

# Balfour Infant School



Newsletter 35 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



**Year R Sports Day:** Congratulations to Diamond House who were the winning team at Reception's Sports Day! It was wonderful to see the children walking hard on their multisport skills and working together as a team.



**World Music Day:** Each class has been exploring diverse musical traditions from around the globe, allowing the children to appreciate the rich tapestry of cultures that music embodies. Next week the children will be sharing performances with one another in a special assembly. I hope to share some photos from this with you in my next newsletter.



**Tag Day:** Don't forget that the children can wear their own clothes to school next **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** in return for a donation of sweets (no chocolate or nuts please) a bottle of something e.g. toiletries, drink (all alcohol to be handed in to the school office), plants or seeds for our school fayre.

From 6<sup>th</sup> July we will also be happy to receive donations of unwanted children's books, Balfour Infant School or Balfour Junior School uniform, toys or teddies.



**Hot Weather:** Thank you for your continued support throughout the hot weather. The children have behaved incredibly well this week and have adjusted well to having indoor play. Year R have particularly enjoyed their 'spa' mornings, dipping their feet into cool water.



**Goodbye and Good Luck:** Many of you will have met Mrs Virdi who has been covering in the office. Today is Mrs Virdi's last day. We thank her for her work and wish her the best of luck for the future.

Mr Pomeroy

Date		
29/6/26	<b>Year R Football 4 all workshops</b>	Year R will be having workshops to celebrate the world cup. Children need to be wearing their PE kits
2/7/26	<b>Transition Mornings</b>	Children to meet their new teacher and spend time in their new classrooms.  The Year Two children will visit Balfour Juniors for the morning.
2/7/26	<b>Year R Stay and Play Session 1</b>	New entrants will be invited to come in and see their new classroom.
3/7/26	<b>African drumming workshops</b>	Classes will be having African drumming workshops throughout the day.
3/7/26	<b>Tag day for a donation to the school fayre</b>	Children can wear their own clothes in return for bringing in a donation to the school fayre. We will be collecting sweets and bottled-items.

Visit our [School Calendar](#) for the full breakdown of events for Term 6.



# WORLD CUP FOOTBALL WORKSHOPS

"I haven't played football before but I really enjoyed it and I was quite good"



Erika "I learnt how to pass the ball"



Adam "I am happy I lifted the cup".



Seb "I loved it. I liked playing the tournament"



# YEAR R SPORTS DAY



"My favourite part about Sports Day is the jumping. We had to do 10 jumps." Sahiba

"I did the Javelin. We had to throw it really far." Jamie



"My favourite thing was the bean bag race. I got 2 in the hoop!" Millie



# 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
Buddy	Skylar	Shahida
Hendrix	Arhaan	Aizah
Luke	Harry	Mollie
Teddy	AJ	Isla
Peyton	George	Willow
Esther	Felix	Aidan



## Handwriting award winners

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Leo	Edward	Florence
Maisie	Ezmie	Ramona
Alicious	Austin	Tito



## House Points

House	Points
Ruby	401
Diamond	374
Emerald	375
Sapphire	379

Well done to Ruby!



# DISCOVER 100's OF FREE ACTIVITIES DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



**MedwayGo**  
FREE ACTIVITIES DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- Free places available for children eligible for benefit related free school meals
- Free places available for children that are in care, from military families or children with SEND (special educational needs and disabilities)
- Plus paid places on selected activities

## FOLLOW THESE 3 EASY STEPS TO ACCESS MEDWAYGO ACTIVITIES

### STEP 1

Check you are eligible. If you are receiving benefit related free school meals this makes you automatically eligible. If you are not in receipt of benefit related free school meals but think you may be eligible for them, please apply via the [medway.gov.uk](http://medway.gov.uk) website. If you believe you are eligible for any other reason please email [go@medway.gov.uk](mailto:go@medway.gov.uk).

### STEP 2

Once you have confirmed your eligibility, you can explore activities and book your place via the website (during booking periods).

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:** football, tennis, karate, trampolining, dance, theatre, swimming, outdoor pursuits, arts and crafts and so much more

### STEP 3

If eligibility is confirmed your booking will be approved. Paid places may also be available to book for non-eligible children.

All staff and volunteers are experienced and DBS checked, providing peace of mind for you and lots of fun for your kids!

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**mma** **KS1** **SUMMER MUSIC COURSE**

**26th July 2026**  
**09:45 - 11:45**  
**Rainham Mark Grammar School**

[www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk](http://www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk)

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**mma** **BEGINNER** **SUMMER MUSIC COURSE**

**28th July 2026**  
**09:45 - 15:00**  
**Rainham Mark Grammar School**

**COST £12.50**  
No experience needed to Grade 1 standard for Years 3 - 9

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**mma** **3 DAY** **INSTRUMENTAL SUMMER MUSIC COURSE**

**25th - 27th July 2026**  
**09:45 - 15:00**  
**Rainham Mark Grammar School**

For those Grade 2 - 8 standard in Years 4 - 13

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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



## Attendance

Bumblebee 91.3%	Dragonfly 91.8%	Ladybird 93.8%
Nightingale 94.2%	Sparrow 93.8%	Woodpecker 94.2%
Badger 95.8%	Hedgehog 97.9%	Otter 93.3%

**Overall School Attendance: 94.2%**

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

