

# BLIS

# NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER  
2024

*Dear Parents and Guardians,*

*What a busy and magical term it has been! Each year group has delighted us with their wonderful Christmas productions, and our Nursery children brought joy with their heartwarming Christmas songs performance. It has been fantastic to see the children enjoying our advent activities, including the always-popular Winter Walk.*

*A huge thank you for your generosity in supporting the school pantomime and disco—your donations mean we are thrilled to announce we can book the pantomime again for next year!*

*As we look ahead, please take a moment to read about an important update regarding a new one-way system for entering and leaving the playground. Details are included later in this newsletter.*

*Thank you for your continued support and for making this year so special. From all of us at BLIS, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*Warmest wishes*

## Reminders

Children will return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

**Classroom doors are open from 8:45am – 9:00am, please arrive promptly to give your child a successful start to the school day!**

## Diary Dates

- **Training Day:** Monday 6th January
- **Half Term:** Monday 17th – Friday 21st February
- **Easter Holiday:** Monday 14th – Friday 25th April
- **Half Term:** Monday 26th – Friday 30th May
- **Training Days:** Friday 18th and Monday 21st July

## Contact Info

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# SCHOOL UPDATES

## Christmas Concerts

A huge thank-you to everyone who attended our Christmas Concerts.

All children across school did an incredible job and it was lovely to see so many adults supporting them.

Thank-you for your kind donations at the concerts towards the upkeep and purchase of costumes.

Below is a breakdown of the donations received totaling **£334.73!**

- Reception: £90.39
- Year 1: £89.64
- Year 2: £154.70

## Pantomime

This year saw the return of M&M Productions with our annual pantomime and it once again did not disappoint. This year's pantomime was Cinderella and what an amazing time the children had!

Thank-you to all parents who made a donation towards this, a total of **£755** was received.

## After School Clubs

Our new timetable from January will be:

### **Monday:**

- Acrobatics
- Chinese Cultural club

### **Tuesday:**

- Tae Kwon Do
- Dance club

### **Wednesday:**

- Tag Rugby
- Cheerleading (Year 1 & 2 only)

### **Thursday**

- Trampoline - book through Kits Academy
- Fencing

### **Friday**

- Tae Kwon Do
- Skipping club

Kits Academy will be offering Trampoline every Thursday. Places are available to book immediately through Kits Academy and are charged at £4 per week.

In order to book, please follow these steps:

1. **Click on the link**  
**<https://www.kitsacademy.com>**
2. **Click on the yellow 'book now' button**
3. **Click on 'View' next to After/before school clubs 24-25**
4. **Go to Page 2 and look for Trampoline at Boughton Leigh Infant School**
5. **Add to basket and complete checkout**

All other clubs are available to book via Magicbooking.

Please note that all children currently attending clubs will need to be booked a new place and spaces are limited depending on the club.

All clubs (except trampoline) are £2 per week and if you are eligible for Free School Meals there will be no charge.

All clubs are due to start from the week beginning **Monday 13th January 2025.**

# OPAL OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING

This half-term saw the opening of our whole school site as part of our Outdoor Play and Learning initiative.

The feedback from the children since this change has been extremely positive. There has also been a noticeable difference in the children's play at lunchtime as well as a reduction in the number of first aid incidents. There are a number of benefits to play including; health & wellbeing, cognitive development, physical activity, mental health, social development, learning about risk and challenge as well as building resilience and character.

Some of the types of play we have seen develop over lunchtimes include;

### **Creative Play**

- Children have developed motor skills and self-expression by using their imagination and inventiveness with materials and ideas. This has predominantly been in Gruffalo Woods where children have been playing with 'loose parts' to create and build their own dens. These have become projects that children have built on day after day constantly changing and evolving their ideas.

### **Exploratory Play**

- Through this type of play children have developed their thinking, problem-solving and assessing risk skills. We have observed this type of play in a number of areas of the school grounds including; use of the tyre swing and slack-line, in Gruffalo Woods and in our sandpit area. In all of these areas children have been physically exploring the environment - going higher, further, jumping over and swinging from. They have been testing 'what happens if...?' and learning to manage this risk involved in their play. Children have learnt to manage risk when playing with environmental objects including sticks and have also learnt to be observant of their surroundings whilst in exploratory play.

### **Object Play**

- This type of play is very simply, playing with objects! Through this play children develop fine motor skills, flexibility of thinking and ideas and build on their problem-solving and creativity skills. We have a number of loose parts and small world play on the school playground which children have been playing with and using in unexpected and unconventional ways. Children have been observed testing and discovering the possibilities of an object.

Thank-you for your ongoing support with our OPAL project and for your understanding and patience when children may have come home looking different to how they arrived at school! As we move into the new year we will continue to build on the play opportunities available for children so urge parents to ensure children have a pair of wellies in school as well as a change of clothes should they be needed.

If your child has outgrown their wellies and you are in a position to donate them to school then please consider this so we can grow our welly library. This will enable all children to be able to access the school field and Gruffalo Woods.

# ATTENDANCE

## Punctuality

We recognise that attendance shapes a child's academic journey and as such do all we can within the school day to maximise learning opportunities. Unfortunately, this academic year has seen a rise in the number of children arriving late to school which can have a negative impact on their day. Children who arrive late are missing key learning input time and we are aware that this can also have an affect on their wellbeing.

Classroom doors close at 9:00am and there is an expectation that all children will arrive before this time. Children who arrive after 9:00am will be marked as late and those arriving after the register closes will be marked an an unauthorised late.

All school lunches are cooked to order. If your child arrives after 9:30am and we have not been notified to order a lunch ahead of their arrival then you will need to send your child in with a packed lunch.

Did you know that a child who is late to school 10 minutes every day = 32.5 hours lost learning each year!

Some top tips to help get your child to school on time include:

- Preparing uniform and your child's bag the night before.
- Making morning routines fun by seeing who can beat the clock in getting ready for school.
- Leaving a little earlier to pre-empt any morning traffic and/or seeing if alternative earlier public transport is available.
- Arranging appointments before/after school or in the school holidays.

## Appointments

Where possible, any appointments should be booked out of school hours; however, we recognise that in some cases this may not be possible.

If your child has an appointment during school hours, please bring them to school either before their appointment or afterwards.

Please note we require evidence/proof of appointment for our school records.

## Autumn Term Attendance

**Rainbow (Nursery):** 89%

**Reception:** 91%

**Year 1:** 95%

**Year 2:** 93%

As we move into the Spring Term, we urge all parents to support with attendance and help us reach our whole school target of 96.1%

## Thank-you

Thank-you to all those who have supported our attendance year to date at Boughton Leigh Infant School!

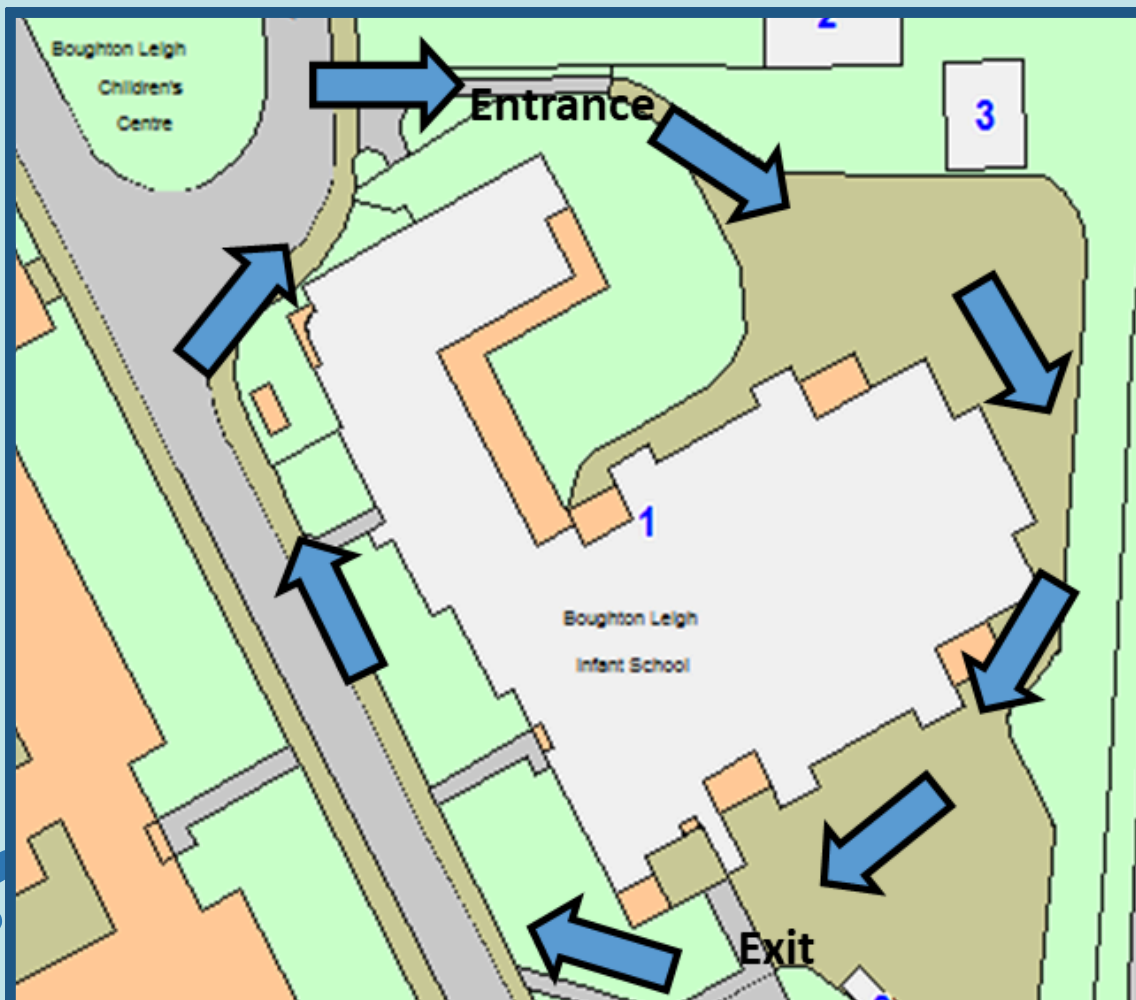
# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## One-Way System

In response to valuable feedback from our school community, we are introducing a new one-way system to help improve safety and ease congestion during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Concerns have been raised about the challenges posed by crowding, including difficulties navigating with pushchairs and umbrellas, and the risk of accidental bumps. We appreciate your input and are taking proactive steps to create a more comfortable and safe environment for everyone.

Starting Tuesday 7th January, parents and children will enter the school grounds through the main school gate as usual. To reduce congestion, all families will exit via the side gate located adjacent to the library bus. Clear signage and staff members will be on hand to guide you during the transition period.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in following this system and encourage patience as we all adjust to the new arrangement. Together, we can ensure a smoother and safer experience for everyone.





## Useful Contact Information



### Family Information Service

Providing information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children & young people aged 0-25.  
New Free Tel: 0800 408 1558  
Tel: 01926 742274  
Email: [fis@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk)  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis)

### Children and Families Front Door

For concerns about a child's wellbeing  
Tel: 01926 414144

### Family Support Help Line

Monday to Friday:  
9.00am to 4.00pm  
Tel: 01926 412412  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies)

### Breastfeeding Support Drop-in Group for Babies and Toddlers

[swg-tr.breastfeedingnorth@nhs.net](mailto:swg-tr.breastfeedingnorth@nhs.net)  
Tel: 01926 626529

### Midwives

Maternity advice, The Owen Building, St. Cross Hospital  
Tel: 01788 663184

### Warwickshire Health Visiting Drop in Clinic

Tuesdays: 9.30-11.00am  
Claremont Children & Family Centre  
**Sessions running Christmas Eve and New Years Eve**  
**Phone number and TEXT Chat Service**  
Advice & support for parents of pre-school children of Warwickshire  
Text: 07520 615293  
OR Tel: 01788 551212

### Adult and Community Learning

<https://warwickshire.gov.uk/acl>  
Tel: 01926 736392

### Speech and Language Therapy Preschool Team

Tel: 01788 555107

### Citizens Advice Bureau

Tel: 0808 250 5715

**ROSA Drop in Clinic for those impacted by sexual violence**  
Contact Claremont Children & Family Centre for more details.  
Tel: 01788 579 488.

Interested in volunteering?  
please contact [serena.langan@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:serena.langan@barnardos.org.uk)



# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS WHAT'S ON GUIDE Rugby Children & Family Centres



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Changing lives.



## Rugby Children & Family Centres (CFC):

**Boughton Leigh Children & Family Centre**  
Wetherell Way, Rugby,  
CV21 1LT Tel: 01788 570347

**Claremont Children & Family Centre**  
Claremont Road, Rugby,  
CV21 3LU Tel: 01788 579488

**Long Lawford Children & Family Centre**  
Holbrook Road, Long Lawford,  
Rugby, CV23 9AL Tel: 01788 561313  
Email: [rugbycfc@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:rugbycfc@barnardos.org.uk)

Please note that this timetable covers the 2 weeks holiday but most activities are only running during one of the weeks. Please check the date of the activity when it is running.



## Rugby Borough Children and Family Centres (CFC) Christmas Holidays - 23rd December 2024 - 3rd January 2025



### Monday

#### Walk-in Wardrobe

Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's  
9.30am to 11.30am  
**Toy Library**  
9.30am to 11.30am  
**Claremont CFC**  
**23rd December Only**

#### Baby time

**Booking essential\***  
Non-walkers from birth  
10.00am to 11.00am  
**Claremont CFC**  
**30th December only**

#### Toddler Time

**Booking essential\***  
Aimed at 1-5yrs  
10.00am to 11.30am  
**Long Lawford CFC**  
**23rd December Only**



Please see overleaf for health visitor & breastfeeding support

### Tuesday

**Family Time**  
**Booking essential\***  
Aimed at 0-9 years  
10.00am to 11.30am  
**Boughton Leigh CFC**  
**31st December only**



### Support & Advice

1-2-1 advice & support available from the centres on a wide range of issues for families with children, young people 0-19 or up to 25 with SEND.



### Wednesday

No sessions running Christmas Day and New Years Day.  
**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Rugby Children and Family Centres**



### Interested in volunteering?

For more information about volunteer recruitment for Group Helpers, Admin and Saturplay sessions, please contact [serena.langan@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:serena.langan@barnardos.org.uk)

### Thursday

**Family Time**  
**Booking essential\***  
Aimed at 0-9 years  
10.00am to 11.30am  
**Claremont CFC**  
**2nd January only**

**Baby time**  
**Booking essential\***  
Non-walkers from birth  
1.30-2.30pm  
**Claremont CFC**  
**2nd January only**

**\*To book a place on our sessions scan the QR code or follow the link:**  
<https://rugbycfc.eventbrite.com>



### Friday

**Walk-in Wardrobe**  
Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's  
9.30am to 11.30am  
**Claremont CFC**  
**3rd January Only**

**Family Time**  
**Booking essential\***  
Aimed at 0-9 years  
10.00am to 11.30am  
**Long Lawford CFC**  
**3rd January only**

**Baby and Me**  
Non-Walkers from birth  
1.30-2.30pm  
**Long Lawford**  
**27th December & 2nd January**



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**@RugbyCFC**