



# Borough Green Primary School



Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

## Newsletter

**Term 1 ending 20 September 2024**

### A message from Mrs Jackson...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week in school and we are well into this first term. Thank you to everyone who has attended the meet the teacher sessions and listened to our teaching teams talk about our school and the year ahead.

It was a joy to see the smiling pirates and princesses in reception this week as part of their Once Upon a Time theme-thank you for your creativity. In Years One and Two, they have been inspired by the story, 'The Way Back Home.' They were choosing exciting vocabulary to describe the moon and use this in their writing.

In Years 3 and 4, I have seen some descriptive writing about the moment the monster Grendel stormed into the Great Hall. The story of Beowulf is a great example of the power of writing. Years 5 and 6 have impressed me with their writing this week and are continuing to work hard across the curriculum.

In assembly this week, we talked about how geese can set us an example when learning (working) together. As a team, they help each other out and remind anyone who might be 'flying in the wrong direction.' Teamwork in our school community is important to us as we all work together to provide the best for our children.

Our kitchen staff have been working together to introduce some new items on the menu, which have been delicious. Remember to look on the website to see the options available, especially as we head into the colder months.

A final reminder about Junior Dukes before the booking closes. If your child would like to take part, please follow the link or QR code to book. This link will close on September 29<sup>th</sup> and the booklets will then be sent to our school for the children taking part.

<https://form.jotform.com/242543795390969>



The Junior Duke Award

Attendance at school is important to us. We want all of our children to get the very best out of our 190 days this academic year.

We are currently in line with the national average % for attendance, but I do believe that Borough Green Primary School is better than average in every way!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Jackson

## What we have been up to this week...

### Year R – Pirates and Princess Day



### Year 1 & 2

This term years 1 and 2 are learning about important people in history and for a stunning start to our topic we all dressed up as characters from history. We thought about what each person had achieved and considered why they are still regarded as being significant today. We are looking forward to learning about Neil Armstrong, Christopher Columbus, Emeline Pankhurst and Rosa Parks in greater detail later this term. Please enjoy some of our photographs.



Thank you to all those who attended the KS2 welcome events for parents this week. The overview slides from these have been shared to each year group but if you have any questions regarding your child's new class, please do not hesitate to contact their teacher or Mrs Quantick.

## Important medical reminders to action...



**All Years:** If your child suffers with any illnesses that require medication in school, you must complete a new form at the beginning of each academic year in September. Please can you also ensure that you bring in with your inhalers that are in date, epi-pens that are in date that we can keep in school should your child need them.

**Reception:** Letter from the Kent Community Health team regarding the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP - Height and Weight check). Please note there is a deadline to opt out of the programme of **Friday 20th September 2024**. Email with details sent out this week.

**Year 6:** Letter from Kent Community Health Team regarding the NCMP and TLM questionnaire. Please note there is a deadline of **Friday 20th September** to opt out. If you would like to opt your child out of the programme.

## Other Reminders...

### Choir – O2 Young Voices

To all parents/carers of Choir children a reminder that in order to confirm your child's place for the O2 Young Voices concert, you need to sign up via Arbor and pay the £17.30 required towards the coach fare along with consent by **Monday 23rd September**. If it is not received by then it will be assumed that you no longer wish to have the place and it will be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

T-shirt and Ticket orders need to be in by **Monday 23rd September**.



## Attendance...

There has been a lot of news and social media coverage about the new attendance fines from the government. As a school, our message is simple:

We really do want your children to achieve the best education at Borough Green Primary School, in both their academic and personal development. For us to achieve this, we need them to be here. Let's work together to improve attendance. There are 190 school days in every academic year. Together, we can make the most of them...

Apple	94.80%
Willow	87.22%
Myrtle	97.78%
Bay	92.86%
Cherry	92.38%
Poplar	92.95%
Acacia	96.88%
Maple	91.07%
Oak	95.49%

Congratulations  
to this week's winner  
**MYRTLE CLASS**



The total attendance so far this year is 95.3%, while the national average is 95.5%. Please make sure your child is always in school whenever possible, as attendance needs to improve.

UK Health Security Agency

## Should I keep my child off school?

### Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

### No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

SCAN ME

**Advice and guidance**  
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrc0.de/minfec>.

## From our Family Liaison Officer...

Aspire Education are working to promote fully funded CACHE courses with certification, available in levels 1, 2 & 3, for school support roles that are funded by the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency). Funding has been made available in our school's area for our next course for this academic year, which starts on 30th September.

As the funding has been awarded by the ESFA, there are some eligibility criteria that must be met for a fully funded place, which is listed on our website.

These courses are designed to make it easy for parents/carers who are looking to gain the necessary qualifications for a school support role, as the classes are run online, within school hours and during term times. Allowing parents to fit the classes in with school drop offs and collections.

Upon enrollment, learners are asked to complete two short initial assessments online, in English and Maths to determine which level they should start on. However, the funding allows each learner to progress up to level 3, if they wish to.

The deadline to enrol is the end of 25th September! If you wish to see further information about the courses, please head to: [www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)

## Awards this week...

### Achievement Awards

Well done to our Children that have received an Achievement Award this week.



Apple	Orla	Poplar	Alice
Willow	Daniel	Acacia	Niamh
Myrtle	Aurora	Maple	Ethan
Bay	Ronnie	Oak	Gabriel
Cherry	Louie		



### Term 1 House Points

House	Ashdown	Seamark	Malyon	Morris
This Week	200	276	296	260
Grand total	705	732 winner	626	642

## PTA news...



We have our annual AGM on Tuesday 1st October, 7pm in the school Hall and we would like to invite you all to it!

Whether you would like to see where we raised money last year, what our plans for this coming year are, if you have an idea for us, if you are only able to help at the big events, help at more of the smaller events, or even if you would like to get involved with organising something....

Everyone is welcome, and we would love for you to join us!

Help us make our children's time in school AMAZING!

### PTA 100 Club Membership



We have now allocated nearly all of the numbers for the draw, but we do still have a few numbers available. Please contact [boroughgreenprimarypta@yahoo.com](mailto:boroughgreenprimarypta@yahoo.com), or ask for an entry form at the school office, if you'd like to take part. Each number costs £1 per month, and you can pay by standing order, or by cash for the year.

We can now make online payments to the winners, which means we can make the payments much quicker!

## Year group / Club messages & emails sent...

**All:** The General Data Protection Regulation, also known as GDPR, means that you will have a more control over how your data is used. It also ensures that organisations protect your personal data better. Please see our website for the latest privacy notice, which tells you what we do with your personal data, how it is used and your rights as an individual. Please go into your Arbor account for your child/children and please consent to all statements GDPR 1 - 12. Please action asap.

**Year R:** Welcome meeting on Friday 27th September at 2:30 - 3:00pm in Apple classroom.

**Year 1:** Please can all Year 1 children bring a photo of themselves as a baby (ideally less than 6 months old) for an activity in class on Wednesday.

**Year 1 & 2:** The reading books and eBooks will be sent/set in due course, as unfortunately we have had a technical issue with the ebook website. We hope to have this rectified within the week.

**Year 2:** Welcome meeting on Thursday 26th September at 2.30 - 3.00pm. Location TBC

**Year 3:** We just wanted to let you know that your child doesn't need to bring in their own pencil cases or stationery.

**Year 5:** Email sent with attached the slides from the parent meeting we had on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

**Year 6:** Email sent with attached the slides from the parent meeting we had on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

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## Term 1 dates to remember...

- Mon 23 September** –Choir O2 Young Voices deadline for signing up
- Mon 23 September** – Flu vaccines
- Tues 24 September** – Year 1/ 2 Nutshell Theatre Workshops
- Tues 24 September** – Year 1 Welcome back parent session 2.45pm in Myrtle classroom.
- Thurs 26 September** - Year 2 Welcome back parent session 2.30pm in Bay classroom
- Fri 27 September** - Year R Welcome back parent session 2.30pm in Apple classroom
- Sun 29 September**- Junior and Mini Dukes deadline for signing up
- Tues 1 October** – PTA, AGM in the Hall 7-8.30pm
- Tues 8 October** – Sept 2025 reception intake School Tours at 9.30am and 1.30pm
- Sat 12 October** – Open morning for Sept 2025 reception intake in the Hall at 10am
- Mon 14 October** – Individual pupil photos
- Mon 21 October** – Parent Consultations 3.30 - 6.30pm
- Tues 22 October** - Parent Consultations 3.30 - 6.30pm
- Wed 23 October** – Year 1 & 2 Explorer Workshop
- Thurs 24 October** – Last day of Term 1
- Fri 25 October** – INSET DAY
- Mon 4 November** – First day of Term 2

FULL LIST OF CALENDAR DATES ARE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

**Are your children due to start school in September 2025?**

Please join us at Borough Green Primary School for one of our new parent school tours. We welcome visits to our warm and friendly community school and look forward to sharing our learning with you.

Tours with our headteacher, Mrs. Jackson, are taking place on:  
 Tuesday 8th October 2024 9:30am and 1:30pm  
 Wednesday 6th November 2024 9:30am and 1:30pm  
 Friday 22nd November 2024 9:30am and 1:30pm

And we are hosting an open morning on:  
 Saturday 12th October 2024  
 10.00am  
 Go to:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/borough-green-primary-school-92250866193>  
 to book your tickets...

