



Borrow Wood Primary School

Newsletter

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Issue 2

Weekly Update

ERF We have had fun packed week in the ERF focused on the Colour Monster and our families. The children have mixed colours, tasted different fruits and used emotion language to describe how they are feeling. Well done everyone!

Nursery This week, the children have been happy and engaged as they explored different emotions through stories, songs, and creative play. They are beginning to recognise their own feelings and are learning how to express them in a positive way.

EYFS Acorns have had another super week consolidating new routines and expectations and learning about understanding and expressing their feelings and emotions. Highlights of the week have been going to our first assembly and starting phonics!

Year 1 Week 2 has been another great week in Pear Class! The children have been very keen to join in with their new learning.

Year 2 We have had a lovely week in Year 2, and produced some brilliant artwork inspired by the artist, Molly Haslund. The children have enjoyed getting creative with spiral art making snail shells.

Year 3 We are starting to use charcoal in our art lessons, the children are excited and are becoming great at evaluating other artists' work

Year 4 In Fir class this week, we have been enjoying the story of The Bear and the Piano by David Litchfield. This has included writing descriptions of the city, learning new grammar skills and acting out the whole story as a class.

Year 5/6 In Y5/6 this week, the children have taken part in PE lessons based on the sport of handball. This has been a new sport for many, but they have all worked really hard to understand the rules, and to work as teams to gain a positive result. Also, the children have engaged in the school council elections with many children putting themselves forwards and sharing plentiful reasons why they should be chosen. Well done to our successful candidates!

Mrs Bartlett's Box

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to complete the 'Why Borrow Wood' parent survey in last week's newsletter. I am leaving it open for another week so please do take the time to share your views. It is clear so far that positive relationships are very important to you as parents (and to me too!) so I will continue to plan in opportunities for those relationships to grow.

I have also had a few parents speak to me about volunteering their time and/or expertise in supporting school and in particular the school site. Mrs Molloy, Mr Saunt and I met last week to create a wish list of development around school; it won't happen overnight but over the coming years, we have plans for significant improvement!

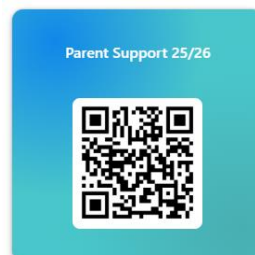
Mrs Bartlett
Head Teacher



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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Rock steady

We have spaces available for students in Key stage 1 and 2 to join our rock steady session. George our Band leader is offering free trial lessons for your child. For key stage 1 we have places free for the guitar, keyboard or vocals. For key stage 2 we have all instruments free to trial.

If your child is interested in a free trial, please let the school office know or your child's class teacher.

A flyer will be sent out with more details of how you sign up for the lessons.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Please pop into the school office if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals (a household income of no more than £16,000) and complete a form. Every child that is eligible for Free School Meals provides the school with Pupil Premium funding which can be used to enhance their education and provide wider opportunities beyond the classroom.

Road Safety

A reminder that all children travelling on their bikes to school should have a helmet on and need to have a good understanding of road safety. There was a near miss on Arundel Drive this week after a child did not look before riding onto the road on their bike and a car had to brake sharply to avoid them. Please remind your children of the rules of the road and to be vigilant when riding to and from school.

Have Your Say - Why Borrow Wood?

Where possible, I like to get a little 'sensecheck' on a variety of different topics and I do this through surveys. I promise the surveys will be short but it helps me to get a range of views from all parents and carers, not just those of you who come onto the playground. Please scan the QR code or use the link below to access the survey - I do appreciate your time and feedback.

<https://forms.office.com/e/13Mw5SskS8>



JOIN THE FRIENDS OF BORROW WOOD!



For the children

The events we plan will improve your child's school experience, creating fun opportunities to socialise outside of the classroom.

For the school

Fundraising helps the school to purchase additional resources that can enhance your child's school experience.

For yourself

Volunteering is a rewarding experience - it's great to see the children enjoying themselves at our events, and it's also a good way to get to know other parents, carers and teaching staff.

Interested?

Whether you'd like to join the committee or just help out at events on a more casual basis, we'd love to hear from you!











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Menu week commencing 22nd September

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 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 4.3pm.
 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