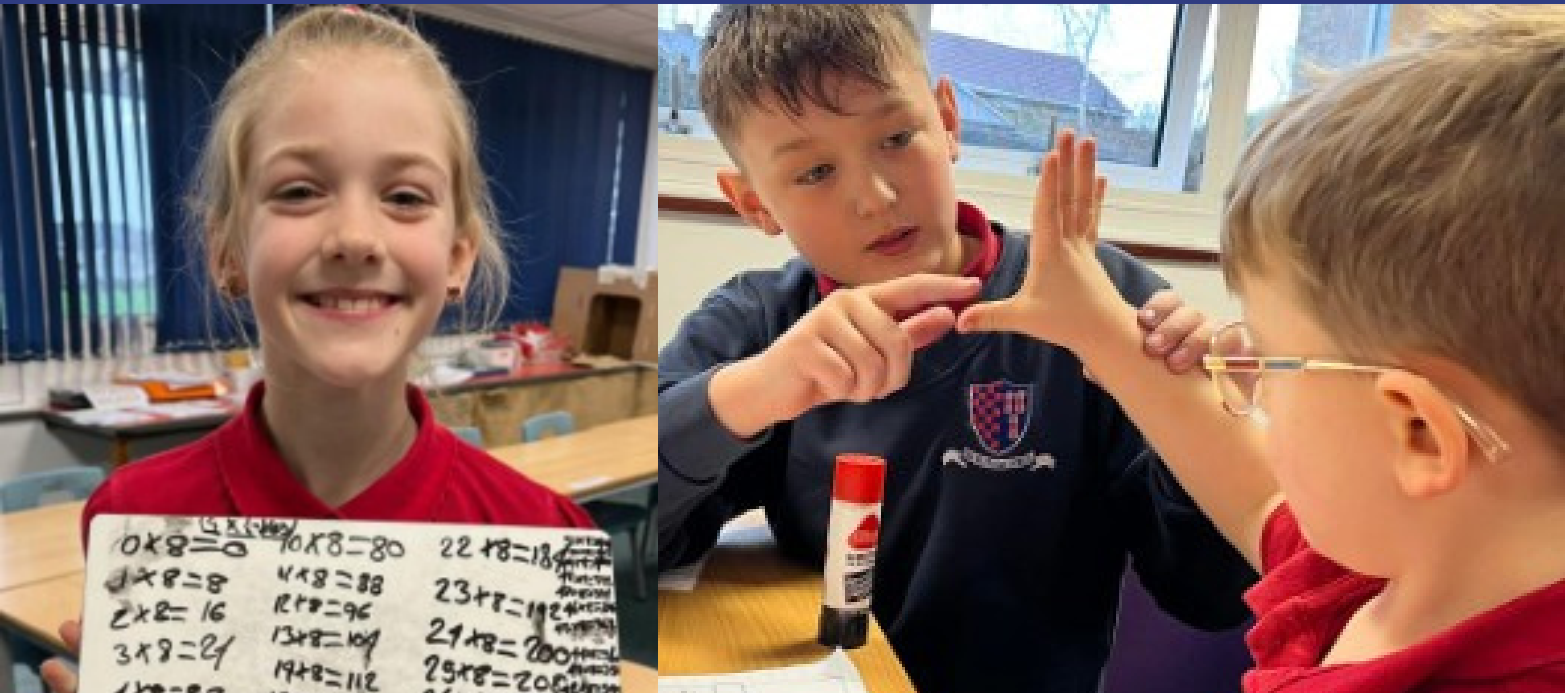


— 6th February 2026 —

Parent Newsletter

| The Bluecoat School |

Be Responsible - Be Independent - Be Resilient



Despite the weather, it certainly hasn't stopped us from having another fantastic and very busy week here at The Bluecoat School. The school has been full of energy, enthusiasm and purposeful learning, with children making the most of every opportunity both in and out of the classroom.

Across the school, pupils have been working hard, showing curiosity, resilience and a real love of learning. It has been wonderful to see them supporting one another, taking pride in their achievements and approaching new challenges with such positive attitudes.

We are extremely proud of every single child for their efforts this week. Their enthusiasm, kindness and willingness to give their best each day continues to make our school such a special place to be. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support

Make sure to follow us on Facebook to keep up with all the latest happenings!





Nursery Learning

This week in Nursery, we have been enjoying the wonderful story *The Big Dreaming*, which has inspired lots of exciting learning about bears, winter, sleep and dreams. The children explored night skies, caves and forests through a wide range of creative activities, including drawing, playdough, small world play and sensory experiences. They especially enjoyed using their imaginations and talking to adults about their own dreams and ideas.

Alongside this, the children have been developing important early skills by practising number ordering, mark making and fine motor skills through fun, hands-on activities. These activities supported their learning while encouraging creativity and independence.

To make the week even more exciting, we were lucky enough to see a hedgehog up close, which caused lots of excitement and curiosity and provided a wonderful real-life learning experience.

It has been a joy to see the children so engaged, imaginative and enthusiastic throughout the week!





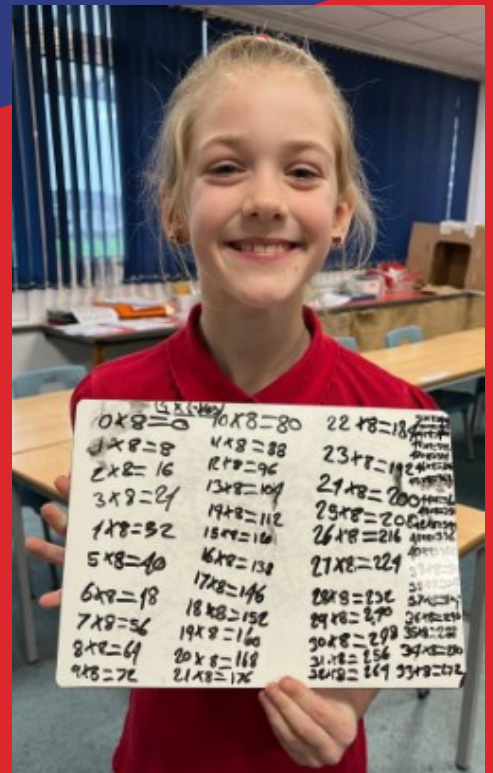
A brilliant week at Bluecoat

What a brilliant week we have had at The Bluecoat School!

One of our Year 4 pupils proudly visited Mrs Houlton to show her the challenge she had set herself—becoming a timetables champion. What a fantastic achievement! In Year 2, the children have been learning to use the rekenrek to reason about number, helping them to deepen their understanding and mastery of maths concepts.

Across the school, our older children have also been shining, showing just how amazing they are by working so positively with our younger pupils. It has been wonderful to see such kindness, teamwork, and leadership on display.

Well done to all our pupils for another great week of learning!





KS2 learning

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the library this week, where they immersed themselves in their fascinating history topic on Ancient Greece. The children loved exploring a wide range of books and resources, helping them to deepen their understanding of Greek life, culture and mythology. They were especially engaged while discovering stories about powerful gods and goddesses, famous landmarks and everyday life in ancient times. The visit sparked many thoughtful discussions and questions, and it was wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm and curiosity grow as they researched independently and shared what they had learned with one another.

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard in Design and Technology, taking on the challenge of designing and constructing bridges. Pupils began by learning about different types of bridges and how structures are strengthened to support weight. They then planned their own designs carefully before bringing them to life using a range of materials. Throughout the project, the children demonstrated excellent teamwork, creativity and problem-solving skills, testing and improving their designs as they went. There was a real buzz of excitement in the classroom as bridges were built, tested and refined, with pupils proudly discussing what worked well and how they could make their structures even stronger. It has been a pleasure to see both year groups so engaged, motivated and enthusiastic about their learning this week!





Football Team Success!

An absolutely incredible well done to our football team who played their first game! They showed true resilience in action, battling through every moment with determination, teamwork, and courage. Their effort, attitude, and sportsmanship were outstanding, and we could not be prouder of them. What a fantastic achievement! GO BLUECOAT.

House Points Excitement!

This week, we introduced our physical house point tokens, and the excitement has been incredible! The children have been absolutely thrilled, proudly collecting their tokens and talking enthusiastically about how they earned them. It has been wonderful to see such motivation, positivity, and school spirit across the school.

Be sure to ask your child all about their house points—they will be very excited to tell you!





SEND information

Learning Walk Highlights – Celebrating Our Strengths!

We are delighted to share some of the wonderful strengths observed during the recent Working Together Team (WTT) learning walk across school. The visit celebrated many aspects of our provision, and we want to share these positive findings with you—our parent community.

Across the school, staff were commended for creating calm, organised and nurturing learning environments that support all pupils, including those with additional needs. Classrooms were noted for their clear layouts, neutral and uncluttered displays, and the thoughtful use of sensory tools such as wobble cushions, ear defenders, sensory chews and Hokki stools, which help children stay comfortable and ready to learn.

In Early Years, WTT praised the team for offering a rich and structured environment with dedicated spaces for group work, sensory exploration, and safe outdoor learning. Activities such as TEACCH trays and indoor climbing were highlighted as excellent examples of meeting children's developmental needs.

Across Key Stage 1 and 2, staff were recognised for their calm routines, small-group reading structures, supportive teaching approaches and well-managed transitions, all of which help children feel secure and ready to engage. The report also highlighted the effective use of visuals, story maps, differentiated tasks, and personalised support, which help pupils understand expectations and succeed at their own level.

The visiting WTT teacher also celebrated how staff build positive relationships, offer clear communication, and adjust tasks sensitively so that every child can participate meaningfully. They noted that pupils across the school demonstrate good engagement, confidence moving between activities, and increasing independence.

We are incredibly proud of the dedication shown by our staff and the resilience and enthusiasm of our pupils. Thank you for your continued support—it is through our strong home-school partnerships that we can keep building such a positive learning experience for all children.



Fancy an insight?

We know that what goes on behind the classroom doors can sometimes feel like a bit of a mystery - you might find yourself trying to picture or piece together what you imagine learning is actually like in class...well wonder no more! We're delight to offer all parents the opportunity to see for themselves what goes on after you drop your children off at school.

If you would like to book a time to come and see and even sit in a lesson or two for a while, please contact the school office to book at time/appointment.

We hope you take the opportunity to find out for yourself what happens after the gates are locked!



After School Clubs – Places Still Available!

We still have spaces available in our exciting after school clubs! Here's what's on offer each day:

Monday – Football

Tuesday – Wheelchair sports

Wednesday – Art

Thursday – Gymnastics

Friday – Wheelchair sports

Breakfast club

Places available for breakfast club.
Every morning from 7:30am
–8:30am.

Reception to Year 6 welcome.

To book a place, please use the Kids Club booking system. If you need any help or have questions, feel free to contact the school office.



Football Club

EVERY MONDAY - 4:30PM

GOAL!

OPEN TO EVERYONE

Meridian Trust

The poster features a central illustration of a football player in a red kit with the number 17, surrounded by several soccer balls. Three circular inset photos show children playing football on a field. The background is dark blue with a subtle pattern of soccer balls.

Wheelchair Sports Club

EVERY TUESDAY AND FRIDAY - 4:30PM

OPEN TO EVERYONE

- Wheelchair Basketball
- Wheelchair Tennis
- Learning key movements

Meridian

The poster features a central illustration of a person in a wheelchair holding a basketball. Three circular inset photos show children in wheelchairs participating in sports: basketball, tennis, and a group activity. The background is dark blue with a subtle pattern of wheelchairs.

GYMNASTICS Club

EVERY THURSDAY - 4:30PM

OPEN TO EVERYONE

- Fundamental gymnastics skills (balances, rolls, jumps)
- Floor routines and tumbling
- Vault introduction and safe landings
- Wall-bar exercises (swings, hangs, grips)
- Flexibility and stretching practice
- Strength-building activities

Meridian

The poster features a central illustration of a gymnast in a white leotard performing a jump. Three circular inset photos show children practicing gymnastics skills on a blue apparatus. The background is dark blue with a subtle pattern of gymnasts.



Events coming up

AI and Your Child: What Parents Should Know

Artificial Intelligence is shaping the way children learn, play, and interact online. As parents, understanding both the opportunities and the risks is key.

Join our **FREE** webinar “AI: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly” to explore:

-  Positive uses of AI for learning and creativity
-  Risks like chatbots, filtering, and misinformation
-  Practical tips for family conversations and parental controls

 Date: 10th February

 Time: 6:00–7:00 PM

 Location: Online

 Register here:

<https://buytickets.at/staysafepartnership/2024139>

The bread and butter thing.



Your local hub:

STAMFORD

Every Thursday at 2pm

**Christ Church, Green Lane, Stamford,
PE9 1HE**

- Get around £35 worth of food for £8.50.
- Includes fresh fruit and veg, fridge favourites and cupboard staples.
- Open every Thursday at 2pm.
- You need to become a member to use the hub but it's free to sign-up and book a slot - just follow these steps.
- There is no commitment and it's free to join.

It's really easy to sign-up:



1 Text 07507 237 311 with your full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from:

"STAMFORD"



2 Select the size of order you want to receive: Family £8.50, individual £5 or Large Family £17. There is a Vegetarian option available too.



3 You'll get a text every Tuesday to see if you want an order. Just reply "YES" by 10am the next day. Your order will be delivered to the hub on Thursday at 2pm.



4 Collect and pay for your goods from the STAMFORD hub. (Don't forget - someone can collect on your behalf if you can't make it and Healthy Start Vouchers are also accepted.)

CALENDAR DATES

📣 Parent Reminders

- 9th February - Year 6 Library Visit.
- 10th February - Year 5 swimming.
- 13th February - Last Day of Term.
- 23rd February - Return to School.
- 24th February - Year 5/6 space centre trip.
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As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child has their coats and a jumper with them when coming to school.

