Friday 27th November 2026

The Botwell Bulletin

We place Christ at the heart at the heart of everything we do to inspire excellence

Friends of Botwell (F.O.B)

Events

The Lucky Numbers Bonus Ball will cease this week as there are several activities planned for Christmas in the coming weeks as follows:

- Coffee Morning on Wednesday 2nd December – 8.30-9.30am
- Christmas Market on Wednesday 9th December – 3.00-4.00pm
- Mulled wine and refreshment on Wednesday 16th December before the Carols by Candlelight concert.

Christmas Market

There will be two big trolleys that will be put out every morning and afternoon next week, Monday 30th November till Friday 4th December for any donations for the Christmas market, so please use these.

The Christmas Market will be Wednesday 9th December after school pick up in the School Hall till 4:30pm, so please come and support the event as all money made will be going towards purchasing Air Con units for the school. See you all there!

Easy Fundraising

Can we encourage our families to support the school by using the Easy Fundraising App. There is no cost to signing up with this but it will allow a percentage of your purchase to come back to the school. It is a really simple way to fundraise for our school. We currently have 33 supporters and would love to add to this. With Christmas around the corner, it would be a great time to sign up to this. You can access more information from their website. The link is below.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/

Wrapping up for winter

The weather has been uncharacteristically cold for November and we are certainly feeling the chill today. Please can you send your children in with hats/scarves/gloves along with their winter coats to ensure that they are wrapped up for break and lunch time. Thank you.

Upcoming events

Wednesday 2nd December

- F.O.B Coffee Morning in hall 8.30-9.30am

Tuesday 8th December

- Y1 & Y2 Nativity (babies and buggies) 9.30-10.30am
- Reception Nativity (babies and buggies) 2.00-2.45pm

Wednesday 9th December

- Y1 & Y2 Nativity for adults only: 9.30-10.30am
- Reception Nativity for adults only: 2.00-2.45pm
- F.O.B Christmas Market 3.00-4.00pm

Monday 14th December

- Jingle Jog

Wednesday 16th December

- Junior Carols by Candlelight concert (in the church) 5.00-7.00pm

Thursday 17th December

- Christmas Jumper Day
- Pantomime visit

Friday 18th December

- Last day of term. Finish times: Reception-Y2 12.50pm, Y3-6 1.00pm

Monday 4th January 2027

- Staff INSET day (children not in school)

Tuesday 5th January 2027

- Children return for the spring term

Road Safety

We are extremely concerned that, over the last two weeks, three members of our school community have been involved in incidents where they have been hit by a vehicle on Botwell Lane. All three incidents resulted in visits to hospital and caused severe injuries.

Despite sharing reminders with our families through the Botwell app, we are still seeing parents/carers crossing Botwell Lane in unsafe places rather than using the pelican crossing.

When challenged, some parents have commented that the road is clear. However, a road appearing clear does not mean it is safe to cross. Vehicles can approach quickly and taking a shortcut can have serious consequences.

Most importantly, we all have a responsibility to model safe behaviour for our children. Children learn by watching the adults around them. If they regularly see parents crossing between parked cars or away from the designated crossing, they will come to believe that this is acceptable and may copy this behaviour when they are older or crossing independently.

We cannot expect our children to understand the importance of road safety if we are not demonstrating it ourselves.

Please help us to keep our school community safe by always using the pelican crossing, even if the road appears clear or it means taking a little extra time. We would much rather everyone arrive a few minutes later than risk another serious accident.

Please set the right example. Use the crossing. Keep our children safe.

Support Services

Please follow the link to Hillingdon's Care and Support Directory, offering advice and support to families available in Hillingdon.

Parent Workshop- Catholic Social Teaching Across the Curriculum

We warmly invite all parents and carers to join us on **Tuesday 1st December, from 8.45–9.15am**, for a short workshop about Catholic Social Teaching. Come and discover how we help your children understand important issues in today's world, think about how these affect people's lives, and reflect on how we can make a positive difference. We will share simple examples of how these values are taught across different subjects at Botwell House. Tea and coffee will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

Hayes Winter Community Fayre



Looking for something fun to do with the family?

The Hayes Winter Community Fair is coming to Botwell Hall on Monday 30 November!

Pop along to Botwell Hall between 2pm and 6pm for an afternoon of community fun.

There'll be lots to see and do, with family-friendly activities, local community groups and charities to meet, and NHS teams on hand to offer advice and support.

It's free to drop in, so why not wrap up warm and see what's going on in your local community?

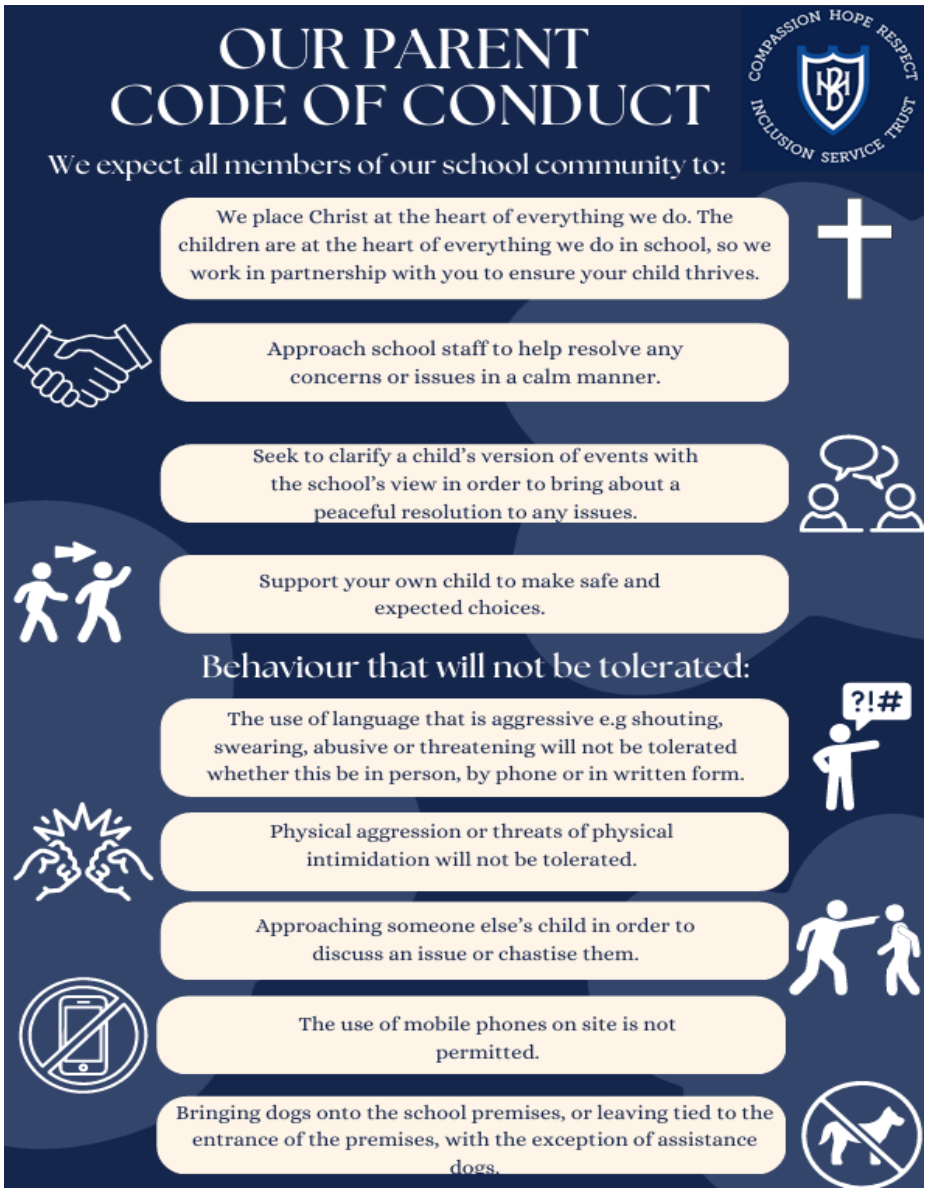
Respectful behaviour within our school community

We have recently experienced incidents where parents and other family members have been rude and disrespectful towards members of school staff. We have also been made aware of inappropriate and aggressive messages being sent between parents.

We would like to remind everyone that we all have a responsibility to help maintain a positive, respectful and supportive school community. We understand that parents/carers may sometimes have concerns or disagreements but these should always be raised with the school, rather than directly with another parent or child, and dealt with in a calm and respectful manner.

Please take a moment to read our Parent Code of Conduct below and ensure that you are familiar with the expectations it sets out. We ask all parents, carers and wider family members to adhere to these expectations, both in their interactions with school staff and in their communication with other members of our school community.

Thank you for helping us to ensure that our school remains a welcoming and respectful place for everyone.



Orchard Weekly Whisk

THE ORCHARD'S WEEKLY WHISK

The Orchard Contract Catering



Ingredients

400g	Macaroni Pasta
100g	Grated Mozzarella
150g	Grated Cheddar
1tbsp	Vegetable Oil
60g	Baking Block
60g	Plain White Flour
90g	Milk Powder
700ml	Water
1 medium	Carrot
150g	Cauliflower
0.5	Onion

You can make this dish even more special by adding chicken, sweetcorn, broccoli or spinach!

Method (SERVES 5)

- Pre-heat your oven to 180°C fan / Gas Mark 6
- Peel and chop all vegetables.
- Heat the oil and gently cook the vegetables for 2-3 minutes.
- Add a little water and simmer for 10-12 minutes.
- Bring a large pan of water to the boil, add the macaroni and cook until just tender. Drain the pasta and set aside.
- Make up 700ml of milk using the milk powder and water.
- In a separate pan, melt the baking block, add the plain flour and stir continuously for approximately 1 minute.
- Gradually add the prepared milk, whisking continuously.
- Blend the vegetables until smooth and stir into the white sauce.
- Add the cheese and stir, then add the cooked macaroni and transfer to an ovenproof dish.
- Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the top and bake for approximately 15-20 minutes until golden brown on top.

Prayer and Reflection

This Sunday, as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, we begin a special journey of hope, preparation and anticipation as we await the birth of Jesus. As the first candle of the Advent wreath is lit in our church, we are reminded that even the smallest light can overcome darkness. Advent invites us to slow down amidst the busyness of our lives and make room for Christ in our hearts. As a Botwell House community, may we use this season to bring hope to others through our words, actions and acts of kindness. Together, let us prepare not only our homes for Christmas, but also our hearts to welcome Jesus.

Dear Lord,

As we begin our Advent journey, help us to recognise your presence in the quiet moments of each day. May we be a light of hope to those who are struggling, a source of comfort to those who feel alone and a sign of your love to all we meet. Guide our Botwell House family as we prepare to welcome your Son, Jesus, into our hearts. May this season deepen our faith and inspire us to place Christ at the heart of everything we do.

Amen

