



BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

NEWSLETTER – week ending 11 October 2024

A message from Mrs Jackson...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for the generous donations in support of our local foodbank-what a fantastic collection we have! Thank you to Mrs Quantick for organising this and to Mrs Armstrong for leading the children in their harvest songs. A brilliant reminder of the importance of community at Borough Green Primary School.

I hosted some new parent tours this week and felt incredibly proud of our school as we walked around together. The children were polite ambassadors for the school demonstrating how they are learning together with kind hearts and determined minds.

Tomorrow, we are looking forward to our open morning for new parents. If you know any families (locally) with children who are due to start school in September 2025, please share this opportunity with them. We will be here from 10am until 12.

In assembly this week, we talked about kindness, both to others and ourselves. We discussed the many ways that kindness can be demonstrated at school and in our community. A little kindness goes a long way...

I am looking forward to the Poetry by Heart competition.

The children have between now and Christmas to choose a poem to learn and practice reciting it aloud. After the October break, Miss Armstrong and I will be offering some time to practise and polish their performances as part of our 'Poetry by Heart' club. There are a whole range of poems to choose from, and they can be found on the Poetry by Heart website.



[Poetry By Heart](#)

Look on the 7+ timeline as this is for KS2 children.

We will be holding a school competition in December and winning performers will attend our school final in February. School finalist winners will be invited to represent the school in the national competition where there is a chance of performing at Globe Theatre in London. The school is registered in the competition and entries will be made by us.

We will also be practising a group poem for everyone who joins us at our club after half term.

Key Stage 1 children are welcome to participate in the school competition, but the national competition is only for KS2 children.

A sample of poems from the website include the following, or pop into the school library after school on Friday (11th October and 18th October) to choose from a printed selection...

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Jackson

What we have been up to this week...

Harvest Festival – donations to Borough Green Foodbank

Thank you to all the incredibly generous children and families of Borough Green Primary. The CoGS Foodbank were delighted to receive our donations at Friday's celebration assembly and also enjoyed a rousing rendition of Veggie Maker and Cauliflowers Fluffy (they will be humming them all weekend!)



Guardians: Defenders of Mathematica

Year 5/6 have been flexing their mathematical muscles this week on the BBC Bitesize platform game, Guardians: Defenders of Mathematica. Ask them to show you how to play it – you'll be amazed by how impressive their maths skills are becoming.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zn2y7nb>



What is your blood made of?

Ask Year 5/6 to find out the answer. They have been exploring the different parts, roles and proportions of blood to better understand what is going on inside their bodies. Check out our 'blood sample' (left) created using syrup, milk and cooking oil.

Calling all book heroes!...

Gift a book your child would love to see in our library!

We have teamed up with Books for Bugs each brand new book is £2.99-£4.99 to purchase.

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.

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 wish list 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
School Approach
Borough Green
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.

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



Reminders...



Free School Meals

Please see attached information poster in respect of eligibility for Free School Meals. If you think you may be eligible, please click on the link at the bottom of the poster for further information and to start the application process.

Free school meals

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.



Some schools in Kent manage their own Free Schools Meals application process. For more information, go to:
kent.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



We're doing a Christmas fundraising project!
Help us to raise funds!



Order:

- * Cards
- * Mugs
- * Spiral Books
- * Gift Labels
- * Wrapping Paper

ARTWORK MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL
18th October ☺

CAULIFLOWER CARDS
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Cauliflower Cards

This term we have decided to participate in a 'Christmas Design Project' run by Cauliflower Cards. The project aims to encourage pupils' creativity and design skills whilst also raising funds for our school.

Your child has been creating his/her own Christmas design which can be professionally printed to produce personalized Christmas/own Faith Cards, Gift Labels, Wrapping Paper and/or Mugs.

Not only would it be very exciting for your child to see his/her work as a finished printed product, the cards themselves are great for sending a more personal greeting to friends and family at Christmas/Celebrations and the Mugs are great for gifts!

Orders and payment must be made online using the unique code located at the top of the pupil order form. Please refer to your order form for further instructions. The 'How to order' video is very helpful.

Each order form must be unique so please do not photocopy the form for other members of your family you can get extra copies from your school.

All artwork where orders have been placed must be returned to school and payment made by: ...18th October 2024.....

Cards will be delivered by the beginning of December.

Attendance...

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 us work together to improve attendance. There are 190 school days in every academic year. Together, we can make the most of them...

Apple	93.78%
Willow	91.36%
Myrtle	96.30%
Bay	95.24%
Cherry	90.91%
Poplar	86.30%
Acacia	95.56%
Maple	93.25%
Oak	91.36%



The total attendance so far this year is 94.4%, while the national average is 95.4%.

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	Robyn	Cherry	Omi
Willow	Harper-Rose	Maple	Rose
Myrtle	Connie	Oak	Tallulah
Bay	Zac	Acacia	Renat
Poplar	Jacob		

Term 1 House Points

House	Ashdown	Malyon	Morris	Seamark
This Week	372	440	435	479 winner
Total	2102	2047	2208	2332 winner



Congratulations to this week's Times Tables Rock Stars

House Winners: Morris

Y5/6 Winners: Acacia

From our FLO...

I hope you are all well and adjusting to the change in season. I am writing to you today because I have had the privilege of working with many of you over the last 18 months, on a range of issues, and have seen the amazing strength and resources that you have.

I would really like to set up a parent forum to share these ideas and create a space for parents to support each other and the school in facing the challenges that we inevitably come across. This could include ideas and signposting to support around mental health, creating sleep routines and SEND support. I would like to invite you to our first meeting on 18th October at 2:30. During this meeting, it would be great to get your ideas about how often you would like to meet, what topics you might like to cover and any other ideas that you might have.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but are interesting in being involved, please email me with any ideas that you might have on ldechaine@bgpschool.kent.sch.uk

PTA News...



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

We are also starting our fundraising efforts for the Christmas Fair and need your help with our **raffle prizes**. This is an important source of funds for the PTA, to benefit the children at the school.

If any parents / carers are able to donate prizes for the raffle (or work for companies who would be willing to do so), we would love to hear from you! Please contact boroughgreenprimarypta@yahoo.com, and we will be in touch.

We're happy to include prize sponsors' names on posters to advertise the raffle, to acknowledge their sponsorship. For larger prizes, the name of the company will also be printed on the raffle tickets themselves.

Many thanks in advance for your support with everything we do!

On Monday 14 October, our Cake Bake sales return, with Reception classes turn to bake! We will be selling in the middle playground straight after school.

Messages & Emails sent out this week...

All years: This is a reminder that you can book your Child's Parent Consultation appointment via Arbor. Our booking system closes at 10am on Thursday 17th October. Please see attached step by step instructions as to how to do book an appointment. If you have any problems, please do contact the school office. Please note that the appointments are on a first come first serve basis.

All years: This is a polite reminder that we are a nut free school. If you are providing your Child with a packed lunch, please do not supply any nuts or nut based items i.e. peanut butter.

All Years: A polite reminder that we have school photos on Monday 14 October. All children are required to wear their full school uniform on this day. If it is your child's PE day, please bring their PE kit in a named bag for them to change into.

Years 1 and 2: Reminder for consent and payment for the Outer Space drama workshop.

KS2: Jam Coding Club - Initial interest, let the office know if you are interested.

Year 6: Residential Email sent with payment plans.

Year 3 & 4: Poplar and Cherry class have recorders as their instrument this year and they will be following a scheme designed to help them become confident and independent players. We thought it would be worth giving you the opportunity to purchase a recorder for your own child, as this is often a preference over using one of the second hand recorders that we have in school.

Term 1 dates to remember...

Sat 12 October – Open morning for Sept 2025 reception intake in the Hall at 10am

Mon 14 October – Books for Bugs opens

Mon 14 October – Individual pupil photos

Mon 14 October – Reception Cake Bake Sale 3.15pm

Fri 18 October – Deadline for Cauliflower cards

Fri 18 October – Parent Forum at 2.30pm.

Mon 21 October – Parent Consultations 3.30 - 6.30pm

Tues 22 October - Parent Consultations 3.30 - 6.30pm

Wed 23 October – Year 1 & 2 Outer Space Workshop

Thurs 24 October – Last day of Term 1

Fri 25 October – INSET DAY

Sun 27 October – Books for Bugs finishes

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...

