



BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 | 2 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week we have enjoyed in school. It was delightful to see the Forest School area on Monday after the well-attended Community Day last weekend. Thank you everyone who helped. The children will really benefit from their Forest School sessions-in fact-Apple Class ventured down there on Monday. Borough Green were honoured with a visit from historical figures and present-day famous faces. These included Florence Nightingale, Beatrix Potter, Neil Armstrong, David Attenborough, and Queen Elizabeth II. Chloe (Bay) shared the history of her Great Great Grandmother, who was a Suffragette, and we read the chapter about her together. We also had some pirates in Apple Class and Jellybeans. Thank you for being so creative with the costumes for your children.

In PSHE across the school, children have been talking about friendships, including falling out, and we have thought about resolving conflicts and how to be a good friend. Romeo and Christina (Oak Class) produced some lovely recipes for a healthy and positive relationship with their friends. Willow Class have created a list of suggestions to resolve an argument and, if in doubt, will ask an adult to support them. Their discussions were sensible and respectful as they listened to different opinions and talked through some scenarios that could take place in school.

Poppy (Myrtle Class) presented me with super picture of Dexter with added sparkle-thank you Poppy-I love it! Isabella (Myrtle) has worked hard to write sentences independently for the story of Little Red Riding Hood. She was tasked with remembering the spelling for tricky word 'said' and has been showing me 'she's got it' every time I've seen her since! Well done, Isabella.

A few parents (and children) have been asking how to sign up for the Junior Dukes programme. There is a letter coming your way with further information about the ordering process. It is a little different this year because orders and payments are being collected through Arbor. There is a closing date for orders so we can get the books in. It really is a great programme for children with a certificate and badge presented at our award ceremony.

Next week, we are inviting children to wear something yellow as part of 'Young Minds.' World Mental Health Day is on Saturday 10th November and we recognise it is important to discuss mental health with the children. We use the Zones of Regulation to discuss feelings across school and all classroom have concentration and calming tools in these zones. Suggested donations of £1 will go towards resources for classrooms and the Wellbeing Room. Everyone in school will be decorating a heart with a suggested activity or strategy that improves their own wellbeing. We will talk about what we do for ourselves to take a break or strategies for switching off, unwinding or refocusing. With that in mind, I'm heading off to Norfolk for the weekend with Dexter to take part in dog agility.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend and enjoys spending time with their families.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Jackson
Headteacher



Before and After Forest School photos

What we have been up to this week...



As part of their Art & Design module, Year 3 and 4 children have enjoyed learning to weave this week



Year 5/6 have worked collaboratively through the internet this week, to produce a class webpage all about Chile. They had to research and upload their pictures and articles for approval by the online editor

Chile

Population	Wildlife	Human Geography & Main Cities	Physical Geography & Climate	Visitor Attractions	Food & Drink
Compassionate Crane 2 hours ago raj and caleb	Loyal Anchovy 3 hours ago Loyal Anchovy 3 hours ago Loyal Anchovy 3 hours ago This is a puma family. Reject Approve Loyal Anchovy	Calm Bee 3 hours ago Santiago Chile a main city is santiago chile speak spanish About 85% to 89% of Chile's population lives in urban areas Valparaiso is a main city Reject Approve Compassionate Crane 3 hours ago main city in chile	Bubbly Caterpillar 3 hours ago Loyal Ant 3 hours ago Chile has a diverse climate that ranges from hyper-arid desert in the north to a cold, windy alpine and glacial climate in the far south, divided into distinct regional zones. It is not warm all year round. It is widely considered as the driest non polar place on Earth.	Groovy Llama 3 hours ago The towering granite peaks of Patagonia to the surreal, salt crusted landscapes of the northern desert. Reject Approve Groovy Llama 3 hours ago Reject Approve	Fabulous Grasshopper 3 hours ago an incredible scrumptious drink Fabulous Grasshopper 3 hours ago

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Myrtle class have been learning 'less than', 'greater than' and 'equal to' in maths this week



Introducing our Year 6 Ambassadors for Choir, proudly wearing their new badges

Relationship cake recipes

PSHE lessons focusing on what makes a good friend in Years 5 and 6. Romeo and Christina thought carefully about the necessary ingredients.

RELATIONSHIP CAKE RECIPE

MY RECIPE FOR A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP
BY CHRISTINA

INGREDIENTS

- 3 sticks of kindness
- 3 cups of having fun
- 2 teaspoons of funniness
- 1 gallon of being kind
- 1 cup of trust
- 3 cups of honesty
- 1 teaspoon of goofiness
- 1 sprinkle of fights
- 1 cup of friendship



INSTRUCTIONS

- Mix all ingredients slowly
- Don't go fast
- take it slow
- It's not about how fast you go but how much you value your friendship



RELATIONSHIP CAKE RECIPE

MY RECIPE FOR A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP
BY ROMEO

INGREDIENTS

- 2 spoonfuls of having fun
- 1 cup of trust
- 6.5 spoonfuls of honesty
- 7.55 spoonfuls of laughter
- 0.5 spoonfuls of smiles
- 9 spoonfuls of care



INSTRUCTIONS

- Add the spoonfuls of fun and trust
- Mix with a spoon
- Sprinkle in the care and honesty
- Stir in the laughter
- Sprinkle the smile on top
- Put it in the oven for meaningful things happen



What we have been up to this week...



Pirate Day! The children from Apple Class and Jellybeans had a fabulous day, dressed as pirates. They thoroughly enjoyed the pirate treasure hunt, looking for leaves, pine needles, acorns, beechnuts and chestnuts. What a surprise to each have their own "X marks the spot" and discover the flower bulbs underneath. The children were excited to climb flower hill to plant their daffodil and tulip bulbs.



On Thursday, as part of our topic, 'Movers and Shakers', Bay class dressed up as famous people from history who have had an impact on how we live today. The children looked brilliant and we had great fun finding out about different people. Thank you parents for all the time and effort you put in to help make it such a memorable day.



Weekly House Points

House	Leeds	Hever	Penshurst	Knole
This Week	256	261	219	235
Total	842	817	728	760

Weekly Achievement Awards

Apple	Ollie	Acacia	Elijah-James
Myrtle	Rubyrose	Poplar	Harper-Rose
Bay	Darcie	Oak	Emily
Cherry	Albie	Maple	Omi

Year 6 - Secondary School Admissions...

Admission to

Secondary school in Kent 2027

KCC residents apply online at
kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Opened Tuesday 1 September 2026 and closes
at midnight on Monday 2 November 2026

For children born between
1 September 2015
and 31 August 2016,
Transferring to Secondary
school in September 2027

What to do

Choose a school

Apply for a school place

Receiving your offer

It's important to find out more about
the schools you are interested in
before you decide to name them on
the application form.

Read the Guide to Secondary
admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

You can name up to four Secondary
schools, inside or outside of Kent, but
you must name them all on the same
application.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention
to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address
moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you are moving, please email the team on one of the email addresses below
for advice.

Key dates

Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to register and apply.
Monday 2 nd November 2026	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Monday 1 st March 2027	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Monday 15 th March 2027	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of eligible schools named on the original application.
Tuesday 13 th April 2027	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September - appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email - please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council (KCC) if the child resides at a KCC address. If your child does not reside at a KCC address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.



This week's attendance...

The total attendance
so far this year is
95.0%
while the national
average is 95.6%

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Apple	95.91%
Myrtle	97.39%
Bay	100.00%
Cherry	94.71%
Poplar	94.44%
Acacia	99.47%
Maple	96.98%
Oak	92.59%

Congratulations
to this week's winner
BAY CLASS

School Games Gold Mark Award...



Borough Green Primary School

has achieved the Gold School Games Mark
award for their commitment, engagement
in the School Games for 2025/26.



We are delighted to announce that Borough Green Primary School have
achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for 2025/2026.

The School Games is a Government-led award scheme launched to reward
and recognise school's engagement in the School Games against a national
benchmark. We are extremely proud of our pupils and staff for their dedication
to all aspects of physical activity and school sport.

Plastics Awareness Poster Competition...

TMBC competition - top two entries in each key stage will receive prizes from the school eco team and be sent to

TMBC where we could win money towards an environmental project. Closing date 15 October

PLASTICS AWARENESS POSTER COMPETITION

Prizes for top two entries in each key stage!

Design a poster that inspires others to reduce plastic and protect our planet!

Become an Environmental Champion!

WHO CAN ENTER?

Open to pupils aged 4-11 in Tonbridge and Malling

WHAT TO CREATE

Create a poster that raises awareness of plastic pollution and encourages positive action.

GET INSPIRED!

- Choose to reuse
- Plastic free starts with me
- Refill, reuse, recycle
- Protect our planet from plastic
- Small changes make a big difference

HOW IT WORKS

1. CREATE Design your poster
2. SCHOOLS Shortlist best entries
3. ENTRIES TO Mrs Gordon by 15th October
4. WIN Winners chosen by CCF

Get creative - make a difference!

More information and competition brief available:
climate.change@tmbc.gov.uk

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BOROUGH GREEN COUNCIL
www.tmbc.gov.uk

WE ARE ACTIVE FOR CHILDREN IN NEED!

Challenge circuit

£3 per activity
£1 own clothes

FunRun
obstacle
course

Strictly
dance challenge

Cake sale from 2:55

Middle
playground

Cash
only.

You're
Invited!

Friday 13th November!

Harvest Donations

Harvest Assembly is on Friday 9 October and we would like to demonstrate our gratitude by inviting all our families to bring in donations for the Borough Green Foodbank on this day. The Foodbank is currently supporting over 20 households in Borough Green, as well as others in Wrotham, Ightham and Platt. Each household receives a bag of various foodstuffs each week.

The charity is reliant on public donations (with physical foodstuffs currently making up slightly under half of what is needed, and 'top up' each week from supermarkets using monetary donations and some local government support). Borough Green Primary School is known for its incredible heart and generosity and we know that people will be keen to support this vital local resource.

Thank you



From our PTA...

Please supply your child with small change, as we have limited change available! (50p's, 20p's and 10p's)

PRIZES FOR BEST FANCY DRESS!
(Fancy dress optional)

Children need to look after their own money, so please secure this in a bag, purse or wallet!

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2026
BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY PRESENTS...
MONSTER MASH...
HALLOWEEN DISCO

£3 PER CHILD. INCLUDES GLOW STICK AND DRINK!
TUCK SHOP TO PURCHASE SWEETS!

RECEPTION, Y1&2 4.30pm - 5.30pm	YEAR 3 & 4 5.45pm - 7.00pm	YEAR 5 & 6 7.15pm - 8.30pm
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Queue on the LEFT TO DROP
Queue on the RIGHT TO COLLECT
Please take home all coats!
BGPS PTA CHARITY NO 104450

Reminder...

Monday 5 October
Pupil Photos

Full School Uniform
for all year groups



Year 6 Bikeability...



8 FREE spaces left
Level 1 & 2
held at BGPS
13-15 January 2027

First come first served
bookings via Arbor

Protect your child and others from flu this winter...

Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes leads to serious complications. The flu vaccine helps protect your child and those around them by reducing the spread of the virus. Flu strains change each year so it's important to get vaccinated every year. The preferred option for children is a quick and painless nasal spray but you can choose an injection for your child if you prefer.

The Immunisation Service will visit BGPS on
3rd November 2026

To accept or decline you child you can use this link if
you haven't already done so

[https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?](https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=KT118847)
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NHS

flu: 5 reasons
to vaccinate your child

- 1. Protect your child**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu i mmunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

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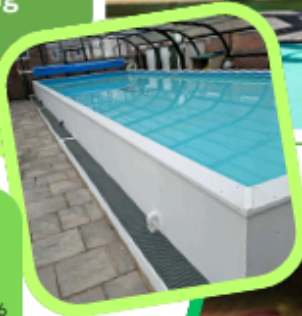


BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

SCHOOL TOURS

for children starting
Reception in 2027



Friday 2 October 2026
9.30am and 1:30pm
Wednesday 7 October 2026
9:30am and 1:30pm
Wednesday 18 November 2026
9:30am and 1:30pm
Thursday 26 November 2026
9:30am and 1:30pm
Friday 4 December 2026
9:30am and 1:30pm



For more info:

01732 883459



Visit us:

www.bgpschool.kent.sch.uk

Term 1 upcoming events...

Fri 2 Oct: Deadline for Cauliflower Cards Artwork

Fri 2 Oct: School Tours 9.30am & 1.30pm.

Mon 5 Oct: Pupil Photos

Wed 7 Oct: School Tours 9.30am and 1.30pm

Thurs 8 Oct: Family Trust Assembly

Fri 9 Oct: Harvest Festival Assembly

Fri 9 October: PTA Halloween Disco

Mon 12 Oct: Spanish Day

Tue 13 Oct: Parents Evening 3.45-6.00pm

Thurs 15 Oct: Plastics Awareness Poster Competition closes.

Thurs 15 Oct: Parents Evening 3.45-6.00pm

Thurs 15 Oct: Kent Test Results

Fri 16 Oct: Last Day of Term 1

Mon 2 Nov: Start of Term 2

Mon 2 Nov: Year 5/6: Mini First Aid Training Course

All our events for the year are on our website under 'calendar'

Email's sent out this week...

- **Yr 3/ 4:** Homework message.
- **Film Club:** 2nd October - CANCELLED
- **FSM:** HAF vouchers - October half term
- **All Years:** School Pupil Photos & Sibling Photos
- **Year 6:** Secondary School information sheet
- **Year 6:** Bikeability Consent
- years 3, 4, 5 & 6: Hockey Club
- **All years:** Reminder to book your Parent Consultation
- **Yr 3/ 4:** Nutshell Theatre - Vikings - Tues 3 Nov

SPORTS FOR ALL

MULTI SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS
THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM!

Come along to our full day multi-sport holiday camps either at St Katherine's or Borough Green Primary School ran by qualified sports coaches who are ready to provide you a day of fun!

JOIN US ON:
**MONDAY 26TH, TUESDAY 27TH,
WEDNESDAY 28TH AND THURSDAY 29TH**
OCTOBER 2026

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CAMP!
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