



Borrow Wood Primary School

Newsletter

Date w/c 13th October 2025

Issue 5

Weekly Update

ERF This week, the children in the ERF have enjoyed spending so much time together as a whole provision. Welly Wednesdays, lunchtimes and - really excitingly - all spending playtimes together on the big playground! Well done to all of the children for making such lovely friendships and interacting so well!"

Nursery This week our topic has been autumn. We have been talking about the seasons and the changes that happen at this time of year. The children have enjoyed going on our autumn walks to spot the changes.

EYFS Acorn class have had another super week playing, exploring and learning. Our highlight this week has been designing and making junk model robots!

Year 1 In Pear class this week we have been getting ready to write our own version of the book Dear Zoo. We have been thinking about the animals that would and wouldn't make good pets!

Year 2 In Year 2, we have been reading the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and learning how to use coordinating conjunctions and expanded noun phrases to add detail. We are excited about writing our own version of the story!"

Year 3 During our art lessons, year 3 have been experimenting with different materials. This week we worked with chalk. We went outside and danced with chalk on the playground. We would like to invite you to come and have a look at the lovely artwork before it is washed away.

Year 4 We have continued exploring charcoal and chalk artwork this week by creating our own 'performance art' out on the playground using big and free movements. In our class book, Attack of the Demon Dinner Ladies we've had a huge twist in the tale which also left us with a huge cliffhanger.

Year 5/6 The year 5 and 6 football team played in their first match of the season, with an emphatic win of 10 goals to 2! Well done to all who took part. The rest of the children have also been practicing their football skills in our P.E lessons.

Mrs Bartlett's Box

This week seems to have been all about the outside! At some point this week, I have seen almost every year group going outside to explore our fantastic grounds and make links to their learning.

Please ask your children about their science work this week as I'm sure they will have a lot to tell you.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Bartlett
Head Teacher



Arbor

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.odysseyst.org.uk

To finish creating your account you just need to set a password. Your username is the email address we hold on your child's record.

Go to <https://login.arbor.sc> and click 'Forgot your password?' to finish setting up your account.

The Parent App can be downloaded from either the Playstore on android phones or the Apple Store on iPhones.

You can now make payments and top up accounts for clubs/trips, meals and wraparound care by logging into the Parent Portal. Any outstanding balances and credits from our last system have been set up and will also show on the Parent Portal.

If you need any help activating your account please contact the school office.

We will continue to use our current school communications up to October half term.



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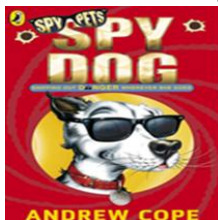
Spy Dog

You may have seen in the media that the children's publisher Puffin has issued an alert about books by Andy Cope including those in the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.

The books include a link to additional content, but the link is no longer owned by Mr Cope. The new owner publishes pornographic content. This means that children visiting the link are seeing highly inappropriate webpages.

As a result, libraries, bookshops, retailers and schools have removed the books from their shelves until such time as there is a resolution. The story of course is fine to read, it is only the additional online content that is affected.

There is no suggestion that either Mr Cope or Puffin are responsible for the third-party site.



Food4thought

Thank you for all the wonderful donations so far. If you would like to donate, there will be a table in the library for donations to be displayed.

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.

https://www.derbyfood4thoughtalliance.org.uk/application/files/1517/5766/4999/Core_Items.png

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



FOBWS Update

Thanks to everyone who's already signed up for the Halloween Discos!

Book by Friday 10th October at:

<https://forms.gle/Qxt3jZ7bjo1vWkHd8>



PE Kit

After half term, we will be moving towards children coming to school in their PE kit on their PE days.

This will maximise learning time as we will not need to spend time getting changed. In next week's newsletter, we will confirm class days for PE.

The expected uniform for PE is a white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and black trainers.

They can then wear their Borrow Wood jumper as normal but we are also investigating adding a Borrow Wood hoodie to our uniform offer.

This could then be worn as an alternative to their Borrow Wood jumper, only on PE days. More details around this will be sent out in next week's newsletter.











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Menu week commencing 13th October 2025

WEEK 3	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Chicken fillet burger with baked wedges	Roast turkey with mashed potato & gravy	Sweet and sour chicken served with rice	Crispy fish fingers with chunky chips
Vegetarian Main dish	 Creamy tomato pasta	Veggie sausage hotdog with baked wedges	 Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	 Tomato & basil pasta	 Quorn™ nuggets with chunky chips
Accompaniments	Sweetcorn & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & coleslaw Salad bar	Carrots & cauliflower Salad bar	Broccoli & green beans Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
Desserts	 Coconut & cherry flapjack	Raspberry buns	 Ginger biscuit & fruit	Chocolate sponge & custard	 Fruit meringue
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit <i>or</i> Yoghurt	Fresh fruit <i>or</i> Yoghurt	Fresh fruit <i>or</i> Yoghurt	Fresh fruit <i>or</i> Yoghurt	Fresh fruit <i>or</i> 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.
23rd Oct Halloween Reception/KS1 Disco 4.00-5.00pm.
24th Oct Halloween KS2 Disco 4.00-5.15pm.

Calendar Dates Autumn 2

12th Nov Parents' Evening 3.40 to 6.30pm.
19th Nov Parents' Evening 3.40 to 6.30pm
13th Nov Flu Immunisations.
24th Nov Individual Photographs
12th Dec Christmas fair
17th 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 4th September 2025
 Friday 5th September 2025
 Monday 3rd November 2025
 Friday 13th February 2026
 Thursday 23rd July 2026