



BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

NEWSLETTER – week ending 14 March 2025

A message from Mrs Jackson...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has flown here at school and there has been some wonderful learning taking place. We started the week with an assembly hearing about Florence (in Year One) who is raising money for the Princess Trust and donating her hair to be used in a wig. We talked about how helping others could be as simple as a smile in their direction. You don't always know what someone else is experiencing or going through so a little kindness could be the difference to their day.

Around the school, I have been impressed with the written work being produced and have seen children focused on their learning. Grannie Fantastic with her interesting vocabulary inspired Apple Class to choose describing words for character emotions, whilst Years 5 and 6 were writing non-fiction reports about the Titanic. Years 3 and 4 have been writing about Mount Everest and Year One have been continuing their response to Meerkat Mail. In Year 2 the children were sharing their own ideas for a story inspired by The Lightkeeper's Lunch-I enjoyed seeing their story maps and hearing their plans for writing.

I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with our Poetry by Heart club yesterday. As a group, they were practising a poem titled, Don't Call Out and their performances were simply brilliant. I look forward to recording the off-by-heart version over the next few weeks. Mr Wheatley enjoyed leading a Forest School session with Acacia Class and is looking forward to sessions with other classes. I would like to thank him for organising this and know that the children gain so much from this experience.

Next week, I am so excited to be introducing the children to author and illustrator, James Mayhew. I have listened to James sharing stories from Once Upon a Tune and a Symphony of Stories and watched him bring the illustrations alive. He has an incredible talent which can only inspire others. James has kindly offered to stay and meet children and parents after school and sign copies of his books. This will take place in the library. We have copies of the Katie stories to sell at £6 each and Gaspard the Fox at £7. Please bring the exact money to purchase a book. Stock is limited and on a first come-first serve basis.

We also have the Reading Escape Room on Wednesday, book tasting and a character trail to enjoy.

Next week is all about inspiring and sharing a love of reading. I have always loved sharing this with the classes I have taught and I truly believe that reading for pleasure should be experienced by all.

The week finishes with Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. We are offering an own clothes day with a red theme. Any red accessory will be welcomed, and we are asking for a £1 donation for Comic Relief.

I would like to thank the PTA and staff who are attending the school disco this evening. Thank you for supporting our school and creating memories for the children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Jackson



BOOK WEEK 2025

ONCE UPON A TUNE



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**Meet author and illustrator
James Mayhew**

After school picture book sale. Books available for £6 and £7. James will sign your books for you



THURS

Book tasting



Time to look at some new books and recommended reads. Which ones would you like to see in your classroom?

TUES

**Take one book:
Once Upon a Tune**

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**Book character trail
Collect character stars in
KS1 or complete the
crossword challenge by
finding the clues in KS2**



WED

**Reading Escape Room
whole school**

**Will the children manage
to escape crow castle by
completing some reading
challenges?**



BOOKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE (MONDAY ONLY)
10 KATIE STORIES £6 EACH
GASPARD THE FOX £7 EACH
LIMITED AVAILABILITY

What we have been up to this week...

In **Acacia class** this week, we had a brilliant forest school session linked to our topic and learning. We have been learning about Antarctic explorers in literacy and history: Ernest Shackleton. In reading, we have been working on the text 'Wolf Wilder' by Katherine Rundell. We had a campfire, collect resources, made an aerial view map using natural resources, we explored our forest school area and even had time to build a wolf den for the pup in our book. We had a wonderful time, thank you for leading this opportunity Mr Wheatley!



Red Nose Day...



Friday 21 March 2025

Next Friday is Red Nose Day! This day will be a non-uniform day with a red theme.

We are asking for a suggested donation of £1 per child towards this great cause.

Christmas Light Competition...

This year will celebrate 40 years of the Borough Green Christmas lights. The lights committee are inviting children to design a new light to be part of the celebrations. The lights committee will choose the winner, and their design will be turned into a light to be launched in November 2025 as part of the wider Borough Green Christmas lights.

The deadline for entries is Monday 31st March.

The competition has been introduced to the children and many will have the opportunity to complete their designs in school.

Some children will prefer to complete their design at home and will be able to take an entry form home with them.

- The brief is to design a new Christmas light on the form provided.
- Children can be as creative as possible.
- They should show the colours to be used in their design.
- They can use double rows of lights for different sections.
- The decoration will be in a circle of lights. The children can choose the design for this surrounding circle.

A couple of designs are included below for ideas:



Entries should be returned to Mrs Bowers in Poplar Class by Monday 31st March.

From our FLO...

Dear Parents & Carers

I would like to say a huge thankyou to everyone who showed an interest in or attended the FLO Forum with Claudia last week. I have received lots of feedback from those of you that attended and I am glad that you found it useful. I am aware that we felt a little rushed at the end, and there wasn't as long as we would have liked to look at the resources and answer any questions that you have. With that in mind, we would like to invite you to another, slightly different one.

Mr Wheatley and I will hold a meeting on Friday 28th March at 2:00-3.00pm where we will talk through the ASD/ADHD assessment process and the process for applying for an EHCP. I will also bring all the resources again and can signpost you to support for DLA applications, Young Carers information, sleep support and mental health and wellbeing support. One of the parents who attended last week has also set up a new Facebook page specifically for people affected by SEND in Borough Green and I can share details of that with you. We can also explore options for more regular support meetings for those of you who would find that helpful.

We really hope to see you there!

Kind regards,

Louise Dechaine
FLO

Online workshop

How to Help Your Children Feel Safe and Loved During and After Separation

*A proven step-by-step framework to reduce overwhelm, eliminate guesswork
and help you feel confident about supporting your children*

What we will cover can help you to:

- Soften the emotional impact of separation on your children.
- Identify three simple, practical steps to help your children feel safe and loved – tailored to your unique family so that you can move forward with clarity and confidence.
- Rebuild your trust in your parenting decisions and strengthen your connection with your children.

Friday, March 21, 10 am - noon UK time

[Follow this link to register to attend live and receive the recording](#)



Una Archer MSc is the founder of **Help Your Child Thrive** and Circle of Security Parenting facilitator. Her experience of going through separation and supporting other separated parents guided her towards a relationship-based approach to parenting after separation that puts children's emotional security at the heart of every decision.

Fundraising for the Little Princess Trust...

One of our Year 1 pupils, Florence is growing her hair and has decided to get it cut and donate it to The Little Princess Trust. We've spoken about this charity so she's made an informed decision herself to do this and is very proud of herself.

Her haircut will be on the 14th April, up until then she is collecting sponsorship to raise money for the charity.

Please help by following this link Florence's sponsorship page is <https://gofund.me/57f34332>



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	93.08%
Willow	85.26%
Myrtle	97.78%
Bay	97.86%
Cherry	93.64%
Poplar	94.64%
Acacia	96.07%
Maple	93.79%
Oak	95.38%



The total attendance so far this year is 92.7%, while the national average is 94.6%.

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...

BGPS PTA CHARITY NO 1014450

School Disco



Friday 14th March 2025

£3 PER CHILD . INCLUDES GLOWSTICK AND DRINK.
TUCK SHOP TO PURCHASE TREATS!

RECEPTION, Y1, 2 4.30 - 5.30PM	YEAR 3 & 4 5.45 - 7.00PM	YEAR 5 & 6 7.15 - 8.30PM
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Queue on LEFT TO DROP
Queue on RIGHT TO COLLECT
Please take home all coats



Year 4 Bake Sale

28th April

Year 4 children, parents and carers are asked to kindly donate cakes or biscuits for sale. Please bring them to the School Office on the Monday morning.
The year who raises the most money gets an own clothes day!

Please list the ingredients, if they are homemade, and label any tins you leave. These can be collected from under the office window on Wednesday morning.

BGPS PTA REG CHARITY NUMBER 1014450

Thank you to everyone who took part in Penny Wars this year! We are very happy to announce that the winning house who will have an own clothes days this coming Friday (14th March) is **Morris !!**

There was lots of sabotaging that happened, so the totals were as follows:

- Morris -£4.25
- Malyon -£27.32
- Ashdown -£31.36
- Seamark -£44.47

Each house raised:

Ashdown £112.54

Seamark £92.49

Morris £78.55

Malyon £77.08

So that is a grand total of £360.66 !!

Thank you to everyone who donated their pennies and to also to those who sabotaged the other houses! Well done to Morris!

Awards this Week...

Star of the Week Awards

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

Apple	Alex	Poplar	Albert
Myrtle	Hayley	Cherry	Skyla-Rose
Willow	Ebony	Acacia	Rose
Bay	Evelyn	Maple	Hayley
		Oak	Maisie

Term 4 House Points

House	Ashdown	Malyon	Morris	Seamark
This Week	260	237	299 winner	201
Total	982	1119	1145	1180 winner

Times Table Rock stars



10th March - 13 March 2025

Morris	228	Ashdown	205	Seamark	131	Malyon	116
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10th March - 13 March 2025

Year 4	332	Year 5	97	Year 6	0
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Messages & Emails sent out this week...

FLO Forum: Email sent out re net meeting at 2.30pm on Fri 28th March for a talk about the ASD/ADHD assessment process and the process for applying for an EHC

Reading Escape Room – Reminder email re: sign up and payment on Arbor

Poplar Class: Letter sent out for Mrs Jackson

All Years: Reminder to book your child's Parent Consultation appointment

All Years: We have a small stock of uniform in the school office for sale. If you are interested in purchasing any of the items listed, please do come to the school office with the exact cash by way of payment. Please note we are selling these items at the 2023 prices.

Year 6: Year 6 Leavers Party email sent out with details to action.

All years: Christmas Lights Competition email sent out

Year 3/ 4: URGENT: The wind in the Willows' play Costumes. Please can all the children bring in their costumes by the end of next week

Year 3/ 4: Kent Life Museum deadline for consent and payment is Friday 14 March. Final information details also sent out.

Term 4 dates to remember...

Fri 14 March: PTA – School Disco

Fri 14 March: Own clothes day for Morris House.

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

Fri 21 March: Rose Nose Day

Tues 25 March: PTA – Mother's Day event

Tues 25 March: Parent Consultations

Thurs 27 March: Parent Consultations

Fri 28th March: FLO Forum 2:00-3.00pm SEN talk about the ASD/ADHD assessment process and the process for applying for an EHCP.

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

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



LEARN TO SWIM



WITH CONFIDENCE



Learn to swim with Collette's Swim School after school on Tuesdays at Borough Green Primary School! We offer both group and private lessons. We're also running our inflatable session again on Fridays after school. Contact us today to find out more.

TUESDAYS 3:45-5:45pm
FRIDAY INFLATABLES 4-6pm

MORE INFORMATION

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Present a Spring Panto...

Rapunzel

28th - 30th
March 2025

@Borough Green village hall
Friday 28th - 7:30pm
Sat 29th matinee - 2:30pm
Sat eve - 7:30pm
Sun 30th - 3pm

Adults: £14

Children 16 and under: £10

www.ticketsource.co.uk/bgpp2025

Or from Shakti Newsagents Borough Green

For more information contact: Lucilla - 07887 518855 email: lucilla@themount65.co.uk



