



# BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 | 13 February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unbelievable, we are halfway through the academic year and have reached another short break. As always, we have been busy in school and it was wonderful seeing many of you coming in for the open classroom event on Wednesday. The children proudly put their books out to share their learning with you and show the progress being made day-to-day in school.

This week's assembly focused on mental health and how we can help each other to feel a sense of belonging to our school. Logan A (Poplar) made some valuable contributions to our discussion about mental health and kindness as we talked about the impact of kindness and friendship.

Today is 'break the rules' day and there is a lot of excitement around the school. Thank you to the PTA for the idea-our attendance is a super 98.1% too!!

Years 3 and 4 were working on measuring in centimeters and Miss Barton has just had her hair length measured by Shahmirul, Molly, Jack and Ivy in maths.

Emily (Willow) and Miss Anderson came and shared some face gems with me and stopped of to read, 'Wild' a picture book that we all enjoyed talking about together.

Year 2 have been writing some incredible diary entries as 'rats' who were alive at the time of the Great Fire of London and I had the pleasure of reading Caleb, Hannah and Arthur's.

Molly's measuring poster (with Miss Barton's hair length)

There has been a lot of kindness noticed around the school and many children have stopped to ask me if I'm having a good day. It's those little moments that make a difference. Thank you to Alice and Christina (Cherry Class) who made me beautiful bracelets to wear. Christina also organised a lunchtime colouring club which was really enjoyed by her friends.

Some of the the colouring from Christina's colouring club

Thank you to the staff team for their hard work and dedication to the school. Mr. Wheatley's name doesn't get a mention without being followed by 'Shakira, Shakira' in Bay Class. He thinks this is due to leading Choir Club on Thursday, but we think he's been singing in his office!

On that note (pardon the pun) I would like to wish everyone a good break. I look forward to seeing you on the 23rd!

Thank you for your continued support (as always).

Best wishes,  
Mrs. Jackson

Some of the  
colouring  
from  
Christina's  
colouring  
club



Molly's  
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## What we have been up to this week...

### Year 5/6

In Year 5/6 for Safer Internet Day we attended a BBC live lesson which was based on this year's theme: Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.

This Safer Internet Day we are exploring the impact of AI on all of our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly.

We then thought about the uses of AI after the lesson and wrote advice to scenarios about AI usage. We used our knowledge from the live lesson and discussions to inform our responses.

Here is the lesson to watch again:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m002r7xq/bbc-live-lessons-series-7-safer-internet-day-2026>

### Yoga session



Myrtle class have been enjoying using the instruments to accompany the song that we have been learning this half term. They worked very hard to keep to the pulse of our song and we had a great time as 'Band Myrtle'!



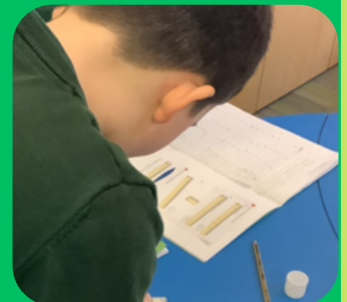
### Young Carers

Our Young Carers have had a lovely "No Cook" Cooking session this term. They learnt all about why hygiene is important and how to use the "bridge method" for chopping their fruits. We had planned to make noodle salad and fruit salads but were having so much fun, we only had time for the fruit versions. Noodle salads to come for next term! If you think your child might be a young carer please contact Ms Dechaine or visit Imago - Creating change together for more information.



### Year 3

Year 3 have been learning how to measure and draw lines using rulers and recording as cm and mm. We had great fun measuring the lines that Miss Wilson had sneakily drawn on our tables!



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

What an incredibly busy week in Year 5/6.

We have planted our sweet peas in milk bottle planters that were generously collected by the school community.

We have chopped, sliced, peeled and grated seasonal vegetables to create soup at home - we hope these were wonderfully delicious.

Finally, we have completed some descriptive writing which was full of suspense and imagination.

Here are a few from Acacia Class:

Florence - Through a storm of rain and over a colourless sea, a bleak, mysterious house loomed over the rocks.

Phoebe - In the eerie silence, the harsh wind banged against the rickety house.

Emelia - Beneath the pale moonlight, a lonely house lived. A legend was told since then no one has been there for decades.

Cameron - Clouds sit above the calm water on the rigid terrain. The house - on the verge of collapsing - was dark and shadowy.

Teddy - In the middle of nowhere, on a misty gloomy night, a solitary gargoyle soars, looking down at the crashing waves. Not a soul quivered. Not one.

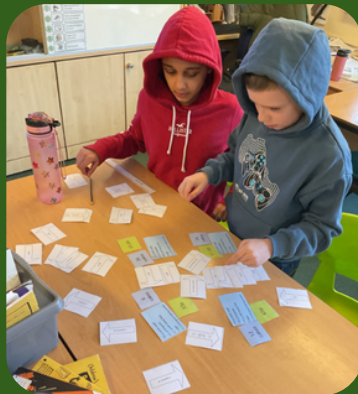
Year 6 have also taken a trip to Wrotham Secondary to enjoy a PE lesson on the 3G, taught by a number of Year 9 students (including some now very grown-up, former BGPS students). Staff and students from both schools had a great time.



## Year 5/6



## Oak Class



Oak maths class put their knowledge of scale factors into practice by calculating quantities of ingredients for a cake recipe, based on different numbers of cakes. They then identified the relationship between the different quantities.



## Kindness Day Lunch

Thank you to the Kitchen team for our yummy lunch!

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

Perhaps Giraffes Can't Dance, but Apple Class certainly can! The children enjoyed hearing a selection of dance music, including waltz, tango, rock-n-roll, cha-cha and a Scottish reel!



**Apple Class**

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



### Year 3 / 4

Poplar and Cherry class have produced some beautiful artwork for their end of topic - L.S. Lowry



## Break the Rules Day



## From our FLO...

Please find below the Sevenoaks PCN Parent Newsletter for February 2026 which includes the end of 'Children's Mental Health Week 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> February.' This highlights the support available to children and young people in Sevenoaks.

**SEVENOAKS PCN** Place2Be's CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 9-15 FEB 2026  
*Newsletter for Parents*

**Children's Mental Health Week 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> February**

As we come to the end of Children Mental Health Week, Sevenoaks Primary Care Network are highlighting what mental health support is available to children and young people in the area.

Mental health describes our emotional, psychological, and social wellbeing. It affects how we think, feel, and act but also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices.

- 1 in 5 children experience mental health difficulties**
- Half of mental health issues develop by the age of 14**
- The most common mental health problems among young people are emotional disorders including anxiety and depression**

Statistics from: <https://www.place2be.org.uk/contact-us/media-centre/children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-statistics/>

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**Sevenoaks mental health services**

Downloadable version with clickable links found here: <https://sevenoakspcn.gpweb.org.uk/>

**Children and Young People's Mental Health Social Prescribing Service for ages 5-17**  
<https://sevenoakspcn.gpweb.org.uk/services/social-prescribing-service-2>

**Sevenoaks Counselling (cost)**  
<https://www.sevenoakscounselling.org.uk/how-much-does-it-cost>

**Kent Emotional Wellbeing Team. Find your school here**  
<https://www.nelft.nhs.uk/find-your-school>

**Kent Resilience Hub** Kent Resilience Hub directory of support services  
<https://kentresiliencehub.org.uk/services-and-support-for-young-people/>

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**Online signposting**

Downloadable version with clickable links found here: <https://sevenoakspcn.gpweb.org.uk/>

**Counselling at THE MIX** **The Mix. Free telephone, video or webchat counselling for 13-25**  
<https://www.themix.org.uk/counselling/>

**shout 85258** **Shout 85258. Free 24/7 text support**  
<https://giveusashout.org/>

**ChildLine** **1-2-1 online counsellor chat**  
<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/1-2-1-counsellor-chat/>

**stem4** **Stem4 apps for supporting teenage mental health**  
<https://stem4.org.uk/apps/>

Follow us on Facebook for information about events in Sevenoaks - 7oakspcn

# 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  
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](mailto:school.office@bgpschool.kent.sch.uk)

## Parent Guides for online safety...

At National Online Safety we believe in education. If it is needed, this guide focuses on one age.

The information they need to have an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they talk to them about it. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, tips and tips for adults.

**Rename file**

National Online Safety  
#WakeUpWednesday

Conversation starters for parents and carers:  
**ONLINE CONTENT**

Trying to start a conversation about online safety with children can be a daunting task. There are many reasons why children may not want to talk to adults about it. One might be that they don't think you'll understand or that you won't know how to help if they come to you with an online problem. It can also be hard to start a conversation about something that you might have limited knowledge about. However, with screen time increasing during the lockdown, it's important now more than ever, to be talking to children about what they are accessing online.

- 1 ASK THEIR MOTIVATION**  
Sometimes it's easy to assume we know why children choose certain games or apps. It can seem obvious. But the child interested in Fortnite will be enthusiastic about the new FIFA game. But sometimes it can be more subtle than that. It could be that it's not the game's popularity or it might be that they like the look of the main character. Learning their motivation for wanting to play the game will help you decide the pros and cons.
- 2 CULTIVATE A BLAME FREE CULTURE**  
Children are often like teenagers (they love saying something that causes them or makes them feel uncomfortable). There will be times when your child has come against the rules of the internet. It's important that you don't blame them for their actions. Instead, try to understand the reasons behind it. This will help you to have a more open and honest conversation with them about the dangers of the internet and how to stay safe.
- 3 SHARE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE**  
Starting a conversation by sharing something that you've seen or that has made you feel uncomfortable can be a great approach. Talking about your own experiences can help children relate to it. It's not just about the game or app, but about the experience of using it. You can then go on to talk about the dangers of the internet and how to stay safe.
- 4 TALK ABOUT THE NEWS**  
Adding an element of the news to the conversation can be a good way to start. You can talk about the dangers of the internet and how to stay safe. You can also talk about the reasons that you've chosen to talk to them about it. This will help you to have a more open and honest conversation with them about the dangers of the internet and how to stay safe.
- 5 ASK FOR ADVICE**  
It could be that you really do have a friend or work who is dabbling with it or just to let their child do something online, or it could be that you're wondering how to help them. You can talk to them about the dangers of the internet and how to stay safe. You can also talk about the reasons that you've chosen to talk to them about it. This will help you to have a more open and honest conversation with them about the dangers of the internet and how to stay safe.
- 6 MAKE TIME TO LISTEN**  
When your child can't talk to you about their new game, always try and listen to what they say. The internet has a lot of new things, so it's not just for us to sit off on our own. They may be more interested in the game than you are. They may be more interested in the game than you are. They may be more interested in the game than you are.
- 7 ASK THEM TO BE THE TEACHER**  
Sometimes it's better to let children be the teacher. It's a great opportunity for you to learn something new as well. Children can be the teacher. They can be the teacher. They can be the teacher.
- 8 USE SCHOOL MESSAGING**  
A message that your child's school has sent out a message about the dangers of the internet and how to stay safe. You can talk to them about the dangers of the internet and how to stay safe. You can also talk about the reasons that you've chosen to talk to them about it. This will help you to have a more open and honest conversation with them about the dangers of the internet and how to stay safe.
- 9 ASK ABOUT THE RISKS**  
Many children may know what online risks are and will happily explain the potential dangers. Listen and try to be really interested if they tell you something that you don't know. This can be a good way to start a conversation about the dangers of the internet and how to stay safe. You can also talk about the reasons that you've chosen to talk to them about it. This will help you to have a more open and honest conversation with them about the dangers of the internet and how to stay safe.
- 10 ASK ABOUT RESPONSIBILITIES**  
Children are often asked questions about rules and responsibilities. You can talk to them about the dangers of the internet and how to stay safe. You can also talk about the reasons that you've chosen to talk to them about it. This will help you to have a more open and honest conversation with them about the dangers of the internet and how to stay safe.
- 11 ASK ABOUT SCHOOL ADVICE**  
Sometimes it's hard to know what to say to children about it. If there is a new app or game that your child has come across recently, ask them what they think about it. You can talk to them about the dangers of the internet and how to stay safe. You can also talk about the reasons that you've chosen to talk to them about it. This will help you to have a more open and honest conversation with them about the dangers of the internet and how to stay safe.

Meet our expert  
Hannah Campbell is a parenting Online Safety expert and former school teacher who has worked in education for over 20 years. She has a wealth of experience in helping parents and carers to understand the dangers of the internet and how to stay safe. She is a regular speaker at conferences and events and has written several books on the subject.

[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) Twitter: @nationalonlinesafety Facebook: /NationalOnlineSafety Instagram: @nationalonlinesafety

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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!

## TT Rock Stars...

**End of Half Term Rock Battle**  
CREATED BY: Mrs Stephanie Glasswell

	<b>Semark</b> 99	<b>Morris</b> 75	<b>Malyon</b> 43	<b>Ashdown</b> 23
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## This Term's attendance...

The total attendance so far this year is 93.8%, while the national average is 94.6%.

**MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.**

Apple	89.38%
Willow	93.04%
Myrtle	93.90%
Bay	92.62%
Cherry	94.17%
Poplar	93.27%
Acacia	95.32%
Maple	95.31%
Oak	93.40%

Congratulations to this term's winner **ACACIA CLASS**

## Star of Term 3 Achievement Awards

Year R	Frankie	Year 4	Leyla
Year 1	Robyn	Year 5	Tomas
Year 2	Indie	Year 6	Evie
Year 3	Tariro		

## Term 3 House Point Winners

House	Ashdown	Malyon	Morris	Seamark
This Week	188	219	243	231
Total	1532	1690 winner	1571	1638

## Are you a working parent in need of a wraparound club for your child?...



We currently have spaces available for both clubs. Please contact the school office via email



THANK  
YOU

We would like to thank the PTA for the wonderful kindness bags that were given to the children on Thursday

### PTA 100 Club Winners - January...

Many congratulations the winners from the January 2026 100 Club draw::

- 1st prize (£25): R. Ord
- 2nd prize (£15): O. Morris
- 3rd prize (£5): .P, Mulambo
- 4th prize (£5): Mrs. Hammal

We have a few numbers remaining in the draw. Please contact us at [boroughgreenprimarypta@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

### Be prepared for half-term...

The NHS is encouraging parents and carers to use the right health services for their children this half-term. Parents can download the handy guide for five to 11-year-olds, which has useful information about health services, vaccinations, and mental health.

It also has information on medicines to keep at home and common childhood health issues, such as head lice, conjunctivitis, threadworm and strep A.

Download the free booklet at the [Stop Think Choose website](https://www.stopthinkchoose.co.uk)



## Choir event...



Church of the Good Shepherd  
Borough Green  
7pm  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February

with Borough Green Primary School Choir

### Exciting Music for Winds

Alford - Voice of the Guns March  
Cook - Bolivar

**Trombone Soloist: Edward Cooper**

Schmitt - Dionysiaques

Arnold - Pre-Goodman Rag

**Clarinet Soloist: Adele Gordon**

Battle of Britain incidental music

Hernandez - El Cumbanchero

#### and songs with the choir

To reserve a seat scan QR code below and use code "COGS" or e-mail

[invictawindorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:invictawindorchestra@gmail.com)

Event open to friends and members of BGPS, COGS and IWO.

Donations towards cost gratefully received!



## Term 4 upcoming events...

**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:** Malyon Own Clothes Day

**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

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

- **All Years:** PTA 100 Club Winners.
- **All Years:** Break The Rules Day - 13th Feb reminder
- **All Years:** Reading Volunteers request.
- **Year 3/ 4:** Nutshell Theatre - 21 April 2026 reminder to action
- **Crochet Club:** photo and pattern for Easter craft
- **FSM:** February half term Holiday Vouchers issued.
- **Year 1:** Homework
- **All Years:** Uniform Sale
- **Year 1/ 2:** Reminder: Kent Life Years 24 Jun.



## 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 16<sup>TH</sup>, TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>,  
WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> & THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> February to receive 10% off your booking | 10% Sibling Discount

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**Happy  
Half Term!**

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