



BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 5 | 8 May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A four-day week for us at Borough Green Primary School and we have crammed a lot into each day. The week started with Willow Class sharing their learning with you for their class assembly. They impressed me with their knowledge of animal groups and their own writing inspired by the story of, 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark.' Today, they were showing me their own stories about different animals overcoming their fears.

On Wednesday, I was joined in assembly by Isabella and Georgia (Oak Class). They shared Isabella's graphic novel about Rocky learning to write and demonstrating the value of resilience. They are going to host a club next term to encourage other children to create their own graphic novels. Willow Class finished our assembly by singing and signing as they did in their class assembly.

Mrs. Philips shared how well Myrtle Class are progressing with their Phonics, including reading those alien words and today, they were taking part in some practical tasks set by Mrs. Bale. There were lots of smiles and such enthusiastic participation in their learning.

One of my highlights of the week was seeing Poplar Class engaged in their History lesson. They were looking at Roman artefacts and coming up with questions about them. Samuel W. showed me his book with a huge smile on his face; his passion for the subject was clear to see, and could articulate his many questions about the artefacts. It was one of those moments that reminded me of the importance of primary education and creating a love of learning for all of our children.

This week, I ran out of Bronze badges!!! Over 120 badges have been issued to children who are remembering our 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' rule without any reminders. A very small number have achieved their silver badges which shows they haven't needed any reminders since September-very impressive. A special mention must go to Besa (Maple Class) who has achieved Bronze since joining us during the academic year. She has settled in beautifully and always remembers our rules and values.

A further mention to Besa and Year 5 and 6 children including Amberley, Isabella, Georgia and Louie. Their writing, this week, is based on the story of Theseus and the Minotaur and they were asked to portray atmosphere in their writing. They most certainly rose to the challenge and used some powerful vocabulary to do this. Well done to all of them.

Today, is David Attenborough's 100th birthday and Mr. Wheatley spoke to the children about him in assembly on Thursday this week. The PTA have kindly donated an oak tree to be planted to commemorate this. We are also asking the children to take part in a home learning challenge and create a piece of learning inspired by him. I look forward to seeing their creativity in celebration of such an inspirational person.

Finally, I would like to mention Year 6 (children and staff). Next week is SATs week and the children will be completing national tests for maths, reading, spelling and grammar. They have worked hard this year and the upcoming tests are a small part of their attainment at primary school. They don't measure the talents of our skilled artists; the amazing pace of our athletes, or the musical talents of our IRock Bands. They certainly don't measure the kindness, humour or integrity that many of our pupils demonstrate each and every day. Yes, we want our Year 6 children to achieve their best, but we also want them to know they are so much more than a test. If, as a parent, you have a Year 6 pupil coming home this weekend. Give them a hug and some kind words. Tell them they are brilliant and make sure they have some fun or relaxation this weekend. They deserve it.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Jackson
Headteacher

Caterlink: School Treat Day Lunch...

Please order and pay via Arbor



SCHOOL TREAT DAY

THURSDAY
21ST MAY 2026

MAINS
Hot Dog & Ketchup
or
Veggie Hot Dog & Ketchup

Chips
Garden Peas
Baked Beans

DESSERT
Brownie & Chocolate Sauce
or
Yoghurt
or
Fresh Fruit

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feeding the imagination

The menu is set against a yellow background with red splatters and illustrations of three smiling hot dogs and stacks of chips.

David Attenborough 100th Birthday competition

David Attenborough competition
Friday 8th May 2026



TO MARK THIS DAY, WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO PRESENT A PIECE OF LEARNING INSPIRED BY DAVID ATTENBOROUGH.

YOUR LEARNING CAN BE PRESENTED IN ANY WAY YOU CHOOSE.

THIS COULD BE:
A POSTER
ARTWORK
A PIECE OF WRITING
POETRY
A LETTER
ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN THINK OF!

PLEASE HAND IN YOUR ENTRIES TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER BY MONDAY 1st JUNE.

THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR THE WINNING ENTRY IN EACH CLASS

100th



Borough Green Primary School
Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

Breakfast Club - Spaces available...



BOROUGH GREEN Primary School

£5 per child per session

RISE AND SHINE

BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday to Friday
7.45am to 8.40am

Pre booking only! Book via the school office

The advertisement features a central illustration of a smiling slice of toast with a bowl of cereal and a carton of juice. The background is light green with a sunburst effect behind the toast.



BOROUGH GREEN Primary School

SATURDAY
16 MAY
2- 4PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TO HELP WITH PAINTING & GARDENING

ALL WELCOME

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

The advertisement includes a photograph of the school building and illustrations of people painting and gardening. The background is light green with a tree logo in the top right corner.

This week's attendance...

The total attendance so far this year is **93.8%**, while the national average is **94.7%**.



Apple	87.60%
Willow	92.06%
Myrtle	96.89%
Bay	93.28%
Cherry	90.31%
Poplar	87.24%
Acacia	94.05%
Maple	91.84%
Oak	94.05%



Weekly Achievement Awards

Apple	Margeaux	Poplar	Sienna
Myrtle	Joshua	Cherry	Charlie
Willow	Dylan	Acacia	Amberley
Bay	Edith	Maple	Lily
		Oak	Rose

Weekly House Point Winners

House	Ashdown	Malyon	Morris	Seamark
This Week	235	342	273	258
Total	1005	998	908	1030

Parent Guides for online safety...

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TIKTOK

Online videos are often associated with apps such as YouTube, but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a potentially addictive, never-ending stream of short clips followed by users' interests based on their viewing habits. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while most content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where young people are most likely to encounter a potential harm.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
TikTok's following feed shows videos from users randomly, which the content for YouTube videos is more likely to be filtered by age. TikTok also has a 'For You' page which is highly personalized and can show content that is not appropriate for the user's age.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS
Between 1.8 and 1.9 billion people use TikTok, meaning there is a high chance someone who is not a friend or family member will be able to contact them. Accounts created by users who are under 13 are not visible to the public, but by default, this means that not only is it possible for a profile to be private, but the user can also suggest to their friends to follow and share content to themselves or to others.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES
Recent reports that most online habits for girls between 10 and 14 years old are on social media. TikTok and Snapchat are the most popular apps used by 10-14 year olds. TikTok's content is highly personalized and can show content that is not appropriate for the user's age. Other children should know to the extent of watching their children or their own child, especially when using social media and regularly interacting with it.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION
TikTok's short videos may appear harmless but they can spread quickly to friends' feeds, making it easy to see content that is not appropriate for the user's age. This can be particularly concerning for young people who are vulnerable to radicalisation.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN
TikTok's fast-paced stream of eye-catching content has been described as 'addictive'. It's important to know how to spot the signs of excessive use and to be able to help the signs. Increased frequency and loss of concentration are potential signs. It's important to know how to spot the signs of excessive use and to be able to help the signs. Increased frequency and loss of concentration are potential signs.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING**
Family pairing allows parents to see their child's TikTok account to their child's in order to manage settings, monitor data, restrict their child's content, and more. It also allows parents to see their child's TikTok account to their child's in order to manage settings, monitor data, restrict their child's content, and more.
- BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING**
Parents can restrict in-app purchases on iPhone and Android devices by enabling Family Sharing on TikTok. This will prevent children from making in-app purchases on TikTok. It will also prevent children from making in-app purchases on TikTok.
- DISCUSS THE DANGERS**
If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Parents should know how to help their child manage their account and how to help their child manage their account.
- READ THE SIGNS**
If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they're not concentrating on schoolwork, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased frequency and loss of concentration are potential signs.

Meet Our Expert
Alan Smith is an experienced technology journalist who has written for The Times, The Telegraph, The Guardian, and The Independent.

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House Weekly Showdown

Morris 290 Ashdown 218 Seamark 171 Malyon 145

Young Carers Cafe...

If you are the parent of a Young Carer or would like to know more about Young Carers and how get support, please come along and join us at our friendly, informal parent cafe. This is simply an opportunity to get together for a chat and I will have information about IMAGO and support resources for Young Carers available. All welcome 😊



PTA upcoming events...

DONUT DAY!

£1 EACH
ON FRIDAY 5th JUNE
ON SALE IN THE MIDDLE
PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL



MAY HALF TERM
MULTI SPORT HOLIDAY 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:
TUESDAY 26th, WEDNESDAY 27th, THURSDAY 28th
AND FRIDAY 29th MAY

MAKE A SPLASH AS SWIMMING RETURNS TO BOTH CAMPS!

9AM-4PM
5 - 12 YEAR OLDS
£25 PER DAY

SCAN OUR QR CODE TO REGISTER NOW!

Early Bird Offer: Sign up by Tuesday 19th May to receive 10% off your booking | 10% Sibling Discount

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Term 5 upcoming events...

Fri 8 May: PTA Family Bingo Night
Mon 11-Thurs 14 May: KS2 Sats week
Fri 15 May: Year 5/6 Greek Day
Fri 15 May: Young Carers Parents Cafe 2:30pm
Sat 16 May: School Community Event 2-4pm
Tues 19 May: Myrtle Class Assembly
Mon 18 - Fri 22 May: Yr 6 Residential / Activity Week
Wed 20 May: Open Classrooms
Fri 22 May: Junk Orchestra
Fri 22 May: Last day of Term 5
Tues 26 May: T&R Sports Holiday Club
Wed 27 May: T&R Sports Holiday Club inc. Swimming
Thurs 28 May: T&R Sports Holiday Club

Email's sent out this week...

- **Year 1:** Homework
- **Year 5/6:** SATS Information for next week.
- **Puzzle Club:** Now finished
- **Year 6:** Reminder: Day Trip to London 18 May.
- **FSM:** IMPORTANT - Letter from KCC - Crisis resilience fund
- **Invite Only:** Multi sports Club - Tuesdays
- **All Years :** David Attenborough Competition



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 choose from.

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

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