



# The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

## Hayes Town Roadworks

As you will no doubt know, the traffic chaos continued in Hayes Town last week with lengthy delays and vehicle queues in all directions. After repeated requests for information, we finally heard from the Council that the roadworks being carried out by Cadent Gas in Coldharbour Lane are expected to finish by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May but there will be further works affecting East Avenue and these will go on until Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May. The information was obtained by one of the Hayes Town Ward Councillors who can't be named in any publicity because it is a pre-election period. To see the Council statement click [here](#).

## Welfare Coffee Morning



Just a reminder to parents and carers that we have our upcoming Welfare Coffee Morning next Thursday (7<sup>th</sup> May) at 9.00am. This will take place in the school hall.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in a relaxed and friendly environment, meet other families, and connect with members of the school community over a warm drink.

During the session, we will be joined by experienced dental nurses who will be offering valuable advice and guidance on how to care for children's teeth. They will cover important topics such as establishing good brushing routines, promoting healthy eating habits to support dental health, and preventing common issues such as tooth decay. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and discuss any dental-related concerns you may have about your child.

We hope this session will be both informative and supportive, helping families feel more confident in maintaining their children's oral health. All parents and carers are warmly welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there.

## Summer uniform

It's that time of the year, when the children should now be wearing their summer uniforms, which are designed to keep the children comfortable in the increasing heat while maintaining a smart appearance. The summer uniform is as follows for KS1 and KS2:

- Grey tailored shorts paired with a white polo shirt
- Blue and white gingham summer dress (with white socks)
- Blue and white gingham play suit/culottes (with white socks)

## Upcoming events

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

- May Day bank holiday.  
School closed

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

- Year 3 Ancient Greece workshop

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

- Welfare coffee morning  
9.00am school hall

### WB Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May

- KS2 SATs Week

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

- Year 5 Space Dome workshop

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

- Year 4 London Zoo trip

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

- Year 3 Holy Communion Mass and May Procession
- End of half term (usual finish time)

### Looking ahead

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July

- Botwell School Summer Fayre

- White polo shirt and navy blue shorts (for PE)

Early years children should be wearing a white polo shirt and navy shorts as this is more appropriate for play.

Please note, children should not be wearing leggings for PE lessons nor under dresses (shorts may be worn under dresses).

All item should be clearly labelled with your child's name so that it can easily be found if lost.

### **Congratulations!**



We want to say a massive well done to Thishee for becoming a Level 4 Winner in the BYITC 9th International Maths Olympiad!

This is a worldwide competition where children show off their maths and problem-solving skills.

Thishee's achievement shows great effort, confidence and a real talent for maths. The competition is part of the Supermaths programme, which helps children build strong mental maths skills in a fun way.

We're so proud of you, Thishee—what a fantastic achievement!

### **Staff Verses Year 6 Netball Match**



Last Thursday, to celebrate St George's Day, our Year 6 children and some of the staff, took part in our annual 'Staff vs Year 6 netball match.' It was a very close result, with both teams scoring a number of goals.

However, there may have been a little cheating going on the teachers' team. The final victory went to Year 6! Well done to everyone who took part and for Miss Bedford for organising the event.

### **Mini London Marathon**



It was truly inspiring to see history being made at this year's London Marathon, where the Catholic Kenyan runner, Sebastian Sawe, broke the record and completed the course in under two hours (1.59.30 to be exact). Such an incredible achievement reminds us all of what determination, resilience, and hard work can accomplish.

Here at school, that same spirit has been alive among our children as they took part in their very own Mini London Marathon challenge, an initiative that runs across several London boroughs. Each child set out to complete an impressive 18 laps—equivalent to approximately 2 miles—showing commitment and enthusiasm every step of the way. You can see two of our

children holding the trophy that our school received for taking part.

Well done to everyone involved—you've truly embodied the marathon spirit! Also, thank you to Miss Bedford for organising the event.

### **Attendance**

As there was no Bulletin last week, we have two weeks' worth of attendance to look at. Last week, the class with the highest attendance was Coelho class, with 98.4%. The year group with the highest overall attendance was Year 6. Well done to the children and parents in these classes.

This week, there has been a lot of illness in school so our overall attendance has fallen with no class reaching the expected attendance of 96%. However, the class with the highest attendance was Dahl class who managed 95.3%. The year group with the highest overall attendance was Year 5.

### **Prayer and Reflection**

Today, celebrates the feast day of St Joseph the Worker, the earthly father of Jesus.

St Joseph the Worker reminds us that even the quiet, everyday tasks we do can be holy and meaningful. Joseph wasn't famous for preaching or performing miracles, but he showed great love by working hard, caring for his family and trusting God in all things. He teaches us that doing our best—whether in school, at home, or helping others—is a way of serving God.

Dear Lord

May we remember that like St Joseph, we are called to be patient, responsible and kind in our daily work. Help us to try our best, even in small things so that we can reflect God's love to those around us.

Amen

