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Weekly Update

ERF The children have returned to school at their absolute BEST! It has been brilliant to see them pick up routines and expectations without skipping a beat! They have re-established existing relationships and made some new ones too! Well done to everyone in the ERF!

Nursery This week in Cherry Class, we have been getting to know one another by chatting, playing and exploring together. It has been lovely to see the children beginning to settle in, make new friends and enjoy their time together. We are all looking forward to the weeks ahead with lots more fun, learning and exciting experiences to come!

EYFS What a fantastic first week in Reception! The children have settled in so well, getting to know their new classroom, making new friends and learning all about our new routines and expectations. We are so proud of how confidently they have embraced their first week.

Year 1 Pear Class have made a fantastic start to Year 1, learning new routines, settling in to their new classroom and sharing stories of what they did in the Summer holidays.

Year 2 In our geography lessons, the children have explored the school grounds and started to label places on a map. Apple Class have had a great start and are already showing some fantastic BEST behaviours.

Year 3 It has been a lovely week with year 3. They have worked really hard and we are really excited about the rest of the year.

Year 4 Fir class started our new book Varjak Paw where we were introduced to our main character, Varjak, a Mesopotamian Blue with an urge to explore. The children have also been analysing character descriptions picking out key features.

Year 5 We have had a good week in Sycamore with the children settling back into their daily routines and there is a buzz going around the class at the news of us potentially receiving some chirping visitors next week.

Year 6 Year 6 have begun their new book for our reading and writing lessons. We have met the main character and are now working towards writing a diary entry as her.

Mrs Bartlett's Box

It has been an excellent start to the school year with so many children being at their Borrow Wood BEST! We have welcomed two new members of staff, Mrs Hanser, our new deputy head, and Miss Lillie, an apprentice in the ERF. The children have enjoyed spotting some of the improvements around school and they are excited about the year ahead.

Thank you to the KS2 parents for responding positively to the collection from the classroom doors. There had been a few teething problems with Year 5 and Year 6 permissions, but now that everyone has completed the Microsoft forms, everyone will be in the right place at the right time. Thank you for your patience and have a lovely weekend.



Mrs Bartlett
Head Teacher

Allergy Policy

As part of a new law, schools now need to have a specific allergy policy and have all staff trained in dealing with allergic reactions on an annual basis. Our allergy policy can be found on the school website and all staff were trained in our INSET day on Monday. Mrs Ellis will be in touch with families who have stated that their child has an allergy to create an individual healthcare plan, as stated by the policy. If anything has changed with your child's health, please ensure you let the office know if anything has changed as soon as possible.

RRR and BEST

The start of the year is always a good time to remind everyone about our school rules and our BEST behaviours. We have three school rules: **Ready, Respectful and Responsible**. We encourage our children to also show their BEST in everything they do: **Brave, Engaged, Supportive and Trustworthy**. You will see points given out for these things on Class Dojo and these words are used in our daily interactions with the children.

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New to Reception or Nursery 27/28?
Do you know any families who are looking for a school place next year? Encourage them to come and look around Borrow Wood! We have lots of dates for tours in the coming term and would love to welcome them: word of mouth is very powerful!

Free School meal update
There has been lots of changes to the free school meals from 1st September if you could please fill in the form via the link below even if you are unsure if you are entitled then you will be added to the update list and if there are any changes to circumstances it will be updated automatically.
https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict

School Dinner Price Increase
We are writing to inform you that, from the start of the new school year, the price of a school meal will increase to **£3.35**.
We understand that any increase in costs is unwelcome. This decision has not been taken lightly. However, the cost of providing quality meals which meet government standards has risen significantly, particularly due to increases in food prices and staffing costs. We also accept that we are sharing this news late in the year. Originally, our school meals provider wanted a bigger increase and negotiations have taken some time.
We remain committed to supporting all children and families and will continue to work hard to keep costs as low as possible while delivering a high-quality catering service.

Opal Play
Before the summer break, our school community raised an incredible £3,000+ through the Sponsored Mile. Thank you to everyone who took part and supported this fantastic event.
We are pleased to share that some of the funds have already been used to transform our climbing wall area into a stage space, with further developments hopefully taking place in the future.
In addition, some of the money (and a gratefully received contribution from Friends of Borrow Wood) has been put towards a new shed for storing OPAL equipment. We will be sharing more information soon about how families can help us stock the shed and further enhance our play provision.
Thank you once again for your continued support.



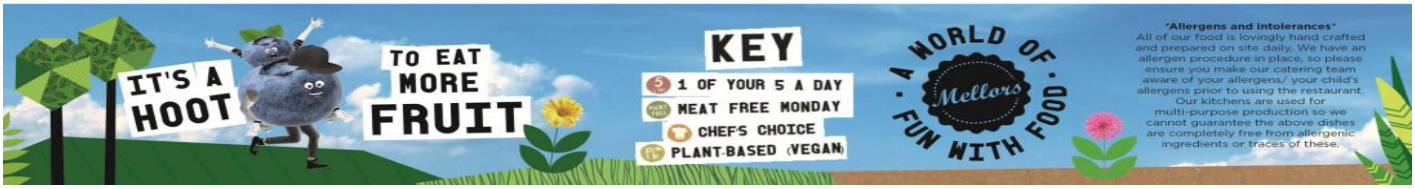


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Menu week commencing 14th September 2026

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Margherita Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges	Chicken tikka masala with 50/50 rice	Roast Chicken with Mashed Potato and gravy	Italian pasta Bolognaise	Crispy battered fish & With Chunky Chips
Vegetarian Main dish	BBQ Bean & Cheese wrap with 50/50 Rice	Quorn Lasagne with herby dough balls	Quorn Fillet with mashed Potato	Quorn Mince Bolognaise	Vegetable Fingers With chunky chips
Pasta of the day	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Cheesy pasta	Chicken pasta	Creamy tomato pasta	Tomato and basil pasta
Accompaniments	Sweetcorn & Brocolli ..... Salad Bar	Peas & Colslaw ..... Salad Bar	Carrots & Cauliflower ..... Salad Bar	Broccoli and Green Beans ..... Salad Bar	Peas and Baked Beans ..... Salad Bar
Desserts	Jelly	Chocolate Muffin with Custard	Pancakes & Orange Wedges	Chefs Cookie	Fresh Fruit & Ice Cream
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Or Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit Or Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit Or Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit Or Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit Or Yoghurts
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



Calander dates Autumn 1

8th September Year 6 height and weight
24th September PTA Reception/KS1 disco TBC
25th September PTA KS2 disco TBC
29th September Year 6 Magna trip
14th & 21st September Parents evening

Calander date Autumn 2

w/c 2nd, 9th & 16th November Swimming
20th November Children in Need
23rd November Individual Photographs
26th November Wear what you want day
4th December Christmas Fair
14th & 15th December KS1 Nativity

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026 - 2027 TERM DATES

Autumn term

Friday 4th September 2026 to Friday 23rd October 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026

Spring term

Monday 4th January 2027 to Friday 12th February 2027
Monday 22nd February 2027 to Friday 26th March 2027

Summer term

Monday 12th April 2027 to Friday 28th May 2027
Monday 7th June 2027 to Monday 26th July 2027

INSET DAYS 2026-2027

Friday 4th September
Monday 7th September
Friday 27th November
Friday 12th February
Monday 26th July