



Dates for your Diary

| TERM DATES: | INSET DAYS: (school will be closed to students on inset days) |
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| Monday 24 th February to Friday 4 April 2025 | Tuesday 22 nd April 2025 |
| Tuesday 22 nd April to Friday 23 rd May 2025 | |
| Monday 2 nd June to Thursday 24 th July 2025 | Friday 4 th July 2025 |
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| SCHOOL EVENTS: | DATE: |
| Year 5 and Year 6 Level 1 Cycle Derby | 10 th to 13 th March |
| Year 6 level 2 Cycle Derby | 17 th to 19 th and 24 th to 26 th March |
| Year 5 West Park Taster Day | 5 th March |
| Book swap and cake sale | 6 th March |
| All children dress up day (World Book Week) | 7 th March |
| Book Fair | 11 th to 17 th March |
| Rocksteady Parent Event | 30 th April |
| Parents' Evening | 26 th March and 2 nd April (3.50 until 6.30) |
| 'Our Global Family' Week | 31 st March to 4 th April |
| Year 3 and 4 Easter Event | 1 st April |
| FRIENDS OF BORROWWOOD EVENTS: | DATE: |
| Year 5 and 6 School Disco | 27 th March (16.30 to 17.45pm) |
| Year 1 and 2 School Disco | 28 th March (16.15 to 17.15pm) |
| Year 3 and 4 School Disco | 28 th March (17.30 to 18.30pm) |

HEAD TEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back to what will be another very busy half-term with lots of events happening alongside the day-to-day learning across school.

The refurbishment building work at the back of the upper building is in full swing and we are on track to open the Enhanced Resource Facility after Easter for the first children allocated places. This is a very exciting time for Borrow Wood, and we look forward to seeing the space change and become a purpose-built centre for children with additional needs. The path from the top gate has now been made even and been resurfaced and once the ERF is open, we will once again be able to open that gate for you to use. More information will be shared as this project moves along.

As always, we thank you for your ongoing support. Please contact school if you have any queries and questions. I can be found most mornings on the lower playground should you need to speak to me.

Kind regards,

Zoe Fletcher

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NEWSFLASH REGARDING SCHOOL MEALS!

Our current contract with Eat Culture is due to expire at the end of this half term. The Trust has confirmed our new catering contract has been awarded to Mellors Catering. Mellors Catering will take over from the 1st April with the same catering staff however, changes to meals will not take effect until Wednesday 23rd April when we return back to school after the Easter holidays. Please find attached a welcome letter from Mellors Catering. Mrs Molloy, Business Manager is meeting with Mellors next week and will hopefully be able to share some more news after this meeting.

There have been no changes to our menu which will continue until the end of term, Friday 4th April. The menu with new dates is on available on our school website



Dear Parent/Carer,

We're delighted that Mellors Catering Services will be providing the catering at **Borrow Wood Primary**. We're looking forward to working with the staff and parents to encourage more children to choose a nutritious meal at school and introduce them to our World of Fun with Food!



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All pupils at Key Stage 1 level are entitled to a free school meal.

Contact the school office for more information about how to take up this offer. For parents and carers of children at Key Stage 2, your school can also help you to determine if your child is eligible for a free school meal. You can also visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> for more information.

Encouraging children to eat a healthy, balanced diet is at the heart of everything we do at Mellors and we can't wait to be an integral part of school life. We're looking forward to delivering healthy eating assemblies, pasta and bread cookery classes and lots more.

ENCOURAGING A HEALTHY DIET



Members of the Mellors team will also be attending parents' evenings to answer any queries you may have about your child's school lunches, including how we manage any allergies or food intolerances to ensure we provide a safe and delicious meal to everyone.

PUPIL VOICE



Look out for information about our Pupil Forum that gives pupils to ability to provide us with their opinions and those of their classmates. These discussions really do help us to shape our menus and further develop what we offer so we keep our food fresh and exciting.

Pupils involved with the forum will also get the opportunity to sample new dishes!

SUGGESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

Your Catering team welcomes any suggestions you may have regarding menu choice, so please do come and speak to us.

We look forward to continuing to build a healthy school meal relationship with you all, and serving your children delicious, healthy food.

See you soon! The Mellors Catering Team

www.mellorscatering.co.uk



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BOOK WEEK EVENTS

Book events letter sent out on the 13th of February 2025, please contact the school office if you require any further information.

Tuesday 11th to 17th March Book Fair

Books will be on sale from after school in the upper school hall from 3:45-4:15.

Please remember to bring along with you your World Book Day Vouchers as this will entitle you to £1 off your chosen book (s)!! Vouchers will be sent home with your child week commencing 3rd March.

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from **only £2.99**, do not forget that every book you buy can help to get **FREE BOOKS** for our school. Please see page 2 for payment methods.

Thursday 6th March Share a Book and Cake sale!

Please donate any spare books - children and adults from the community may select a book from our 'Share a book event.' **WE WOULD WELCOME CAKE DONATIONS FOR THIS EVENT.** Please bring cakes to the school office on the day, all money raised will be put towards purchasing books. Thank you for your continued support. Please be reminded that we are a nut-free school, please label cake ingredients.

Thursday 6th March Teacher Swap – EYFS and KS1/KS2

During the day teachers will be swapping classes and reading one of their favourite stories to our children.

Friday 7th March Dress up Day EYFS/KS1/KS2

This year all children to come dressed up as their favourite story book character (no superheroes please).

RECEPTION AND NURSERY – dress up as their favourite story book character.

A winner from Reception and Nursery will receive a £5 book voucher to spend at the book fair.

KS1 ONLY – Bookmark Competition - Closing date 3rd March 2025

It can be a drawing of a character from your favourite book. The winner will receive a £5 book voucher to spend at the book fair. Please make sure your bookmark has your name and class on the back. *Get busy making!*

KS2 ONLY – Story in a box Competition – Closing date 3rd March 2025

Retell a story from your favourite book by creating a story in a box. The 2 winners will receive a £5 book voucher to spend at the book fair, (1 winner overall in year 3 and 4) (1 winner overall in year 5 and 6) (Please make sure your box has your name and class on the back). *Get busy creating your story setting boxes!*

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YOUNG VOICES UK

We just wanted to email to extend a huge thank you to you all for allowing your children to attend the Young Voices 2025 Concert and for helping them to learn the words and the dances over the past few months. It was a wonderful celebration and end to Choir Club.

We hope we have made memories that will last a lifetime, and if the children have been inspired by even a small section of the trip to become the singers, dancers, musicians or even conductors of the future, then that makes all our hard work as a staff worthwhile.

Highlights of the day:

- Seeing our children sing, dance, laugh and smile with their friends. (Even the most shy, self-conscious or those who have challenges to overcome.)
- Seeing MC Grammar live on stage (we have watched his World Book Day songs in Singing Assembly, so the children were in awe!)
- Being a part of a choir of over 4,000 children and seeing our polite, kind Borrow Wood children chatting and making friends with pupils from other schools.

We are beyond proud, and we are also extremely grateful to the staff and parent helpers that made this trip possible.

Mrs Wadsworth

CREATE MUSIC

Dear Parent/Guardian,

There are currently a limited number of spaces available for group guitar tuition for pupils at your child's school (existing students please disregard).

KEY INFORMATION

- Lessons are 30 minutes long and take place during the school day.
- Lessons take place on a set day of the week at each school. We will confirm prior to the lessons beginning, which day they will take place at your child's school.
- Lessons are ongoing throughout the school year. Each group usually contains between 3-6 students.
- Lessons are £22.95 per student per calendar month.
- Students can borrow a guitar in school for their lesson, but we advise they purchase their own instrument at some point, so they are able to practice at home.

Further details about our lessons can be found on our website at:

www.wecreatemusic.co.uk Contact us direct: admin@wecreatemusic.co.uk

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Spring Disco:

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting discos for the children towards the end of the Spring term:

Tickets are £4 and include drinks, snacks and glowsticks. If you would like to pay in cash, please pop the correct money in an envelope with your child's name and class to the school office.

Booking/payment via the link Book here by Friday 14th March:

<https://forms.gle/XDKZ9nusHedYg3CB8>

Children should be collected from school as usual, and dropped back at the Upper School Reception in time for the disco - giving them chance to put on their favourite outfit and grab a snack! Collection at the end of the disco will be from the Upper School Hall Fire Exit.

As you know, we can only run events with the help of our volunteers. We appreciate any parent and teacher support, so please let us know if you're able to help, either by specifying on the booking form, or emailing us at friendsofborrowwood@gmail.com

Please note that there will be loud music and flashing lights.

Friends of Borrow Wood Meetings:

We meet every half term to discuss fundraising ideas and plan events. Our next meeting will take place online via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 26th February. If you would like to join the meetings and become more involved, or to be added to our 'casual helper' WhatsApp group, please email us at friendsofborrowwood@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Friends of Borrow Wood Primary School

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