



BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 | 9 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to a New Year and new term at Borough Green Primary School where we have high expectations for 2026! It was a great start to the term hosting David from Skip2BFit. The workshops were fun and energetic and I was impressed by both the friendly and competitive nature of the day. A huge thank you to the staff for taking part and achieving fantastic scores for a 2-minute skip count. Mr Ashe led the way for the staff team and Dylan (Acacia Class) competed against him in a 'skip off' to end the day. Dylan won the challenge and is so inspired that he is starting skipping clubs during the lunch break next week. As a school, we will be encouraging children to keep practising and collecting scores on Friday lunchtimes to achieve certificates for achievement and improvement. Skipping is such a good activity to improve co-ordination, fitness and stamina and we strongly encourage everyone to have a go.

Ropes are still available to purchase from the school office if children wish to practise at home. We have a school set to enable everyone the opportunity to achieve an official score: 'Friday's count.' Even the wet weather didn't stop children from practising at break time today-the advantage of an old Victorian building and high ceilings!

Our value of the term is kindness and we will be celebrating acts of kindness by hanging them on our tree of kindness. Look out for this in the school entrance soon. In assembly this week, the children were reminded to be friendly; be considerate of others; show kindness through actions and words and try to be the difference to someone else's day. I think this is an important message for everyone-sometimes we can be too quick to judge and it's always worth remembering that you never always know what is going on in other people's lives. It is simple-Be Kind!

This week, I have been impressed with the children settling back in to routines despite the bitter cold and excitement of snow flurries at times. Maple class were focused and settled by the time I'd closed the gate on Monday morning-a super start! Apple Class enjoyed being introduced to the Owl Babies: Sarah, Percy and Bill (one of my favourites). Years 3 and 4 have been writing inspired by the Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse. A beautiful book about kindness with messages that helped many through Lockdown. Mrs Bowers told us how moving they found the animation in Poplar Class. If you can, take time to watch this as a family.

It was wonderful to see the publication by Young Artists of 'Food Friends.' Some of our children who attend breakfast /after school club sent in drawings which feature in the book. Amelia (Willow) illustrated 'Spagetti and Meatballs bowling whereas Alice's (Poplar) food friends are seen trampolining. Thank you to Mrs West for organising this-I hope the children are super proud to see their illustrations in print.

I am looking forward to seeing if any of the children have reached the Bronze level for being Ready, Respectful and Safe by achieving 30 stamps. Children who demonstrate exemplary behaviour will be acknowledged and this news will be shared with both the children and their families.

Please note the letter that has been sent out in the event of severe weather-we do need a plan in place for this. I, personally, am looking forward to the spring and the warmer months...

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.
Thank you for your ongoing support.

Karen Jackson
Headteacher

What we have been up this week...

On Monday the children enjoyed fun workshops with 'Skip to be Fit'



Skipping Ropes
available to buy
from the
School office

£9 each

The Year of Reading!

2026 marks the National Year of Reading, a national initiative being run by the DfE and the National Literacy Trust. We have signed up for a programme of events for the children to take part in, as well as training opportunities for staff. The main message behind the campaign, is to reignite a passion for reading for pleasure. This will be a particular focus across the school, reminding children that this doesn't just include school books or novels but could be their favourite magazine or non-fiction books about a special interest they might have.

World Book Day

This year, World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th March 2026. We will be having a World Book Week starting Monday 2nd March and there will be various activities taking place that week so please do look out for more information regarding this. If there are any authors or book illustrators amongst you, or you know of anyone who may be willing to come in and work with us then please do get in touch!

Reading Ambassadors

This term sees the return of the reading ambassadors! We will be reinstating the original reading ambassadors as well as finding some new ones. The reading ambassadors will have a key role in promoting reading across the school so do watch this space!

Finally, a reminder that reading really is the key to success. Every book read aloud to a child, and every word they read to you, really can make such a difference. Thank you for your continued support with reading with your children at home.



JANUARY BOOK RECOMMENDATION



Adderley has never travelled beyond the boundary of her village. But as a fierce drought holds the country in its grip, a Green Woman appears, speaking of a wrong that must be put right to bring back the rain. So when Adderley encounters Ef - part-fish, part-human and wholly unlike anything in her books - she remembers the Green Woman's words and together with Ef she embarks on a journey to break the curse.



Weekly Achievement Awards

Apple	Elsie	Poplar	Albert
Myrtle	Livie	Cherry	Charlie
Willow	Lola	Acacia	Lola
Bay	Connie	Maple	Eden
		Oak	Siya

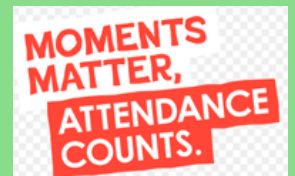
Weekly House Point Winners

House	Ashdown	Malyon	Morris	Seamark
This Week	187	163	169	209
Total	187	163	169	209

This Week's attendance...

The total attendance so far this year is 93.9%, while the national average is 94.5%.

Apple	92.36%
Willow	94.41%
Myrtle	94.20%
Bay	92.81%
Cherry	92.46%
Poplar	94.64%
Acacia	97.44%
Maple	99.15%
Oak	92.00%



TT Rock Stars... weekly winners



Morris	219
Ashdown	62
Semark	34
Malyon	25

Tag Rugby Club - Key Stage 2 with Wilko

Wednesday's 7.45-8.45am
£3 per session

To book direct with Wilko
text

07974 94 55 66

or email

Nick.Wilkinson@agoraccx.com



Themed Lunch Menu:

On Thursday 15 January Caterlink are offering a special Lunch menu. Please order and pay via Arbor:

ALL DAY BREAKFAST

THURSDAY
15TH JANUARY 2026

BREAKFAST ITEMS

Chipolata Sausage - Meat or Veggie
Omelette
Mini Hash Browns
Baked Beans
Slice of Homemade Bread

DESSERT BREAKFAST

Chocolate & Banana Oaty Square
or
Yoghurt
Or
Fresh Fruit

From our PTA...

We will be holding a
PTA Meeting on
Friday 16 January at
3.30pm
in the School Hall



All Welcome
to come along

Term 3 & 4 upcoming events...

Thurs 15 Jan: KCC Application for Primary Reception intake 2026 closes

Fri 16 Jan: PTA Meeting 3.30pm

Wed 21 Jan: Young Voices Choir at the O2

Sat 24 Jan: Volunteering at BGPS 2-4pm

Tues 3 Feb: Oak Class Assembly for Parents/Carers

Tue 10 Feb: Safer Internet Day

Wed 11 Feb: Open Classrooms 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday 12 Feb: Random acts of Kindness Day

Fri 13 Feb: Last Day of Term 3

Mon 23 Feb: First Day of Term 4

Tues 17 Feb: T&R Sport Holiday Club at BGPS

Wed 18 Feb: T&R Sport Holiday Club at BGPS

Sat 28 Feb: Choir with Invicta Wind Orchestra at Church of Good Shepherd 7pm



Please email the school office if you are free to help on this day. This will help us prepare and allocate jobs.
Thank you

school.office@bgpschool.kent.sch.uk

Email's sent out this week...

- **All Years;** Working with Anxiety Workshop
- **Poplar:** Forest School - Monday 12 Jan during P.E.
- **Yr 3/ 4:** Message regarding making of edible soil.
- **Year 6:** Payment Reminder - Essex Outdoors/Residential Trip
- **All Years:** PTA Meeting - Friday 16 January 3.30pm
- **O2 Choir:** Final details sent out.
- **All Years:** All Day Breakfast' themed School Lunch - Thurs 15 Jan.
- **Multi sports Club:** Term 3 re starts on Tues 13 Jan.
- **Tag Rugby Club:** Re starts on Wed 7 Jan, Rugby Club - Key Stage 2
- **All Years:** Cold Weather Clothing Email
- **Year 5/6:** Design and Technology Project – Eat the Seasons
- **All Years:** Severe Weather Letter from Mrs Jackson
- **Year 1:** Homework email
- **Year 3/ 4:** Recorder Request
- **O2 Choir:** AXS Tickets to Young Voices 2026

