

# Balfour Infant School



Newsletter 23 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A message from the School Council:

The School Council are having an Easter Raffle to win tasty, delicious and heavenly chocolate eggs. The School Council will be selling raffle tickets for 50p each. All the money raised will go to the school. We will start selling tickets on Monday 23rd March until Wednesday 1st April. We will go round to each class to sell tickets so please send any money in a named envelope. On Thursday 2nd April we will draw the raffle in assembly and the winners will get a chocolate egg.

Thank you for taking part and helping us.

The School Council.

## Parent consultations

Thank you to everyone for attending our parent consultation meetings. I hope that you found them useful.

## The playground

I would like to remind you that children must remain with the adult that is dropping off or collecting them whilst in the playground at the beginning and end of the school day.

Please refrain from sitting on the playground barriers as the children are not allowed to do this.

## Parent Conduct

We have recently been contacted by several members of our school community who have raised concerns about the conduct of some parents outside our school gates at drop-off and pick-up times. These concerns relate to the use of inappropriate language and children not being closely supervised near the roadside. To help us keep everyone safe, please avoid congregating around the school gates once you have left the grounds and ensure the footpath is kept clear for all pedestrians. Thank you for your cooperation in promoting a calm and safe environment for our whole community

## Move to Arbor

We are moving to a new main system in school called Arbor. Many of you will already use this system with Balfour Junior Academy. To ensure that we can set the system up correctly, we must ensure that we have up to date contact information for all parents and carers. Therefore, I am sending a paper form home today, asking you to provide your most up to date email address to us.

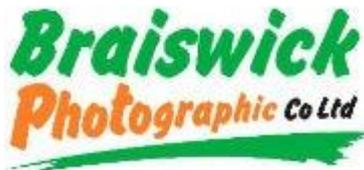
Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Pomeroy



### Class Photographs

Proof cards for class photographs were sent home this week. Please note that orders must be made online at by 24th March. Any orders made after this date will incur a £4 admin charge.



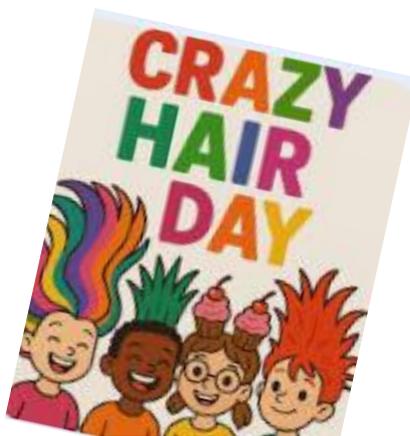
### Year 1 Trip to Shorne Country Park

A reminder that the consent slip and payment for the Year 1 trip to Shorne Country Park must be returned by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at the very latest please. If you feel that you are not able to make the contribution requested, please come and talk to us.



### Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Comic Relief was built on the belief that laughter can bring us together and help change lives. We are supporting Comic Relief's Red Nose Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March and this year the theme is 'Take Yourself Funny for Money'. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes and wear a crazy hairstyle for the day in return for a donation to the charity, turning one day of silliness into the essentials every person needs to survive; food to eat, a safe place to sleep and a life free of fear and harm. Please donate if you can either by using our donation bucket in the playground or by sending 50p or £1 into school with your child. Thank you.



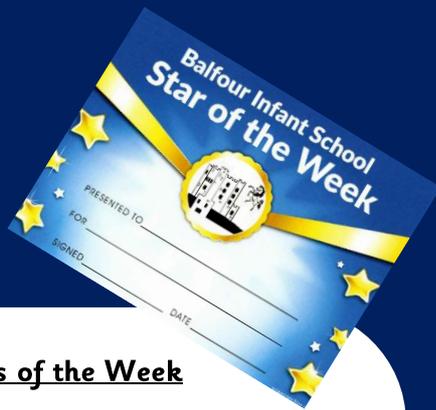
### Save the Date

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April we are pleased to invite you to join us to watch our Spring Bonnet Parade at 9a.m., showcasing the designs of Easter bonnets and Spring hats made by the children at home. If your child would like to make an Easter bonnet at home, please bring this in for the day. Please come along to watch if you can.





# Celebrating Our Achievements



## Stars of the Week

This week our 'Star of the Week' certificates were presented to children linked to our core value of Kindness.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Elle	Kavya	Finn
Tiara	River	Sully
Dorukhan	Mustafa	Evie
Jagnoor	Andrew	Avitya
Thomas	Harveen	Arbana
Livia	Amir	River-Rose



## Handwriting award winners

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Avi	Anusri	Phoebe
Dhiyanshi	Harriet	Raye
AJ	Roman	Jenson



## House Points

House	Points
Ruby	354
Diamond	325
Emerald	339
Sapphire	317

Well done to Ruby!





# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

## Attendance

Bumblebee 93.2 %	Dragonfly 98.4%	Ladybird 93.2%
Nightingale 96.3%	Sparrow 97.5%	Woodpecker 98.3%
Badger 95.4%	Hedgehog 99.2%	Otter 100%

**Overall School Attendance: 97%**

**Our whole school target is: 96%.**



## Upcoming Events

### Date

16/3/26 – 27/3/26	Walkin' and Wheelin' Challenge (Medway Event)	During this two week period, families are challenged to walk or wheel to school as often as possible.
17/3/26	British Science Week	More details to follow
20/3/26	Red Nose Day	Children to wear their own clothes and create crazy hair styles for 50p or £1.

