



Dates for your Diary

TERM DATES 2024-25	INSET DATES: School closed for children on INSET DAY's
Spring term (60 days) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 6 January 2025 to Friday 14 February 2025 Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 4 April 2025 	Friday 14 th Feb 2025 Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
Summer term (62 days) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 23 May 2025 Monday 2 June 2025 to Thursday 24 July 2025 	Friday 4 th July 2025

HEAD TEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents/carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school!

We have started back with a very cold snap of weather that have needed us to adjust how we work at school – thank you for your support with different entrances and following gritted paths.

You are by now aware that I will be retiring at the end of this school. After 13 years of headship, it is time to hang up my keys and explore new adventures whilst I am fit and healthy to take on the challenges I have planned. Until the end of the school year, I will continue to give my all to the Borrow Wood community and you will continue to see me dashing across the buildings as part of my 'keep fit' routine!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns you want to raise, I am on the lower playground most days between opening and closing the gate.

Kind regards,

Zoe Fletcher

**SCHOOL UNIFORM AND WINTER COATS**

It is officially winter! please make sure your child arrives to school in a warm waterproof coat! Can you please make sure that all **uniform/lunch boxes/water bottle** is clearly labelled. We currently have jumpers/cardigans/coats left at school with no names. Any uniform not labelled/not claimed are washed and placed in our pop-up shop.

Parents/carers are welcome to obtain free, nearly new uniform from our pop-up-shop in Silver Birch

You can also visit our drop-in sessions for families - Silver Birch Hub every Tuesday morning 8.45am-9.30am.

SCHOOL MONEY

We are a cashless school and therefore all trips/dinner money/the nest are to be paid via our school money facility. If for any reason you are unable to access your school money account, please email admin@borrowwood.odysseyct.org.uk and we will check your account. **On request we can now add a 2nd parent onto school money, please email admin@borrowwood.odysseyct.org.uk for this request.**

SCHOOL DINNERS ARE NOW £2.70

Dinner Top Up

If you would like to top up your child's dinner account, then this will be found in the Dinners section of the options menu on the left-hand side of your screen.

When you click on dinners it will come up with a screen that shows your child's dinner balance with an option to top up below.

To top up, change the cost in the green box to the amount you would like to pay and click the + sign. This will add the cost to your basket on the right.

[All dinners/nest payments MUST be paid in advance. If for any reason you have difficulty in paying, please contact the school immediately, \(all calls will be confidential\).](#)

APPLY FOR A RECEPTION PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 DEADLINE 15TH JANUARY 2025

When to apply - You can make an application from 3 November 2024 until 15 January 2025. Please see link: [Apply for a reception or junior place for September 2025 - Derby City Council](#)

Just a reminder that the electronic school gate opens at 8.40am. Children are not allowed on site before this time unless they are attending the nest or attending a morning workshop.



RAINBOWS UPDATE ON FUND RAISING

The Choir Club had a wonderful time with the concert at the Cathedral in December 2024 and enjoyed the experience of performing with other schools in front of an audience, they all did so well.

RAINBOWS

"We would like to say a huge thank you Borrow Primary School for performing at the Rainbows Derby Christmas Concert 2024 helping us raise £10,655.17, you're helping us to support families from across the East Midlands wherever they are."



SCHOOL TRIPS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT:	DATE:
Choir Club	12 th February attending Utilita Arena Sheffield
Year 5 West Park Taster Day	5 th March
Bikeability Year 5 and 6 Level 1	W/c 10 th to 13 th March (letters will be sent out to parents/carers)
Bikeability Year 6 Level 2	W/c 17 th to 19 March (letters will be sent out to parents/carers)
Bikeability Year 6 Level 2	W/c 24 th to 26 th March (letters will be sent out to parent/carers)
Book Fair	12 th to 14 th March 3.50pm until 4.15pm/17 th to 18 th March 3.50pm until 4.15pm. Further details will be sent out via email.
Parents' Evening	26 th March and 2 nd April (email will sent to parents/carers with booking details)
Year 3 and 4 Easter Event	3 rd April 2.45pm until 3.15pm (email will sent to parents/carers with details of the event)