

Balfour Infant School

Newsletter 15 Friday 9th January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year!

As we embark on this new term, the children have been exploring the concept of New Year's resolutions through the lens of our core values. As part of our class assemblies this week, each class has written a resolution that they will try to commit to.



On Monday, 6th January, the children learned about the Feast of the Epiphany and its significance within the Christian calendar. During our discussions, we highlighted how this occasion marks the conclusion of the Christmas celebrations, allowing us to reflect on the themes of revelation and the importance of the journey of the Magi. Have a good weekend.

Winning house point team



Congratulations to Emerald House for earning the most House Points last term. They received certificates in assembly and enjoyed watching a film as a special treat this afternoon. House Points celebrate our students' achievements and foster community spirit. We are proud of all our pupils for the contributions that they make to school life.

Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding Policy and Procedures can be found on our school website under Key Information > Policies.

E-Scooters

Kent Police sent out communication about the use of e-scooters. I would like to remind everyone of the following information:

E-Scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It is not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it is illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces, such as pavements.

Christmas Present Room

We hope you enjoyed opening the gifts that the children purchased for you from our Christmas Present Room. A profit of £150.10 was made which will go towards our school fund.

Other fundraising events

As you are aware, in addition to the Christmas Present Room, we held a Christmas Raffle and Colouring Competition. We raised a combined sum of £358.90 to go towards our school fund. Thank you to everyone that donated prizes or purchased raffle tickets.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr J Pomeroy



Asthma Inhalers/Medication

We have a number of asthma inhalers that were sent home before the Christmas break and have not been returned to us. Please can we ask that these be sent back into school, in the original prescribed boxes please, as soon as possible. Please remember that inhalers and medication of any other kind must be handed in to the school office and not put in your child's book bag. Thank you.



Applications for September 2026

A final reminder that the deadline to apply for a Reception place for September 2026 is Thursday 15th January at 5p.m.

This is also the deadline for applications to be made if your child is in Year 2 and transferring to Junior School. Please be aware that although we are paired with Balfour Junior Academy an application must still be made.

www.medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions

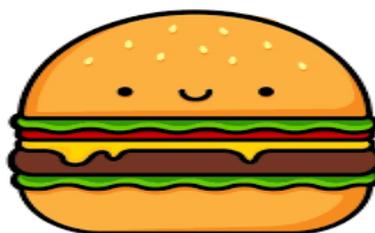


School Census Day

We have to provide information to the Department for Education (DfE), which dictates how much funding the school receives.

One of the key funding categories is how many children take a school lunch on census day. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free meal every day. Some parents choose not to take this offer and supply their children with a packed lunch. We would like your help to try and encourage your child to take a school lunch next Thursday for just the one day, to help our school receive the maximum funding available. We always try to ensure that on census day one of the more popular meal choices is available. Next Thursday the menu has changed to burgers or vegetarian hot dogs, wedges and cookies. The hope is that all children will be offered a school lunch, home packed lunches can also be brought in as a back up. If you do not wish your child to be offered a school lunch, please let us know.

If you have placed your orders for next week in advance, this will be cancelled and will need to be re-done for next Thursday please. Thank you.



School Clubs

We have availability on our before and after school clubs. If your child would like to join football, dance, multi-sports or choir club please come and speak with the school office.



MEDWAY MUSIC ASSOCIATION'S

KS1 SATURDAY MUSIC GROUP

 RAINHAM MARK GRAMMAR SCHOOL  09:15 - 10:00AM

For children in Year 1 and 2
Our KS1 group is designed to introduce children to music through some exciting and engaging musical activities.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Attendance

Bumblebee 87.5%	Dragonfly 96.2%	Ladybird 92.9%
Nightingale 92.5%	Sparrow 96.7%	Woodpecker 98.8%
Badger 97.5%	Hedgehog 100%	Otter 95%

Overall School Attendance: 95.6%

Our whole school target is 96%.

Balfour Infant School uses an efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs. Please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us if your child is ill and unable to attend school. Here's the link:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

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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 Respect.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Lewis	Ezmie	Millie
Laura	Skylar	Khari
Elsie	Amara	Jaya
Karter	George	Zoya
Jamie	Lyra	Leila
Clementine	Cody	Astika



House Points

House	Points
Ruby	369
Diamond	343
Emerald	354
Sapphire	356

Well done to Ruby!

Upcoming events

Date	School event	Information
15/1/26	Story Swap Day	Teaching staff will swap classes to read stories to the children
19/1/26	Rocksteady concert	The children who have been doing the Rocksteady sessions are performing in a special assembly to parents.
23/1/26	National Handwriting Day	Children will be doing special handwriting activities and hand writing awards in assembly
28/1/26 9 am - 9:30 am School Hall	Number Workshop for Year R Parents	Parents of children in Year R are invited to come and find out more about the Maths in school and how they can support their child further

