



Bannockburn Newsletter

July 2026

Growing Together, Learning For Life

Please check the school website for all dates

On the last day of term (**Friday 17th July**) there will be a non-uniform day for all year groups up to Year 5 (50p donation).

YEAR 6 ARE TO WEAR THEIR FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM

Wednesday 2nd September

(ALL children are due back to school unless different dates have been sent regarding any Nursery and Reception children).

Leavers and Growers

If you have any old school uniform or PE kit, the school would very much welcome donations.

We will continue to sell nearly new uniform within school. Please contact the school office.

Please check the uniform policy when purchasing for the new school year. This includes colours of hair braids, hair bands and weaves etc.

School shoes should be black, comfortable to wear and not open toed.

Please check the policy for full expectations.

Have a lovely summer and a restful break!

Thank you for your support throughout this year. Your involvement in workshops, fundraising events, coffee mornings, and the conversations we share has been greatly appreciated. We are proud of the strong partnerships we have built with our families and are grateful for the trust and support you show our school.

Working together enables us to provide the very best opportunities for our children, and we value the important role you play in our school community. We look forward to continuing to work alongside you next year.

Until then, we wish you and your families a restful, enjoyable, and well-deserved summer break.

Changes to Birthday Celebrations – From September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to inform you of a change to our arrangements for birthday celebrations in school.

From September 2026, we will no longer be accepting party bags for distribution through the school office or classrooms.

This decision has been made for several reasons, including updated allergy guidance, to reduce the additional time required for staff to check and distribute items and being mindful of the financial pressures on families. We hope this change will remove any expectation or cost associated with providing party bags.

We know that many families enjoy marking their child's birthday with their classmates, and we would still like to encourage this in ways that support learning and benefit the whole class. If you would like to recognise your child's birthday a donation of a book for the class library or a similar educational resource would be a wonderful alternative and a lasting contribution that all children can enjoy.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we implement this change.

Value of the Month

Patience is not simply the ability to wait – it's how we behave while we're waiting.



"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are."

Our biggest piece of summer homework is simple: **read lots of books!** A few minutes of reading each day can make a huge difference and help children return to school ready for another successful year.

Arts Trail Quiz

**Due to the cancellation of the Arts Open Event, the Arts Trail Quizzes will be available on Wednesday 15th July where you can enjoy the exhibitions and try to win a prize with your answers! Please remember to drop in and speak with your class teacher if there is anything you wish to discuss about your child's school report. You can also meet your child's new teacher who will be in the teachers current classroom.
3.30pm until 5pm.**

Goodbye and Good Luck to all our Year 6 leavers

As Year 6 prepare to leave us, we reflect on a group that brought energy, determination, and no shortage of memorable moments. At times, the journey has been challenging, but it has also been one of growth, perseverance, and learning for everyone involved.

Among this cohort are some truly exceptional young people whose kindness, talent, leadership, and hard work have been a credit to the school. As a group, you have shown resilience through setbacks, celebrated successes, and continued to move forward as you prepared for the next stage of your education.

Secondary school brings new opportunities, new challenges, and a chance for each of you to continue developing into the person you want to become. We encourage you to approach this next chapter with confidence, ambition, and a willingness to learn from both your successes and your mistakes.

We are proud of the progress many of you have made during your time with us and hope that the lessons you have learned here, both inside and outside the classroom, will serve you well in the years ahead.

Use of AI When Contacting School

As a school, we are continually reviewing how technology impacts our community. While there are many benefits to new technologies that we readily embrace, it is also important to be aware of their limitations and potential risks.

We would like to share a reminder about the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools, such as ChatGPT, when writing emails or letters to the school. AI can be a useful tool for drafting correspondence, but it does not always get things right. It may misunderstand situations, make assumptions, or present information in a way that does not fully reflect your views, intentions, or the specific circumstances relating to your child.

Before sending any correspondence to school, whether written independently or with the assistance of AI, we encourage parents and carers to carefully review the content to ensure it is accurate, reflects their personal views, and maintains the respectful tone that underpins our school values. AI-generated text can sometimes make routine questions or concerns appear more formal than intended.

We would also encourage parents and carers to familiarise themselves with the school's Complaints Policy before labelling correspondence as a formal complaint, which AI will readily do. In many cases, a query, clarification, or concern was resolved quickly through discussion with the relevant member of staff. Referring to the policy can help ensure that concerns are raised through the most appropriate route and that formal procedures are reserved for situations where they are genuinely required.

It is also important to remember that some AI platforms may store, analyse, or use information entered into them. Please take care not to share personal information relating to your child, family, school or staff when using such tools.

We value open, constructive, and considered communication with our families and are always happy to help with any questions, concerns, or requests for clarification. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain positive and meaningful partnerships between home and school.