

Balfour Infant School

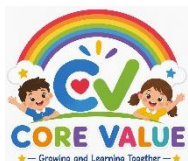


Newsletter 2 Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back for our first full week of the new school year. The children have been working hard and are already beginning to settle into their new routines and classes. It has been lovely to see them developing new friendships, reconnecting with familiar faces and approaching their learning with such positivity.

Core Value of the week:



This week, we have been focusing on our Core Value of Respect. Through classroom discussions, assemblies and daily interactions, the children have been exploring what respect looks like and how we can demonstrate it towards ourselves, others and our wider school community.

Family Trust Assembly:

On Monday, the children enjoyed a special assembly delivered by the Family Trust, which focused on empathy and how we can show understanding, kindness and consideration towards one another. The assembly provided valuable opportunities for reflection and linked closely to our work on respect.

New playground equipment:

Last year, our School Council worked incredibly hard to raise funds, which have been used to purchase new equipment for the children to enjoy during breaktimes and lunchtimes. The children have been delighted to use these resources, and we are very grateful for the efforts of the School Council and the support of our families in making this possible.

Polite request: Please ensure that you wait behind the barriers in the playground when dropping off or collecting your children.

Earrings: Only gold or silver plain studs to be worn. No hoops or diamonds please. Children must be able to remove earrings independently for PE. If your child cannot take out their own earrings, they should not wear them.

Book bags: Please ensure that your child has a book bag to store their reading book and record and contact book. These [can be purchased via](#) the Arbor app for £6.

Goodbye and Good luck: Today we say 'Goodbye' to Miss Kirsty. Miss Kirsty has supported many children at our school and will be incredibly missed. We wish her the best of luck as she moves onto pastures new.

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead and thank you for your continued support as we begin another successful school year together.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Pomeroy



Phonics & Reading Workshop

We look forward to seeing you at our Phonics and Reading Workshops in our school hall next week.

KS1 children – Thursday 17th September 08.55 – 09.30a.m.

Reception children – Friday 18th September – 08.55 – 09.30a.m.

Please do come along for information on how we teach phonics and early reading in school and for some hints and tips on how you can help support your child with their learning at home.

Phonics



School Census Day

School Census Day is Thursday 1st October. This is a very important day for us, as our school receives valuable funding from the government for every child who has a school lunch on census day.

There will be a special menu and exciting activities for all children to complete.

Please help us to obtain the maximum funding available by ordering a school lunch for your child on this day. If you do not place an order, we will do this for you unless you have told us that you do not wish us to do so.

If your child would normally bring in a packed lunch from home but you would like to help us by ordering a school lunch, you are welcome to send in a packed lunch as well.

Thank you.



School Communication & Correspondence

To reduce the amount of paper we use in school, all communication and correspondence is sent out to you via Arbor. Please therefore ensure that you have added us to your safe senders list and that you check your inboxes regularly.



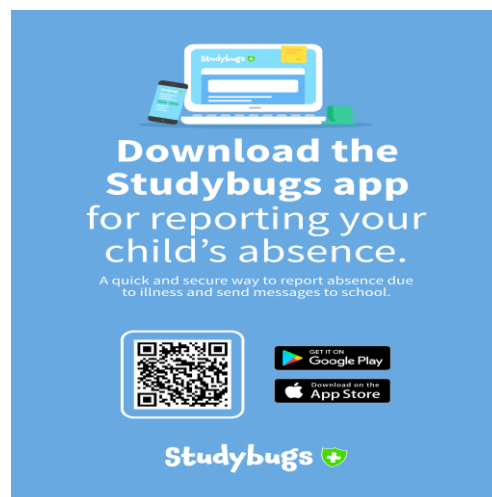
Asthma Pumps

We still have a number of asthma pumps that have not been returned to school. If your child's inhaler was sent home at the end of last term, please ensure that you have brought this back to us. If your child requires a new inhaler in school, please ensure that you have handed this in to the school office and completed a medical form. Thank you.



Absence from School

We use Studybugs for reporting absence from school. If your child is absent from school due to illness, please ensure that you have notified us via Studybugs by 9a.m. on each morning of absence. Thank you.



School Lunches

School lunch orders must now be made via Arbor. Here you will be able to choose from a hot main meal, a hot vegetarian meal, a jacket potato or a baguette from the deli bar. A full menu can be found on our website.

Please be aware when ordering that our meals containing meat products are not halal.

Clubs

Before and after school clubs start next week. All clubs now need to be booked directly with the club providers please.

If your child receives Pupil Premium, please contact the school office, who will provide you with a voucher code to use when booking your child's clubs.



**FOOTBALL
4 ALL**

**BALFOUR INFANTS
AFTER SCHOOL
FOOTBALL
CLUB**

RUN BY FOOTBALL 4 ALL

**EVERY
MONDAY**
During term time

3:15 – 4:00PM
Straight after school

INDOOR SESSION
Safe, fun and
weather proof

YEARS 1 & 2
All abilities
welcome!

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INFANTS**
LEARNING TOGETHER.
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FOOTBALL 4 ALL
Proud to be delivering
high quality football
opportunities for the
children of Balfour Infants.



**NEXGEN
SPORTS**

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**NEXGEN SPORTS
AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS**

GOOGLE 'NEXGEN SPORTS PEBBLE TO BOOK ON'

Tuesday – Multi Sports Club
Wednesday – Gymnastics Club
Friday – Dodgeball Club

Scan here to book on!

£5.50 per session – End of school till 16:15pm



**Balfour
Infant School**

Join us in September for a new year of Dance Club!
We will be learning new moves, a dance and have
plenty of opportunities for you to get creative. We
always start the session with a fun warm up and
end with a game so come and get moving with your
friends!

**Join us
for
September!**

Thursdays

£4.50
PER
PARTICIPANT,
PER SESSION

15:15 – 16:00pm

The Main Hall

Term 1 –
September 17th, 24th
October 1st, 8th, 15th

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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.

Year 1	Year 2
Livia	Eden
Haris	Florence
Honey	Archita
Jett	Karanik
Jasmine	Teddy
Lewis	Maya



Handwriting award winners

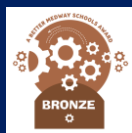
Year 1	Year 2
Conor	Amelie
Charlie	Ada-Rose
Joshua	Avi



House Points

House	Points
Ruby	308
Diamond	320
Emerald	354
Sapphire	319

Well done to Emerald!





Attendance

Bumblebee 94.7%	Dragonfly 90.2%	Ladybird 93.7%
Nightingale 87.6%	Sparrow 94%	Woodpecker 91.2%
Badger 97%	Hedgehog 96%	Otter 97.6%

Overall School Attendance: 94.1%

Our whole school target is: 96%.

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

Events Diary

Thursday 17 th September	Phonics and Reading workshop for parents of children in Ks1	8:55 – 9:30 in the school hall for parents of children in Ks1
Friday 18 th September	Phonics and Reading workshop for parents of children in EYFS	8:55 – 9:30 in the school hall for parents of children in Eyfs.

