

Balfour Infant School

Newsletter 5 Friday 2nd October 2026



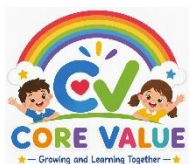
Dear Parents and Carers,



It has been a busy and exciting week at Balfour Infant School. Year 1 enjoyed their local walk, where they explored the natural and human features of our local area and identified a range of landmarks along the way. Today, Year 2 are taking part in their much-anticipated Pirate Day, immersing themselves in learning about pirate life, including where pirates sailed, what life was like aboard their ships and why they searched for treasure and valuable goods. We look forward to sharing more of their learning with you. Now, where's that treasure map..... ahoy, mateys!

Core value of the week

This week, we have been celebrating our school value of Curiosity. Children have been encouraged to ask questions, explore new ideas and investigate the world around them. Pupils have shown great enthusiasm for learning and discovering new things across the curriculum. We are proud of the curiosity and excitement for learning shown throughout the school.



Rocksteady

Last week, the children enjoyed an exciting assembly led by Elliot, one of the musicians from Rocksteady. The children learned a little bit about the electric guitar, bass guitar, drums, keyboard and vocals: all of the instruments that make up a Rocksteady band.

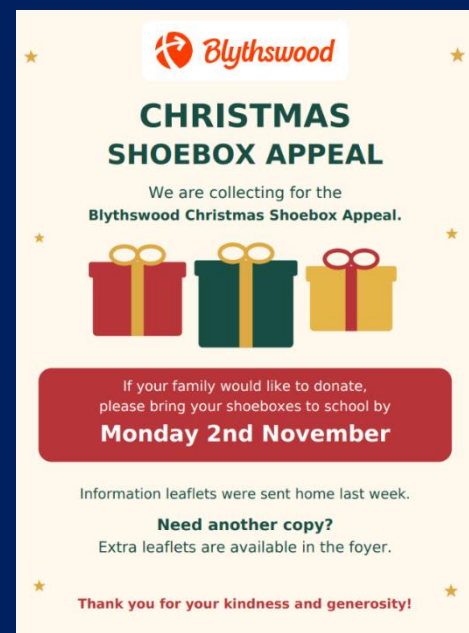


Holly, our band leader from Rocksteady, is holding taster band sessions over the next few weeks. If your child is interested in signing up for Rocksteady, and you would like one free taster session, please sign up via the office email address by Monday 5th October at 12pm. Please note that this is one introductory session. Full details and costings for Rocksteady are available on their [website](#).

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place this term in school on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October 2026. These meetings are an important opportunity for you to learn how your child has settled in to their new class, celebrate their successes, and work together with the class teacher to support their next steps in learning. To make an appointment with your child's class teacher, please book via Arbor. Appointments are ten minutes long. **Please only book one appointment.** [Booking will close on Thursday 8th October 2026.](#)

Have a good weekend. Mr Pomeroy



Thank you!



Balfour Infant School has received a donation of £500 from **Podium Surveying LLP**. This donation will be used to fund resources for the children to us.



Year 1 Local Walk

When looking at different types of houses Esther said "A bungalow doesn't have an upstairs."



Whilst walking past the local pre-school Clementine said "That's where my sister goes to pre-school".



"If you keep going up the hill you can see the church. The church is a human feature".
Jasmine



School Photographs

Proof cards for school photographs were sent home earlier this week.

Please note that the deadline to order your child's photograph is 12th October and all orders must be made online direct with our photographers, Braiswick.

Macmillan

We have now counted the money raised from our Macmillan Cake Sale. We are really pleased to be able to make a donation of £298 to the charity.

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and bought cakes to support such a worthwhile cause.

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



YOU ARE INVITED MEDWAY FUN PALACES TRAIL

Saturday 3 October

FREE Family day for all!

Five Locations.

Art/Science activities for all ages!

No booking Required

Nucelus Arts Centre Chatham - The Pentagon Shopping Centre -
Art Junction - Sun Pier House - Intra Arts

**fun
palaces**

Saturday 3 October
MEDWAY FUN PALACES TRAIL

Plan your route
nucleusarts.com/fun-palace



Balfour Infant School

BREAKFAST

With Santa

Join us for a magical festive experience! Children will enjoy a delicious breakfast, take part in fun Christmas games, meet Santa and receive a special gift.



Saturday 5th December
8:45 am or 10 am

£6 per child
Light breakfast • Meet Santa • Special Gift

£3 per adult

Spaces are limited, pre-book only via Arbor
Booking opens on Monday at 9am.

The 8.45a.m sitting is now fully booked and we have limited availability for the 10a.m. session so please book early to avoid disappointment.



All Saints Community Projects are hosting a very special event

💡 **LEAVE THE LIGHT ON** 💡

Men's Mental Health & Suicide Prevention

 **Thursday 19th November**

This November, we are bringing our community together for the **Leave the Light On Walk**, raising awareness of men's mental health and suicide prevention and sharing one very important message:

💙 **YOU ARE NOT ALONE.**

Everyone is welcome to walk with us.

Men, women, families, friends, community groups, local businesses and organizations, this walk is for everyone who wants to stand together in support of men's mental health and suicide prevention.

And if you can't join us on the walk, you can still be part of something special.

We are asking **homes, businesses, schools, community groups and organizations to LEAVE A LIGHT ON** the evening of **19th November**.

💡 Put a light in your window.

📷 Take a photograph.

📱 Share it on social media.

❤️ Use **#LeaveTheLightOn**

We want to light up **Medway and beyond** — not only along the route of our walk, but in homes, windows, businesses and across social media.

Every light can represent something...

❤️ Hope.

💬 A conversation.

👂 Someone listening.

💙 A reminder that **YOU ARE NOT ALONE.**

What started as one walk could become something so much bigger.

One walk. Hundreds of lights. One message:

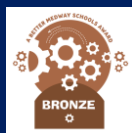
YOU ARE NOT ALONE. 💡 ❤️

We would love as many of you as possible to get involved.

Whether you walk with us, leave a light in your window, share a photograph, tell your friends and family or simply start a conversation, **you are part of it.**

Please share this far and wide and help us **light up the night on 19th November.**

🕯️ *Safety reminder: Never leave a naked flame unattended. Battery-operated candles and lights are encouraged*



LET'S TALK



Education, Inclusion & SEND Support Event

Questions or concerns about
your child's education?

Come and speak directly with Medway Council
teams from Education, Inclusion and SEND



Get advice
and guidance



Find out about
available
support



Ask questions
and share
concerns



Learn about
your options



Date:
12 October



Time:
12pm to 6pm



Venue:
**Parkwood
Youth Centre**

No appointment needed

Just drop in and talk to our teams



Attendance

Bumblebee 96.1%	Dragonfly 93.9%	Ladybird 93.3%
Nightingale 94.7%	Sparrow 97.1%	Woodpecker 97.2%
Badger 97.8%	Hedgehog 96.7%	Otter 98.9%

Overall School Attendance: 96.3%

Our Whole School Target is 96%

Upcoming events

Date	School event	Information
Tuesday 13 th October 3:30-7 pm	Parents Evening	Parents meet with their child's class teacher and have an opportunity to look through their child's work.
Thursday 15 th October 3:30-5 pm		Appointments bookable via Arbor.

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance





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 Teamwork.

Year 1	Year 2
Clementine	River
Frederick	Elizabeth
Tiara	Dylan
Miller	Iremide
William	Taran
Millie	Luna



Handwriting Award Winners

Year 1	Year 2
Livia	Ite
Tilly	Olivia
Sylvia	Dylan

