



# Borrow Wood Primary School

## Newsletter

Date w/c 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Issue 4

### Weekly Update

**ERF!** In Elm Class, the children have been taking part in Drawing Club through the story: 'Giraffe's Can't Dance' and have been using their imaginations to create drawings and learn new vocabulary in fun and exciting ways. In Willow Class, the children have been taking part in 'Squiggle Whilst you Wiggle' sessions where they are working on fundamental gross motor skills whilst dancing to music with different coloured scarves. What an exciting, fun-filled week we've had!

**Nursery** Here is this weeks sentence - This week, we have been exploring our topic 'Family'. The children loved sharing stories and talking about the special people in their lives. Using their photos from our 'People Who Are Special to Us' display, they proudly introduced the important members of their families.

**EYFS** Acorn class have taken home their very first school reading books this week! We have also been on an Autumn walk in the school grounds and spotted a pumpkin

**Year 1** This week in Pear Class we have been exploring sunflowers and learning on how they grow.

**Year 2** A lovely, busy week in Year 2. We have had lots of fun learning how to plant bulbs in science and can't wait to see our flowers grow in the courtyard next year!

**Year 3** Year 3 have been learning about pirates this week. They are really enjoying it and are able to tell me lots of facts. We even found out that pirates didn't walk the plank! Great work Maple class

**Year 4** This week, we had our first session with the ukeleles in music where we were introduced to a range of different strumming techniques. For our first time, we sounded great! We've also been exploring using 'darkness' in our charcoal artwork even learning about the local painter Joseph Wright.

**Year 5/6** Year 5/6 came together this week for a hot chocolate tasting extravaganza! Linked to our history topic of the Ancient Maya civilization, the children had the opportunity to taste a range of hot chocolates with some added ingredients. The children got quite a shock when they took a sip of the one that included cayenne pepper resulting in some amusing facial expressions!

### Mrs Bartlett's Box

Happy October! Autumn is one of my favourite times of year with the leaves changing colour; I can't wait to see how colourful the school site becomes especially with the variety of trees we are lucky to have. The Halloween discos are also fast approaching so make sure you get your tickets - you may even see me on the dance floor! Also don't forget to help yourself to our apples for any home baking opportunities or Halloween apple bobbing.

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday.

Mrs Bartlett  
Head Teacher



### Parent Governors

We currently have spaces for two parent governors on our governing board. A separate letter will come out explaining more about the role but if you are interested, please speak to Mrs Bartlett or to Laura Smith, our Chair of Governors.

### Borrow Wood Ambassadors

Well done to the following children for successfully being voted in as Borrow Wood Ambassadors for this academic year:

Candidate s	Votes:
Lily B	85
Olivia T	78
Grace H	76
Olive C	75

### KS2 Collection

Following some parental feedback (and a desire to keep the grass as mud-free as possible!), please can KS2 parents come onto the top playground to collect their children, instead of waiting by the bike shed.

This will improve supervision of the children and communication opportunities between parents and teachers. Once the majority of the children have been collected by around 3:40pm, teachers will then walk any remaining children round to the bike shed area.



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### Nursery

We currently offer nursery provision for 3 year olds, however we are looking into opening our nursery for 'rising 3s' and potentially starting a 2 year old provision.

We need to see if there is a requirement for this in our area and also if there is anything else we could be offering to improve our provision. Thank you in advance for your thoughts.

<https://forms.office.com/e/3DAvPYJW8L>



### 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/application/files/1517/5766/4999/Core_Items.png)

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



### Stay and Play sessions 4:30-5:00pm

- Reception
- 30th September 2025
  - 11th November 2025
- Nursery
- 14th October 2025
  - 9th December 2025



Contact the office on 01332 662826 to book your place.



Are you looking for a school or nursery place in 2026?



A school where all children are encouraged to be their BEST?



A school with community at its heart?

We warmly welcome you to Borrow Wood Primary School, Spondon.

- ✓ A warm and inclusive school community.
- ✓ Passionate and dedicated staff.
- ✓ OfSTED 'Good' with 'Outstanding' behaviour and attitudes and personal development.
- ✓ Wrap-around provision from 7:30am-5:30pm.
- ✓ Extensive outdoor facilities.
- ✓ Significantly above national averages in Government assessments (EYFS, phonics and KS2 SATs).

#### Open Days

- 4th November 5pm
- 7th November 9:30am
- 7th November 2pm

Personal tours of school are also warmly welcomed by prior appointment. Contact the office on 01332 662826 to arrange a visit.



### FOBWS Update

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

Book by Friday 10th October at:

<https://forms.gle/Qxt3jZ7bjo1vWkHd8>











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Menu week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025

WEEK 2	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Main dish</b>	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Chicken tikka masala with 50/50 rice	Roast chicken with new potatoes & gravy	 Italian pasta bolognese	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
<b>Vegetarian Main dish</b>	 BBQ bean & cheese wrap with 50/50 rice	 Quorn™ lasagne with herby dough balls	Creamy Quorn™ pie with new potatoes	Vegetable Chow Mein	Vegetarian burger with chunky chips
<b>Accompaniments</b>	Peas & coleslaw ..... Salad bar	Carrots & green beans ..... Salad bar	Broccoli & cauliflower ..... Salad bar	Sweetcorn & carrots ..... Salad bar	Peas & baked beans ..... Salad bar
<b>Desserts</b>	Lemon shortbread	 Fresh fruit & ice cream	Marble sponge & custard	Chocolate & orange cookie	 Fruit in jelly
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

**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  
**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 4th September 2025  
 Friday 5th September 2025  
 Monday 3rd November 2025  
 Friday 13th February 2026  
 Thursday 23rd July 2026