

Autumn 2 - 2025

Welcome to this issue of “In the Know”.

Dear Parents, Carers, and Members of the Bournville School Community,

As we approach the end of this term, I am delighted to share the incredible achievements and experiences that have taken place across our school. From the festive joy of our **Christmas Fayre**, which raised an amazing £900 for school initiatives and house charities, to the inspiring **Theatre trip to The Rep**, our students have truly embraced every opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute.

It has been heartwarming to see the **choir spreading cheer** at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, and our **Year 11 students** preparing for their futures through the Mock Interview Day. Creativity has flourished in the **Art department**, with stunning Paul Cézanne-inspired pieces, and our **Business Studies students** gained invaluable insights during their visit to KPMG.

We are also proud of the enthusiasm for extracurricular activities, with a significant increase in sports fixtures and clubs, promoting health, wellbeing, and teamwork. Our commitment to innovation continues with participation in the global **Hour of AI**, ensuring students are equipped for the future.

Finally, I want to thank our SEND team and all parents for their ongoing collaboration and support. Together, we are building a school community that values inclusion, creativity, and excellence.

Wishing you all a restful holiday and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming all students back on 6th January as we start an exciting new year!

Warm regards,

Marie Rooney

Principal



Christmas Fayre

The school community came together on Thursday 4th December for our annual Christmas Fayre in what was a fantastic turn out from friends and families!

We would just like to say a Huge Thank You to everyone who came along and supported the event, we really hope that you all enjoyed it.

A Big Thank You to form tutors who worked hard with their tutor groups and Houses to come up with inventive games and an assortment of food to sell. All of our primary classes contributed so much too from home made goods to the fantastically successful bottle tombola!



The total money raised for the school from The Christmas Fayre was..... £900!!! THANK YOU! Some of this will go to house charities and some to arranging future events in school. Thank you for everyone's continued support!

Miss H Poole – Assistant Principal

Theatre trip to The Rep

Drama students enjoyed the valuable experience of seeing some live theatre at 'The Rep' in Birmingham last week. 'Sherlock Holmes and the 12 Days of Christmas' is a comedy that our students thoroughly enjoyed. There were some outstanding performers, highly skilled in parody and it was great to see students blown away by the energy, the design and of course the cheeky jokes. This is of course, excellent enrichment to support their Drama studies in school and they have already started to analyse what they saw. It was an absolute pleasure to take students who behaved impeccably.

Honey's review: 'Going to see Sherlock at the Birmingham Rep was a nice experience to see in person a play that will help with our GCSE work. The performance was funny and showed a contrast to plays we have studied before. The atmosphere was cool to have been a part of and the overall layout of the play was well run. I would highly recommend going to see Sherlock if you like comedy and music'.



Ms Brown (Subject Leader – Drama)



Choir sing for the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital

The Bournville School choir has gone from strength to strength this year, meeting weekly they have rehearsed and rehearsed! They have also enjoyed some notable performances at the FMAT Talent showcase and more recently a group of them brightened the day of patients at the local Royal Orthopaedic hospital by singing Christmas songs for them. We were very pleased to receive an e-mail from the event organiser, thanking the students for doing such a wonderful job. It is fantastic to see students thinking of others and wanting to do something wonderful for the community. Well done to all those who participated!

Miss A. Charterton – Music teacher

Y11 Mock Interview Day

Year 11 students are encouraged to think and prepare for their Post 16 options, and many should already have applications in for local colleges and sixth forms. Y11 mock interview day is always an incredible opportunity for them to practice their interview skills from professionals of local businesses and colleges. In recent weeks, they have written their CVs and planned out responses to typical interview questions. The day always brings a few nerves, but visitors were impressed with the way our students responded to the challenge. Students came away delighted with the experience and ready now for the real thing!

Mrs R. Field – Careers Lead



Business students visit KPMG

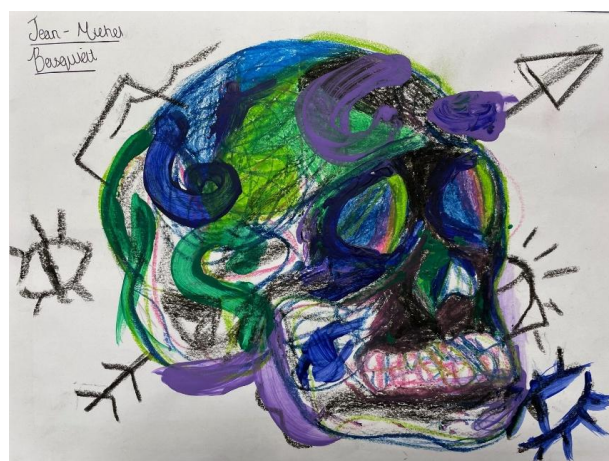
Y10 Business Studies students got a unique opportunity to visit the prestigious offices of KPMG in Birmingham city centre. KPMG provide financial services to other businesses and students were able to not only get an insight into what they do, to visit their offices and understand what working in a business environment means but also to engage in a workshop about the use of Artificial Intelligence in Business. This will enrich their classroom learning! Miss H. Poole – Business teacher

Art- In the Art department, during this half term students have been working hard on several different projects and assignments. Key stage 3 students have been completing their BASE assessments and KS4 students - have been working on their milestones and mock examinations.

Here are some fantastic Paul Cezanne style paintings by Year 7 students. Well done to Negassi, Jiayu, Abraham and Andiia for creating these painting, We are so proud of you.



Well done to Reem and Lilly in Year 8 for creating these confident portraits.



And finally well done to Suniya, Owen, Sophia, Isabelle and Amelia for creating these original street art inspired pieces.



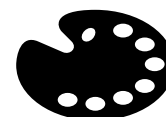
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Art- Extra-Curricular Clubs

Wednesday- KS3 Art Club

Friday- KS4 Art Club

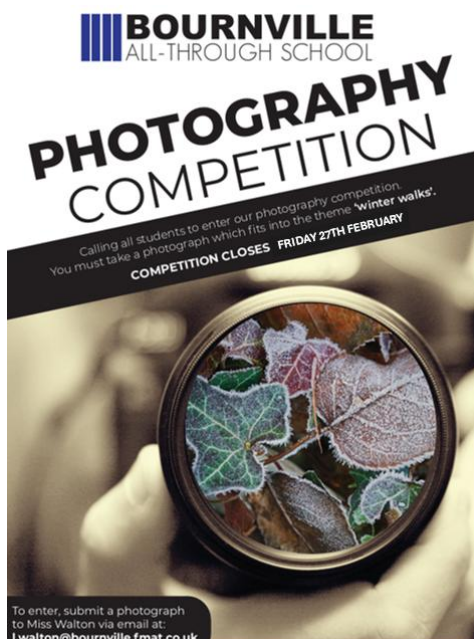
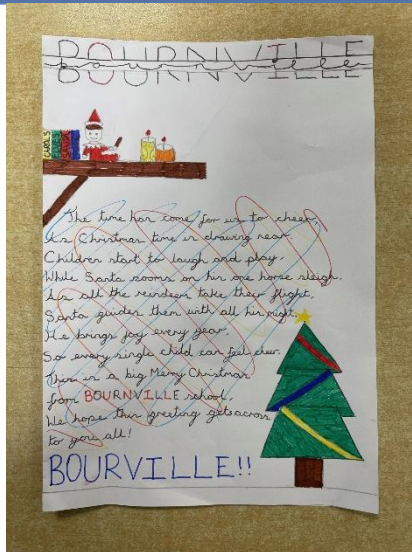


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Christmas card competition results

Well done to Ruby (1st place) and Vivi (runner up) in Year 7 for their excellent Christmas card competition entries. All students that entered will get a treat before the end of term.

We wish everyone a restful holiday and a Happy New Year!



Winter Walks Photography Competition

We have just launched our Winter Walks photography competition.

Please email all entries to Miss Walton by Friday 27th February.

L.Walton@bournville.fmat.co.uk



The Barber Institute Art Challenge

Every month The Barber Institute of Fine Arts is encouraging creative submissions around a specific theme, inspired by the Barber's world-class art collection. From paintings and drawings to collage and clay, all visual art mediums are welcome. Just submit your work to be featured online, and to be in with a chance of winning some quality art materials! Submit photographs of the work to Miss Walton by the deadline (the last day of each month)-

L.Walton@bournville.fmat.co.uk

Or directly to The Barber Institute Art Gallery-

info@barber.org.uk

Current and future themes-

December: Objects

January: Buildings



Significant Increase in Fixtures and Clubs Boosts Participation

The environment at Bournville School has seen a marked boost in activity this term, reflecting a strong, renewed enthusiasm for sport among our pupils. We are pleased to announce a significant resurgence in our school's sporting programming, establishing this term as one of the most proactive in recent school history.

Through the hard work of our dedicated pupils and staff, our sports programme has delivered an impressive 21 competitive fixtures, encompassing boys' and girls' football, basketball, and netball. This robust schedule of fixtures directly showcases our pupils' commitment and the Physical Education department's successful ambition to elevate Bournville's presence in local leagues.



More Than Competition: The Value of Widespread Participation

While competitive success is motivating, the core achievement this term is the fantastic level of widespread participation. We have successfully run 18 weekly sports clubs, including: football, netball, basketball, table tennis and gym, ensuring inclusive opportunities for all students, irrespective of prior experience. Crucially, we are celebrating weekly participation from over 120 pupils!

These clubs are fundamental to our commitment to promoting student health and wellbeing.

The Impact is Clear:

- **Improved Health:** Consistent participation in clubs like basketball and football helps pupils meet key physical activity targets, leading to enhanced stamina and overall fitness.
- **Mental Wellbeing:** Engagement in team sports and regular training provides a constructive outlet for students, contributing positively to mood, reducing stress, and fostering a crucial sense of community and belonging.
- **Teamwork and Leadership:** From the coordination required in netball to the defensive support in football, our clubs actively cultivate essential skills in effective communication, practical leadership, and resilience—qualities beneficial across the curriculum.

Looking Ahead

This success marks an excellent foundation. The positive momentum generated by 21 fixtures and 18 active clubs, involving over 120 pupils weekly, will be carried forward into the next term. We strongly encourage every student, from experienced athletes to new joiners, to engage with the opportunities available. Please check the PE noticeboards or consult with your teachers to find a club that matches your interest.

The commitment and enthusiasm are strong, and Bournville School is proud of our flourishing sports community!



Mr R. Linfield (Subject Leader – PE)

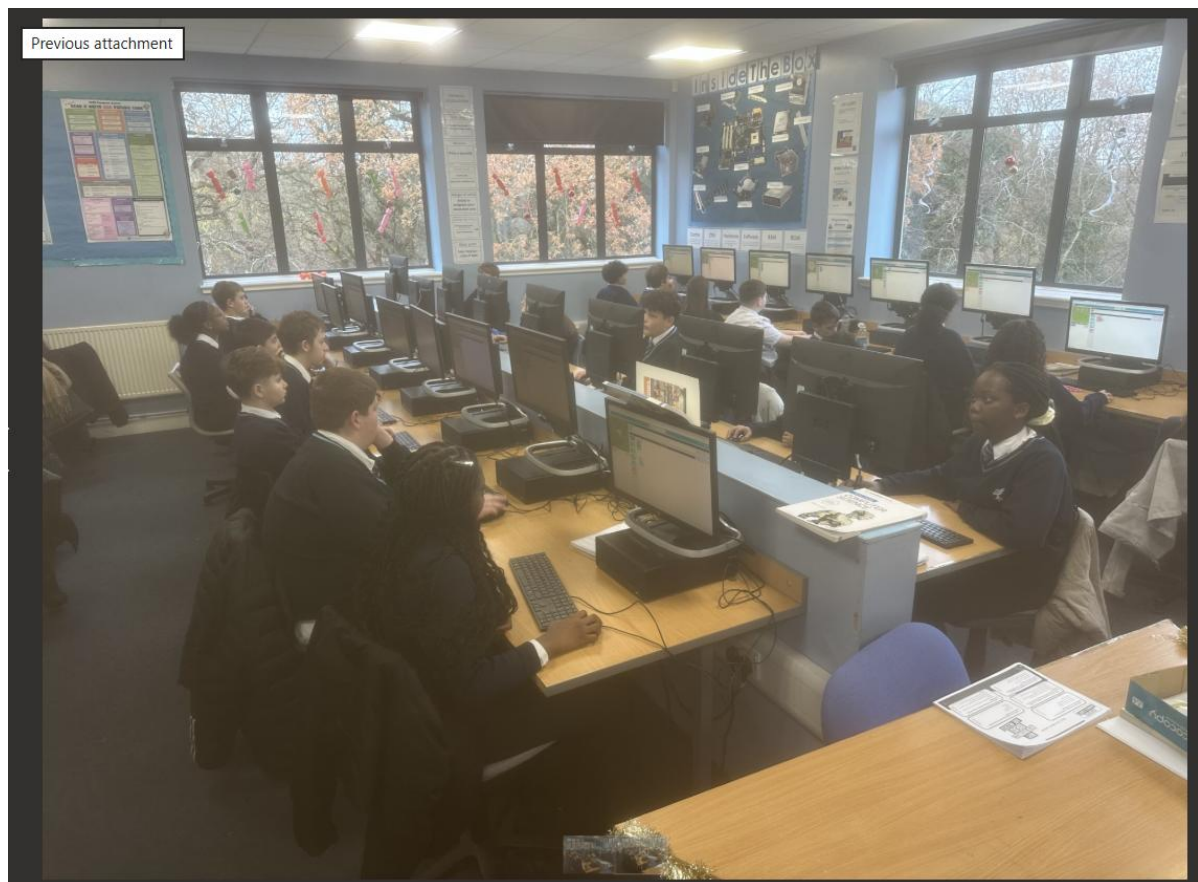
Computing

We are delighted to share that, just like last year, pupils at Bournville will be taking part in a global computing initiative, but this time with an exciting twist. Previously, our students joined in the Hour of Code; now we are proud to announce that we will be participating in the first-ever Hour of AI. ([Code.org](https://code.org))

The Hour of AI is a worldwide campaign designed to help young people explore and understand artificial intelligence in a fun, hands-on way. During this one-hour session, students may try creative activities such as building simple AI projects, experimenting with block or Python based coding, or even using AI in games, art, or music.

We believe this opportunity will help our pupils become not just users of technology, but confident creators; giving them early, practical insight into how AI works and how it might shape their future. If you'd like more information about Hour of AI and how it is being used in schools worldwide, you can explore further via the links provided by the organisers.

Best wishes,
The Computing Department
Mrs N Mirza



The SEND department

It has been another busy half term in SEND. All the parents of SEND students should have been part of the review of their child's Learning Plan by now. As part of the review, you should have been given a code to access your child's Learning Plan via the Edukey website. If you haven't received this, please let the SEND team know via email BV-SENDCO@bournville.fmat.co.uk and we will look into this.

Thank you for those parents who have signed up to the Inclusion Award Parents' Forum, however we need more parent involvement to achieve the award. If you'd like to be part of our co-production work or SEND Parent Forum, please contact Ms Kesziova via email at d.kesziova@bournville.fmat.co.uk.

The first SEND Parents Forum will be at 2pm on 2nd February 2026. If you would like to attend please let us know by contacting d.kesziova@bournville.fmat.co.uk so we can add you to the approved visitor list.

● Monthly SENDCo Drop-In Sessions

I am continuing to host monthly SENDCo Drop-In sessions for parents and carers who would like to discuss any concerns or ask questions about SEND provision.

The next session will be on Tuesday 27th January between 1:30 and 3:30pm.

If you'd like to attend, please contact Ms Kesziova via email at d.kesziova@bournville.fmat.co.uk.

✿ Parent Workshops

The Communication and Autism Team are running bookable parent 1:1 session to discuss any issues. The sessions will be on the 6th and 8th January.

Please see the flyers below to book a session direction with them.

Communication and Autism Team

Parent Carer Advice Sessions

We would like to invite you to a 25 minute one-to-one advice session with a member of the Communication and Autism Team
For parent carers of children / young people on our CAT caseload, with a diagnosis of autism or who are on the neurodevelopmental pathway for assessment.

Sessions are limited but further sessions will be available at a later date if you are not able to book this time.

Date: Tuesday January 6th 2026
Book via the following link:
<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/cat-parent-carer-online-advice-sessions-6th-january-2026/>
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Future Workshops and Events

I am currently planning a new series of SEND information and support sessions for parents – so watch this space!

If there's a particular topic you'd like us to cover (for example, supporting anxiety, ADHD strategies, or preparing for transition), please let me know and I'll do my best to arrange it.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a happy festive period and thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we're making a real difference for our young people.

Mr R. Archbold
SENDCo

Attendance and rewards!

Attendance remains a school priority as the link between attainment and attendance is clear. As well as their academic lessons, students may also miss a wealth of school events, activities and trips that we plan as part of our Personal Development programme. These are organised to enrich learning, to develop character and to give our students never to be forgotten memories of their time in school. Rewards trips are also a feature of the school calendar, where students who consistently demonstrate our school values and have excellent attendance are recognised for their efforts. In early December the pastoral team were pleased to take these honorary students to enjoy a game of laser tag, an activity they thoroughly enjoyed.

We will finish the term giving out a wealth of certificates for those who are excelling in subjects and who have fantastic attendance. There will be another rewards event, where students are invited to the Bournville Cinema experience. Congratulations to all our reward winners!

