



BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 | 17 October 2025

A message from Mrs Jackson...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have arrived at the end of a very busy and productive term 1. First and foremost, I would like to thank all of the staff, governors and PTA members here at Borough Green Primary School. Everyone has a part to play in the success of our school and a lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes to provide the best for our children.

Last week's newsletter showed many amazing things that have been taking place. Some of my personal highlights include the fantastic Christmas lights that have been made based on James and Amelia's designs; the first community team day clearing the nature area; the whole school afternoon in recognition of the European Day of Languages, and swimming lessons continuing in our very own pool. We are privileged to have a pool on site but this can be taken for granted so easily. It does cost the school a large amount of money to keep this resource and costs include maintenance, chemicals, heating and staffing. Please help us by making your swimming lesson payments. Mr. Lee tells me there is some more work needed during the winter closedown so that the pool can open again in the spring. We look forward to hosting some fun sessions, including inflatables and water polo after the winter. These sessions will be to raise funds for the pool itself.

Children who have been signed up for the Junior Dukes should have brought their books home for the break. I was impressed by Chase this morning who arrived with his book in hand and a first task completed. What a wonderful spooky biscuit he made—thank you Chase.

During the past few weeks, I have enjoyed children bringing me their learning and have awarded several headteacher award stickers. Louie (Maple) and Frankie (Acacia) impressed me with their knowledge of algebra. Albert and Ayesha (Year 4) showed me their column addition (with exchange) skills. Teddy (Acacia) wrote a delightful narrative inspired by the Empty Pot, whilst Tari, Mollie, Dolcie and Christina shared their stories inspired by the Stone Age Boy.

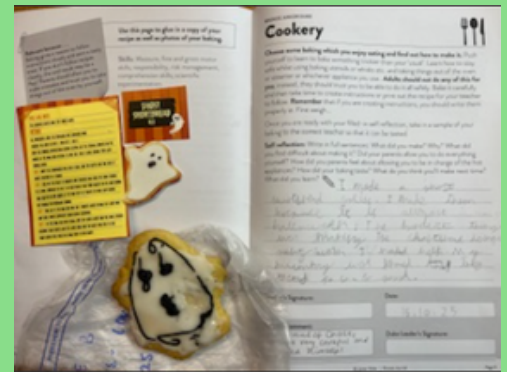
The children are often reminded of our 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' rule and there are some children who demonstrate this every day without any reminders. After seven weeks of term, these children will have collected 14 stars and be well on the way to collecting their bronze award. They are role-models for consistently showing the very best learning behaviour and should be proud of their exemplary conduct at all times.

It was lovely to see so many parents attending the recent parent consultations. The children have settled well into their new classes and worked hard this term. They are ready for a break now and some time out from school. We look forward to catching up with them next month and celebrating all the fun and achievements in 'tinsel term.' Please remember, on Monday 3rd November, we start the term with our maths themed escape room.

I hope you enjoy some family time during the next few weeks.
Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Jackson



What we have been up to this week...



On Thursday, we were treated to a special assembly led by Ashleigh from Spadework. Ashleigh spoke to the children about the charity's work and their PYO pumpkin event. She even brought with her some different types of pumpkins grown by Spadework trainees. More information on the PYO pumpkin event can be found below.



spadework
pumpkins with a purpose
Charity PYO Pumpkins
6th - 31st October 2025
9am- 5pm (Monday - Saturday)
10am- 4pm (Sunday)
Spadework, Teston Road, Offham,
West Malling, ME19 5NA

What we have been up to this week...

This week, **Year 5/6** have shared a message for the future from Jane Goodall - specially recorded by her on the understanding that it would be broadcast after her death (she died on 1st October at the age of 81). We have studied Jane this term as part of our work on biographies. I thought it might be something that you would like to use in this week's newsletter. Link below:

<https://youtu.be/lfLKHY52ERc>

What we have been up to this week...

What a Fabulous Finish to our Once upon a Time Learning Experience! **Apple Class** had a great day celebrating, from Early Bird dancing through to an exciting treasure hunt in the afternoon. Thank you, parents for supporting your children by providing them with amazing costumes and well done to the children for having such a fun-packed day and still managing to concentrate on all our routine learning sessions. Add a little bit of body text



**BGPS raised
£158.10 last
Friday for
World Mental
Health day**



Thank you

Conker Club...



Mrs Q's Conker Club has been a great hit 😊 this term, with the children greatly enjoying this traditional, autumnal past time.



Year 5/6 Maths Update...

Thank you for your comments at Parents' evening.

A maths update on what we are learning and how to support your child.

Autumn Term 2 - [Oak Academy - Year 5 Maths](#) or [Oak Academy - Year 6 Maths](#)

If you'd like to see an overview, visit - whiteroseeducation.com



This weeks' attendance...

The total attendance so far this year is 95.1%, while the national average is 95.4%.

Apple	92.97%
Willow	95.42%
Myrtle	96.24%
Bay	90.20%
Cherry	95.74%
Poplar	96.74%
Acacia	97.00%
Maple	95.59%
Oak	93.57%

Congratulations
to this Term's winner
ACACIA CLASS

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Term 1 Achievement Awards

Year R	Finley	Year 4	Sienna c
Year 1	Olivia	Year 5	Freya M
Year 2	Florence	Year 6	Rose B
Year 3	Holly		

Weekly House Points

House	Ashdown	Malyon	Morris	Seamark
This week	226	298	333 winner	234
This Term	1704	1901 winner	1843	1624

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
WEEK ONE 27.10.2025 17.11.2025 08.12.2025 12.01.2026 02.02.2026 02.03.2026 23.03.2026	Option One	NEW BBQ Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread	NEW 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
	Option Two	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
	Vegetables	Green Beans & Sweetcorn	Vegetable Medley	Carrots & Swede	Sweetcorn & Pepper Mix	Baked Beans & Peas
	Dessert	Cheese and Crackers	NEW Apple Crumb Cake with Custard	Fruit Medley	Syrup Sponge With Custard	Jelly With Mandarins
WEEK TWO 03.11.2025 24.11.2025 15.12.2025 19.01.2026 09.02.2026 09.03.2026 30.03.2026	Option One	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Tomato Pasta	Spaghetti Bolognese	CHICKEN SHACK BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	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 Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn & Peas	Carrots & Broccoli	Sweetcorn & Peas	Vegetable Medley	Baked Beans & Peas
	Dessert	NEW Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Salad	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread
WEEK THREE 10.11.2025 01.12.2025 05.01.2026 26.01.2026 23.02.2026 16.03.2026	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	NEW Chicken 50% Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	NEW 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
	Vegetables	Peas & Green Beans	Vegetable Medley	Carrots & Cabbage	Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Baked Beans & Peas
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie	Fruit Crumble with Custard	Fruit Salad	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	Cornflake Tart
MENU KEY		Added Plant Protein	Wholemeal	Vegan	Chef's Special	
Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings – Freshly Baked Bread- Daily salad selection – Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt.						

ALLERGY INFORMATION:
If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

New Holiday Club coming soon to BGPS...

We are excited to announce we have a new holiday club starting in the December holidays and each school holiday break thereafter. More details to follow next term. In the meantime TR Sport are offering BGPS pupils a 15% discount off the October Half Term Club at St Katherine's Primary in Snodland, details below...



SPORTS FOR ALL
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MULTI SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS
AT ST KATHERINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Come along to our full day multi-sport holiday camps, ran by qualified sports coaches who are ready to provide you a day of fun!

JOIN US ON:
**MONDAY 20TH TUESDAY 21ST,
WEDNESDAY 22ND AND THURSDAY 23RD**
OCTOBER

FOR OUR
SPOOK-TACULAR
CAMP!
SCAN OUR QR CODE
TO REGISTER NOW!

9AM-4PM
5 - 12 YEAR
OLDS
£25 PER DAY

Early Bird Offer: Sign up by Friday 10th October to receive 10% off your booking | 10% Sibling Discount

TRSPORTSFORALL | TRSPORTSFORALL@GMAIL.COM



As in previous years, Martin & Jackie would once again like to offer a £2.00 donation to your PTA for every Christmas tree bought by families and staff. If you would like to participate, it is important that you bring a copy of this News Letter with you. This will count towards the final donation to the school PTA. You may also be interested to know that Stonepitts will again be supporting Demelza Hospice Care for Children as their chosen Charity. For details and directions to Stonepitts Farm please visit www.stonepitts.com

BGPS PTA: September 100 Club winners!

Many congratulations to our September 100 Club winners;

- 1st prize (£25): S.Galloway
- 2nd prize (£15): S.Cole
- 3rd prize (£5): S. O'Leary
- 4th prize (£5): M. Istead

We have a few numbers remaining in the draw. Please contact us at

boroughgreenprimarypta@yahoo.com, or ask for an entry form at the school office, if you'd like to take part.

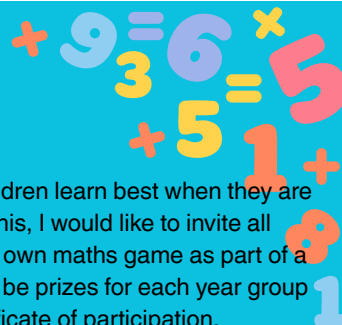
Each number costs £1 per month, and you can pay by standing order, or by cash for the year.

Many thanks for your support.



Poppies
on sale from
Mon 3 Nov

Whole School Maths Competition...



At Borough Green, we know that children learn best when they are happy and having fun. To celebrate this, I would like to invite all children to have a go at making their own maths game as part of a whole school competition. There will be prizes for each year group and every entrant will receive a certificate of participation.

The game could be designed to help with their own maths topics or created to support the learning of a younger year group. Games could cover any aspects of maths: place value; addition and subtraction; multiplication and division; fractions and decimals; area, perimeter and volume; position and direction; shape; units of measurement; time; statistics; ratio and scale; algebra. It could be a board game, a card game, a dice game or take any other format you wish. It could be for an individual, for pairs or for teams.

Points will be awarded for mathematical content as well as creativity and presentation. All games will be shared with the children and displayed for parents and family members to view, later in Term 2.

The winning games will form part of a new maths club for all children to enjoy and learn from.

Submissions should be given to class teachers or the school office by Wednesday 5th November. I am very excited to see all your fantastic ideas and to try them out for myself.

From the PTA...

We are excited to bring you An Afternoon tea with Santa experience!

Please see the below poster and booking form for more information. Get booked in quick as spaces will be limited!



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

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 30th September 2025 9:30am and 1:30pm

Friday 3rd October 2025 9.30am and 1:30pm

Tuesday 7th October 2025 9:30am and 1:30pm

Monday 3rd November 2025 9:30am and 1:30pm

Wednesday 19th November 2025 9.30am and 1:30pm

Thursday 27th November 9.30am and 1:30pm



Term 2 upcoming events...

Fri 17 Oct: Last day of Term 1

Mon 3 Nov: Term 2 begins

Mon 3 Nov: Malyon Own Clothes Day House Winners

Mon 3 Nov: School Tours 9.30am & 1.30pm

Mon 3 Nov: All Years Maths Escape Room

Fri 7 Nov: KCC Primary applications for Reception 2026 opens

Mon 10 Nov: 10 Anti-Bullying week 2025 starts/ Odd Socks Day

Fri 14 Nov: Children in Need Spooktacular Challenge .

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

Thurs 27 Nov: School Tours 9.30am & 1.30pm

FULL LIST OF CALENDAR DATES ARE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

Email's sent out this week...

- Year 6: Reminder regarding secondary school applications close Friday 31 October.
- Year: 11+ Kent Test results day on Thursday 16 October.
- FSM: FSM October Holiday Vouchers have been issued this week.
- All Years: URGENT REMINDER: Maths Escape Room.
- Year 1-6: BBC 500 words competition.
- Year 3/ 4: PE kits on a Monday and Thursday from next term.
- Year 1: Homework email
- PTA: 100 Club winners!
- All Years: Maths Escape Room reminder for consent and payment
- PTA: An Afternoon Tea with Santa
- All Years: School competition - create your own maths game



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WEB & APP BUILDING Afterschool Club

At Jam Coding, our goal is to help improve children's digital skills. This **Web and App Design** Workshop will show children how to design and create their own website. Working in teams, our web developers will have fun planning and constructing an engaging website and app based on a topic that they are interested in. Turning imagination into reality! At the end of the course, all children will receive a certificate and one team will receive a trophy!

DATES:
Every Tuesday: 11th, 18th, 25th November, 2nd, 16th December

TIME:
From 15.15 to 16.15

PRICE:
5 WEEKS OF FUN FOR JUST £50!

BOOK HERE: <https://portal.jamcoding.franscape.io/class-overview/5080>

Click the link above to view course details OR visit our website and head to the booking tab. Enter your postcode in the locations field and click search to view courses. Then select the school or venue you require. N.B. You can only attend courses held at the school that your child attends. You can also search by the school postcode.

For more information, contact your Area Manager on:
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