

Balfour Infant School



Newsletter 38 Friday 17th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Fayre: Thank you to everyone that visited our fayre. Your support really does go a long way. Together we raised £1811.77. Thank you to all of our volunteers and staff that supported this event. All profit will be put towards our school fund.

Lightning McClean: Earlier on in the year, the school participated in a competition to name Medway's new rubbish truck and Balfour Infant School won, with the name of Lightning McClean.



Last day of term: Our last day of term is Thursday 23rd July. School reopens on Thursday 3rd September.

Year 2 Assemblies: Well done to all of our Year 2 children who have worked incredibly hard to present their end of term assemblies. You have shared wonderful memories about your time at Balfour Infant School.

Goodbye: At the end of the year Mrs Woodcock will be retiring. We are sure you will join us in thanking her for everything that she has done for our school and wish her the best of luck as she begins an exciting new chapter.

Have a good weekend.
Mr Pomeroy

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



Raffle Prize WINNERS

BBQ pack worth £30 from Denis Hills Butchers – M Courtley

£100 meal voucher for Bartellas Restaurant – E Willey

Family yearly pass for the Royal Engineers Museum x 2 – A Pasion & D Keswani

One free MOT at Hazel Motors – J Dobber-Morrell

Two Teepee Tents from Pyjama Parteezzz – C Potter

Family season ticket for Chatham Town Football Club – C Lloyd-Cantan

£20 for Farmview Butchers x2 – R Thomas & D Dunn

Family Photoshoot experience vouchers x5 – T Hay, A Rana, C Neveling, M Norris & M Tucker

A haircut at Constantine the Great – A Lawson

Tea and cake at The Bohemian – B Miri-Tao

£40 to spend at Red Menswear – L Langston

£10 to spend on flowers or plants at the Ginger Lily – K Simmons

£15 to spend at Get Ready Comics – A Morrell

£50 voucher for Mr T's Jewellers – J Dobber-Morrell

£10 at Empirepremium – R Levy

£15 to spend at The Quills x3 – S Snowden, C Potter & A Vipeesan

£15 to spend at Lennys – H Aslam

£10.99 torch from Johnstones - A Narenthiratev

Bottle of wine from Fish at 55 – C Hay

Meet the Alpacas Voucher for 4 – A Vipeesan

2 x 14 day passes for a family of 4 at Nuffield Health – T Carey & A Annis

£30 voucher for 28 West Barbers – H Franklin

£20 voucher for Chuck & Blade Burgers – A Pasion

House Cleaning Voucher from Elegance Cleaning Services – Nanny Lyn

Art Pack – S Edwards

Bracelets from Copenhagen Blue – L Townend

Padrino Pizza – Georgi H

Rochester Coffee Company – M Canham-Croom

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets



School Communication & Correspondence

We are reducing the amount of paper we use in school. All communication and correspondence is now 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.



Medication

All medicines and inhalers held in school will be sent home next Thursday. Please remember to bring medicines and washed inhalers back into school in September if required. Thank you



17/05/26	Winning house treat	The winning House will receive a treat in recognition of their hard work throughout the year.			
21/7/26	Year Two walk to Rochester (weather permitting)	Further information has been provided to Year 2 pupils.			
23/7/26	Last day of term 6 Tag day	£1.00 to wear their own clothes. All money donated to the school.			

Interested in shaping local mental health services for children and young people with learning disabilities?

Are you a parent/carer/sibling of, or a young person who is aged between 5 and 18 years old that has a learning disability? If so, Medway Council's Child Health team want to hear from you!

The Child Health team are launching a pilot for a new, non-clinical, creative health service for children and young people with a learning disability who experience mild mental health difficulties.

They want to hear your ideas and feedback for this service. Join them to take part in a range of activities including mind maps, creative worksheets, group discussions, and writing activities, based on the structure of the sessions for the pilot of the service.

Taking place at [Strood Youth Centre, Montfort Road, Rochester, ME2 3ET](#), on Wednesday 18th August.

There are two sessions available to attend:

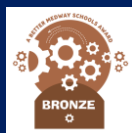
- Over 16's session: 1:30pm to 2:30pm, for parents/carers/siblings of a young person with a learning disability, wanting to share their ideas and feedback. If you're interested in taking part in this consultation session, please register your interest by completing the form: [Register my interest to take part in consultation \(over 16 years old\) – Fill in form](#)
- Under 16's session: 3pm to 4:30pm, for siblings of, and young people who have a learning disability, wanting to share their ideas and feedback. If you know a young person under the age of 16 who would like to take part, please register their interest by completing the form: [Register my interest to take part in consultation \(under 16 years old\) – Fill in form](#) (Please note, this must be filled in by a parent/carer on behalf of the young person).

If you have any questions, please email childhealth@medway.gov.uk.

Medway Council – Balfour Recreation Ground Survey

Medway Council has been given the opportunity to apply for funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to improve three play areas in Chatham.

Information regarding a local resident survey that they are conducting has been sent out to you today, together with details of when their team will be on site at Balfour Recreation Ground if you would like to share your views with them in person.





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 Independence.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Honey	Dylan	Jaya
Sylvia	Amelie	Theo
Charlie	Willow-Rose	Ariyah
Stanley	Kachi	Lyra
Filip	Dylan	Grace
Hollie	Lucas	Arwen



Handwriting award winners

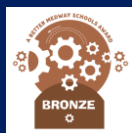
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Billie-Mae	Dylan	Astika
Tilly	Miriam	Piper
Elle	Joshua	Aidan



House Points

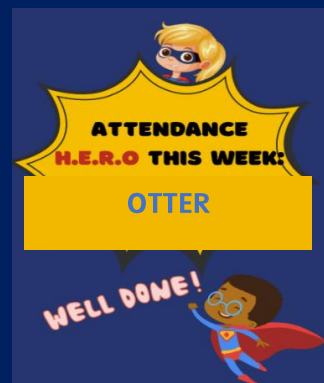
House	Points
Ruby	317
Diamond	333
Emerald	384
Sapphire	360

Well done to Emerald!





ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Attendance

Bumblebee 94.9%	Dragonfly 96.7%	Ladybird 93.8%
Nightingale 92.5%	Sparrow 90.8%	Woodpecker 96.7%
Badger 95.8%	Hedgehog 92.9%	Otter 98.8 %

Overall School Attendance: 94.7%

Our whole school target is: 96%.

THE FUN DRUM PRIMARY SCHOOL STARTER MEET-UPS

MONDAY 3RD AUGUST	9AM-11AM	MAUNDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST	9AM-11AM	OAKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
MONDAY 10TH AUGUST	9AM-11AM	DEANWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST	9AM-11AM	HEMPSTEAD INFANT SCHOOL
MONDAY 17TH AUGUST	9AM-11AM	BALFOUR INFANT SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST	9AM-11AM	ST THOMAS MORE
MONDAY 24TH AUGUST	9AM-11AM	LORDSWOOD SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST	9AM-11AM	SWINGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

QUOTE THE PRIMARY SCHOOL YOUR CHILD WILL BE ATTENDING FOR A FREE TEA OR COFFEE!

