



BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 | 6 February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have entered the second month of the calendar year and are hurtling towards the warmer months (just reminding myself of that). It has been a tricky term for our staff team with absences and illness, and I would like to acknowledge the hard work by the team present in school. The week started with Oak Class sharing their learning in their class assembly for parents. Sadly, I was attending a meeting and missed this in person, but Mrs. Gordon tells me it went well and it is lovely to hear the children so enthusiastic about their learning.

We have also experienced a few days of 'balanceability' for the younger children and our pupil council led class assemblies where the children voted for outdoor play equipment, they would like our PTA to fundraise for. Everyone is really excited about this, particularly the idea of an all weather pitch and a zip line!!!

I would like to say thank you to Sarah McCloy for coming in and holding a crochet club for some of the children. As they sat crocheting outside my office, it was a joy to see the children enjoying the activity with Sarah and Mrs. Wibroe. If there are any other ideas for after-school clubs (hobbies, sports, crafts or games), and you are willing to come in and help, please do let Mrs. Hammel in the office know and we can find a member of staff to support you with this. It would be great to work together to offer different after-school clubs each term. Looking ahead, we have terms 4, 5 and 6 before the end of the academic year and these would be the terms for better weather and some outdoor fun.

Well done to the bronze award children who received their certificates and badges this week. We will be meeting next week to make plans for your club.

Well done to our Junior Dukes children who have been completing their challenges during the past few weeks. Samuel (Poplar) made a super paper mache bowl, and Bethany (Myrtle) made a lovely money box and pencil holder. They both demonstrated real creativity.

I had a delightful visit from Albie and Lola (Willow Class) this week where Albie kindly brought in his Paddington boardgame and we had a game together. We talked about our own experiences of taking selfies in London! (You need to know the game to understand this) and it was fun to play the game. Thank you Albie.

Next week is Children's Mental Health week and we will be talking about mental health and our zones of regulation. The theme for the week is, 'This is My Place'

Thank you for your continued support.

Enjoy the weekend,

Mrs Jackson
Headteacher

From our Governors...

The Governors would like to extend a massive "Thank you" to all the staff for their hard work and commitment throughout what has been a particularly challenging term for illness. Your resilience, teamwork, and dedication have not gone unnoticed, and we truly appreciate the effort you've put into keeping things moving forward.

What we have been up to this week...

Oak Class Assembly

Oak Class delivered a fabulous assembly on Tuesday to parents and other Year 5 and 6 children. They spoke clearly and confidently about all the amazing learning they have been doing this term, and even shared some of their Spanish learning: la primavera, el verano, el otoño and el invierno (spring, summer, autumn and winter). They ended the assembly with a fantastic performance of the well-known poem 'The Lion and Albert' by Marriott Edgar. We were so engrossed that we forgot to take any photos!

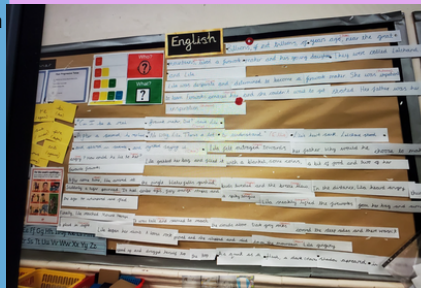


Renat in Oak class created and printed these items at home with his 3D printer. What fabulous computing and coding skills!

Yr 5/6 Homework



Events of the Firework Maker's Daughter



Years 3 and 4 have been busy over the last three weeks, writing key events of The Firework Maker's Daughter. This week, they have added their own innovations and written their version of the events as part of their independent write.

We have continued to learn about L. S. Lowry as an artist and have planned our own art pieces based on his famous works. Watch this space!



In Year 3 and 4, we have been learning about volcanoes. Eva (Poplar) made a model of a volcano at home with her Mum which she kindly brought in to share. We decided to complete the experiment in class and we poured bicarbonate of soda and vinegar in to make an 'explosion'. Jayden used the language from our Geography lessons to describe the explosion as an 'effusive explosion' meaning that the lava came out slowly and steadily - well done Jayden!



Balanceability



Apple and Myrtle have had an amazing week using the balance bikes. They have been listening really carefully and have developed many skills as well as being more confident. One child said it was the best day ever!



Team BG Sports Celebration Assembly



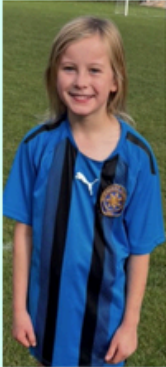
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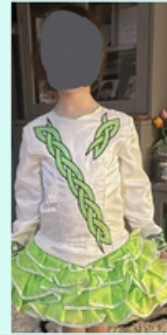
Florence
Elsie
Niamh



Victoria, Chloe, Orla, Indie



Ruben
Amberley
Elijah



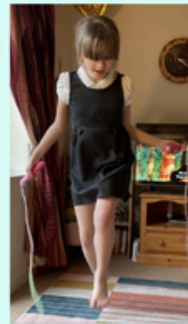
Lainey, Esme,
Elsie



Amber



Dylan
Poppy



Tomas
Besa
Freya
Lola



Harlow



BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

BOOK WEEK

Monday 2 March
Surprise Reading
Activity Day for the
children - nothing for
you to do!

Everyday creatively including -
art activities, drama/role play,
music soundscapes or theme
tunes, small reading tasks,
challenges etc.

Tuesday 3 & Wednesday 4th
March
10p Book Sale!
We will have LOTS of second hand
books out on the courtyard
(outside of Oak Classroom), all for
the price of 10p each! Money will
be used towards new topics books
for school.

MONDAY 2nd
TO
FRIDAY 6th MARCH

Thurs 5th March
Children to 'spend' book vouchers
Children to be given book tokens
at the end of the day and come in
to 'spend' them on books we have
ordered in

Thursday 5 March
World Book Day 2026
Children to come to school dressed as a
character from a book. Please don't feel
you need to 'buy new'. Options to buy
second-hand from within the school
community are detailed below,
or simply use what you already have at
home!

Fri 6th March
Parent reading afternoon.
This will follow the same format as
the Christmas Crafternoon sessions.
You are invited in for time slots to
read with your child in school.
Further details to follow.

FEBRUARY BOOK RECOMMENDATION



A UTOPIAN FUTURE.
A FORBIDDEN WILDERNESS.
TWO SISTERS TRYING TO SURVIVE.
Twenty-five years into the future, no humans are allowed in the Wildlands - a vast area in Britain where wolves, lynx and bison roam free. The only exception is a high-speed train line between London and Glasgow that crosses right through the heart of the project. Thirteen-year-old Astrid and her little sister, Indie, are onboard when their train slows to a brief, unexpected stop - and they find themselves accidentally left behind.



Reading Volunteer



Are you looking for a way to make a significant contribution to the lives of children in the local community?



Becoming a Volunteer Reader is both rewarding and impacting; here are some of the many benefits:

- Our pupils love the one-to-one attention of an adult during a 10-minute reading session - you are likely to be on the receiving end of lots of smiles.
- You will see their progress in fluency, expression and enjoyment over the course of several weeks.
- You will develop the skills to support progress and enthusiasm and to ask questions which help pupils to think about the meaning of texts.

What do you need to do ?

Be able to commit to a minimum of 1 hour per week. Each child would need 10 - 15 minutes, which would be talking about what they've read in the last week, some reading aloud and discussion and then you would write a comment in their Reading Record book.

DBS & Safeguarding checks will be required prior to volunteering

Contact the school office by email
school.office@bgpschool.kent.sch.uk

Parent Guides for online safety...

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows YouTube. The Google-owned site lets anyone upload videos to be shared around the world, and as a result, it's an incredible resource with instant free access to material covering every conceivable topic. But with over 500 hours of video uploaded every minute, not all of it will be appropriate for young eyes.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged for age-restricted. However, the ease of upload means that inappropriate content can be shared widely. This content can be harmful to young users who may find it upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS
YouTube recommendations are based on what you watch, which means that if you watch a video, you may be recommended other videos. This is intended to be helpful but it can also lead to inappropriate content being recommended. Some of this content is 18+ and may not always be suitable for children.

RADICALISATION
YouTube's algorithm tends to promote content that is engaging and controversial. This can be a risk for radicalisation. YouTube has a reporting system for radicalisation content, but it's not always clear what this means.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS
The comments sections of popular content creators may offer links to other websites. These links can be used to scam children or to promote inappropriate content. Children may also be scammed by clicking on links to other websites.

Advice for Parents & Educators

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE
For older children, Restricted Mode helps to filter out inappropriate content. It can be found in the top right corner of the YouTube app and website.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY
Creating a Google Family account allows parents to control what their children can watch and do on YouTube. It also allows parents to see what their children are watching and to set limits on their viewing time.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT
YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for many children. It's important to monitor their engagement with the site. This can be done by checking their watch history and by using the YouTube app's parental controls.

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS
It's possible to sidestep most inappropriate content using YouTube Kids. This app is designed for children aged 13 and under. It has a more restrictive content filter than the main YouTube app.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS
YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos privately. This means that only people you choose can see your videos. This is a good option for parents who want to control what their children can see.

LIMIT SPENDING
Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases. For example, you can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch. If you like to control your child's spending, you should limit their access to these purchases.

Meet Our Expert
Alan Martin is an experienced and thoughtful journalist who has written for the likes of BBC, New Scientist, The Guardian, and The New York Times.

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Costume Donations...



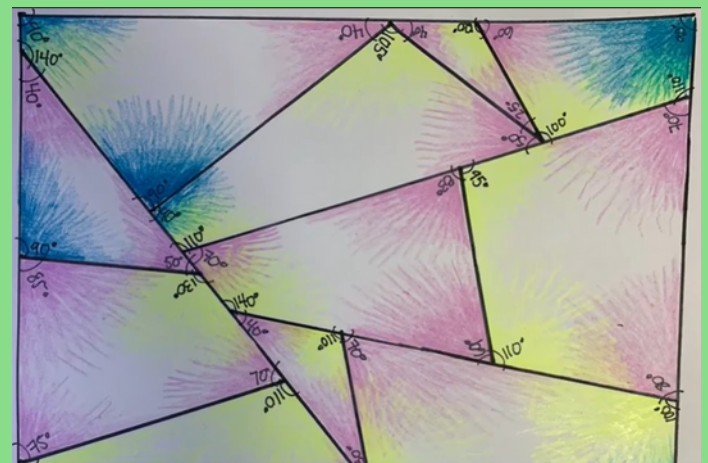
Any donations of second-hand character costumes/props are welcomed. If there are enough donations, we will be holding a sale of used character costumes (for a donation of £1 each to school) on **Tuesday 24th February** outside of the main office. **Any donations to be sent in by Friday 13th February please (last day of term).**

Please feel free to come along to grab a bargain!

NSPCC Numbers Day...

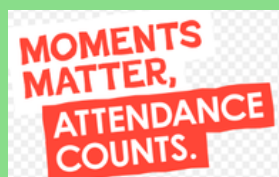


As part of NSPCC day, Year 3s did an investigation to answer the question - Does the oldest child have the longest hands? They used calendars to sort themselves into age order and then measured the length of the span of their hands in cms. Much fun was had! The answer to this question was "sometimes but not always."



This Week's attendance...

The total attendance so far this year is 93.7%, while the national average is 94.6%.



Apple	90.63%
Willow	91.67%
Myrtle	96.09%
Bay	90.83%
Cherry	93.93%
Poplar	95.36%
Acacia	97.31%
Maple	100.00%
Oak	95.83%

Congratulations to this week's winner **MAPLE CLASS** 100%

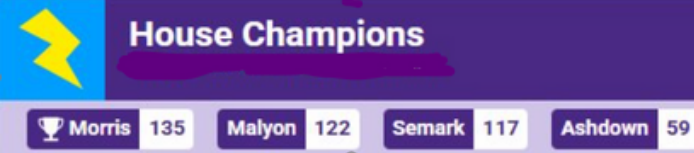
Weekly Achievement Awards

Apple	Poppy	Poplar	Teddy
Myrtle	Maisie	Cherry	Sophie
Willow	Hannah	Acacia	Phoebe
Bay	Whole Class	Maple	Katie
		Oak	Dolly





Weekly House Point Winners

House	Ashdown	Malyon	Morris	Seamark
This Week	374	364	360	434 winner
Total	1344	1471	1328	1407

TT Rock Stars...



House Champions

 Morris 135
  Malyon 122
  Semark 117
  Ashdown 59



Rockstar Recall Rumble **COMPLETED**
30 JAN - 05 FEB 2026

 Cherry 2025-26 236
  Acacia 2025-26 235
  Poplar 2025-26 142
  Oak 2025-26 79
  Maple 2025-26 46

Choir event...



Borough Green Primary School Choir will be performing with Mr J Cooper and his 50-piece **Invicta Wind Orchestra** at his forthcoming concert on **Saturday 28th February 2026 at 7pm** at The Church of The Good Shepherd.

The concert is family friendly with fabulous pieces of music that tell a story. We will be performing 4 pieces with the orchestra.

If you would like to purchase tickets, please go to the Eventbrite link below:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/exciting-music-for-winds-tickets-1980602288762?>

The access code to reserve seats is: BGPS

Themed Lunch Menu:

We are having a special **Kindness Day Lunch** on Thursday 12 February. Please order and pay via Arbor.



KINDNESS DAY

Menu
12th February 2026

Decorate Your Own Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Various Toppings to make a happy face
Or
Veggie Sharing Dippers with
Potato Faces
Peas & Sweetcorn

Shortbread Smiley Biscuits,
Fresh Fruit
Or Yoghurt

Also Available
Jacket Potato & Filling, Salad Bar,
Homemade Bread



BREAK THE RULES DAY
13TH FEBRUARY 26

- CRAZY HAIR / COLOURED HAIR
- WEAR SHOES THAT AREN'T SCHOOL SHOES
- CHANGE ONE ITEM OF SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR SOMETHING ELSE
- WEAR NAIL VARNISH
- WEAR FACE PAINT / MAKE UP
- WEAR BASEBALL CAP IN THE CLASSROOM
- WEAR ODD SOCKS / CRAZY COLOURED TIGHTS / SOCKS
- WEAR TEMPORARY TATTOOS
- WEAR JEWELLERY

A fine of 50p per rule broken.

You may only break the rules on this list and remember to always be Ready, Respectful and Safe.

BGPS PTA REG CHARITY NUMBER 1014450

From our FLO...

Thank you so much to the parents who attended my Working with Anxiety Workshop. Your support and feedback were much appreciated and I hope you all got something helpful out of the session. Next term, I will be running a similar Working with Anger Workshop. More details will be sent out soon but please do register an interest with myself or the office.

Email's sent out this week...

- Years 3/ 4: Nutshell Theatre sign up
- Year 5/6: Whatsapp information
- All Years: TR Sports Holiday Club at BGPS - 17 & 18 Feb (spaces left!!)
- Year 6: URGENT REMINDER: Essex Outdoors Residential payment.
- All Years: 2026-2027 Term Dates
- All Years: Star of the term Trophy return
- COGS Concert: Eventbrite link for tickets
- Year 1: Homework issued
- Crochet Club: Kits available to buy & session 2 details

2026-2027 Term dates...

	Term Dates 2026-2027
Term 1 Autumn	Weds 2 nd Sept-Fri 16 th Oct (Inset Mon 1 st Sept)
Term 2 Autumn	Mon 2 nd Nov-Fri 18 th Dec (2 weeks half term break: 4 inset days, 1 added on to term 6)
Term 3 Spring	Mon 4 th Jan-Fri 12 th Feb
Term 4 Spring	Mon 22 nd – Thurs 25 th Mar
Term 5 Summer	Mon Apr 12 th – Fri May 28 nd (Mon 3 rd Bank Holiday)
Term 6 Summer	Mon 7 th June – Thurs 22 nd July
	Inset Days: 1 st September 19 th , 20 th , 21 st , 22 nd Oct

Term 3 upcoming events...

- Fri 6 Feb:** TTRS / NSPCC Rocks national competition
- Fri 6 Feb:** PTA Valentines Disco
- Tue 10 Feb:** Safer Internet Day
- Wed 11 Feb:** Open Classrooms 3.30-4.30pm
- Thurs 12 Feb:** Random acts of Kindness Day & Special Lunch
- Fri 13 Feb:** PTA Break the Rules Day
- Fri 13 Feb:** Deadline for bringing in used character costumes
- Fri 13 Feb:** Last Day of Term 3
- Tues 17 Feb:** T&R Sport Holiday Club at BGPS
- Wed 18 Feb:** T&R Sport Holiday Club at BGPS
- Mon 23 Feb:** First Day of Term 4
- Mon 23 Feb:** Fire Safety Assembly
- Tues 24 Feb:** Sale of used character costumes 3.15pm
- Sat 28 Feb:** Choir with Invicta Wind Orchestra at Church of Good Shepherd 7pm
- Mon 2 to Fri 6 Mar:** BGPS Book Week
- Mon 2 Mar:** KCC Secondary School offer day
- Mon 2 Mar:** Surprise for the children
- Tues 3 & Wed 4 Mar:** 10p second hand book sale 3.15pm
- Wed 4 Mar:** Willow Class Assembly 9am
- Thurs 5 Mar:** Dress up as book character
- Thurs 5 Mar:** Book token exchange for world book day books
- Fri 6 Mar:** Parent Reading Afternoon
- Fri 13 Mar:** PTA: Mothers Day Sale
- Mon 16 to Thurs 19 Mar:** Yr 6 KCC Bikeability course
- Tues 17 Mar:** Maple Class Assembly 9am
- Tue 24 Mar:** Parent Consultations 3.45 to 6pm
- Thurs 26 Mar:** Parent Consultations 3.45 to 6pm
- Fri 27 Mar:** PTA Committee meeting
- Tue 31 Mar:** IRock Concert 2.30pm
- Thurs 2 Apr:** PTA Easter event
- Thurs 2 Apr:** Last day of Term 3



SPORTS FOR ALL
T&R

Early Bird Offer
deadline
Fri 6 Feb

**FEBRUARY HALF TERM
MULTI SPORHOLIDAY CAMPS**
AT BOTH BOROUGH GREEN &
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 16TH, TUESDAY 17TH,
WEDNESDAY 18TH & THURSDAY 19TH**

**FEBRUARY
2025**

**9AM-4PM
5 - 12 YEAR
OLDS
£25 PER DAY**

SCAN OUR QR CODE
TO REGISTER NOW!

Early Bird Offer: Sign up by Friday 6th February to receive 10% off your booking | 10% Sibling Discount

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