Balshaw's Bulletin

23rd – 27th January 2026

Theme: Lent

Words of the Week: "Now, come back to your God. Act with love and justice, and always depend on him" – Hosea 12:6

Upcoming Events

More information here

23/02/2026

- School Reopens after the Half-Term Holiday

24/02/2026 – 05/03/2026

- GCSE Food Practical Examinations

26/02/2026 – 02/03/2026

- Year 9 Options Choice Interviews

27/02/2026

- Year 9 Tracking Reports to Parents

Next week's fixtures:

Monday:

- No fixtures today

Tuesday:

- Year 8 Football (Home)
- Year 11 Netball at All Hallows (Away)

Wednesday:

- No fixtures today

Thursday:

- No fixtures today

Friday:

- No fixtures today

Top 3 Tutor group attendance last week (09/02/2026-13/02/2026):

1. 10FN7 (98.7%)
2. 7FN2 (98.4%)
3. 8CU4 and 9CU5 (98.3%)

Whole School Attendance last week (09/02/26-13/02/26):

94.3%

Balfest:

(Please select image)

National Year of Reading:

Here

Attendance:

Here

Reminder of the week:

Up-to-date information is vital, if you believe any of your details need to be updated please contact the school office via Synergy or enquiries@balshaws.org.uk.

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Club rota:

Please note this information is correct at time of publishing but is subject to change. Please check X (Twitter) for any daily updates.

Day	Break/Lunch Clubs	Afterschool Clubs
Mon	All Years – Culture Club - Lunch Year 7-9 – Football (3G) – Lunch Year 10-11 – GCSE PE Table Tennis – Lunch	All Years – Choir Practice (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-8 – Drama Club (3.20pm-4.10pm) – CANCELLED (Until further notice) due to school production Year 7-8 (Girls) – Indoor Athletics (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-10 – Mary Poppins Rehearsals (3.10pm-4.30pm) See notices below for further information. Year 7 (Boys) – Indoor Athletics (3.10pm-4.10pm)
Tues	All Years - Young Writers' Club – Lunch All Years – Knitting Club – Lunch All Years – Faith Club – Lunch Year 7 & 11 – Table Tennis – Lunch Year 8 - 10 – Football (3G) – Lunch	All Years – Home Learning Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) All Years – Band Practice (3.10pm-4.10pm) All Years – Warhammer Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) All Years (Girls) – Fitness Suite (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7 and 9 (Girls) – Netball (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-8 – STEM Club (3.10pm-4pm) Year 7-10 – Mary Poppins Rehearsals (3.10pm-4.30pm) See notices below for further information. Year 8 (Boys) – Indoor Athletics (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 8 (Boys) – Football (3.10pm-4.10pm) – REARRANGED Year 8-10 – Rotary Youth Speaks Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 10 – Duke of Edinburgh (3.10pm-4.10pm) - CANCELLED
Wed	All Years – Balshaw's Archivists Year 7, 8 & GCSE – Table Tennis – Lunch Year 9 - 11 – Football (3G) – Lunch	All Years – Home Learning Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) All Years – Choir Practice (3.10pm-4.10pm) All Years – Debate Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) All Years – Darts Club (3.10pm-4.00pm) All Years – Table Tennis (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-8 (Boys) – Handball (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-9 – Table Tennis (3.10pm-4.10pm)
Thurs	All Years – Eco Council – Lunch Year 7-8 – Film Club - Lunch Year 7, 10 & 11 – Football (3G) – Lunch Year 8, 9 & GCSE – Table Tennis – Lunch	All Years – Home Learning Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) All Years – Gymnastics (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 9-11 – English Speaking Union Public Speaking Practice (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 10-11 – Basketball (3.10pm-4.10pm)
Fri	All Years – The Listening Club – Lunch Year 7, 8 & 11 Football (3G) – Lunch Year 9, 10 & GCSE – Table Tennis – Lunch Year 11 – GCSE French Revision - Lunch	Year 8 (Boys) – Football (3.10pm-4.10pm) - CANCELLED Year 8 (Girls) – Netball (3.10pm-4.10pm)

"Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path" Psalm 119, Verse 105

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Teacher Notices – **All Years**:

Lateness to school - We have seen a rise in the number of students arriving late to school. School starts at 8:40am prompt and students will be let into the building by staff at 8:30am. Please could I kindly ask all Parents to ensure your child is on time every day. Thank you, Mrs Wilson.

Please can you ask your child to bring in any books they no longer read from home?

Criteria:

- Good condition

- Modern

- Suitable for teens and/or young adults

We welcome everything from fiction to non-fiction and if there are books for older teens/adults please just send them in as we can sort them accordingly. Also, if you have books for younger students or those in Year 5 or 6 they may also appeal to some of our younger readers.

Thank you, Miss McCutcheon.

If you child attends a club, please ensure they have signed up for this via their Synergy accounts.

Teacher Notices – **Year 7 - 8**:

1st Clayton Brook Scout Group have been in contact with School. There are a few spaces in the Scout section (10-14 years). If your child is interested in joining, please contact Clare Beard via the Clayton Brook Scout Facebook Group.

Teacher Notices – **Year 7 – 9 (Girls)**:

Girls in year 7, 8 and 9 will need shin pads for PE lessons after February half term. Please can students bring boots if they have them, trainers are suitable.

Teacher Notices – **Year 7**:

No new notices this week.

Teacher Notices – **Year 8**:

No new notices this week.

Teacher Notices – **Year 9**:

Our **KS4 options** process has begun. You can see full details about the process, the specific dates and times here.

Teacher Notices – **Year 10**:

No new notices this week.

Teacher Notices – **Year 11**:

The Revision Support and Study Skills timetable is live on our Website and can be found here. The information will be regularly updated as the sessions are planned.

Teacher Notices – **Year 7 - 10**:

Mary Poppins Rehearsal Schedule:

Date	Dancing	Singing	Acting
Monday 23rd Feb	Full cast Step in Time choreography		Full cast Step in Time
Tuesday 24th Feb	Full cast Step in Time. (Singing)	Full cast Step in Time (in the hall). Singing	Full cast Step in Time