



Mr N's Bulletin ~ October 2026

A. Parking Issues

It's not taken long for me to receive my first complaint from the local residents about parking. I have sent out regular reminders over the years about the need to park with due care and consideration around the community but, the problems keep on presenting themselves. I know the parking situation around Borrás isn't great and we are unable to offer enough on-site parking to all that require it; this is not dissimilar to other schools in Wrexham. To support our school community, please do not park illegally, dangerously or cause any avoidable problems such as parking in front of driveways. For the majority of parents/ carers that do manage to park appropriately, thank you very much indeed!



In relation to our on-site car use, please be sure to stick to the site rules by not parking without a permit, not parking in the Drop-Off Bays (unless you have a permit), the 5mph speed limit and giving pedestrians the right of way as they use the pavement at the site entry/exit point.

B. Car Engines – Leaving them running while parked could cost you £150!



The change is part of a new measure by the Welsh government to try to reduce harmful pollution and to protect children's health. The previous punishment for idling, as it is known, was £20, but that has now been raised to anywhere from £75 to £150, depending on circumstances. The Welsh government said it hoped the increase would "*change the habits of people who are polluting communities*". See link below to take you to the BBC News article. So, if you have managed to get on site in your car at any time, please switch off your engine once you have stopped.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c6x2zw4l998jo>

C. No Nuts

We are very grateful for the support of our school community in helping to keep all children safe. As some of our pupils have severe nut allergies, we kindly ask that nuts and products containing nuts are not brought into school. For children with these allergies, even a small amount of contact can cause a serious reaction. Thank you for helping us create a safe, inclusive and caring environment.



D. Birthday Cake

We love celebrating our pupils' birthdays and sharing in their special milestones. To help us keep all children safe and ensure celebrations are inclusive for everyone, we kindly ask that birthday cakes and other homemade food treats are not brought into school.

There are a number of reasons why:

1. The ingredients are not always known and may contain allergens
2. Some pupils are allergic to airborne allergens even if they don't eat the product itself
3. It's not fair if children are singled out because of their condition and have to watch others tucking in
4. It takes a long time for staff to cut up and share out the cake
5. Some parents don't want their children eating cake at home time
6. It becomes an expectation that a child has to bring something into school to share out with the class



At most, if you insist on having your child share something out at for their birthday at home time, it must not contain any traces of nuts and it must be individually wrapped. But, it is preferred that you refrain from sending anything into school at all.

E. Sports News

I am proud to announce that after a tough qualifying tournament between Wrexham schools last week, the boy's football team have successfully qualified for the National Urdd Finals being held in Aberystwyth this May 2027 for the fifth consecutive year. Last year, the boys came proud runners up. The girl's football team (the current Urdd Nationals title holders) will be playing in their qualifying tournament after half term. We wish them all the very best of luck!



We also have a very successful golfer at Borrás Park too! I am aware that we have a few children that play golf outside school, but Joshua Jones in Year 6 won the Under 10's Ping Junior Welsh Tour playing the final round of a six-event tour in Cardiff over the weekend. Joshua accumulated the most points on the leaderboard over the tour and has been crowned champion. I've booked myself in for a few lessons from Joshua as I had the worst possible round of golf last weekend!



F. Parents Evening Week – Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd October

The teachers will be sharing their availability for your parents evening bookings on Seesaw after school today (Monday 12th). You will be allocated a 10-minute time slot per child for you to share how well your child has settled into their new year. In order to keep the sessions running smoothly, we are unable to extend the sessions as this causes huge delays as the evening progresses, so please do not feel offended if a discussion has to be drawn to a close by the teacher if there has been a lot to discuss. Please arrive in good time for your appointment and enter the building through the main entrance using the signs to navigate your way to your child's class. The staff car park will be open from approximately 3:20pm.



G. Snacks

Snack for children in Nursery to Year 2 comes at a cost of **£10 per half term**. This is a very reasonable amount given the kind of snacks that we give the children access to. Thank you to those of you that keep on top of this charge. We will be chasing up any outstanding payments once again after half term.

Children in other year groups bring in their own break time snacks. We have to deploy strict and simple rules for this kind of snack from home. Only fresh fruit or vegetables can be consumed. Fruit Winders, fruit bars, nuts, breakfast bars, yoghurts, fruit jellies, Frubes etc are not permitted.

Please make sure your child can tell the difference between the food provided in their lunch box from the food you have provided for their morning break-time snack. Snacks are NOT to be shared with friends.



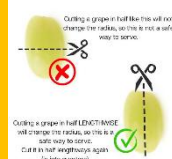
H. Fiddle-toys and other distractions

We kindly ask parents not to send children into school with fidget toys, collectible items, trading cards or other toys from home. While some children may use specific sensory resources as part of an **agreed** support plan, we are finding that personal toys are increasingly becoming a distraction to learning rather than helping children to focus. They can also lead to disagreements between pupils and upset if items are lost or damaged.



I. Grapes

Grapes are a healthy and popular snack choice, but they can present a choking risk for young children if eaten whole. To help keep all children safe, we kindly ask parents/carers to cut grapes in half lengthways before sending them into school. This simple step significantly reduces the risk of choking and helps ensure that snack times remain safe and enjoyable for everyone. Thank you for your support and cooperation.



J. GLOW DISCO! - Thursday 15th October

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 – 5:00pm start (Drop off at the Main Entrance)
- 6:00pm finish (Pick up through the Studio Hall door at the rear)

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 – 6:15pm start (Drop off at the main entrance**)

*** If you are also picking up a younger child from the Year 1, 2 & 3 Disco, please drop off at the Studio Hall as you are doing the pick-up – otherwise, use the Main Entrance)*

- 7:15pm finish (Pick up through the Studio Hall door at the rear)

Price = £2 per child per disco (this includes some light refreshments and a glow stick)

The school car park will be accessible for both discos.

