

8th September 2023 Newsletter



I would like to offer you all a very warm welcome back to school following our summer holiday. It has been lovely to see you all again and I hope you had a wonderful time during the school break. Getting back into the school routine can be difficult but I think you have all managed really well this week. Thank you for getting acquainted with the start and end of day times and arrangements. Your co-operation has been truly valued by the staff team. I am sharing the arrangements at the bottom of this email and hope it is helpful, you can also find it on our website.

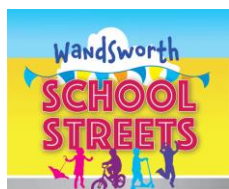
I have been very proud of every pupil at BWA this week as they have all settled so well back to school. I know I have said this many times before but I do wish I could capture what I get to see when I walk around the school as I think you would be super impressed with how focused your children are in their lessons and how quickly learning starts after you say goodbye to them in the morning.

New Starters

This week we have welcomed new pupils and families to our nursery and reception classes as well as throughout the school. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to offer you a very warm welcome to BWA and hope that you feel at home and are very happy here. If you need anything from us please don't hesitate to let us know.

School Improvements

The summer break has been a very busy one at BWA improving our school environment, as some of you may have seen as you walked past the school or attended the summer camp onsite. To improve fire safety, we have had all the internal windows and doors replaced throughout the school. We have also had some new stages built on the playground – which we are sure will be very popular.



School Streets

We are so fortunate to have been granted School Street status. This means we all enjoy a much more peaceful start and end of day as traffic is reduced outside the school. We rely on your support and hope that everyone can help by volunteering.



Communication

Our [communication table](#) should signpost you to the right person to deal with any queries you have, no matter how small or trivial you think they may be.

Parent Forms

- If your child requires medication, you will need to complete a form online.
- If your child requires time out of school, you will need to complete a form online.
- If your child is allowed to go home alone, you will need to complete a form online.

These forms are available on the school website, under News, Parent Forms. A link is also [here](#).



Curriculum Evenings

At the start of the year we offer parents the opportunity to attend a Curriculum Evening Presentation and encourage everyone to attend. During the presentation we will share key information about the year ahead – the curriculum, expectations, special events, systems and procedures etc.

These events will be in the classrooms and are for adults only.

Dates for the bilingual stream sessions will be shared in September, once confirmed with EdW.

Date	Time and Year Group	Time and Year Group
	5:30 pm	6:30 pm
Monday 11 th September	Year 1	Year 2
Tuesday 12 th September	Year 4	Year 5
Wednesday 13 th September	Year 3	Year 6
Thursday 14 th September	Nursery	Reception



Homework Expectations

Homework will be given out from Monday. Letters will be sent out with details of the homework expectations which I hope will be helpful for you. Please don't hesitate to ask if you require any help.



Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a Nut Free site.

RAAC

You may have seen the media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in schools and I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you about this matter.

As the safety of our children and staff is of paramount importance, during the summer holiday our Trust commissioned surveyors to inspect all the school buildings across our four Quality First Education Trust schools. None of these inspections raised concerns and the surveyors have not found any RAAC to be present. BWA will continue to function as normal.

We will continue to engage with any advice or support offered by the Department for Education. If you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch.

I wish you all a very peaceful weekend.

Miss Henry

Start of Day Arrangements

Class	Start time	Entry Point	Expectations
Nursery	8:40am	1902 Gate	<p>1902 Gate Entry Point</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pupils and their accompanying adult to line up when the class is called. 2. Pupils should say goodbye to their parent/adult before reaching the gate. 3. Pupils will enter the school building on their own. <p>Blue Gate Entry Point</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pupils and their accompanying adult to enter through the blue gates at the set time. 2. Pupils should say goodbye to their parent/adult before reaching the second blue gate. 3. Pupils will pass through the second blue gate alone and then enter the school building on their own. <p>Scooters and bikes should be stored in the designated racks outside the school office before or after drop off. Please access these racks by entering through the blue car gate and exiting through the black pedestrian gate.</p>
Reception	8:35am	1902 Gate	
RB	8:35am	Blue Gate	
Year 1	8:35am	1902 Gate	
1B	8:35am	1902 Gate	
Year 2	8:35am	1902 Gate	
2B	8:35am	1902 Gate	
Year 3	8:30am	1902 Gate	
3B	8:35am	Blue Gate	
Year 4	8:30am	1902 Gate	
4B	8:35am	Blue Gate	
Year 5	8:30am	1902 Gate	
5B	8:35am	Blue Gate	
Year 6	8:30am	1902 Gate	
6B	8:35am	Blue Gate	

- 1902 Gate – this is the black iron pedestrian gate nearest the common
- Blue Gate – this is the car gate, near to Freke Road

End of Day Arrangements

Class	Collection time	Entry point	Collection Point	Expectations
Nursery	3:15pm	1902	Nursery classroom	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please line up outside the entry point at the set time and wait to be invited to enter the school site. 2. Walk to the collection point to collect your child. <p>If the collection point is a classroom, please present yourself at the external door to the member of staff dismissing the pupils. The member of staff will call your child to come out.</p> <p>If the collection point is the playground, we will have signs to indicate where the class is until you become familiar with the set point.</p> <p>Pupils will be dismissed by the member of staff when they see the adult collecting.</p>
Reception	3:15pm	1902	Reception classroom	
RB	3:10pm	Blue Gate	RB classroom	
Year 1	3:20pm	Blue Gate	Year 1 classroom - opposite the Nursery (current Year 2 classroom)	
1B	3:15pm	Blue Gate	Back Playground By the canteen	
Year 2	3:20pm	1902	Year 2 classroom	

			(current year 1 class)	<p>Pupils should not leave a line unless the member of staff has agreed it.</p> <p>3. Pupils and parents should exit through the black pedestrian gate, collecting any bikes or scooters on their way out.</p> <p>Year 6 pupils who have permission to walk home alone will be dismissed by the class teacher.</p>
2B	3:15pm	Blue Gate	Back Playground By the canteen	
Year 3	3:25pm	1902	Front Playground Left side of main stairwell	
3B	3:15pm	Blue Gate	Front Playground Right side of main stairwell	
Year 4	3:25pm	1902	Front Playground Left side of main stairwell	
4B	3:15pm	Blue Gate	Front Playground Right side of main stairwell	
Year 5	3:25 pm	1902	Front Playground Left side of main stairwell	
5B	3:15pm	Blue Gate	Front Playground Right side of main stairwell	
Year 6	3:25pm	1902	Front Playground Left side of main stairwell	
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