



BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 | 6 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is the last day of our wonderful book week. An enormous thank you to Mrs. Wilson for organising such an inspiring week for the children. The fantastic teamwork across our staff shone through on Monday when we all dressed up to take part in a Roald Dahl inspired theme day. I hope the children will always keep that as a memorable experience of their primary school journey.

2026 is the year of reading. I was sad to hear the statistics (shared by Miss Wilson in this week's staff meeting) that reading enjoyment is at its lowest level in 20 years. Families are simply not finding the time to share stories or hear their children read. Personally, I am a huge advocate in reading for pleasure and I love encouraging children to try a recommended read. Both of my children enjoyed a story being part of their regular bedtime routine and loved to hear some of their favourites over and over again. As they grew older, we loved reading chapters from longer novels. My daughter and I continue to recommend books to each other and pass on a 'good read' to be enjoyed during a holiday or break. Reading is an essential life skill and is necessary for accessing all areas of the curriculum.

Our reading ambassadors, here at school, are putting together their first reading newsletter which will contain some recommended reads for all year groups. Georgia (Oak Class) recently read a book recommended to her and came back the next day with a review. I was so impressed to see her enjoyment for reading had been sparked by the 'right book' for her being found.

The reading ambassadors shared some recommendations during assembly on Wednesday and I shared the story of Mae Jemison, the first black female space astronaut. We talked about following our dreams and not setting any limit on your future before singing Reach (for the stars).

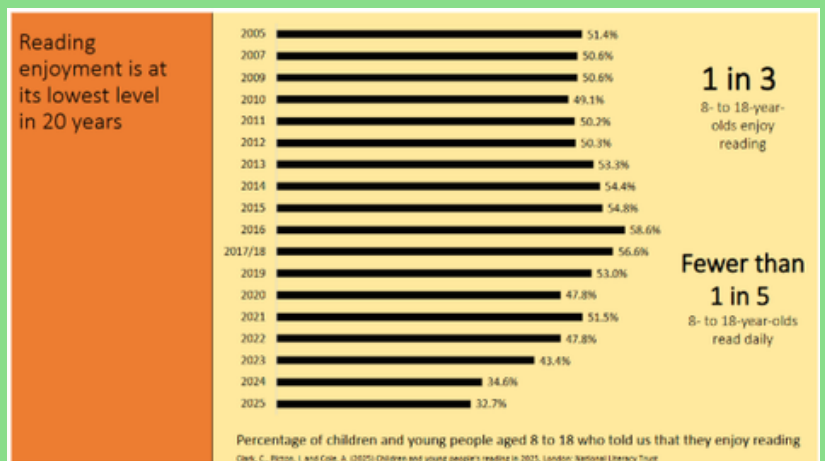
Thank you to everyone for sharing a fabulous World Book Day. Everyone looked amazing. It's not every day you get to welcome a genie, four Teletubbies, Rapunzel, princesses, Cruella De Vil, and many other characters through the school gates. I am looking forward to seeing everyone take time to share some books this afternoon and I do hope this week has inspired an interest in reading. I am more than happy to recommend authors and books to anyone who is thinking... 'what book next?'

I would also like to thank Miss Armstrong, Mr Wheatley, Miss Barton and Mrs West who supported our choir to prepare and take part in a concert last weekend. Well done to the children, who performed beautifully and made Miss Armstrong feel very proud. We will make sure we share some of the recording in assembly next week.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend and that this early spring weather continues to smile upon us!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,
Mrs Jackson



BGPS BOOK WEEK



What a week it has been! There was a real buzz around the school on Monday as the children arrived to see all of the staff had become characters from Roald Dahl books over the weekend! Mrs Jackson as the infamous Miss Trunchbull was a firm favourite... for some! The children joined in with lots of activities including making Fantastic Mr Fox masks, composing musical motifs for the insects in James and the Giant Peach, drama and role play activities using the Revolting Rhymes and creating their own Willy Wonka sweets... just to name a few!

On Tuesday and Wednesday the children enjoyed stories told by different adults as the teachers swapped around the school and the 10p book sale was a roaring success! A special assembly saw Mrs Jackson sharing a book about Mae Jemison and her resilience when making her dreams come true, and our Reading Ambassadors shared their favourite books as well. Watch this space for a lot more coming from these reading role models!

Thursday saw World Book Day 2026 in full action, with everyone joining in dressing up as their favourite book characters. The creativity and enthusiasm was a sight to behold and we had a range of characters including The White Rabbit, Cruella de Vil, and a good amount of Princesses! As well as showing off their amazing costumes, children enjoyed class swaps across the school, buddying up with children from different year groups and making new friends to share books with. After school, the children 'spent' their book tokens on the World Book Day books, the queue went all around the library and it was wonderful to see so many children taking their time to choose a book they think they'll enjoy.

This afternoon, we have welcomed parents in for the first of several planning community reading events. It was wonderful to see children engaging with their adults, sharing pleasure in reading a book.

Thank you for your support this week, everyone has worked incredibly hard both in school and out of school to make it a memorable experience for the children, and to highlight the importance of reading at any age.

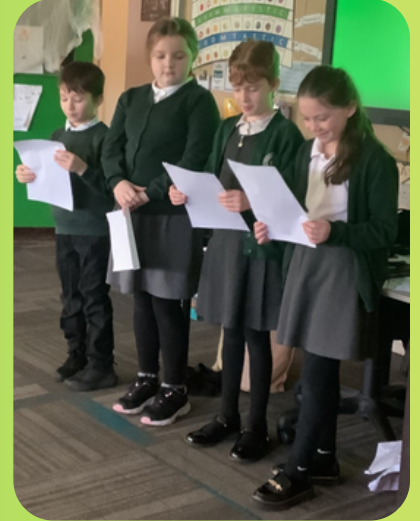
I just wanted to end with a quote I read by Kerri Cunningham aka Murphy's Sketches 'Books ignite little imaginations, show them new places, and create wonderful childhood memories'.

Keep reading!

Miss Wilson
Reading Lead



BGPS BOOK WEEK....



In Bay this week we have enjoyed Snazzcumber biscuits kindly made by Florence who was inspired by Roald Dahl's 'BFG', which we have been reading in class and dancing to in PE. Mrs Wibroe made fox masks with all of Early Years and KS1 and out of the blue BAY class was invaded by a pack of gorgeous fox cubs who seem to have moved in! What a fabulous Book Week!



BGPS BOOK WEEK...



On World Book Day Apple, Myrtle and Cherry spent some time together sharing books. The children had an amazing time and settled quickly into enjoying books with familiar and new peers. It was brilliant to see.



Choir...

The Choir took part in a Concert on Saturday 28th February with Invicta Wind Orchestra, where they performed with 50 musicians. The Children were fantastic and we look forward to more exciting opportunities like this.



Caterlink - Easter Menu...

On Wednesday 25 March we will be having a special Easter Lunch. Please sign up via Arbor



Easter Menu

WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2026

ROAST CHICKEN
Stuffing, Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Peas & Carrots

VEGETABLE WELLINGTON
Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Peas & Carrots

CHOCOLATE BROWNIE
With Whipped Cream

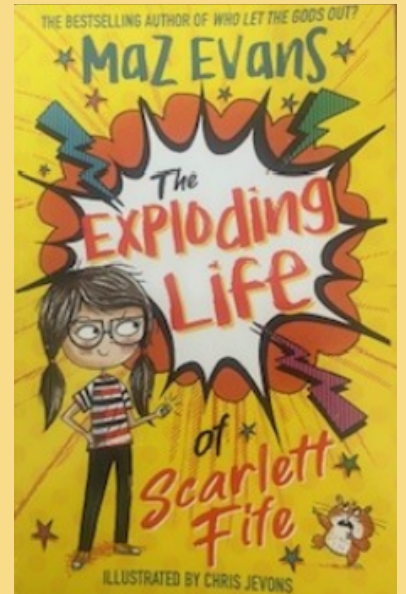
Also Available: Jacket Potato & Fillings, Salad Bar, Bread, Fruit & Yoghurt





WEEKLY BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Georgia says, I love all the pictures they are all amazing. The book is very funny and interesting. At the end, it takes quite a turn with Grandma...' This author also wrote the book, 'Who Let the Gods Out?' and there is already a sequel to this one.



Upcoming PTA events...



FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2026

Mother's Day Sale

During school hours, the children will have the opportunity to purchase A GIFT FOR £3-£6 per child to give to their chosen special person. This will be gift wrapped by the PTA.

There will be a selection of new items to chose from.

Please send your child in with the correct money in an envelope on the day.

BGPS PTA CHARITY NUMBER 1014450



EASTER CHALLENGE

OVER EASTER HOLIDAYS

EARN OR COLLECT WHAT YOU CAN!

- DO HELPFUL JOBS AT HOME
- COLLECT LOOSE CHANGE FROM FAMILY & FRIENDS

THE CLASS THAT RAISES THE MOST WINS A MOVIE AFTERNOON AND SNACK!

EVERY PENNY COUNTS!
LET'S SEE WHO HOPS TO THE TOP!

EGGS WILL BE GIVEN TO EVERY CHILD FOR THE MONEY TO GO INTO.
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A polite request from Apple class...

Would you like to help?

We are looking for plants for our sensory garden and our herb garden.



If you'd like to donate a plant, please let us know.

THE ROYAL MINT MUSEUM

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG WRITERS!

We are asking **7-11-year-olds** to write a story about **GOLD** using no more than **500-words**. The winner will receive a **gold coin**, **£5,000** for their school or local library, and their **story illustrated** by an artist.

Stories can be submitted between **16 February - 17 April 2026**.



Great Athletes...

We are thrilled to announce that on Monday 16th March, we will be holding a Great Athletes event.

On the event day, all pupils will take part in a sponsored fitness circuit lead by a visiting Olympic athlete - this is a terrific way to get all children excited about sport and realise that getting moving is really fun (as well as good for our bodies and brains!) Our athlete will then share their incredible sporting journey - a story of resilience and determination - in a fun and interactive assembly. There will also be an opportunity for the children to ask any burning questions in a Q&A session with our inspiring role-model at the end!

Fundraising for the event has started week where the children have brought home a sponsorship form to share with you, your family and friends. The money raised by this event will help us to purchase new sports equipment for the school, which will in turn improve levels of physical activity for all our children.



Our new Kitchen Garden...

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Flack for their hard work preparing and planting in the new Kitchen Garden area within the Forest School.



Parent Guides for online safety...

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) SOLUTIONS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- ACCURACY:** AI solutions are trained on a large dataset of text to learn patterns and relationships in the data and generate text, images, sound or even video based on the data they are trained on. As such, users can ask a question, provide a prompt or provide other source material, and the AI solution will then provide a response.
- ACCOUNTABILITY:** AI solutions do not have the ability to take responsibility for the responses they generate. This could mean that users are unable to identify the person or organisation responsible for the response.
- BIAS:** AI solutions are trained on data that may contain bias. This could lead to AI solutions providing responses that are biased or discriminatory.
- SENSE:** AI solutions do not have the ability to understand the context of a conversation or situation. This could result in AI solutions providing responses that are inappropriate or irrelevant.
- LACK OF CREATIVITY:** AI solutions are not capable of independent thought and do not learn. This may result in AI solutions providing responses that are repetitive or predictable.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- A SAFE ENVIRONMENT:** It is important for parents to ensure that their children are using AI solutions in a safe environment. This includes ensuring that the child is using the solution on a secure device, and that the child is not providing any personal information to the solution.
- ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING:** Encourage children to use AI solutions as a tool to help them learn and explore, but not as a replacement for their own thinking. Encourage them to question the results they receive, and to think about the information they receive.
- DISCUSS BIAS:** Discuss with children the potential bias that may be present in the responses generated by AI solutions. Encourage them to think about the source of the information, and to consider the potential for bias.
- MONITOR USAGE:** It is important for parents to monitor their children's use of AI solutions. This includes ensuring that the child is not using the solution for inappropriate purposes, and that the child is not providing any personal information to the solution.
- ENCOURAGE HUMAN INTERACTION:** Encourage children to interact with other people, both online and offline. This includes encouraging them to talk to their teachers, friends, and family members, and to participate in group activities.
- SCHOOL GUIDANCE:** Schools should provide guidance to children on the safe and appropriate use of AI solutions. This includes ensuring that children are aware of the risks of AI solutions, and that they are encouraged to use them responsibly.

Meet Our Expert: Gary Henderson, Director of IT at a large UK secondary school, provides guidance on the safe and appropriate use of AI solutions.

#WakeUpWednesday | The National College

Parent Consultations...

Tuesday 24th March & Thursday 26th March 2026

You will be able to book your child's Parent Consultation appointment with their class teacher via Arbor as of 10am on Monday 2nd March. The booking system closes at 10am on Thursday 19th March. If you have any problems or if you would like us to book an appointment for you, please do contact the school office.

TT Rock Stars...



Math Mania Rock-Off

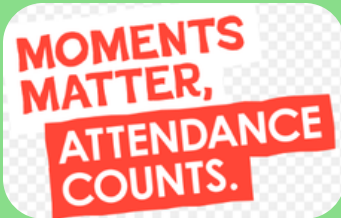
Morris	263	Seamark	189	Malyon	116	Ashdown	115
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UKS2 Class Clash

Oak 2025-26	265	Acacia 2025-26	182	Maple 2025-26	169
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This week's attendance...

The total attendance so far this year is 93.9%, while the national average is 94.6%.



Apple	89.38%
Willow	88.33%
Myrtle	93.04%
Bay	98.82%
Cherry	96.07%
Poplar	96.43%
Acacia	99.17%
Maple	95.19%
Oak	90.00%



Weekly Achievement Awards

Apple	Ivy	Poplar	Molly
Myrtle	Darcie	Cherry	Alice
Willow	Dylan	Acacia	Teddy
Bay	Florence	Oak	Zach
		Maple	Scarlett F

Weekly House Point Winners

House	Ashdown	Malyon	Morris	Seamark
This Week	227	269	293	276
Total	466	529	538 winner	512



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



Term 4 upcoming events...

- 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
- Sat 21 Mar: Community Day 2-4pm.
- Mon 23 Mar: HILL VIEW GATE CLOSED
- Tue 24 Mar: HILL VIEW GATE CLOSED
- Tue 24 Mar: Parent Consultations 3.45 to 6pm
- Thurs 26 Mar: Parent Consultations 3.45 to 6pm
- Fri 27 Mar: Working with Anger Workshop 2pm.
- 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...

- Year 2,3,4,5 & 6: Film Club
- Year 6: Secondary School offers
- Year 5/6 : Iran situation
- Years R, 1 & 2: New Puzzle Club starting 12 March.
- Film Club: Stars today 3.30-4.30pm in Willow class.
- Year 6: Residential Trip Final payment due 31 March.
- Year 1: Homework
- Year 3/ 4: Reminder for Nutshell Theatre sign up.
- Year 1/ 2 Reminder for Kent Life sign up.
- Year 6: SATS Meeting slides.
- FSM: Holiday Activity and Food Programme.
- Year 6: Secondary School Offer Day 2 March.
- All Years: Parent Consultations - Reminder to sign up via Arbor.

