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Weekly Update

ERF This week in the ERF, the children have demonstrated curiosity, confidence and creativity as they have explored a range of instruments in their music lessons. We have listened to different sounds, experimented with rhythm and have enjoyed making music with our friends. The children in Elm class have particularly enjoyed the start of their Ukelele lessons, where they have successfully engaged in Music lessons with their mainstream peers. Well done, everyone

Nursery We have spent this week learning about each other and our families and have created a photo wall in our home corner!

EYFS The children have loved exploring our new outdoor equipment, while becoming more confident and settled with our daily learning routines. It has been lovely to see their enthusiasm, independence and excitement for learning grow throughout the week

Year 1 Pear Class have been reminding Mrs Rutland all week that Koalas are not bears! We have been reading The Koala who Could by Rachel Bright and finding out about Koalas, alongside building resilience and practising simple sentence writing skills.

Year 2 Apple class have been explorer-gathers in Art. We have collected a variety of natural objects to inspire our own art pieces.

Year 3 In Year 3, we have been reading *Badgers Are Go!* This week, the author, Susannah Lloyd, visited our school and completed a workshop with the children. They listened attentively and asked some fantastic questions.

Year 4 Fir class have written their character descriptions about Varjak Paw using expanded noun phrases and similes alongside learning some of the 'Ways' of Jalal.

Year 5 Sycamore said goodbye to the chicks this week who they have been parents to for the last couple of weeks. It was lovely to see the smile on the children's faces when they held the chicks for the last time! A huge thank you to Mrs Molloy for making all of this possible.

Year 6 In year 6 we have been working on long division in our maths lessons and we are all looking forward to our trip on Tuesday. Your child should have a letter about this today.

Mrs Bartlett's Box

Isn't it amazing how quickly we fall back into the usual rhythms and patterns of school life? It's hard to believe we have only just completed week 3 when it feels like we have been back for a long time! We completed our first fire drill of the year yesterday and the children were absolutely brilliant - calm and quiet with Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 achieving a record-breaking time of 1 minute 35 seconds to exit the building and be waiting on the playground! I hope you have a lovely weekend.



Mrs Bartlett
Head Teacher

Communication

As a school we have worked really hard to improve our communication with parents and ensure that we have an open-door policy. KS2 collection from doors is one of the ways we have done this as well as the use of Class Dojo. Feedback has been very positive and parents have appreciated that we are contactable.

This year, we have had multiple occasions of parents contacting different adults in school about the same issue on multiple platforms. This has then meant that parents have received mixed messages back, messages have overlapped with timings or there has been a delay in responding as we have had to triangulate the different messages received. It is important to me that Borrow Wood responds to feedback in a timely, supportive and cohesive way, and this is becoming harder to achieve.

In many situations, class teachers are always the best person to deal with any concerns or worries, as they will be able to explain what has happened or any actions taken. If one medium can be chosen (Dojo or email), then that will also help to keep track of the communication. Thank you for your help in making sure that communication is consistent and supportive.

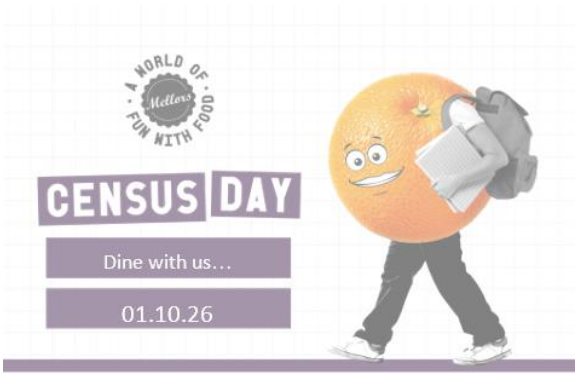
Parents' Evening

Look out for an extra email next week to sign up for parents' evening slots on Wednesday 14th October and Wednesday 21st October.

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Census day special menu

On Thursday 1st October we will be having a change to the menu please see below.
There only be the below options and a sandwich option. **NO jacket potato's or pasta on this day!**
Any dietary requirements will be catered for!



Main

KFC Fake away

Chicken goujon
Quorn dipper
French fries' beans or sweetcorn

Dessert

Waffle station
Fresh fruit
Yoghurt selection

World Mental Health Day

To celebrate World Mental Health Day, we are inviting the children to wear yellow or green on Friday 9th October. It could be just one item or the full outfit!

Coats & Wellies

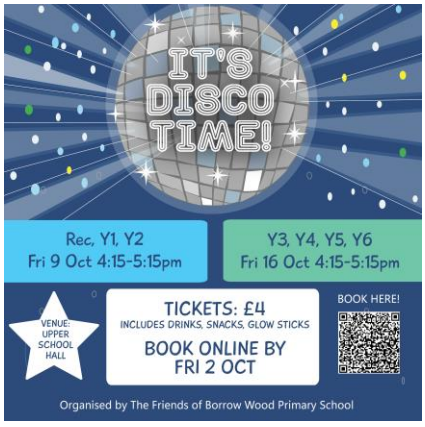
Along with wellies, please make sure your child is bringing a coat to school each day. The weather is so unpredictable at the minute and we have had a few children caught in the rain this week as they haven't brought a coat to wear.





Back To School Discos!

The Friends of Borrow Wood are pleased to announce our first events of the year: Back to School Discos!
Reception, Y1, Y2: Fri 9th Oct
Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6: Fri 16th Oct
Both run 16:15-17:15 - giving the children time to go home and get into their party clothes!
Sign-up here by Friday 2nd October: https://forms.gle/aTMFfN1LaN5bY9Bv6
Contact friendsofborrowwood@gmail.com with any queries.



Swimming

The pop-up pool will be returning to school the first 3 weeks after half term. Year 3, Year 4 and ERF children, look out for further information being sent out next week. There will also be the offer of after school clubs for the other year groups so keep a look out for emails about that too.

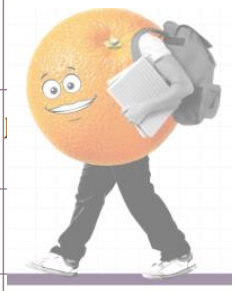
My Happy Mind

This week, we launched our new PSHE scheme My Happy Mind. As well as dealing with all parts of the PSHE curriculum, My Happy Mind goes deeper and teaches the children all about their brain and how they can use it at its BEST! Over the coming weeks, they will be learning about the hippocampus, amygdala and pre-frontal cortex in age-appropriate ways.
We also chose this scheme as there is an app available that can support parents with a variety of different topics at home. You can sign up using this link https://www.learn.myhappymind.org/Customer-Parents-Resources-Activation-Code and then using the code **146847.** We would love to hear your feedback.

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Menu week commencing 28th September 2026

WEEK 1	MEAT FREE MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Macaronni Cheese	Ham Pizza with baked Wedeges	Toad in the hole with mashed Potato and gravy	Census Day alternative menu please see previous page .	Crispy Fish Fingers with Chunky Chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Vegetarian Korma with Chicken Style Pieces & 50/50 rice	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheels with baked wedges	Quorn Fillet with roast potatoes & Gravy		Falafal & Salad Pitta with chunky chips
Pasta of the day	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Cheesy Pasta	Chicken Pasta	C	Tomato and Basil Pasta
Accompaniments	Peas & Brocolli ..... Salad Bar	Sweetcorn & Colslaw ..... Salad Bar	Carrots & Cauliflower ..... Salad Bar		Peas and Baked Beans ..... Salad Bar
Desserts	Jelly	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Chocolate Cookie		Ice Cream
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	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

Calander dates Autumn 1

8th September Year 6 height and weight
29th September Year 6 Magna trip
9th October PTA Reception/KS1 disco
16th October PTA KS2 disco
14th & 21st October 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