



# Borough Green Primary School



Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

## Newsletter

**Term 1 ending 27 September 2024**

### A message from Mrs Jackson...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy and eventful week has flown by at Borough Green Primary School. In reception, the children have settled well and are learning the routines of the school day. I bumped into them on their way to see if the school dinners were 'delicious' and, of course, they were. Take a look at the new menus on our website to see some of our tasty options.

In Year One, the children have been comparing and ordering numbers and using the greater and less than sign in their maths lessons and year two were writing sentences to include an adverb. I was very impressed with some of their ideas.

In Years Three and Four, the children experienced a taste of Viking life in their theatre workshop. I enjoyed seeing some of their own stories being created inspired by Beowulf even if some were a little scary.

Years Five and Six have produced some incredible writing inspired by the picture book-The Arrival and have completed their own stories this week.

During our Friday assemblies, teachers in each class choose one child to receive an achievement award and I know it is always a tough decision as many children are working hard and trying their best. Further to this, we would also like to celebrate any 'out of school' achievements on a monthly basis. To help us with this we have set up a team BG email address. We have already heard about the success of some of our pupils, including Harlow, with her fantastic achievements in show jumping and Shetland pony racing...



Please send any news of achievements, outside of school, to [teambg@bgpschool.kent.sch.uk](mailto:teambg@bgpschool.kent.sch.uk) so that we can celebrate this with the school community. Be a part of Team BG today!

Today is National TA Day and we wanted to show our hard-working TAs some appreciation today. We really do have some amazing TAs at Borough Green Primary School who make a difference to the children every single day. Thank you to each and every one of you-it doesn't go unnoticed.



I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine forecast for Saturday.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs Jackson

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

Borough Green Primary School is now live on Facebook! Please like and share our page for news and updates on the exciting learning and events that are happening in our school!



<https://www.facebook.com/share/8vDW6Amom7oWcTnD/?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

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

We were delighted to be one of the local schools selected to participate in the grand opening of the new visitor centre at Ightham Mote last week. Mrs Woodward took two Year 5 children to take part in the very important task of cutting the ribbon of the new centre in front of lots of other local schools, businesses and visitors. Ryan and Frankie received certificates and gifts for their important task and tucked into lots of yummy cakes!



Year 1 have been exploring healthy lifestyles within their science and this week focused on germ spreading and good handwashing. This afternoon they could choose to take part in a blindfolded hand wash to see if they could remove all of the paint from their hands! This showed the areas we usually miss during handwashing. Extra important going into the winter!



## Reminders...

**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.

### **All: Message from Kent Community Health**

To ensure no child misses this seasonal vaccination for Flu, please could we ask that you make parents and carers aware we run community clinics for any child that was not vaccinated on our visit? Also, in order to improve our service, we'd like to reach out to parents and young people asking them to complete our surveys.

**“The Immunisation Service would like to invite parents to book an appointment at one of their Community Clinics if your child recently missed their Childhood Flu Immunisation on their visit to school.**

Parents can book an appointment via their website on the link below, and clicking ‘Book a Clinic Appointment’:

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/immunisation-team/>

This link also provides other useful information regarding vaccinations and the Immunisation Service.

If your child was vaccinated on their recent visit, you are invited to complete the following surveys [Parent / Carer Survey](#) or [Young Persons Survey 11-19 year olds](#)”

### **All: Pokémon Cards**

Card games such as Pokémon and Top Trumps are permitted during break times only but NO TRADING OR SWAPPING of cards is allowed at all in school.

## Calling all Book Heroes!

### **Starting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October until Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Reading is an amazing superpower and we would love to create an even larger range of books for children to choose from in school.

Therefore, we are inviting you to help support our book drive by donating a brand new book.

We have teamed up with Books for Bugs and chosen a range of books we would love to see in school.

Each brand new book is £2.99-£4.99 to purchase with no postage fee!

Once books arrive in school we will place a special label in each one with the name of the Book Hero who donated it.

You can view our wishlist here

<https://booksforbugs.co.uk/your-wishlist/gift-registry-320262>

If you would like to purchase one of these books all you need to do is-

- Add the chosen book(s) to your basket direct from the link above
- At the checkout stage put the delivery address as

Child's Name

Child's Class (in the organisation box)

**Borough Green Primary School**

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**Sevenoaks**

**TN15 8JZ**

- **It is the schools' postcode that activates the free shipping.**
- Complete checkout by paying for the book with either card or PayPal.
- Your purchase will then be added to our box ready to be shipped.

You are also very welcome to add books for your own book shelves at home too. Just click SHOP NOW on the blue banner under the dinosaur picture at the top of the website to see the full range outside of our wishlist.

Purchases must be made by **Sunday 27th October** to receive free delivery. Books will be ready to collect after half term.

Shop the wishlist here

Be a Book Hero!

Help spread the power of reading by donating a book from our wishlist

Amazingly low price and no shipping fee!

BOOKS FOR BUGS

## 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	98.22%
Willow	92.59%
Myrtle	88.89%
Bay	95.24%
Cherry	95.29%
Poplar	94.07%
Acacia	98.29%
Maple	94.05%
Oak	95.47%



The total attendance so far this year is 95.2%, while the national average is 95.5 %. Please make sure your child is always in school whenever possible, as attendance needs to improve.

As we have said before, we believe that we are 'better than the national average at Borough Green Primary School' in many different ways. Help us to show this with our attendance too! We need the children here to work with them and provide the best opportunities to succeed...

## Awards this week...

### Achievement Awards

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



Apple	David	Poplar	Gabriel
Willow	Lainey	Acacia	Isabella
Myrtle	Aiden	Maple	Janelle
Bay	Charlie	Oak	Ryan
Cherry	Elijah		



## Term I House Points

House	Ashdown	Seamark	Malyon	Morris
This Week	357	365	332	344
Total	1353	1405 winner	1175	1227

## Eco Warriors 2024 – 2025

Apple	Ethan & Ruby	Poplar	Myla
Willow	Sophie	Acacia	Olin
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Willow	Sophie	Acacia	Olin
Cherry	Mason		
<b>Year 6 (Eco House Captains)</b>			
Ashdown	Max E	Morris	Bobby M
Maylon	Josh D	Seamark	Janelle

## School Council 2024 – 2025

Myrtle	Caleb E	Cherry	Caleb M
Willow	Daniel R	Acacia	Katie C & Lucas H
Bay	Autumn & Zach	Maple	Ellie H Ava D
Poplar	Ayesha	Oak	Ryan & Freya

## 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 you to join us! Help us make our children's time in school AMAZING!

We have also been able to secure tickets to LEGOLAND for 25th October for just £18 per ticket! So spend your Inset Day at LEGOLAND!

Paper copies are available from the office), then take the filled out form to the office. Payment can be via cash, or bank transfer. Please put any cash in a named envelope.

Tickets will be printed out and given to you a week before the 25th October. You will need to make your own way to LEGOLAND and purchase your own car park ticket. We hope you can come!

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

**All:** This is a polite reminder that all children need to bring a raincoat into school, every day especially now the weather is changing.

**All:** We have included some additional GDPR Consents within Arbor that we need you consent to as soon as possible. The new GDPR Consents are: GDPR 13: External Photographer - Consent for a professional/external photographer to take school photos of your child. GDPR 14: Consent for emergency contact details to be taken off-site on a trip. GDPR 15: Social Media Websites - Consent for your child to have their photos to be displayed on Social Media Websites relating to school activities, events and achievements. Please can you ensure that you read the consents GDPR 1- 15 if you haven't completed any so far.

**Year 2:** The year 2 welcome event has been rescheduled for Wednesday 2 October at 2.30pm

**Year 1 & 2:** Years 1 & 2 - Outer Space Workshop - Wednesday 23rd October 2024. The cost of this workshop is £4.20 which is payable via Arbor. Please can make this payment as soon as possible.

## Term 1 dates to remember...

**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-](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/borough-green-primary-school-92250866193)

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to book your tickets...

