

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## Bankside Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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## Headteacher's Award Winners - Our Learning Cog of Empathy!



Well done to the children in Key Stage Two this week who were chosen by their teacher to receive the award in our headteacher's assembly!

Next week our learning cog will be resilience. Stay tuned to see who the winners are in Key Stage One!



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# Latest Learning!

This week we share learning moments from our Nursery. The children have been focusing on using their collaboration cog to learn how to work together with their friends towards a shared goal, whilst learning how to share the toys and resources fairly. Nursery have used the phrase 'my turn' and 'your turn' within group games and activities. As the week has progressed, it has been lovely to see the children beginning to wait patiently, showing growing confidence and understanding during shared play.

Additionally, we share photos from our lunchtime provision. Our playground leaders work with the adults to encourage our pupils to try a range of activities during lunchtime. We have been particularly enjoying using the hoops for hopping and skipping challenges! The adults also set up an autumn exploration station with tweezers for children to examine autumnal nature.



# Athletics Taster Session!

This week children in Rainbow 3 were invited to take part in an athletics taster session at John Smeaton Leisure Centre! The children had the opportunity to try a range of events including speed bounce, hurdles, standing long jump and foam javelin throwing. They certainly used their collaboration and resilience learning cogs throughout the afternoon!



# Anti-Racism Ambassadors Launch Day!

**When:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

**What:** Our official launch day for our newly trained pupil Anti-Racism Ambassadors

**Show your support by:** We invite pupils, staff and parents/carers to wear red to show your support and **stand united against racism** in our school and wider community.



Bankside Primary School proudly works with Show Racism The Red Card to support our school community to be **anti-racist**. We educate our pupils to show respect, kindness and togetherness as we celebrate and take pride in our global school community

# Keeping your child safe when using AI

## What are AI chatbots?

Artificial Intelligence (AI) chatbots such as ChatGPT and Google Gemini are becoming more common in everyday life. Children may encounter them at school, in games or through websites and apps. These tools can be useful, but it's important for parents to understand how they work, the potential risks and how to keep children safe.

AI chatbots are computer programs that can hold a conversation with a person. They can:

- Answer questions (e.g. help with homework)
- Spark creativity (e.g. provide ideas for a story)
- Support hobbies and interests
- Provide entertainment (e.g. telling jokes or riddles)



ChatGPT



## When conversations become concerning

Although these conversations can be a helpful tool for learning and fun, there are risks to be aware of:

- **Unpredictable responses:** chatbots sometimes give incorrect, confusing or inappropriate information.
- **Role-play risks:** a child may ask the chatbots to pretend to be a friend, character or even a parent figure. This can blur the lines between fantasy and reality.
- **Sensitive topics:** children may explore personal worries with a chatbot and the answers they receive might not always be supportive, accurate or safe.
- **Over-reliance:** a child might start turning to a chatbots for advice instead of trusted adults.

**Key message:** AI chatbots, like the rest of the internet, can be useful but are not a safe place for children to explore without guidance, supervision and open conversations.

