



BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 5 | 15 May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week at Borough Green Primary School and this week was a big focus on Year 6. Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to the children in Year 6. They completed their SATS tests with positivity, determination and giving it their all. There were lots of smiles, despite any nerves, and we are incredibly proud of them all. I would also like to thank Mrs Quantick and the team involved in all the preparation and work that goes on behind the scenes to ensure a smooth running of the week. Teamwork shone through this week-thank you all.

Around the school, many children have impressed me with their learning in different areas of the curriculum. Harper, Emily and Johnny (Willow Class) showed the progress they have been making with their reading. Regular practice goes a long way when learning this crucial skill-well done and keep this up. Yesterday, I was delighted to read some of the writing in Poplar Class. Zeki, Jacob, Eva, Molly S and Teddy wrote super thank you letters to Miss Craske as part of their learning in English.

There was a competitive spirit between the Year and 4 children during their TT Rockstars battle. It was close between them yesterday with Theo (Poplar) at the top of the table for his individual high score. Keep practising those times tables. It will really help with your maths as you progress through the school.

Myrtle Class were an absolute delight to visit on Wednesday afternoon. I walked in to see them all totally immersed in their colour mixing Art lesson whilst listening to some background music. They spoke about their learning with enthusiasm and always welcome me with the best smiles. As I worked in the Key Stage 1 office yesterday, I could hear the enthusiastic response from Bay Class when they listened to this week's musical calendar. They certainly do enjoy the different styles of music Miss Armstrong has put together for all of the school to listen to.

One more week of this short term and we are looking forward to lots of different activities. Next week, Year 6 have their London trip and residential, and the whole school will be creating music with 'junk.' It will be a creative end to the penultimate term of the academic year.

Our term 6 value is aspiration and, with this in mind, we are looking to inspire the children to think a bit about their futures. We will be sending out a survey to parents asking if anyone has an interesting career or hobby they would be happy to share with the children. It would be great to host a career/hobby day toward the end of the summer term. Please look out for the survey next week and let us know if you can help.

Thank you for your ongoing support.
I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

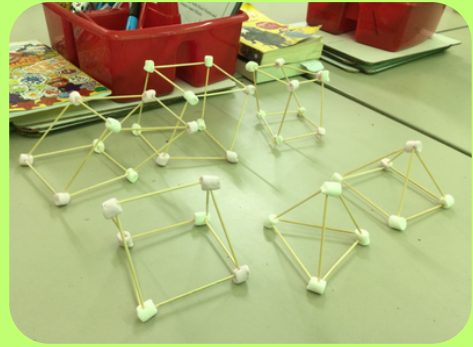
Best wishes,

Mrs Jackson
Headteacher

What we have been up to this week...



Bay class have had some time with the guinea pigs in Willow Class today. We set up a small run in the classroom and they had a little visit.

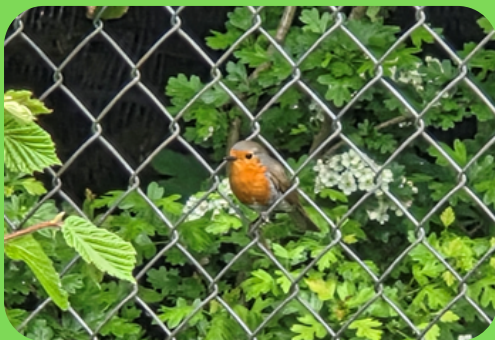


In Year 5, we have started a new geometry unit. As an introduction to the topic we were challenged to create a 3D shape using wooden sticks and mini-marshmallows. Quiz us on our 3D shape knowledge, we have been practising!



New David Attenborough Garden

The children helped Mrs Owen plant an Oak tree in and even had a little visitor who appeared as we were watering it.



DAVID ATTENBOROUGH
100TH BIRTHDAY
8 MAY 1920 - 8 MAY 2020

*"The natural world
is the greatest source of
excitement; the greatest
source of visual beauty;
the greatest source of
intellectual interest.
It is the greatest source
of so much in life that
makes life worth living."*

- DAVID ATTENBOROUGH

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF WONDER, DISCOVERY AND INSPIRATION

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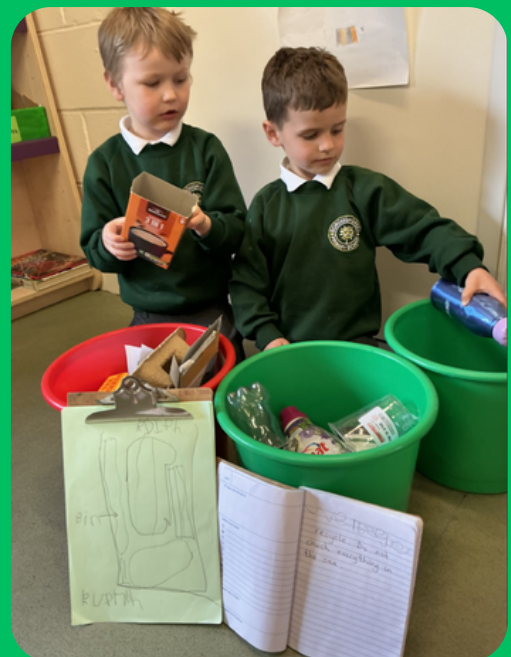
Year 3 and 4 have also been busy setting up a Science investigation. We have been learning about the part of a plant called the xylem and are investigating how water is transported around a plant through this vessel. We are excited to see what colours our celery will turn!



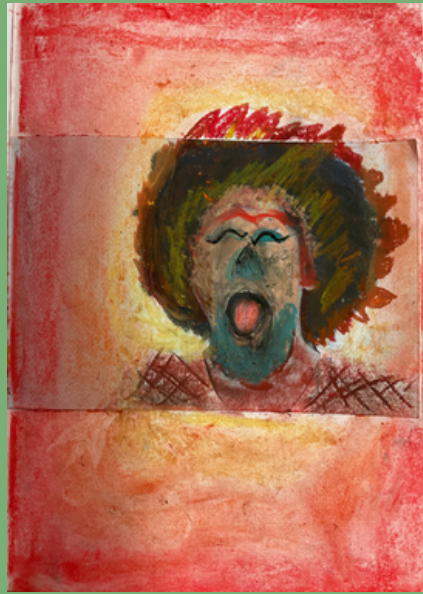
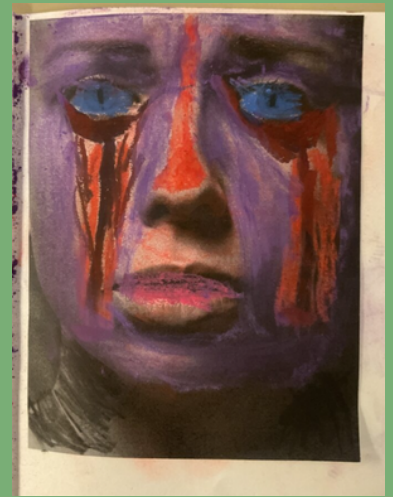
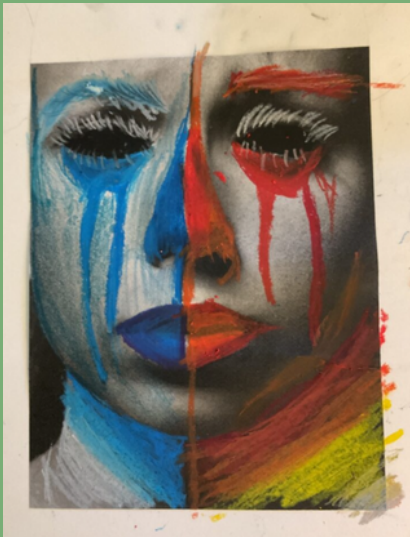
Poplar and Cherry classes have started a new writing unit called The Gardener. It all started on Monday with a letter from Miss Craske asking them to plant some seeds to grow Marigolds, Californian poppy and Candytuft! Watch this space to see what writing comes out of this!



Apple Class have been reading "If Sharks Disappear" and learning about what a balanced ocean environment looks like. They have had lots of thoughtful discussion around how humans can look after Planet Earth so that all creatures can thrive. In their Understanding the World learning, they have enjoyed identifying a variety of materials in order to recycle responsibly.



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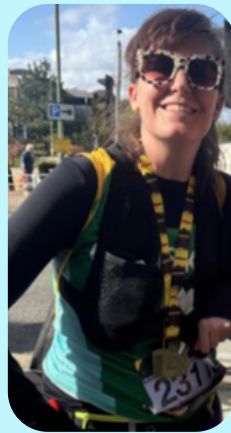
Year 5/6 have continued to explore Expressionism this week: looking at how colour can influence, enhance or reflect emotion.



Year 5/6 Greek Day
We created our own Greek vase scratch-art, explored and interpreted a variety of Greek myths and undertook a Spartan boot camp challenge on the field. On Thursday, we also channeled our inner Greek philosopher when we tackled the question of 'Should everybody be allowed to say what they like.' This resulted in some great thinking and discussion.



Team BG Sports Celebration Assembly



Congratulations to all our children, parents and staff on their sporting achievements



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

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

caterlink

Year 5 - Kent Test (11+) information...

Kent Test

For children starting secondary school in September 2027

If your child is currently in Year 5, and you intend to apply to a Kent Grammar school, register online at kent.gov.uk/kenttest

Registration opens on 1 June 2026 and closes at midnight on 1 July 2026

Who is the Kent Test for?

The Kent Test is for children who wish to apply for a Kent Grammar school place for September 2027 and are either resident in the UK or are the children of UK Service Personnel / other Crown Servants returning to the UK. A list of Kent Grammar schools can be found [here](http://kent.gov.uk/kenttest). Schools in Medway, Bexley and Bromley are outside the Kent Local Authority area. If you live outside Kent, please consider carefully before registering whether your child can attend the testing session in Kent, and how they would travel to school if they were offered a school place in Kent.

How do I register for the Kent Test?

Go to kent.gov.uk/kenttest and create an online account for yourself as parent/guardian. Add your child's details to your account to start the registration process. When you have completed and submitted your registration you should get a confirmation email. If you do not, the registration may not have been completed correctly. (Tip: Please check your Junk/spam folder for the email before contacting us!)

What if my child has access requirements?

If your child has a disability or SEN which will affect their access to testing, you should discuss this with their primary school before registering them, as the school will need to apply for any necessary access arrangements. Requests will not be accepted after 1 July 2026.

What happens after I register?

If your child attends a school outside Kent, we will email you details of their test centre by the end of August. Let us know if after registration you move house, change your email address or your child changes primary school. Otherwise, their test papers may go to the wrong place, or you may not get their results.

How do I apply for a Kent Grammar school?

You apply by naming the school as a preference on your Local Authority's secondary application form.

If my child is assessed suitable for grammar school by the Kent Test, will I automatically be offered a grammar school place?

No, a Kent Grammar school assessment does not guarantee your child a place in a Kent Grammar school. Grammar schools are often oversubscribed, meaning more children apply than the school has room for. Oversubscribed schools use their admission criteria to rank applicants in priority order, so it's important to check the admission criteria for schools you are interested in. A Kent Grammar school can only consider your child for a place if you have named it on your application and your child has been tested and assessed suitable for admission. If your child is not offered a place at the school, you can appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel and may be able to add them to the school's waiting list.

Key dates

Monday 1 June 2026 Registration opens at kent.gov.uk/kenttest. You will receive a confirmation email when registration is complete.

Tuesday 1 July 2026 Registration closes at midnight. If your child attends a school outside Kent, you will receive an email by the end of August with your Allocated Test Centre.

Thursday 10 September 2026 Children who attend a Kent primary school sit the test in their school.

Saturday 12 September 2026 / Sunday 13 September 2026 Children who attend primary schools outside Kent or are Educated at Home sit the test in a Test Centre.

Thursday 15 October 2026 Kent Test Decisions emails are sent after 4pm to the email address used to register the child.

Need help?

Further information about the test and about transport to grammar school for low-income families can be found on our website at kent.gov.uk. If your child is outside the age range for the test, or cannot take the test on a Saturday please email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk.

For help registering please email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk. Only one registration per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of registration. Keep your login details safe and use the email address you registered from for all communication with the team.



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

Free School Meals, is your child eligible...



Free school meals

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.



Some schools in Kent manage their own Free Schools Meals application process. For more information, go to:

kent.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



BOROUGH GREEN
Primary School

SATURDAY
16 MAY
2- 4PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TO HELP WITH PAINTING & GARDENING



ALL
WELCOME
REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED

This week's attendance...

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



Apple	93.21%
Willow	78.40%
Myrtle	97.47%
Bay	96.08%
Cherry	91.67%
Poplar	92.46%
Acacia	97.69%
Maple	97.32%
Oak	98.07%



Weekly Achievement Awards

Apple	Opie & Lee	Poplar	Zeki
Myrtle	Olivia	Cherry	Ethan
Willow	Emily	Acacia	Frankie
Bay	Faye	Maple	Louie
		Oak	Millie

Weekly House Point Winners

House	Ashdown	Malyon	Morris	Seamark
This Week	368	409	392	360
Total	1373	1407	1300	1390

Parent Guides for online safety...

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TWITCH

Twitch is a live streaming service which tends to focus on gaming. Users can publicly broadcast their gameplay and commentary online for other users to watch. It is a community-driven platform where viewers can support their favourite streamers, channels through kayfabe donations, "bits" and more. Each streamer or group creates their own community for fans to interact with each other. Twitch has more than 15 million daily active users and includes non-gaming topics such as music, cooking and art. Anyone can create a channel to livestream or watch videos.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNCENSORED STREAMS
Uncensored content obviously carries a particular level of risk. In particular, live-streaming can, however, also have broadcasted on unmoderated live-streaming. Twitch has strict rules for streamers to follow, but requires viewers to report any streams which breach these guidelines. Each streamer is encouraged to take responsibility for what they stream.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Most people are already aware that some video games feature adult content. Twitch has a policy on the platform, but most are not aware of the rules. It is important to be aware of the rules of the platform, including the rules for streamers.

HIDDEN COSTS
Twitch is free to use but does have a number of features that are not free. These include Prime Game Pass, which allows you to play a number of games for free. Twitch also offers additional products such as Twitch Prime, which allows you to watch Twitch streams for free.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS
As well as streamers talking directly to their audience, Twitch also allows viewers to use text chat to speak to the person they are watching. It is important to be aware of the risks of contact from strangers, including exchanging private messages, and being approached and harassed online by other users.

WEBCAM SHARING
It is common for streamers to use a webcam to interact with their viewers, but this can also risk the streamer's privacy. It is important to be aware of the risks of webcam sharing, including the risk of being recorded and the risk of being identified.

PRIVATE CHAT ROOMS
Twitch allows streamers to create their own chat rooms, which allows them to interact with their viewers. It is important to be aware of the risks of private chat rooms, including the risk of being recorded and the risk of being identified.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EXPLORE IT YOURSELF
Twitch doesn't have any parental controls, but it is possible to explore it yourself. This can help you to understand the risks of Twitch and to make sure that your child is safe when using the platform.

WATCH WHAT THEY WATCH
Twitch does have a lot of chat-friendly content, some streamers use a variety of language that is not suitable for children. However, it is possible to filter out inappropriate content and to report any streams which breach the rules.

LEARN HOW TO BLOCK
Security and privacy in Twitch's settings lets your child block users from their account. This can help you to understand the risks of Twitch and to make sure that your child is safe when using the platform.

LIMIT PAYMENT OPTIONS
Before the release of Twitch's payment system, many users used to pay for Twitch Prime using a credit card. This can be a risk for parents, as it allows their child to make purchases without their permission. It is important to be aware of the risks of payment options and to make sure that your child is safe when using the platform.

Meet Our Expert
Clara Doughty (aka @clara_doughty) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, reporting on news and events. She is currently working on a number of projects, including a book on the history of video games.

NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

www.nationalonlinesafety.com @nationalonlinesafety



We have a fantastic opportunity on Friday 22 May to make and explore music with 'The Junk Orchestra'. The children will be taking part in workshops where they will compose and explore different instruments as well as taking part in instrument making in classes.

If you have any of the following at home, please can you send it in with your child over the next two weeks.

- Insides of paper towel/toilet rolls
- Yoghurt pots (different sizes encouraged)
- Tin cans (emptied, washed and made safe)
- Plastic bottles (both small and large drinks bottles - NO MILK bottles)



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 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...

- **Star of the Term Trophy** : Return by Fri 15 May
- **Year R, 1 & 2:** Swimming lessons payment reminder.
- **All years:** T&R Sports May Holiday Club - Spaces still available!!
- **Crochet Club:** Cancelled Thurs 14 May, back on 21 May.
- **Year 6:** Day Trip to London - Mon 18 May.
- **All Years:** Free School Meals eligibility.
- **Year 5:** Kent Test Information (11+).
- **Apple, Bay & Myrtle:** Animal Handling in School consent.
- **Year 1:** Homework
- **Year 6:** REMINDER: Essex Outdoors final details

BGPS PTA, registered charity 1014450

You are invited to the

PAMPER, PROSECCO & PSYCHIC EVENING

Tickets cost £5 including a goody bag

Message Jessica 07801187029
 or Faye 07587177945 or email
 boroughgreenprimarypta@yahoo.com
 to buy tickets and book appointments

FRIDAY 12th JUNE 2026
 7PM - 10PM

FATHER'S DAY SALE

FRIDAY 19th JUNE

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