



# BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

## NEWSLETTER – week ending 28 February 2025

### A message from Mrs Jackson...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a good week with your children during the school break. We have had a lovely first week back welcoming the children and the much-needed sunshine back to school. It has been an interesting week with lots going on, including a visit from the air ambulance to the school playground. Of course, it was exciting for the children to witness a helicopter landing and taking off from the school premises and we wish the patient taken to hospital by road in the ambulance a speedy recovery. Thank you for your immediate support and response to the short notice of the closure to Hill view gate.

During the break, Mr Lee has overseen the replacement and refurbishment of the Year 5 and 6 toilets. We are aiming for this work to be carried out throughout the school over time to improve the facilities for the children. We are also looking to make some repairs to the swimming pool and upgrade the interior of the school hall and thank the PTA for raising funds to support us with some of this.

In school, it has been a delight to share some fantastic learning with the children. Years 5 and 6 have been showing their poetic talents through the form of haiku poems. Tyler showed a great sense of pride when he brought his writing and maths book to me, as did Scarlett and Reggie. I also enjoyed receiving a postcard from Emily in Year 1 and seeing a fantastic Wind in the Willows playscript by Albert in Year 3. Meanwhile, during a visit to Apple class, I was impressed with their independent writing inspired by the book, Carrot Club. They spoke about kindness and including everyone in a club-a message that should be spread across the school community.

This afternoon, we are looking forward to hearing the children reciting their poems off by heart and I will say more about this in next week's newsletter.

We are also looking forward to World Book Day next week with the theme of Little People Big Dreams.

Until then, have a lovely weekend and enjoy the lovely sunshine.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Jackson

**World Book Day**  
Thursday 6th March 2025

**I HAVE A DREAM**

Our theme for World Book Day 2025 is Little People Big Dreams.

Children are invited to dress up as an inspirational character from the set of books (many to choose from) or one you would like them to write a book for!  
OR  
in a onesie/warm pyjamas to match the 'dream' theme  
OR  
a favourite book character

**3.15pm**  
Martin Luther King exhibition of the fantastic competition entries.  
Come and see our wonderful home learning.

**World Book Day vouchers-will be issued on the day**

**Come and use your voucher to buy one of the World Book Day books. We have the following £1 books available to be purchased with your voucher...**

**EXCHANGE YOUR VOUCHER BOOK SALE AFTER SCHOOL IN THE LIBRARY & Martin Luther King Jr. Exhibition**

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

This week in Year 5/6 we have been looking at important human achievements in history that link to our topic 'Frozen Kingdoms'. We started the lesson by putting together puzzles of famous people from the past and then started to wonder why they may have been important and what contributions they had made to history. Then, we learnt about the three explorers who travelled to Antarctica: Captain James Cook, Robert Falcon Scott and Ernest Shackleton.



In our writing lessons this week, we have collected vocabulary, looked at syllables and created our own Antarctic haikus. We know that haikus follow a particular rule of 5 syllables, 7 syllables and then 5 syllables in the last line. They are a Japanese art form and short poetry, which can be easily remembered. Perhaps your child can recite their poem to you?



## From our FLO...

BOOK NOW!

I just wanted to take the opportunity to remind you all that we have Claudia Goodman from West Kent Autism parent Support Society coming into school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30. This is a great opportunity to talk to someone with great supportive links in the area who understands SEND and families really well and for families to support each other. This group supports EVERYONE with children who have Autism, ADHD or social communication difficulties. YOUR CHILD DOES NOT NEED A DIAGNOSIS for you to access this. Spaces are limited so please let the office or myself know if you would like to attend.

I look forward to seeing some of you there!

Kind regards

Louise Dechaine  
FLO

## Reminder...

For the next few weeks, we will be collecting recyclable plastic materials (clean) that will be utilised to create an art installation piece for our next topic after half term: 'Environmental Artists'. This includes but is not limited to:

- Gravy lids & pringle tops
- Milk tops (all colours)
- Fizzy drink plastic bottles (e.g. Coca-Cola, Sprite, Dr Pepper, Fanta)
- Plastic carrier bags (e.g. orange Sainsbury's bag)
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Please bring them into school, there will be a box for the recycling on the Year 5/6 door.

## 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	94.80%
Willow	91.05%
Myrtle	93.33%
Bay	97.04%
Cherry	92.42%
Poplar	91.07%
Acacia	97.50%
Maple	83.21%
Oak	96.92%



The total attendance so far this year is 92.5%, while the national average is 94.5%.

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...

## PTA...

### Dates for Your Diary

- Mon 13 Jan** \* Year 2 Bake Sale
- 3 Feb - 14 Feb** \* Penny Wars!
- Mon 10 Feb** \* Year 3 Bake Sale
- Fri 14 Mar** \* School Disco
- Tue 25 Mar** \* Mother's Day Sale
- TBC** \* Year 4 Bake Sale
- 31 Mar - 4 Apr** \* Wonka Bar Golden Ticket

- Sun 18 May** \* Colour Run
- Sat 28 Jun** \* SummerFest

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## Awards this Week...

### Star of the Week Awards

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

<b>Apple</b>	TBC	<b>Poplar</b>	Grace
<b>Myrtle</b>	Edith	<b>Cherry</b>	James
<b>Willow</b>	Tifemi	<b>Acacia</b>	Logan
<b>Bay</b>	Ellis	<b>Maple</b>	Kayleigh
		<b>Oak</b>	Honor

### Term 4 House Points

<b>House</b>	<b>Ashdown</b>	<b>Malyon</b>	<b>Morris</b>	<b>Seamark</b>
<b>This Week</b>	278	272	286	289
<b>Total</b>	278	272	286	289

## Messages & Emails sent out this week...

**Year 5/6:** New Club - Water colour art club for children in year 5 and 6 on Mondays after school in term 4 only until 4:15pm in Acacia classroom, starting next Monday 3rd March.

**All Year:** Lost Property and Scooters email sent out

**Year 4, 5 & 6:** New club - Ukulele club during terms 4 & 5 for children in years 4,5 & 6. This will be held on Thursday lunchtimes from 12:30 - 12:55, starting next Thursday 6th March.

**FSM:** KCC Unclaimed E-Vouchers to remind you that you have until the 28<sup>th</sup> of February to click on your vouchers.

**All years:** World Book day details sent out.

**Year 6:** Reminder that it is National Offer Day for secondary schools on Monday 3rd March.

**All Years:** PTA: January 100 Club Winners email sent out

## Term 4 dates to remember...

**Fri 28 February:** Poetry by Heart in School Finals

**Thurs 6 March:** World Book Day (See poster above for details)

**Fri 7 March:** Parent Forum / Talk with Claudia Goodman from West Kent Autism at 2.30pm at the school

**Fri 14 March:** PTA – School Disco

**Mon 17 March:** Year 3/4 School trip to the Museum of Kent Life

**Mon 17 March:** James Mayhew Author & Illustrator visit & after school book signing

**Wed 19 March:** Reading Escape room

**Tues 25 March:** PTA – Mother's Day event

**Tues 25 March:** Parent Consultations

**Thurs 27 March:** Parent Consultations

**Mon 31 March- 4 April:** PTA: Wonka Bar Event Golden Ticket

**Mon 31 March:** PTA: Year 4 Cake Bake sale

**Mon 31 March:** Year R Kent Community Health Team visiting to carry out the Vision and Hearing Screening

**Wed 2 April:** Year 3/ 4 Play Rehearsal

**Thurs 3 April:** Year 3/ 4 Play in the Hall

**Fri 4 April:** Year 3/ 4 Play in the Hall

**Fri 4 April:** Last day of Term 4

**Tues 22 April:** Start of Term 5

**FULL LIST OF CALENDAR DATES ARE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE**