



Borrow Wood Primary School

Newsletter

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Weekly Update

ERF The children in the ERF have loved their first Welly Wednesday session this week! We found lots of conkers, acorns, pinecones and creepy crawlies! We climbed up trees and marched our way through bushes. We love being outdoors!

Nursery In nursery, the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring feelings, routines, and friendships through our *Colour Monster Goes to School* topic. We've had a wide range of engaging activities to support this, sparking lots of lovely conversations about enjoying school and feeling happy to be here each day.

EYFS In Acorn class this week we have been talking about **Families**. As part of this topic The children have bought in photographs of their families and have absolutely loved sharing them with the whole class, and this will become a permanent display in our classroom. Other highlights this week have been making lolly stick houses and starting 'dough disco'.

Year 1 This week in Pears we have been finding out about Autumn and have loved being detectives outside collecting leaves and looking for other clues that the season is changing. Maybe try this at the weekend!

Year 2 In Year 2 we have been re-telling the story of Little Red Riding Hood with a difference! Little Red Riding Hood has asked us to create a new ending and the children have used their imaginations!

Year 3 In year 3 we have had a great week. We have started our new class book, *Fantastic Mr Fox* by Roald Dahl. We are loving it! I have also seen lots of Maple class reading at home, which is great.

Year 4 In Fir this week, we have written a diary entry from the perspective of Bear from our class book. We have also voted for our school council representative - congratulations to our winning candidate!

Year 5/6 Our Year 5/6 pupils have begun their first history topic of the year, the Ancient Maya, with a lesson on understanding chronology and how this ancient civilization fits into the history of the world.

Mrs Bartlett's Box

It's hard to believe that September is almost over, and we are halfway through the first term. With the changing weather, please make sure that any jumpers, coats, hats, scarves, gloves are all labelled with your child's name.

One minute it feels cold and the next warm so we are seeing lots of items of clothing left behind at break and lunchtimes which we can't always reunite with their owners. Let's get the clothes back to where they belong!

We have many wonderful trees on our school grounds including an apple tree, we have been blessed with many apples this year! Please help yourself to the apples - tub located lower school on the grass near the nest sign. Happy baking! We welcome any samples, especially apple crumble.

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday.

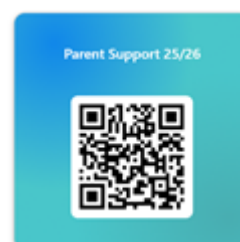
Mrs Bartlett
Head Teacher



Parent Support

With parent volunteering and expertise in mind, I have created a Forms where we can collate your skillset and time available. I am also aware that many of you own businesses and where possible, I would like to support local companies through advertising in newsletters, sponsorships, attendance at PTA events and gathering quotes for work around school.

<https://forms.office.com/e/bkMmtALjDb>





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Year 6 Kingswood Residential Trip Update

Thank you to all parent/carers who have returned the consent form for the above trip. We will be sending the 2nd letter out very soon regarding the payment schedule.

We will be requesting payment for the non-refundable deposit of £40.00.

Please bear with us regarding the payment app we will soon update you. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you require any further information.

If your child would like to attend the trip and you haven't completed a form, please contact the school office:

admin@borrowwood.odysseyct.org.uk

Arbor Update

We would like to thank you for your patience whilst we have been working on our new system, Arbor. We are now pleased to inform you that the Parent Portal and Parent app is now live and available for you to set up an account.

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.

Please be aware that we are continuing to update our data since the start of the school term. If you have any queries, please do contact me in the school office.

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.

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

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.











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Menu week commencing 29th September 2025

WEEK 1	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	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
Vegetarian Main dish	 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
Accompaniments	Peas & broccoli ----- Salad bar	Roasted vegetables ----- Salad bar	Carrots & cauliflower ----- Salad bar	Green beans & sweetcorn ----- Salad bar	Peas & baked beans ----- Salad bar
Desserts	 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 to 4.30pm.
 Gardening Club **every Wed** 3.30 to 4.15pm.
23rd Oct Halloween KS1 Disco 4.00 to 5.00pm.
24th Oct Halloween KS2 Disco 4.00 to 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