



# BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 | 7 November 2025

## A message from Mrs Jackson...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start we have shared for our second term of this academic year. Starting with the maths themed escape room for the whole school. In the words of Remy (Apple Class), 'It was amazing!' Well done to all of our children who took part and worked in teams to solve the challenges set.

We have been impressed by the maths games coming in for the home learning challenge. Emily (Oak Class) explained her well-presented game to me and is looking forward to Mrs. Quantick taking a look for the competition.

Mr. Wheatley and I have been showing prospective parents (for September 2026) around the school and were proud of our school when we shared the fantastic learning taking place with our visitors. Another visitor to the school commented on how polite our children were, particularly Flynn and Hayley (Maple Class) who showed them round the buildings and spoke about the school in detail. They were super ambassadors for Borough Green Primary School.

It has been a real pleasure seeing some of the completed tasks for our Junior Dukes participants. Isabella (Cherry Class) made some delicious pea and ham soup and sent in a sample with a bread roll for a lunchtime treat-thank you.

There has been some excellent writing being produced across the school. Reggie (Maple Class) and Nadia (Oak Class) wrote some Remembrance themed poems which were emotive and descriptive. Jack (Cherry Class) wrote an excellent piece of persuasive writing. They should be proud of their work.

Next week in school, we are taking part in anti-bullying week. On Monday, it is Odd Socks Day. Everyone is invited to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. This is so important to remember. Everyone is different and we should respect that. Ronnie (Cherry Class) chatted with me yesterday about his own values and told me that, 'Respect is everything.' We agreed that Respect is our number one value and should be modelled at all times. The children will be reminded about our anti-bullying policy and look at it together in classes.

Finally, next Friday is Children in Need. For 2025, we are going to embrace the theme of 25 challenges. At lunchtime, there will be 25 challenges to complete and children will be encouraged to give them all a go. It will also be a non-uniform (sports/active clothing theme) day. For both, we are suggesting a total donation of £2. There will be collection buckets for Children in Need available at the gates and school office. All donations welcome.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Jackson  
Headteacher

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

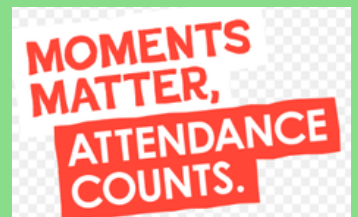
What a great way to start the term, with fun Maths challenges!



## This week's attendance...

The total attendance so far this year is 95.0%, while the national average is 95.2%.

|        |        |
|--------|--------|
| Apple  | 88.89% |
| Willow | 93.33% |
| Myrtle | 93.75% |
| Bay    | 91.67% |
| Cherry | 96.07% |
| Poplar | 95.52% |
| Acacia | 92.31% |
| Maple  | 97.20% |
| Oak    | 96.63% |



## Weekly Achievement Awards

|        |             |        |          |
|--------|-------------|--------|----------|
| Apple  | Ivy M       | Poplar | Samuel W |
| Myrtle | Alfie       | Cherry | Ivy B    |
| Willow | Harper-Rose | Acacia | Emelia   |
| Bay    | Indie       | Maple  | Romeo    |
|        |             | Oak    | Victoria |

## Weekly House Points

| House     | Ashdown | Malyon | Morris | Seamark |
|-----------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| This Week | 291     | 388    | 316    | 328     |
| Total     | 291     | 388    | 316    | 328     |



31st October - 6 November 2025



Acacia 2025-26 109

109

Oak 2025-26 40

40

Maple 2025-26 16

16

## Cut Your Carbon November...

We are participating in Cut Your Carbon November as part of our work towards gaining the Eco Schools Award. We are challenging pupils and their families to make small changes that, when added together, will have a positive impact on the environment. The children have learnt about this in assembly this week and will bring home a leaflet detailing the challenges. Please encourage them to tick off any completed challenges and return to school at the end of this month (Fri 28th Nov). Do send in any photos of challenges being completed and we will share these in assembly.

Thank you for your support.

# CUT YOUR CARBON

Throughout November, we're challenging everyone to complete 6 small carbon-cutting activities at home with friends and family.

These actions will reduce your everyday carbon emissions and benefit our planet.



Make 3 evening meals plant-based across the month.



Make 3 journeys active across the month.



Meal plan to reduce food waste for one week.



Lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C for three washes across the month.



Have a 'device-free' day.



Drop your heating by 1°C for a week.

### November is Cut Your Carbon month!

Eco-Schools is calling on young people across the UK to tackle carbon emissions, one simple action at a time. Complete these 6 challenges at home with family and friends to raise awareness and spark change. At the end of the month, we'll count how many of you joined in, add up the estimated carbon saved, and celebrate your amazing efforts!

★ Stick this checklist on your fridge – and start cutting carbon today!

- **Make three evening meals plant-based across the month**  
Meat production is responsible for around 14% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions, so make three evening meals plant-based and discover how delicious cutting carbon can be!
- **Make any three journeys 'active' across the month**  
Transport creates nearly a quarter of the UK's carbon emissions. Active travel - such as walking, scooting, wheeling, or cycling - doesn't emit anything! So, get active and ditch the drive!
- **Meal plan to reduce food waste for one week**  
Research suggests that the average person wastes 95kg of food per year! At each stage of the life-cycle of wasted food, from production to rotting at landfill, carbon is produced. Plan your meals, shop smart, and waste less – it's good for the planet and your wallet!
- **Lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C for three washes across the month**  
Washing machines are energy-hungry! Drop the temperature to 30°C for three washes this month and cut carbon without sacrificing clean clothes. Cool it to care!
- **Have a device-free day**  
Electricity makes up about 25% of your home's carbon footprint. Power down non-essential devices for one day – no gaming, no streaming – and rediscover the joy of offline fun!
- **Turn down the heating by 1°C for a week**  
Heating is the top source of home carbon emissions in the UK. Turn it down by just 1°C for a week, layer up, and show your love for the planet – one cosy jumper at a time!

## From our FLO...

Welcome back everybody. There are just a couple of messages that I wanted to share with you as we prepare for another term and the approach of winter.

Firstly, we continue to thank you for any donations for the local foodbank. There is a poster on the office door with more information about what we can collect and a donations box in our office reception area. If you feel that your family would benefit from access to the support of our local foodbank, please do get in touch with me so that I can make a confidential referral.

Secondly, I would like to warmly invite you to our next Parent Cafe. These are informal meetings in our wellbeing room for parents and carers to meet with myself and each other to offer non judgemental support and top tips for navigating the highs and lows of our family journeys. No charge or need to book, drinks and biscuits provided. Our next meeting is Friday 28th November at 2pm. We would love to see you there.

Lastly, I am looking forward to host two sessions with our Young Carers this term. More and more of our children are affected by living with a family member with a long term physical or mental health condition or disability, additional needs or substance misuse. Imago support and campaign for our Young Carers in Kent whilst also celebrating the fantastic job they do. Our Young Carers support their family in a wide range of ways. This can be providing practical support and emotional support or simply being relied upon to bring a smile to their families faces in difficult times. At school we meet termly for fun sessions including swimming, crafts and games. If you think your child may be a Young carer or you would like to know more, please get in touch with me or visit <https://www.imago.community/>

I am now in school on Mondays and Wednesdays so please do get in touch if there is anything that I may be able to help you with.

Louise Dechaine - Family Liaison Officer

**Odd Socks Day**

We'll be wearing our odd socks this Odd Socks Day, will you?

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Andy and the Odd Socks

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

#AntiBullyingWeek  
#OddSocksDay

## Spelling Competition...



We have signed up to a "National Spelling Competition".

From 9am on the 13th November until 3pm on Thursday 14th November, we are playing against a number of local schools and hope that your child can help us win and maybe qualify for the national finals!

The competition is based on the use of an online app called "Learning with Emile". The app is free from the Google Play Store, Apple Store and Microsoft Store. There is also a web based version that can be found <https://web.emile-education.com/>

We will be introducing the children to Emile and the competition in classes next week but feel free to have a look and a play before then. Login details and passwords are the same as for TTRockstars, to help keep things simple.

Every correct answer given by your child in a "Spelling SATs" game contributes to our school's score.



*Christmas is coming to BGPS....*

## Own Clothes Day

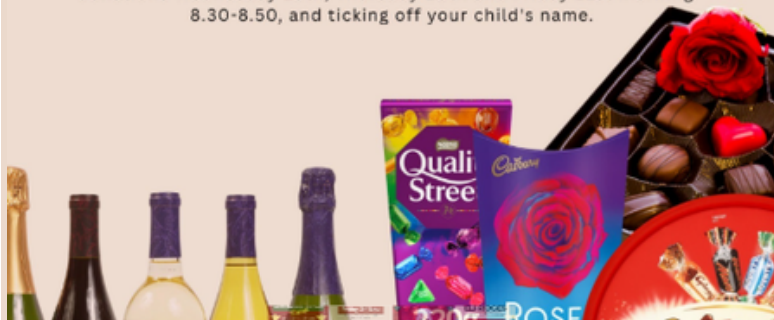
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov**

**Chocolates - Reception, Year 1 and 2**

**Bottles - Year 3 - 6**

We are asking for Chocolate and Bottle donations in return for an own clothes day on Friday 21st November!

There will be members of PTA outside the school office collecting the donations Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th and Friday 21st morning - 8.30-8.50, and ticking off your child's name.



BGPS PTA CHARITY NUMBER 1014450

## ELFRIDGES

FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER

**A RANGE OF GIFTS £2-£5**

During school hours, the children have the opportunity to purchase gifts for a parent, sibling, grandparent, friend or whoever they wish, which will be wrapped by the PTA.

There will be a selection of new gifts to choose from suitable for all ages - from younger siblings through to parents/grandparents.

Please send your child in with money in a named envelope.

*Borough Green Primary School Presents...*  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*Market*

22ND NOVEMBER 2025

12:00- 16:00

**RAFFLE TOMBOLA CRAFTS FOOD  
GAMES & MORE...**

**Borough Green Primary School, TN15 8JZ**



## **AFTERNOON TEA** *With Santa*

**DELICIOUS FOOD | FESTIVE CRAFTS | PRESENT FROM SANTA**

FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2025 | 4-5.30PM

Price for children (includes present from Santa, crafts and afternoon tea): £12

Afternoon tea only: £6

Deadline to book: 28 November

# BBC's 500 words story writing competition...

BBC's 500 Words, is the UK's largest children's writing competition for children aged 5-11

There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds with children invited to unleash their creativity to craft an amazing story inspired by anything they like. Children are encouraged to write a story they would love to read themselves. Over the years there have been thousands of incredible stories submitted. There are very few rules for 500 Words but a few points to remember when writing a story.

All 500 Words stories must:

- Be 500 words or less (title is not included in the number)
- Be written by an individual and not a group
- Be a child's own original idea
- Be prose, not rap or poem

Stories must not:

- Give any personal details of the child, including their name
- Recount an historical event (but they can use a real person or historical character as a source of inspiration)
- Be created, written or developed by AI

In every 500 Words competition, all stories are judged on the following criteria:

- Characterisation
- Plot
- Originality
- Language
- Enjoyment

Entries must be submitted by parents or guardians on the competition website before 9pm on Friday 7 November. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zqc8mbk#z4bvvg8>



Entries will be judged by a panel including celebrity judges, Sir Lenny Henry, Malorie Blackman, Francesca Simon, Charlie Higson and Frank Cottrell-Boyce.

In February 2026, 50 finalists will be invited to a grand final at Windsor Castle, hosted by Her Majesty The Queen. There are also lots of prizes to be won, including books for the bronze, silver and gold winners (and 500 for the gold winners' schools), as well as original illustrations of the stories. All winning stories will be illustrated by children's illustrators and published in a special 500 Words winners' book produced by Oxford University Press.

We are sure that Borough Green pupils will come up with some incredible ideas that may well see them meeting the Queen as one of the BBC's 500 Words winners.

Good luck to all.

# Caterlink - School Lunches... Autumn / Winter Menu...

| Kent / TKAT Autumn Winter 2025/2026  |                   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                                     | FRIDAY  |
|--|-------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
| <b>WEEK ONE</b><br>27.10.2025<br>17.11.2025<br>08.12.2025<br>12.01.2026<br>02.02.2026<br>02.03.2026<br>23.03.2026  | <b>Option One</b> | <b>NEW</b> BBQ Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread    | <b>NEW</b> Curried Chicken With Rice (Chicken Biryani)    | Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy                                    | Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread               | Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce |
|  | <b>Option Two</b> | Autumn Vegetable Lasagne With Garlic Bread        | Veggie Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges                 | Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy                                  | Potato & Courgette Layer Bake                | Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce           |
|  | <b>Vegetables</b> | Green Beans & Sweetcorn                           | Vegetable Medley  | Carrots & Swede  | Sweetcorn & Pepper Mix                       | Baked Beans & Peas  |
|  | <b>Dessert</b>    | Cheese and Crackers                               | <b>NEW</b> Apple Crumb Cake with Custard                  | Fruit Medley   | Syrup Sponge With Custard                    | Jelly With Mandarins  |
| <b>WEEK TWO</b><br>03.11.2025<br>24.11.2025<br>15.12.2025<br>19.01.2026<br>09.02.2026<br>09.03.2026<br>30.03.2026  | <b>Option One</b> | Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Tomato Pasta | Spaghetti Bolognese                                       | <b>CHICKEN SHACK</b> BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa | Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice          | Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce                       |
|  | <b>Option Two</b> | Mild Mexican Chili with Rice                      | Veggie Spaghetti Bolognese                                | BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa                      | Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice  | Cheese Whitt with Chips and Tomato Sauce                    |
|  | <b>Vegetables</b> | Sweetcorn & Peas                                  | Carrots & Broccoli  | Sweetcorn & Peas   | Vegetable Medley                             | Baked Beans & Peas  |
|  | <b>Dessert</b>    | <b>NEW</b> Gingerbread Cookie                     | Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce       | Fruit Salad  | Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard     | Vanilla Shortbread  |
| <b>WEEK THREE</b><br>10.11.2025<br>01.12.2025<br>05.01.2026<br>26.01.2026<br>23.02.2026<br>16.03.2026  | <b>Option One</b> | Macaroni Cheese                                   | <b>NEW</b> Chicken 50% Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges | Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy  | Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice      | Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce                       |
|  | <b>Option Two</b> | <b>NEW</b> Chefs Special Lentil Curry with Rice   | Tomato Pasta  | Veggie Sausage and Roast Potatoes and Gravy  | Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice              | Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce               |
|  | <b>Vegetables</b> | Peas & Green Beans                                | Vegetable Medley  | Carrots & Cabbage  | Sweetcorn & Green Beans                      | Baked Beans & Peas  |
|  | <b>Dessert</b>    | Oaty Cookie                                       | Fruit Crumble with Custard                                | Fruit Salad  | <b>NEW</b> Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard | Cornflake Tart  |
| <b>MENU KEY</b> Added Plant Protein  Wholemeal  Vegan  Chef's Special  |                   |   |   |  |  |   |
| <b>Available Daily:</b> - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings – Freshly Baked Bread- Daily salad selection – Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt. |                   |   |   |  |  |   |
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**CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO 25**  
FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

**FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER**

**ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN A 25 SPORT CHALLENGE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY**

**ACTIVITY WEAR OR PE KIT WITH TRAINERS**

**£2 SUGGESTED DONATION**



## Term 2 upcoming events...

- Fri 7 Nov:** KCC Primary applications for Reception 2026 opens
- Fri 7 Nov:** Deadline for photo orders at 4pm.
- Mon 10 Nov:** 10 Anti-Bullying week 2025 starts/ Odd Socks Day
- Thurs 13 Nov:** Road to Wembley Tournament
- Thurs 13 Nov:** Mini police cadets community project
- Thurs 13 & Fri 14 Nov:** Spelling Competition
- Fri 14 Nov:** Children in Need 25 Challenge . Activity Clothes/PE kits with trainers.
- Tue 18 Nov:** Poplar Class Assembly for Parents 9am
- Wed 19 Nov:** School Tours 9.30am & 1.30pm
- Thurs 20 Nov:** Yr 4 Times Tables for Parents 3.30pm
- Fri 21 Nov:** Own Clothes day in exchange for the bottle / chocolate tombola
- Sat 22 Nov:** PTA: Christmas Market
- Thurs 27 Nov:** School Tours 9.30am & 1.30pm
- Fri 28 Nov:** Parent Forum with our FLO 2pm

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

## Are your children due to start school in September 2026?





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. Introducing a brand new outdoor learning area for September 2025.

Tours with our headteacher, Mrs. Jackson, are taking place on:

- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 9:30am and 1:30pm
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 9.30am and 1:30pm
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 9:30am and 1:30pm
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 9:30am and 1:30pm
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 9.30am and 1:30pm
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am and 1:30pm



## Email's sent out this week...

- All Years:** Photo deadline for orders has been extended until Fri 7 Nov at 4pm.
- All Years:** PTA Christmas Events
- KS2:** Jam Coding Club cancelled due to lack of numbers.
- All years:** Meal Choices required in Arbor.
- Yr 5/6:** Football trials & tournament.
- Willow class:** rescheduling of Miss Armstrong's parent consultations.
- Police Mini Cadets:** Visit to Tunbridge Wells Police Station and Court - Thurs 6 Nov.
- Yr 5/6 Girls:** Lunchtime Girls Football Club Years 5 & 6.
- Invite only:** Road to Wembley Tournament – Thurs 13 Nov
- Year 1:** Homework email
- KS2:** Choir Club changing to Thursday after school.
- Yr 5/6 Boys:** Thank You for Attending Football Trials
- KS2:** National Spelling Competition
- All Years:** Odd Socks Day on Mon 10 Nov.
- All Years:** Children in Need on Fri 14 Nov.
- Police Mini Cadets:** Community Project on Thurs 13 Nov.