

W/C 20th
October
2025

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Principal's Message

As we wrap up the final week of this half term, I have been encouraging our learners during assemblies to reflect on their personal values—what truly matters to them and how these values guide their choices and interactions. We've also been exploring the theme of resilience, discussing how important it is to build this skill to help us face challenges with confidence and determination.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 learners at Cockshut Hill for the brilliant start they have made to their final year. Their focus and determination to achieve the very best outcomes is truly inspiring. Attendance at English and Maths tutoring sessions has been excellent, reflecting the commitment and dedication needed for success. It is clear that our learners understand the importance of these opportunities and are making the most of them. As we approach the half-term break, we know many learners will be using this time to prepare for their first series of mock exams (PPEs). These assessments, along with the feedback they receive, will play a vital role in guiding their next steps and helping them reach their full potential. Congratulations to Year 11 on a wonderful start to the year — we are excited to see all that you will achieve!

As the days grow shorter, we're seeing darker mornings and evenings. Please remind children to stay safe by:

- Sticking to well-lit routes when walking to and from school
- Wearing reflective items where possible—even small reflectors on bags or coats can make a big difference
- Staying alert and avoiding distractions like phones or headphones when crossing roads
- Travelling with friends whenever possible

Learners should also wear appropriate uniform and outerwear that meets our school dress code. Please note that hoodies will be confiscated if worn on site.

As we head into the break, I want to thank everyone for your continued positivity, hard work, and support throughout this half term.

As my first half term at Cockshut Hill School comes to a close, I just want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone in the school community; learners, colleagues, and families for making me feel so welcome. Your kindness, support, and positivity have made settling in a real joy, and I'm really looking forward to continuing the journey with you all.

Wishing you all a happy and restful holiday, please take time to recharge, and we look forward to welcoming you back from 8am on Monday 3rd November.



MR J. CLARKE

Personal Development

Royal Navy

It was a real pleasure to welcome the Royal Navy into school last week to work with our Year 9 learners. Their sessions were engaging and inspiring, offering valuable lessons in teamwork, leadership, and perseverance—skills that will serve our learners well both in and out of the classroom.



Diwali

We also had the joy of celebrating Diwali with some of our learners and their families and colleagues last Thursday. It was a lovely opportunity to come together in appreciation of light, hope, and community. Thank you to everyone who helped make this celebration so special.



Half term Travel



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FREE bus travel for parents this October half term

All day, **unlimited** travel from
27 October until 2 November

Parents, guardians and carers can enjoy
unlimited free bus travel across the
West Midlands during these dates.

How to claim

Applications are open from Monday 6
October until Wednesday 15 October.
Just scan the QR code (or visit tfwm.org.uk/october) to apply!

Once applications close, we'll email you
with instructions on how to redeem your
free travel through your Swift account.



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Nurturing ADHD kids

This online 6 week course is free for Birmingham parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD or suspected ADHD

LED BY ADULTS WITH ADHD

Does your child have ADHD or suspected ADHD?

Are you trying to support them but find that everyone gives you different advice?

In this 6 week course, you will

- **learn about ADHD**
- **Understand the effect on our mental health**
- **Understand the reasons behind behaviours**
- **Gain confidence in advocating for our children**
- **Learn new strategies**
- **Help our kids be confident, resilient and be their best selves**

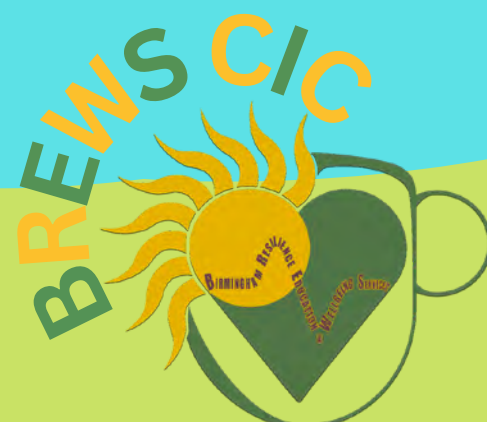
What parents have said about this course

This course is literally game-changing for parents, caregivers, teachers and anyone living with a child (or adult) with ADHD. So much misunderstanding, frustration and worry could be prevented if everyone had access to this amazing resource.

Essential course for any parent of a child with ADHD. It changed the way I see my son and my ability to respond to his needs effectively.

Very informative, friendly, no pressure, enjoyable sessions

Email:
contactus@brewseducation.org



Menu

Restaurant

Autumn & Winter menu 2025	Week 1						Week 2					
	Option one	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Option one	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Classic Beef bolognaise with garlic bread	Mexican Beef chilli with 50/50 rice or soft taco	Roast of The Day with roast potatoes & gravy	Green Thai chicken curry with 50/50 rice	Fish fingers or salmon fishcake with chips		Macaroni Cheese With crunchy garlic croutons	STREET FOOD Spicy Chicken with khobez and tabbouleh salad	Butchers Sausage & Mash with onion gravy	Hot Wok chicken Noodles with 50/50 rice	Battered fillet of fish with chips & tartare sauce
		  	 									
	Option two	Autumn vegetable risotto with garlic bread	Mexican vegetable rice	Cajun sweet potato tart with roast potatoes & gravy	Sticky soy & honey noodles	Loaded hound dog with chips	Option two	Quorn & Black bean Fajitas with rice	Houmous & Falafel with khobez and tabbouleh salad	Veggie Sausage & Mash with onion gravy	Black bean Vegetables with rice	Greek spinach & filo parcels with chips
		 						   				
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	Dessert of the day	Home Bakes & Cookies	Home Bakes & Cookies	Plum & vanilla crumble With custard	Home Bakes & Cookies	Home Bakes & Cookies	Dessert of the day	Home Bakes & Cookies	Home Bakes & Cookies	Apple & Cherry Oaty Crumble With custard	Home Bakes & Cookies	Home Bakes & Cookies
 		 										
Allergies Please speak to a member of staff if you have an allergy and need to know what's inside our food dishes. They will advise you of your available choices Menu Key  Vegan option  Added plant protein  Source of wholemeal Also Available.. Our hot and cold grab & go selection alongside soup of the day and filled jacket potatoes 												
Week 3												
Option one	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Option two	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	Vegetarian Thai Noodles	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with spaghetti	The Classic Roast Dinner with all the trimmings	Chicken Korma with 50/50 rice	Battered fillet of fish with chips & tartare sauce		Vegan Meatball Pasta Bake	Vegetable Biryani	Roast Quorn with all the trimmings	Sweet potato, chickpea & spinach tikka with 50/50 rice	The Big Plant Burger with chips	
	 			   								
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Personal Development



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GOLD - RIGHTS RESPECTING

Article of the Month: 28 – The Right to Education

Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child.

We have chosen this article as receiving an education is valuable for our future aspirations. It helps us to develop skills as well as understanding the world we live in and understanding ourselves better as individuals.

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 27th – Friday 31st October – **October Half Term**

Monday 3rd November: **All Year Groups - Return to school**

Monday 3rd November: **Year 11 PPE Examinations begin**

Monday 17th November: **Villa Vision Sight Screenings begin**

Wednesday 19th November: **HSBC Banking Futures Event**

Tuesday 25th November: **Y9 Royal Navy Visit**

Wednesday 26th November: **Y10 Royal Navy Visit**



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Mental Health Support Teams



Mental health support for children, young people, and their families



*up to 25 years old for care leavers with special education needs or disability

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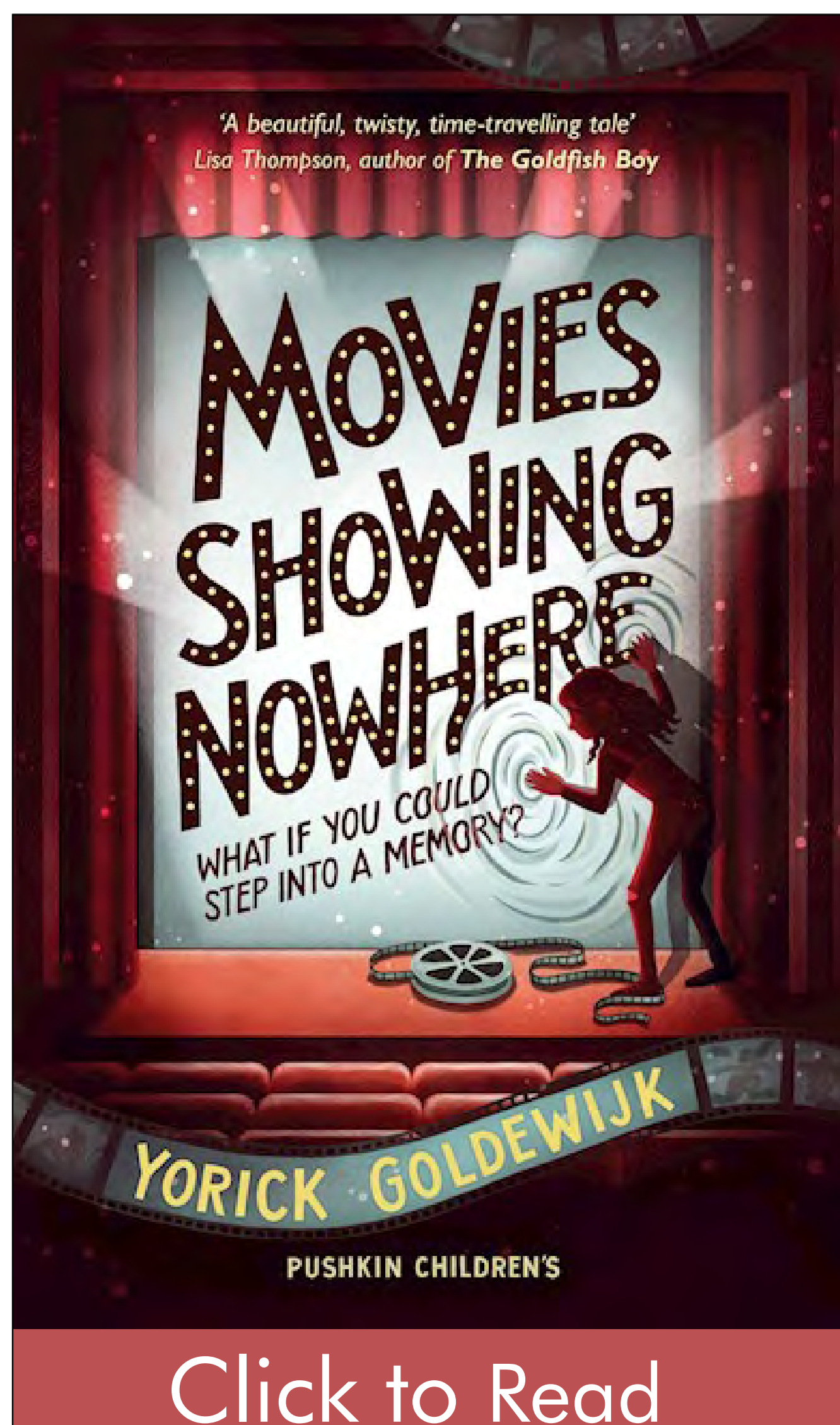
Literacy

Love to Read

DIGITAL BOOK OF THE WEEK

Movies Showing Nowhere
by Yorick Goldewijk

On the day Cato came into the world, her mother left it. Cato's dad has been a mere shadow of a person ever since, and Cato has given up reaching out to him. When she finds a mysterious card from an abandoned movie theatre and discovers it has reopened, Cato decides to go take a look. There appears to be something strange about the cinema. The movies showing there are no ordinary movies and somehow the cinema seems to be in connection with the past...



[Click to Read](#)

Literacy Tip

Reading can come with health benefits. Research has shown that reading can alleviate stress and improve memory and concentration. Making reading part of your bedtime routine can help with sleep, too.

Literacy Learner of the Week

Montaha Fadlalla, Y8



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Learner Praise

House Stars of the Week



Alder House
Jayden Bradford



Oak House
William Cherry



Maple House
Demarco Thomas



Yew House
Ethar Nur

Principal's Commendation

- Harvey Singh
- Scarlet Pang
- Jasmin Meher

For their hard work organising the Diwali event



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Learner Enrichment

Enrichment Opportunities

Half Term	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HT2	Library Club – after school School Band & Choir – Music Block Creative Writing Club-HMI-M16		Library Club – after school Coding Club – CGR W84 Table Tennis – ACR Maxstoke/Boys Gym Year 7 Football- JMI Boys Gym Year 8 Football- DHA Boys Gym Netball Club – EJO Netball Courts 3-4:15	Craft Club – after school week 2 only. RTH M23 Bollywood Dance – after school ZKO M27/LSH Geog Club – HAD G45 Library Club – after school Pride Group – M17 – lunchtime Year 9 Football- JMI Boys Gym Year 10 Football- DHA Boys Gym Drama Club – Drama studio	Library Club – after school Volleyball Club – Mr March (Boys Gym) Table Tennis invite only - ACR Maxstoke/Boys Gym Science Club in W69

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After School
Activities
3pm - 4pm

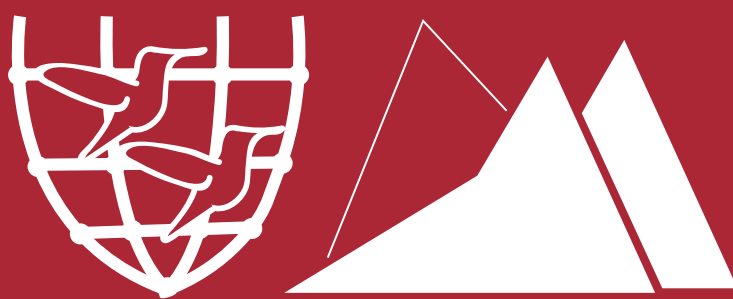


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We will shortly begin utilising a new platform, named **Attend** to communicate with yourselves in regards to attendance.

The email address these will be sent from is:
cockshuthill@email.attending.school

Please ensure these are not dismissed as junk, as they contain important messages and actions to follow.



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