BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 | 18 September 2026

Dear Parents & Carers

As we reach the end of another busy week, I would like to extend a huge thank you to our PTA for organising last Friday's Colour Run. It was a fantastic event that brought together children, families and staff. The colourful clouds may have disappeared from the school field, but I am still discovering traces of paint powder in my hair and ears! Events like these simply would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of our PTA volunteers, and we are incredibly grateful for everything they do to support our school community.

This week, it was also brilliant to see our Reception children dressed up for Storybook Day. The effort that went into the costumes was truly impressive, and the children looked fantastic and their enthusiasm for reading and storytelling was evident throughout the day.

I have also had the pleasure of seeing some exceptional writing from our Year 5 and 6 pupils, inspired by The Arrival. I was brought some fantastic examples from Louie and Lola, who produced thoughtful and engaging pieces of writing. It is always rewarding to see the children taking such pride in their work.

On Tuesday, I enjoyed leading this week's assembly on mutual respect. The children engaged thoughtfully with the discussions and shared some reflections about how we can show respect to one another both in and out of school. I was particularly impressed by the contributions from pupils in the lower year groups, who showed a clear understanding of the importance of kindness, consideration and treating others fairly.

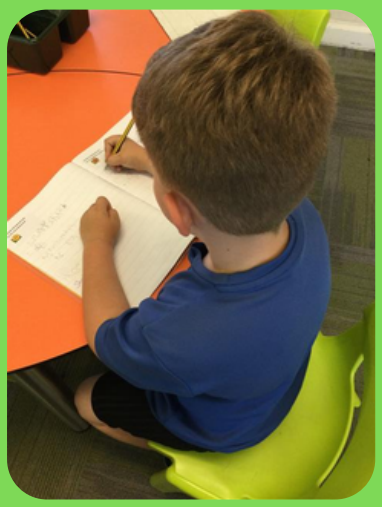
Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers who have attended our Meet the Teacher events over the past few weeks. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity to share information about your child's learning experience and the exciting year ahead. It has been lovely to see such strong engagement and partnership between home and school, and we look forward to continuing to work together throughout the year.

Joe Wheatley
Deputy Headteacher

What we have been up to last week and this week...

Colour & Bubble Run Fun

Frankie and Finley from Myrtle class have both received a headteacher award sticker for their writing



Film Club Fun

What we have been up to this week...

We are super proud of Apple Class children doing their homework. This week it was to share with your friends how you are Ready, Respectful and Safe at home.
Thank you parents for your enthusiastic participation in your children's learning.

Year 5/6 have been looking at lines of longitude and latitude in Geography this week. As mixed classes, our Year 6 students were able to consolidate and deepen their own understanding and then support and help the Year 5s with their learning.

This week's attendance...

The total attendance so far this year is 95.1% while the national average is 95.6%

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Apple	96.70%
Myrtle	94.12%
Bay	97.14%
Cherry	94.12%
Poplar	97.50%
Acacia	98.57%
Maple	93.06%
Oak	92.31%

Weekly Achievement Awards

Apple	Sebastian	**Acacia**	Kit
Myrtle	Rosie	**Poplar**	Danny
Bay	Joshua C	**Oak**	Christina
Cherry	Charlie H	**Maple**	Logan C

Weekly House Points

House	Leeds	Hever	Penshurst	Knole
This Week	241	231	207	240
Total	523 Winners	500	467	516

Cauliflower cards...

Please look out for your child's artwork coming home during the next week.

Year 5 & 6 creations

Eco-Schools Green Flag Award...

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We are delighted to share that BGPS has achieved the Eco-Schools' Green Flag accreditation. This is the outcome of hard work over the past year from all parts of the BGPS community, led by the Year 6 Eco council and several staff members.
This award recognises the actions we have taken on various environmental issues and the steps we have taken to protect the environment. We chose to focus on three areas: school grounds, waste and litter, carrying out actions such as running litter picking clubs, teaching children how and what to recycle, and improving our school grounds and the habitats in them through our community days.

With the world experiencing the effects of climate change - from extreme weather to plant and animal extinctions, to micro-plastics being found in the most remote locations on Earth – sustainability and taking care of our environment is becoming ever more vital.
We are now beginning to work towards our next award with a new team of young people. We look forward to sharing our progress, and ways in which our whole school community can get involved, during the year.

TEAM GB SPORTS ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

All submissions for inclusion (info and photos) will need to be emailed in by 3pm on Thursday 24 September.

Please, no physical trophies, medals or photos. Photos via email only please.

Submissions can include anything, from trying something new for the first time through to competing at a national level.

Sport is not limited to team activities but could include any personal endeavour - riding a bike, roller skating, swimming, hiking, park run, geocaching, skipping, unicycle, even intellectual sports such as chess or quiz teams.

Tonbridge and Malling Family Hubs...

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Timetable

14 September 2026 - 23 October 2026

Our Family Hubs:

Longmead FH
Waveney Rd, Tonbridge TN10 3JU
03000 418008
longmeadfh@kent.gov.uk

Tonbridge FH
Danvers Rd, Tonbridge TN9 1TR
03000 418008
tonbridgefh@kent.gov.uk

All of our groups and services are free to attend.

	Longmead Family Hub				Tonbridge Family Hub			Saturday
Monday	Stay and Play (SEND) 9:30 - 10:30 11:00 - 12:00	Perinatal Mental Health 1:00-2:30	Baby Group 1:30-3:00	Baby Massage 10:00 - 11:00	Health Visitor Services	Online Safety 11-19 years 14/9 - 19/9 4:00 - 5:00	Compass 21/9 - 30/11 6:00 - 8:00	Read, Play Grow Larkfield Library 19th September 17th October 10:00-12:00
Tuesday	Health Visitor Services	Understanding Your Child 15/9 - 24/11 12:30 - 14:30	Stepping Up 15/9 - 20/10 3:45 - 5:15		Stay and Play 10:00 - 11:30	Little Talkers 15/9 - 20/10 1:30 - 2:30		
Wednesday	Talking Walk -in 4th Wednesday 9:30-11:30							
Thursday	Health Visitor Drop-in 9:15 - 11:15	NCT Infant Feeding Drop-in 9:30-11:30	Introducing Solid Foods 24/9 & 8/10 1:00 - 3:00					
Friday	Portage 9:30-11:00				NCT Infant Feeding 9:30 - 11:30			

Please Note: Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts. www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

Information

Stay and Play (SEND) (2 - 5 Years Old)
A relaxed session for families with play, singing, stories and messy fun for children aged 0–5
For children with additional needs such as disabilities or social communication needs
Invite Only

Introducing Solid Food
1 Session Course
A parents & carers session, suitable just before you introduce solid food to your baby from 6 months old. Advice and techniques to support your child through their journey.
From 6 months
Booking Required

Baby Massage (6 Weeks to Pre Mobile)
5 Week Course
A 5-week course to learn soothing massage techniques to help your baby relax, sleep better and ease colic. Great for bonding. For babies 0-6 months.
Booking Required

Baby Group
A welcoming space to bond with your baby and meet other parents. Includes songs and sensory play. For babies who are pre-walking.

Stay and Play (Weekly)
A relaxed session for families with play, singing, stories and messy fun for children aged 0–5
Stay and Play (Dads)
as dedicated Stay & Play for male career and their children 0-5

'Baby, Family and You' (Up to 12 Months)
A supportive course for expectant and new parents to build positive routines and confidence in baby's first year.
Booking Required

Little Talkers
6 Week Course
A playful 6-week course for 2-5 year olds to build speech, language and attention skills.
2 - 4 Years Old
Booking Required

The Communication Tree
4 week course
A 4-week course to understand how communication develops. For children aged 2 years plus, including fun activities to boost your child's communication skills.
2 - 4 Years Old
Invite Only

Healing Together
6 Week Course
A 6 week trauma-informed programme for children aged 5–16 to support emotional wellbeing and recovery.
Invite Only

Compass
10 week course
A 10 session course helping children 11+ manage emotions and develop skills to cope with life's challenges
Invite Only

SOP: Speak Out Parents
Join other parents to share feedback and help shape Family Hub services.
Keep an eye on our social media for more information

Strengthening Family relationships
Workshop: 2 sessions
A Workshop to help parents reduce conflict and build positive family relationships.
Booking Required

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@TMFamilyHubs11-19
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Our Family Hubs:

East Malling FH
Chapman Way, West Malling ME19 6SD
03000 418008
eastmallingfh@kent.gov.uk

Snodland FH
Holmesdale School Site Malling Road, Snodland ME6 5JG
03000 418008
snodlandfh@kent.gov.uk

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	East Malling Family Hub				Snodland Family Hub		
Monday	Talking Walk -in 1st Monday monthly 9:30-11:30	The Communication Tree 14/9 - 5/10 10:00 - 11:00	Little Talkers 14/9 - 19/10 1:30 - 2:30		Health Visitor Services		
Tuesday	Childminders Drop-in 10:00 - 12:00	Introducing Solid Food 8/9 & 27/10 1:00 - 3:00			Health Visiting Drop-in 9:15-11:15		
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Portage
Focused groups delivered by the Kent Portage Service.
Invite Only
Please see the Kent Local Offer for more information

Understanding Your Child
Togetherness: understanding your child
A 10-week course helping parents understand behaviour and emotions from toddler to teen years.
Booking Required

Talking Walk-ins (Children come along)
Talking Walk-ins are play-based drop-in sessions for pre-school aged children where you can speak to a speech and language therapist for advice and support.
Just turn up - no need to book!

Childminders
Drop in for childminders
Community lead group for local childminders to meet and for the children in their care to play and socialise together. Led by local childminders

NCT Infant Feeding drop-in
Friendly, free infant feeding support from pregnancy through early parenthood. Trained peer supporters help you feel supported and connected. A great way to meet other parents!

Health visiting drop in
Child Health Visiting
A drop in clinic, where you can get your baby weighed and speak to a member of the Health Visiting Team.

Perinatal Mental Health
Specialist support group for women and their babies who need ongoing support for their well-being.
Invite Only

Health Visitor Services
Booked appointments for 6-8 week checks, 9-12 month development reviews and 27 month development reviews.

Stepping Up
A 6-week programme for 5–11 year olds to boost confidence, manage emotions and make friends.
Booking Required

Adult Education
Adult Education who have a great selection of courses available. Next term: Supporting your teen with their mental health 1/12 online
Understanding Autism and ADHD in the Home 9/11 - 30/11 East Malling
Family First Aid 17/11 Snodland
Booking Required

Online Safety 11 - 19 years
6 fun interactive sessions for children aged 11-18 years covering key online safety support.
Booking Required

Read, Play, Grow
Monthly story-themed drop-in for 0-5s and their parents, with fun activities, support, and signposting for families

Healthy Start Vitamins
Are you eligible for Healthy Start Vitamins?
If so, complete this form to order Healthy Start Vitamins to your door.

Free for 2
Some 2 year olds can get up to 15 hours of free childcare per week!
For more information and how to apply:

Useful Contact Numbers:
Health Visitor
0300 123 3017
Let's Chat text service
07312 263368
Midwife
01227 864152

Please Note:
For Health and Safety reasons there are room capacity limits in place.

For more information about opening times give your local Hub a call

SEND Roadshow
If your child or young person has (or may have) special educational needs or disabilities, come along to meet local services. Get advice, support and guidance from partners who help deliver our SEND offer.

INVITING ALL PARENTS AND TEACHERS FOR OUR

PTA AGM

WEDNESDAY | 23RD SEPT | 7.30PM | HALL

JOIN US TO DISCUSS UPCOMING EVENTS, WHERE THE MONEY WILL BE SPENT, AND WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN THIS YEAR.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Census Day Menu...

Please order and pay via Arbor

From our Attendance Team...

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start the new school year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting us to improve our whole school attendance. Despite some challenges last year, our overall attendance has been improving. With your support, we would like to continue this improvement as we feel that meeting the national average would reflect the hard work that everybody puts in. We are very proud that we have been able to continuously improve by working with you, finding various ways to support your children and families, and **have not issued any penalty notices.**
At the end of last year, our overall attendance rate improved but remained below the national average. We hope that you will continue to work with us this year.

What you can do
We know that there are occasions where absence is unavoidable, and all that we ask is that you communicate and work with us to ensure that your child gets the most out of the 190 days of education that is on offer each academic year. There are lots of avenues of support available when needed, and by working with us, we can support your child to thrive and overcome any barriers to their learning and wellbeing.

If you are ever unsure about whether your child is too ill for school, please see the NHS website for more information Is my child too ill for school? - NHS. or our office team are always happy to answer any questions you may have.

One aspect that can have a huge impact on attendance is the holidays taken during term time. We understand that this can be a controversial subject, as can the use of fixed penalty notices for unauthorised holidays. Like other schools, we are governed by the local authority and follow their guidance to determine whether we can authorise a holiday. We are expected to consider issuing a fixed penalty notice for any unauthorised holiday of 5 days or longer. We hope that the two week holiday in October will be helpful when planning your time away. Please continue to show your support by booking your holidays during the school holidays.

What we are doing

We will continue to issue attendance certificates every other term to all children achieving 95% attendance or above. This means that every child will have three opportunities to earn their certificates each year and there is some flexibility for those unavoidable absences.

Each week, Attendance Ted goes to the class who have had the best attendance of the week and the class enjoy looking after him for the week. We also have Punctuality Pup who gets given out each term for the class who arrive on time the most in the term. These keep the topic of attendance regularly discussed and provide opportunities for the children to learn why positive attendance is so important.

We will also continue to work hard to create a learning environment where children feel safe and happy and enjoy coming to. Our staff care a huge amount about our children and there is always somebody to help when there is a problem.
If you have any concerns, please raise them with the class teacher, our Family Liaison Officer, Louise Dechaine or one of our DSL's. There are many supportive strategies we can explore when there are barriers to good attendance. These might include wellbeing interventions, clubs or referrals to appropriate support services.

By working together, we can help our children to thrive and feel supported no matter what challenges come their way.

Kind regards,
The Attendance Team

Term 1 upcoming events...

Fri 18 Sept: Myrtle Meet the Teacher 9.05pm
Tue 22 Sept: Apple Meet the Teacher 9am
Wed 23 Sept: PTA AGM in the Hall 7.30pm
Fri 25: Sept: Team GB Sports Celebration Assembly
Sat 26 Sept: Volunteer Community Day 2-4pm
Thurs 1 Oct: Bay Class Dress up famous/important person
Fri 2 Oct: Deadline for Cauliflower Cards Artwork
Fri 2 Oct: School Tours 9.30am & 1.30pm.
Wed 7 Oct: School Tours 9.30am and 1.30pm
Thurs 8 Oct: Family Trust Assembly
Fri 9 Oct: Harvest Festival Assembly
Mon 12 Oct: Spanish Day
Tue 13 Oct: Parents Evening 3.45-6.00pm
Thurs 15 Oct: Parents Evening 3.45-6.00pm
Thurs 15 Oct: Kent Test Results
Fri 16 Oct: Last Day of Term 1
Monday 2 Nov: Start of Term 2

Our year event planner was sent out earlier today and dates will be on the website

Email's sent out this week...

- **Years 2 to 6:** Film Club
- **All Years**: Cauliflower Cards
- **All Years:** Important Update: Allergy Safety Arrangements and Emergency Adrenaline Auto-Injectors
- **All Years:** Action required: Caterlink New allergen online information form
- **Year 5/6:** Hockey Club
- **Apple Class:** Meet the Teacher meeting
- **Year 3/ 4:** Spellings Homework
- **Bay class:** Dressing up as famous/important person from history 1 Oct
- **All Years:** Team GB Assembly next Friday.
- **Year 6 House Captain:** Polo shirts information.