main school students have been on residential trips as well as having visiting speakers looking at topics such as healthy eating, knife crime and careers workshops. As we head into the Summer, we will

be getting ready to welcome all students in a new academic year; full of hope and vision. A new policy on mobile phones to safeguard and support students mental health and wellbeing. We will also welcoming new staff into our family alongside new Year 7 and 12 students. I wish you all a restful and rejuvenating Summer break.

Ms Delves, Headteacher



Mobile Phone Policy

Headlines for 2025-2026

Bilton School supports the Smartphone Free Childhood.

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk>



Year 7 - 9: Phone pouches

- Students place their phone in the pouch before coming into the gate, pouch checked by SLT/HOY on the gate – pouch then remains with them for the rest of the day.
- Tutors also check pouches in form time.
- Students with no pouch – phone must be handed in for the day on the first occasion. On the second and further occasions this will be 24-hour confiscation and parent/ carer collection.
- Students with no pouch and no phone – bag and blazer checked on the gate.
- Random class checks and searches will be carried out through the day.

Year 10 - 11

- Phones should not be seen or heard, they should be kept turned off in an inside blazer pocket or bag.
- Pouches will be available to buy of parent pay for KS4 parents/carers, if this would be the preference for your child in school.

Year 12/13

- Sixth form students are allowed to use their smartphone in the Sixth Form study area only the rest of the school site remains not seen and not heard.

Confiscation

- If a child is seen with a phone that is brought to school, it will be confiscated for 24 hours and parent/carers is required to collect.
- A basic phone will be provided for students should their phone be confiscated for 24 hours. Parent/carers contact details will be added into the phone, so they are able to ring/text parents when leaving school.

**As a school we will commit to delivering high quality lessons without the required use of phones by teachers or students.*

***More details are available on the school Mobile Phone Policy and the website.*

Mobile Phone Policy Review

INFORMATION

Frequently Asked Questions

What if my child needs to contact me during the school day?

Students needed to contact parents in an emergency may request on call and use a school phone to make contact.

What if I need to contact my child?

If contact is essential, please call the school or email the office and a message will be given to your child during the day.

When will students put their phones into their pouches?

At the start of the school day. Each gate will have a member of staff on it, as well as a member of the leadership team. Students will be asked to put their phone into their pouch as they enter school. Pouches will also be checked during tutor time and throughout the day.

How do the pouches unlock?

We have several unlocking stations, both fixed to the wall and portable. These will be unlocked at the end of the day. If a student's needs to leave site during the day the pouch will be unlocked at reception.

How do I know if my child is safe travelling to and from school?

We will provide basic phones to students that require this travelling to and from school.

How does this apply to staff and lessons?

Staff will not use their phones around the site, they will only use in emergencies and in staff areas

Will we need phones for lesson activities?

We are a smartphone free school, therefore they will not be required for activities on school.

What happens if my child refuses to put their phone in their pouch?

Students will have their phone taken off them and confiscation rules will apply.

What happens if my child damages or loses their pouch?

A damaged or lost pouch will need a replacement, this will cost approx. £11.

What happens if my child doesn't bring their phone to school?

They will still receive a pouch as they may change their mind. If your child does begin to bring their phone to school, we would appreciate you communicating this change to us.

My child has a medical condition, will they get a velcro pouch?

Students who have a medical condition and require their phone to monitor it will have a velcro pouch, this pouch will not block the signal. Other medical conditions not needing a phone to monitor will be given a lockable pouch.

Are pouches optional?

This will be a requirement for Year 7 – 9, provided by the school and optional for Year 10-11 in September 2025

What do students do at social time?

Students at social time commonly take part in sport, uno, chess, chatting, rubicks cubes, library.

Bletchley Park

Year 8 had a great day out at Bletchley Park this week. They solved their own codes in a workshop, had a guided tour of the facilities getting to see and learn about what happened here during World War 2.



Safeguarding Awareness Week

Congratulations to Theo Year 9 who has won a £10 Amazon Gift Voucher for completing The Safeguarding Awareness Activity Pack, as part of our Safeguarding Awareness Week 2025.

Mrs G J Davy Lead DSL

Year 12

Year 12 welcomed Louise from the money charity into school for two finance-based workshops. The first workshop informed students about moving out and making decisions about their finances. The second linked to the finances surrounding University, Apprenticeships and Employment.



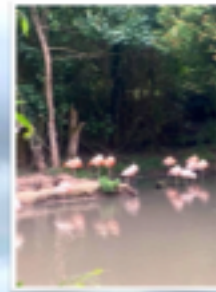
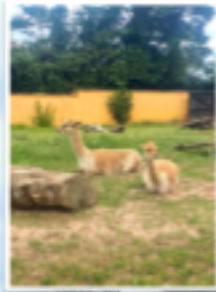
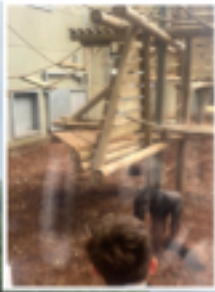
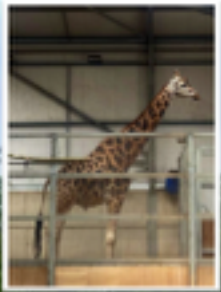
We took the Year 12 students to the NEC for the UCAS Discovery Day. Students were able to meet with exhibitors from Universities and Apprenticeships and discuss their next steps. Students found out about the courses on offer to them and make informed decisions about their plans for post 18 education.

We bid a fond farewell, but not goodbye to Year 11 in a joyous end of year assembly on Friday 13th June. We wish them a restful Summer and look forward to sharing their results in August.



Twycross Zoo Trip

105 year 7 students went to Twycross Zoo on Tuesday as part of their Ecosystems topic in Science. All had a fantastic day meeting a range of animals from around the world and represented Bilton impeccably all day with their positive attitude and respect for others.



On Thursday 26th June, our Year 13 students celebrated the end of their time in Sixth Form with their Year 13 Prom. It was so lovely to celebrate with them all and we are looking forward to Results Day on Thursday 14th August.



Weather Balloon Launch



Bilton School and New City College Come together!

Bilton School students and staff have been lucky to be involved with the launch of a weather balloon into near space by New City College students and staff.

A weather balloon (meteorological balloon) consists of a larger flexible balloon filled with helium and a payload attached to it. The payload is the equipment carried by the weather balloon to collect data during the ascent. It will include cameras, GPS devices for tracking along with equipment to measure atmospheric conditions such as temperature and pressures etc. The Weather Balloon payload typically reaches altitudes of 25-40km into the atmosphere (“near space”).

Students from both Year 7 and 9 had the opportunity to see the preparation for the launch looking at the payload with the data logging equipment and GPS and how it is housed to be able to return safely to Earth once the data is collected. They were then able to see the balloon and how it is filled to be able to carry the payload into “near space” and finally were able to be part of the countdown to the launch itself.

The students showed Respect throughout the event towards the visitors onsite and the information that they were sharing and saw the Resilience from the New City College students and staff when unfortunately, the launch did not go as planned. The students still got to see the helium filled balloon soar into the sky.



Year 12 Transition Day

On Wednesday 2nd July we welcomed our prospective Year 12 students into school for the Year 12 Transition Day. They experienced taster sessions for their chosen subjects and were involved in an assembly with the Head of Sixth Form. To finish the day students took part in a team building exercise focusing on the key skills needed for employment. During the day students were exposed to what life in sixth form would be like and the enrichment opportunities available to them in September.

We wish all our current and prospective students the best of luck with their exams results and look forward to seeing them on Thursday 21st August at results day.



Well done Elana

Elana S Year 7, is a winner of the KS3 writing competition in the Spark Book Award, 2025.

Elana wrote about King of Nothing, by Nathanael Lessore, the book which won the 11+ category.

As well as a some amazing prizes for her achievement, Elana got a 'shout out' at the award ceremony. Congratulations!

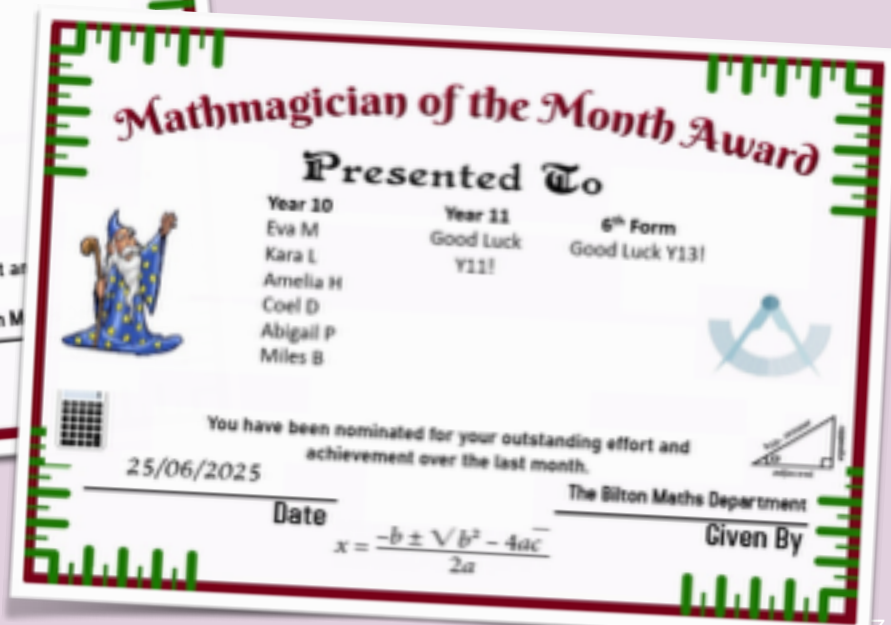
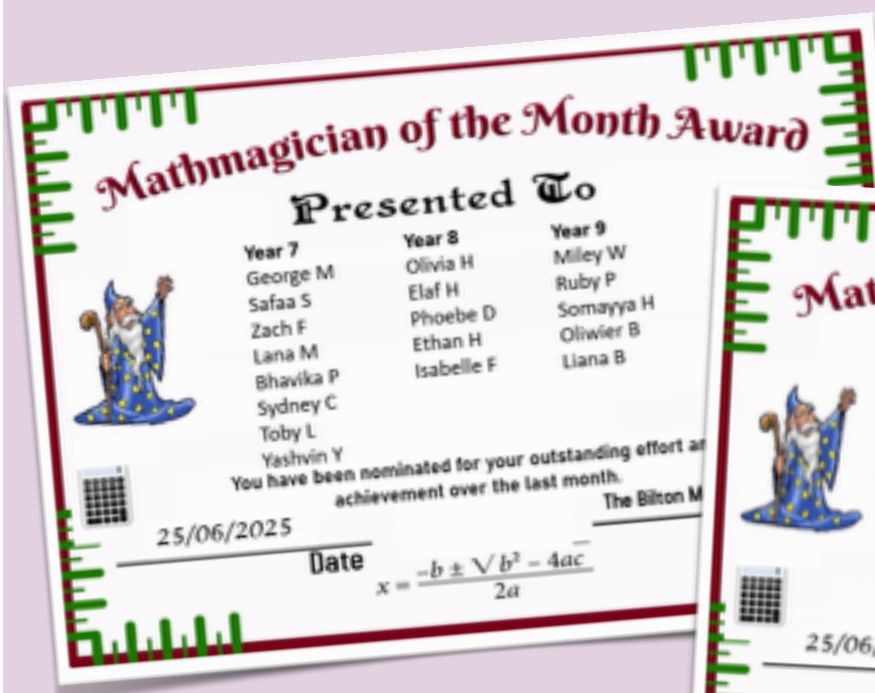


Welcome to Year 6

It was fantastic to meet and spend two days with our Year 6 students. They fitted into our Bilton community seamlessly. We wish all our Year 6 students a restful Summer and look forward to seeing them in September.



Mathmagician of the Month Award



Duke of Edinburgh

Well done to all of our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students who completed their Qualifying Expedition in June.

Despite being the longest and hottest day of the year, everyone showed amazing resilience and successfully followed their planned route. The evening was spent cooking dinner, playing football, rounders, badminton, board games and toasting marshmallows on the camp stove.

As well as the expedition, students have been working hard to complete their other sections; physical, skills and volunteering throughout the year which has given them valuable skills and opportunities and some students have enjoyed them so much, they are opting to continue to Silver, which is fantastic news.

Congratulations to all Year 9s who have successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, you have shown respect, kindness and resilience throughout and Mrs Wood could not be prouder of you all. WELL DONE.

September 2025:

Last month Year 8's received a launch assembly on joining the Duke of Edinburgh giving them the opportunity to complete the Bronze Award when they return in Year 9. We currently have 40 students who have signed up, which is exciting news.

Year 10s will have the opportunity to complete their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. We currently have approximately 45 students who have expressed an interest in completing this. This is excellent news.

Gold Duke of Edinburgh:

Year 12s joining Bilton School will be given the fantastic opportunity to complete their Gold Dof E.

Gold DofE challenges students to push themselves outside their comfort zone, whether it's planning an expedition, learning a new skill, or volunteering. This builds confidence, independence, and resilience—skills that are useful for life, university, or work.



Annual Sports Day

Periods 1–4 saw students representing their houses in a variety of exciting team events. They demonstrated outstanding teamwork across sports such as tug of war, basketball, football, ultimate frisbee, rounders, and softball. After lunch, the focus shifted to athletics, where students showcased their individual talents in the 100m and 4x100m relays.

Congratulations to Whittle who emerged as the overall winners of the day!

A huge thank you goes to all the staff and Year 12 students whose support and effort made the event such a great success.



Sports

Athletics Town Championship Results

On Thursday 26th June our Year 8 and Year 7 Athletics team competed in the East Warwickshire Schools Athletics Championships.

The Year 7 teams competed well showing the Bilton School values of respect, resilience and kindness.

The Year 8 Girls came 3rd overall and the Year 8 boys came 2nd.

All of the students were fantastic.

Stand out performances

Naomi K 1st in long jump & 100m

Kaitlyn T 1st in 800m

Maia B 2nd in 1500m

Orla G 2nd in 300m

Year 8 Girls 4x100m Relay 3rd

Felicity C 3rd in 200m

Justin D 2nd in 100m

Rai A 1st in 200m

Patrick C 1st in 800m

Jenson K 2nd in 1500m

Charlie M 2nd in Long Jump

Zane H 3rd in Discus

Ishan B 1st in Javelin

Year 8 Boys 4x100m Relay 1st



Students from Year 7,8,9 and 10 represented Bilton school this half term at the SVM Athletics Championships held at Southam College. All of our students did exceptionally well in all of the events and won a variety of awards across the day. Massive congratulations to all the students involved in the day!



Students within the Reconnection Hub thought they would show their support to all 4 houses by creating these flags. It was great to hear all the students on the field during the day!

Awards Evening 2025



Bilton School celebrated many of their students at the annual Awards Evening.

Rugby's Mayor – Councillor Barbara Brown – gave a keynote speech to our students congratulating them on their successes. Awards were for subject attainment as well as Head of Year awards and Headteacher awards which linked to our school values – Kindness, Respect, Resilience – and our community ethos of 'Be the best you can be!'



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Open Night

THE ART OF OUR SCHOOLS

Rugby 2025

The Art and Photography Department at Bilton School warmly invites students, families and the wider school community to the official opening night of our collaborative exhibition.

Tuesday 9th
September 2025
4.00pm - 5.00pm

Floor One Gallery, Rugby Art Galley and
Museum, Little Elborow Street, Rugby,
CV21 3BZ

The exhibition will run from Monday 8th to Sunday 21st September should you not be able to attend the opening night.

Remember to

STOP, LOOK & LISTEN

BEWARE OF VEHICLES



- ✓ Always remember to look both ways and double check before crossing.
- ✓ Where possible always cross using a zebra crossing, pelican crossing or School Crossing Patrol Person.
- ✓ Remember to be alert when crossing, come off any devices and do not be distracted by peers.



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ALWAYS BE ALERT

There is always someone that can **HELP**

Parents and Carers – During the Summer holidays the Safeguarding team want to remind you that support is available.



Warwickshire family information service

Looking for some help and advice? Try visiting Warwickshire FIS website for lots of free advice and guidance available to all Warwickshire residents

Website - www.warwickshire.gov.uk

Early Help Family Support Work

For service for advice and guidance on:

Parenting and all aspects of family life, Children and young people's behaviour

To speak to a family support worker over the telephone, call 01926 412412, Monday to Friday between 9am - 4pm. If you would like to book a face-to-face consultation with a family support worker at one of the sessions shown below, please telephone the family support line on 01926 412412, Monday to Friday, between 9am-4pm.

Website - www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families/service-changes-children-families/2

Warwickshire Refuge

If you are experiencing domestic abuse of any kind in Warwickshire, Refuge's regional Domestic Violence and Abuse Service can support you and your children to keep safe.

Call Refuge's Domestic Violence and Abuse Service Warwickshire Helpline on 0800 408 1552 (Monday-Friday 8:30am-8:30pm) to speak to one of our support workers.

Website - www.refuge.org.uk

Worried about your mental health?

Wellbeing for Warwickshire is 'joined-up' support service for adult mental health that can meet a number of needs in a way, and a time and a place, that suits people best. For ease of use, the service has a single phone number **0800 616171** and a single website address

www.wellbeingforwarwickshire.org.uk and these are available for Warwickshire residents 24/7, 365 days a year.

Worried a child is at risk of significant harm?

If you have concerns that a child is suffering any form of abuse, neglect or cruelty contact the **Warwickshire Children and Families Front Door (Front Door)** immediately by calling **01926 414144**. Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 5.30pm, Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm.

If you need to get in touch out of usual office hours, please contact the **Emergency Duty Team** immediately by calling **01926 886922**.

If you think that **a child is at immediate risk**, contact the Police immediately by calling **999**.



Bringing health and care closer to where you live – Health on the High Street in Rugby

We're exploring putting some outpatient services into Rugby Town Centre – please tell us what you think. Your views are important to us, thank you.

Please scan the QR code to complete the survey





A message to all children in Year 6 and above from Rugby Police.

Dear Children, Parents, and Guardians,

As we approach the summer holidays, we hope you are looking forward to a safe and enjoyable break with your families. While the summer period is a time for rest and fun, it also brings with it certain risks that can impact the safety and wellbeing of everyone, including children and teenagers in our community.

As your local Neighbourhood Policing Team, we want to raise awareness of a few key areas and ask for your support in ensuring we all have a safe summer.

1. Antisocial Behaviour (ASB)

During the school holidays, we often see an increase in reports of antisocial behaviour, including noise disturbances, vandalism, and gatherings that may cause alarm or distress to others.

We encourage parents to speak to their children about making positive life choices, showing respect in the community, and understanding the consequences of their actions.

When recently dealing with children and teenagers (and parents), we have found they are not aware of, or do not believe the police have powers relating to ASB.

The following are just some of the things the police can do if we believe a person (anyone we believe is age 10 years, or over) is behaving in an anti-social way;

- If asked, you must provide your name and address. If you do not, you can be arrested and taken to a police station until we can confirm your name and address.
- We can put a dispersal order in place covering any area if we believe that Anti-Social Behaviour is happening, has happened, or will happen if we don't act.
 - This means that we can tell you to leave a specific area if a dispersal order is in place.
 - We can tell you what route to take out of the area.
 - We will tell you how long you must stay out of the area (up to 48 hours).
 - If we believe that you are under 16 years old, we can take you home or place you in the care of a responsible adult aged 18 years or over.
 - We can use force to make you go home or take you to a police station if there is a dispersal order in place.
 - If you do not leave the area when we tell you to, it is an offence, and you can be arrested.
- We can arrest you for any criminal offence, if we believe you are aged 10 years, or older. We can use force to arrest anyone.
- If we believe you are under 18 years of age and are in a dangerous situation, we can take you into "police protective custody".
 - This means we take you to a place of safety (a police station), where you will be handed over to Social Services to be looked after, NOT your family.

2. Derelict and Abandoned Buildings

Exploring abandoned or derelict buildings can seem exciting, but it is extremely dangerous. We are receiving more reports of children entering dangerous buildings locally and are currently working with site owners and partners to have them demolished. These sites can contain structural hazards, sharp objects, asbestos, and other serious risks. These buildings can also be used by adults committing crime who would also pose a risk to anyone else going into the building or grounds.

3. Open Water Safety

Warm weather often draws young people to local rivers, lakes, reservoirs and quarries. While these may seem like good places to cool off, they pose hidden dangers such as strong currents, cold-water shock, submerged objects, infections from animal urine and unpredictable depths.

No matter how good you think you are at swimming, you can easily get into difficulties quickly that end with severe consequences. **Please dial 999 if you see anyone in difficulty in the water – we will come to help.**

4. Online Safety

With more free time and increased internet use during the holidays, children and teenagers may be more vulnerable to online risks, including cyberbullying, exploitation, and inappropriate content.

We recommend that parents take the time to review online activity, use parental controls where appropriate, and have open conversations about who they are speaking to and what they are accessing online.

Remember, if you wouldn't show a photo to your family, then you probably shouldn't be taking it!

Use this opportunity to think about the company that you keep. If there is someone in your group of friends that is always in trouble or breaks the law – you may also be held responsible.

We believe that with continued cooperation between schools, parents, and police, we can work together to keep children safe, informed, and responsible this summer.

Lastly, we as the local policing team would much rather have positive, not negative interactions with people. If you see us out and about, please come and talk to us. We are here to help in any way that we can.

If you have any concerns or require further information, please don't hesitate to contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team via www.warwickshire.police.uk

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

Warm regards,

Rugby Safer Neighbourhood Team



August Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each
or **FREE** with School Membership - 90 minutes long

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours

Anxiety Explained	4th 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4th 7pm
What is ACT?	5th 10am
Introduction to OCD	5th 7pm
Raising Self Esteem	11th 10am
Decreasing Depression	11th 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	12th 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	12th 7pm
Improving Family Communication	18th 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	18th 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	19th 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	19th 7pm
Understanding Anger	25th 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25th 7pm
Facing Defiance	26th 10am