



# Borrow Wood Primary School

## Newsletter

Date w/c 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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### Weekly Update

**ERF** In the ERF, this week, we've been working hard on our communication and interaction skills: using visuals, signing and lots of brilliant turn-taking games! The children have really enjoyed singing and signing nursery rhymes and our harvest songs."

**Nursery** Our story focus has been *The Leaf Thief*, which the children have loved listening to and acting out with great enthusiasm, our autumn walks, they enjoyed spotting colourful leaves of different shapes and sizes, which we collected and added to our tuff tray.

**EYFS** In Acorn class our themes this week have been imagination and friendship. We have read the story *On Sudden Hill* by Linda Sarah and Benji Davies which has inspired a lot of role play with large cardboard boxes. We have also had a lot of fun outside making 'mud paint'!

**Year 1** In Pear Class this week we have been exploring addition in maths. We have been using counters to add two groups together. We are getting very good!

**Year 2** In year 2 we discovered a turnip in our classrooms and enjoyed reading the story of 'The Gigantic Turnip'!

**Year 3** Maple Class are now experts on pirates. This week they have written their own nonchronological report about them. They have created their own subheadings and written their own detailed paragraphs which include fun facts and rhetorical questions. We can't wait for you to read them! In the upcoming weeks they will be displayed on the year 5/6 corridor.

**Year 4** We learnt our first song in ukelele lessons this week - Twinkle Twinkle Little Star - and began playing individual notes using the frets. We also finished our class book 'Attack of the Demon Dinner Ladies' with a few gasps from the children as one character got carried away by a flock of seagulls!

**Year 5/6** The children in Y5/6 have spent time this week interviewing members of staff after a number of pens appeared to have been stolen across school. A number of staff have been accused (some more than others) and the children are getting closer to solving the mystery. We are looking forward to the children reaching a conclusion and reading the newspapers that they will produce about the 'Great Borrow Wood Pen Thief'.

### Mrs Bartlett's Box

I can't believe we are almost at the end of the first half term, it has flown by and it has been a pleasure to get to know so many of you over the last few weeks.

Just a final call from me for the Halloween Discos - all of the money raised will go directly into funding improvements around school, so every ticket really does help! I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bartlett  
Head Teacher



### Parents' Evening

A reminder that parents' evenings will be taking place after half term on :

**12<sup>th</sup> November and 19<sup>th</sup> November.**

We will be trialling Arbor for our booking system this year so do bear with us for any teething issues.

Please look out for an additional communication around booking an appointment.

### Staff Updates

One of our longest-standing members of the school community, Mrs Coleman, will be leaving us next week. Her last day will be Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

Many of you will have contact with our amazing office team on a daily and weekly basis so will know the positive impact that she has. She has had connections with the school for many, many years and will be dearly missed.

She is a true Borrow Wood star! We wish her well on her next adventure, although we are sure she will keep popping in from time to time. Goodbye and good luck Mrs Coleman!



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## PE Kit

After half term, we will move towards children coming to school in their PE kits on the days that they have PE. This is to maximise time for learning

Please see overleaf for further details regarding PE Kit. You will notice the addition of a Borrow Wood hoodie.

The hoodie is completely optional but we thought it would be a nice addition to our uniform offer. There will be a sample available in the school office after half term, if you would be interested in buying one. It will be available through Morley's, our usual supplier.

We are also hoping to bring forward the Year 6 Leavers' Hoodie order this year so that the Year 6s can then wear their leavers hoodies on their PE kit days and make the most of this item.

## Arbor Update

80% of parents/carers have now signed up to the school app!

If you are having problems setting up the App, can you please either pop into the school office or send a screenshot regarding the issue to:

[admin@borrowwood.odysseyct.org.uk](mailto:admin@borrowwood.odysseyct.org.uk)

## Parent Governor

Borrow Wood Primary School has two vacancies for the role of parent governor on the local governing board.

Please complete the candidate form (please refer to email sent on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October with attached form and return it to the school office addressed to **the Clerk of Governors by the closing 20th October 2025.**

A secret ballot will be held if there are more applications than vacancies. If there are fewer applicants than vacancies, parent governors will automatically be appointed to the local governing board. Candidates will be informed if a secret ballot is required, following the closing date.

If you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role, please contact Laura Smith, Chair of Governors, via the school office for contact details.

## Food4thought

Thank you for all the wonderful donations so far, still time to donate, until the **24<sup>th</sup> October.**

The link below shows the kind of foods they are collecting:

If you would like to find out more about them, this is the link to their website.

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<https://www.derbyfood4thoughtalliance.org.uk/about>

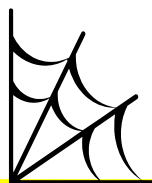


## Friends of Borrow Wood Primary School Disco.

Thanks to everyone who's already signed up for the Halloween Discos! **Link closed – cash payments/forms to be received by the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025.**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** Halloween Reception/KS1 Disco 4.00-5.00pm.

**24<sup>th</sup> Oct** Halloween KS2 Disco 4.00-5.15pm





# PE Kit Updates 25-26

After half term, we will move towards children coming to school in their PE kits on the days that they have PE. This is to maximise time for learning.

If children are not in the correct PE Kit, we will provide them with the necessary items, look smart be the part!

PE Kit Days	
Cherry	Wednesday
Acorn	Tuesday
Pears	Monday and Thursday
Apples	Tuesday and Friday
Elder	Tuesday and Friday
Maple	Tuesday and Wednesday
Fir	Wednesday and Friday
Oak	Monday and Friday
Cedar	Monday and Thursday
Sycamore	Tuesday and Thursday
Elm	Monday
Willow	Tuesday

## Borrow Wood PE Kit

- White top (t-shirt or polo)
- Black shorts
- Black jogging bottoms
- Black leggings
- Black trainers/plimsolls
- Borrow Wood jumper or Borrow Wood hoodie (optional)



A reminder that jewellery (other than religious jewellery and stud earrings) should not be worn for school. Stud earrings will need to be removed or taped over for PE lessons.

If your child has plimsolls, we recommend they wear their normal school shoes in the day, bringing their plimsolls in their bag to then change their shoes at PE time.











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Menu week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025

WEEK 1	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Main dish</b>	Macaroni cheese	Mediterranean chicken wrap with savoury rice	Toad in the hole served with mashed potato	 Pork meatballs with wholemeal pasta	Fish fingers or salmon fingers with chunky chips
<b>Vegetarian Main dish</b>	 Vegetarian korma with chicken style pieces and 50/50 rice	Cheese and tomato pinwheel with half a jacket	 Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	 BBQ Quorn™ with 50/50 rice	Falafel & salad pitta with chunky chips
<b>Accompaniments</b>	Peas & broccoli ..... Salad bar	Roasted vegetables ..... Salad bar	Carrots & cauliflower ..... Salad bar	Green beans & sweetcorn ..... Salad bar	Peas & baked beans ..... Salad bar
<b>Desserts</b>	 Upside down cheesecake	Lemon drizzle cake	 Apple & oat cookie	Chocolate muffin	 Summer berries with whip
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection

### Calendar Dates Autumn 1

Choir Club **every Tues** 3.30-4.30pm.  
 Gardening Club **every Wed** 3.30 -4.15pm.  
 Netball Club **every Thurs** 3.30-4.45pm.  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** Halloween Reception/KS1 Disco 4.00-5.00pm.  
**24<sup>th</sup> Oct** Halloween KS2 Disco 4.00-5.15pm.

### Calendar Dates Autumn 2

**4<sup>th</sup> Nov** Reception Open Evening 5.00pm  
**4<sup>th</sup> Nov** Reception Stay and Play 4.30 to 5.00pm  
**7<sup>th</sup> Nov** Reception Open Day 9.30am.  
**7<sup>th</sup> Nov** Reception Open Day 2.00pm.  
**11<sup>th</sup> Nov** Reception Stay and Play 4.30 to 5.00pm  
**12<sup>th</sup> Nov** Parents' Evening 3.40 to 6.30pm.  
**19<sup>th</sup> Nov** Parents' Evening 3.40 to 6.30pm  
**13<sup>th</sup> Nov** Flu Immunisations.  
**24<sup>th</sup> Nov** Individual Photographs.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** Reception Stay and Play 4.30 to 5.00pm  
**9<sup>th</sup> Dec** Nursery Stay and Play 4.30 to 5.00pm.  
**12<sup>th</sup> Dec** Christmas fair.  
**17<sup>th</sup> Dec** Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day.

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 - 2026 TERM DATES

#### Autumn term (72 days)

Thursday 4 September 2025 to Friday 24 October 2025  
 Monday 3 November 2025 to Friday 19 December 2025

#### Spring term (55 days)

Monday 5 January 2026 to Friday 13 February 2026  
 Monday 23 February 2026 to Friday 27 March 2026

#### Summer term (68 days)

Monday 13 April 2026 to Friday 22 May 2026  
 Monday 1 June 2026 to Thursday 23 July 2026

### INSET DAYS 2025 – 2026

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026