



# BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 | 13 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

After the excitement of last week's book week, we have enjoyed a 'usual week' in school. It has been a pleasure seeing children with their completed stamp cards and giving them their bronze awards for behaviour. I have handed out 50 badges or wristbands already to children that are demonstrating a good understanding of our 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' rules.

Our rule is easy to remember and important for all children to follow. Please remind your children to follow the rules which are there to create a safe and fair environment for all.

In assembly this week we looked at the Picture book by Peter Reynolds-The Dot. The book is an example of our value of the term: Resilience. I recommended two new books: Don't Trust Fish and The Boy at the Window and both books were borrowed before I had left the hall. I believe Bay Class have reviewed one of them in this week's newsletter.

Reading is such an important life skill and is essential for all children to practise. It has given me great pleasure this week to loan out several book recommendations and hopefully inspire children to read something new. I am so impressed with Georgia (Oak) who read another recommended read and came back with a 9 out of 10 review. She is currently enjoying the box set series of Investigators (a graphic novel).

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Mothers' Day sale today. I hope everyone has a lovely 'Mothers' Day' weekend with their families. We are looking forward to hosting Courtney Orange, the Olympic athlete, on Monday...

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Jackson  
Headteacher

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

During their RE lesson, Willow class have been learning about weddings. We have looked at Jewish weddings today and the children went outside to have a go at the Horah (traditional Jewish wedding dance) they were dancing it to the traditional song Have Nagila.



## British Science Week Poster Competition...



This week, is British Science Week and at BGPS we have been bubbling over with curiosity (this year's theme).

In Year 1, Bay have been learning about how the seasons change the length of day. They have learnt the term 'northern hemisphere' and used drama to pretend to be Suns with Earths moving around them, to understand when it would be night and when it would be day.

Willow have been doing a weather investigation where they have been taking readings of rainfall, temperature, wind speed and wind direction twice a day. They will be putting the data into pictograms (linked with their computing curriculum) next week.

At the other end of the school, Year 5/6 have been exploring heterogeneous and homogeneous mixtures, and considering how best to separate them. Socks, cloths and coffee papers have put to great use filtering a variety of mixtures.

To commemorate British Science Week, all children are invited to enter the national poster competition - taking curiosity to the next level! Entries will be judged by a team of scientists and researchers who are curious about what children and young people think will make a 'good'/'positive' childhood in the future.

Please visit [www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/](http://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/) for more information.

The competition is now open for entries; the closing date is 6 pm on Thursday 16 April 2026.



## WEEKLY BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Connie read 'Don't Trust Fish', by Neil Sharpson and Dan Santat to Bay class this week. Here is what Bay thought about it.

We think all year groups from 1 to 6 would love this book. It's a strange mix of non-fiction and fiction. You will never see fish the same way! It is very, very funny.

We especially loved the part where fish were spying on humans from their fish tank and from the inside of a toilet. We won't say anymore about that! We highly recommend this book. You will love it! Enjoy!



Bay Class

PS By the way..... definitely don't trust fish!

## Upcoming PTA events...

**EASTER CHALLENGE**  
OVER EASTER HOLIDAYS

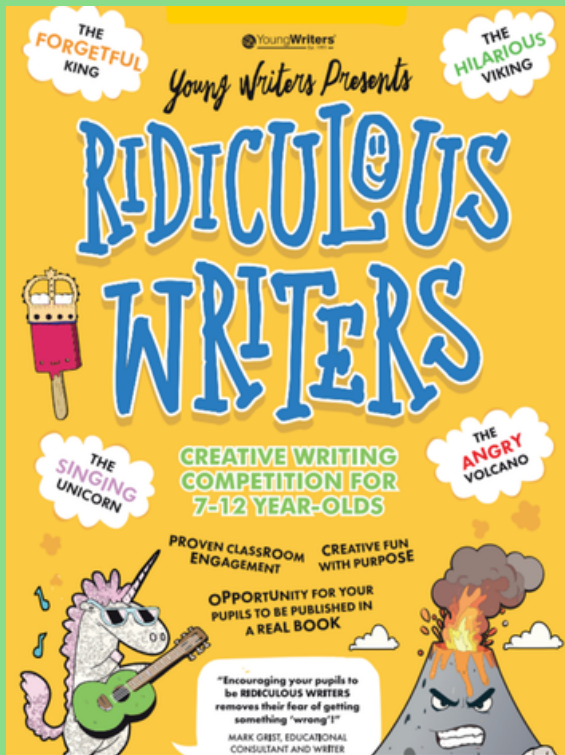
EARN OR COLLECT WHAT YOU CAN!  
- DO HELPFUL JOBS AT HOME  
- COLLECT LOOSE CHANGE FROM FAMILY & FRIENDS

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.  
BGPS PTA CHARITY NO. 1014450

## KS2: Young Writers...



Young Writers Presents  
**RIDICULOUS WRITERS**

THE FORGETFUL KING  
THE HILARIOUS VIKING  
THE SINGING UNICORN  
THE ANGRY VOLCANO

CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION FOR 7-12 YEAR-OLDS

PROVEN CLASSROOM ENGAGEMENT  
CREATIVE FUN WITH PURPOSE

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR PUPILS TO BE PUBLISHED IN A REAL BOOK

"Encouraging your pupils to be RIDICULOUS WRITERS removes their fear of getting something 'wrong'!"  
MARK GIBST, EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT AND WRITER

A competition for KS2 children.

Ridiculous Writers takes away the fear of getting writing right and instead allows your pupils to let their creativity and imaginations shine.

They'll LOVE creating a silly character using the activity cards (or they can come up with their own) and then writing a story about it in up to 100 words.

We're not looking for perfection - perfection is boring.

We want FUN. We want to see your pupils' unique ideas, their awesome creativity and a small glimpse into the wonder that is their imagination. It will encourage even the most reluctant of writers to give it a go.

If your child would like the opportunity to be a published author they can enter the competition online

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/new-uploader?type=parent>

## Team BG Assembly...

Team BG Sports Celebration  
Assembly will be on  
Friday 20 March.

All submissions for inclusion (info and photos) to be emailed in by 3pm on  
Thursday 19 March.

We very much look forward to seeing the breadth of activities that Team BG has been up to in the past month.



BOROUGH GREEN  
Primary School

**SATURDAY**  
21 MARCH  
2- 4PM

**COMMUNITY AFTERNOON**  
TO HELP WITH WORK IN THE SWIMMING POOL AREA

ALL WELCOME  
TO COME AND HELP

REFRESHMENTS  
PROVIDED

## Great Athletes...

**GreatAthletes™**  
3 million children inspired



**Help Borough Green Primary School pupils achieve fundraising greatness! 🏆**

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you're as excited as we are for our Great Athletes event in only 3 days time!

If you haven't already done so, please ensure your child's fundraising page is set up as soon as possible using the link: <https://sportal.sportsforschools.org/events/134780> This allows you more time to share their page with others and maximise their fundraising before the event. Remember, this could make a significant difference to our school's total and therefore more sports equipment for your children!

We can't wait to see everyone in action!

All The Sporting Best,

The Great Athletes Team ✨

[GO TO YOUR SCHOOL'S PAGE!](#)

## Parent Guides for online safety...

**What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GROUP CHATS**

On messaging apps, social media and online games, group chats are one of the most popular ways that children connect. Group chats allow messages, images and videos to be shared in one place and help friendships flourish; however, they also come with a number of risks.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- TEASING AND BULLYING**  
Children of all ages are keen to fit in socially, and group chats can sometimes contribute to this pressure. In some group chats, children can be teased or bullied. They can also give way to mean comments or jokes of a sexual nature, which may cause them to feel uncomfortable, embarrassed or humiliated. In some cases, children may be teased or bullied in a way that is not intended to be hurtful, but it can still be upsetting.
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**  
Some group chats may include inappropriate images or language. Even if a child isn't directly involved in the conversation, they may still be exposed to the content simply by being part of the chat. Some group chats are designed to be used by children, young people or teenagers, but they may also be used by adults, which means a number of children or young people may be exposed to content that is not suitable for their age.
- UNKNOWN MEMBERS**  
Children often can't control who is added to a group, which can lead to groups where children are exposed to inappropriate content. Group chats can be dangerous, and children may be exposed to people who are not known to them. Some members of the chat might even decide to use a child's name and contact information.
- EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION**  
Exclusion from group chats by someone else can help increase a child's sense of isolation. If a child is excluded from a group chat, they may feel left out or excluded. This can cause feelings of being left out or excluded, which can lead to feelings of isolation and loneliness.
- PEER PRESSURE**  
Children may feel they have to constantly stay engaged or feel included and keep up with the conversation. In some group chats, children may be encouraged to engage in inappropriate behaviour, such as sharing explicit photos, jokes or teasing. Just like in group chats, children may be encouraged to act in ways that they normally wouldn't, or they might share things that are embarrassing, out of fear of being excluded. Some children may find it difficult to leave group chats.
- VIDEO AND LIVE CHATS**  
Many popular apps allow children to engage in live video or live chats. These chats can be very engaging, but they can also be used to share inappropriate content or to engage in inappropriate behaviour. There is a risk of being exposed to inappropriate or violent content and offensive language when in the group video or live chat.

**Advice for Parents & Educators**

- CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS**  
Group chats can be a great way for children to connect and share with their friends. However, it's important to consider how group chats can affect other children. If a child is excluded from a group chat, they may feel left out or excluded. It's important to consider how group chats can affect other children and to encourage children to act in ways that are respectful and considerate of others.
- SET SOME GROUP CHAT RULES**  
Discuss with your child the rules of a group chat. It's important to set some ground rules for group chats. These rules should include things like: no sharing of personal information, no sharing of inappropriate content, and no teasing or bullying. It's also important to encourage children to report any inappropriate behaviour to a trusted adult.
- BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE**  
If a child encounters inappropriate content or behaviour in a group chat, they should block the person, report the content, and leave the chat. It's important to encourage children to take these actions if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe. It's also important to encourage children to report any inappropriate behaviour to a trusted adult.
- SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT**  
If a child is excluded from a group chat, they may feel left out or excluded. It's important to support your child and to encourage them to report any inappropriate behaviour to a trusted adult. It's also important to encourage children to act in ways that are respectful and considerate of others.
- PRACTISE SAFE SHARING**  
It's important for children to be aware of what they are sharing and who they are sharing it with. They should only share things that are appropriate for the group chat and that they are comfortable with sharing. They should also be encouraged to report any inappropriate behaviour to a trusted adult.
- SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS**  
Being bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be an annoying distraction. Encourage your child to turn off notifications for group chats that they don't need. It's also important to encourage children to report any inappropriate behaviour to a trusted adult.

**Meet Our Expert**

Dr. Chris Buchanan is an online safety consultant at The National College, who has developed and delivered a range of online safety programmes for schools in Australia and the UK. She has written various academic papers and content for national and international governments, comparing the internet use and online behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

**Wake Up Wednesday** | **The National College**

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## 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**

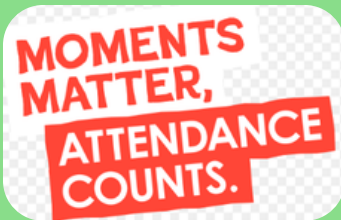
Morris 883 | Ashdown 381 | Seemark 360 | Malyon 153

**UKS2 Class Clash**

Oak 2025-26 1,125 | Maple 2025-26 323 | Acacia 2025-26 241

## This week's attendance...

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



Apple	91.67%
Willow	85.80%
Myrtle	91.30%
Bay	96.73%
Cherry	95.24%
Poplar	96.43%
Acacia	98.61%
Maple	89.30%
Oak	93.52%



## Weekly Achievement Awards

Apple	Rosie	Poplar	Elijah
Myrtle	Orla	Cherry	Ethan
Willow	Daniel	Acacia	Cameron
Bay	Edith	Oak	Rajmiral
		Maple	Hayley

## Weekly House Point Winners

House	Ashdown	Malyon	Morris	Seemark
This Week	163	147	151	190
Total	629	676	689	702 <u>winner</u>



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...

- Mon 16 to Thurs 19 Mar:** Yr 6 KCC Bikeability course
- Mon 16 Mar:** Great Athletes 1pm
- Tues 17 Mar:** Maple Class Assembly 9am
- Thurs 19 Mar:** Year 5/6 Freedom Cafe Assembly
- Fri 20 Mar:** Team BG Assembly
- Sat 21 Mar:** Community Afternoon 2-4pm.
- Mon 23 Mar:** HILL VIEW GATE CLOSED
- Tue 24 Mar:** HILL VIEW GATE CLOSED
- Wed 25 Mar:** HILL VIEWGATE 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...

- **FSM:** Easter Holiday HAF Vouchers issued.
- **All Years:** Community Afternoon on 21 March 2-4pm.
- **Crochet Club:** Week commencing Monday 23rd March.
- **Year 6 Bikeability:** Final details
- **All Years:** Reminder Great Athletes
- **All Years:** Box 2b Fit, sign up via Arbor.
- **All Years:** Reminder Parent Consultations, please book
- **Year 1:** Homework
- **Maple Class:** Assembly on Tues 17 March 9am
- **All Years:** Team BG Assembly on Friday 20 March.