

Balfour Infant School

Newsletter 3 Friday 18th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,



Core Value of the week:

This week, we have been focusing on our Core Value of Kindness. Staff have been spotting kindness and awarding house points when children have made a special effort to be kind.

Polite request: Please ensure that you wait behind the barriers in the playground when dropping off or collecting your children. A few parents are still standing in front of the barriers, which reduces visibility for staff when dismissing 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. **The same rule applies for after school clubs.**

Book bags: Please ensure that your child has a book bag to store their reading book and record and contact book. Many parents are sending their child in with very large backpacks. Unfortunately, our cloak rooms are not big enough to hold these. Large book bags fall from pegs and block corridors, creating a fire risk. I ask that you refrain from sending children to school with these.

Phonics workshop: Thank you to all parents that attended our phonics workshop, led by Miss Watson. If you could not attend, you can view the presentation file on our school website.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Macmillan Cake Sale – Thursday 24th September 2026:

We would be very grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits or other baked treats. Children are invited to bring in a contribution to help support this worthwhile cause. Please send donations in to school on Wednesday. **Please ensure that any allergens are clearly labelled on all donated items.** **Please do not use any nuts.**

During the afternoon, children will have the opportunity to buy a cake or biscuit to take home. Items will be available for 50p each, and children are welcome to bring in money to spend. Please send your child to school with change, rather than bank notes and place it in an envelope labelled with your child's first name and class. All money raised will be donated directly to Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Finally, we are delighted with how well our new Reception children have settled into school life. They have embraced new routines with confidence and enthusiasm, and we look forward to seeing them flourish throughout the year.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Pomeroy



School Photographs

Our school photographers, Braiswick, will be in school next Wednesday to take individual and sibling school photographs. Don't forget to bring your best smiles to school! Full school uniform must be worn on this day. No PE kits please.



KM First Class Photographs

A photographer from the Kent Messenger Newspaper will be visiting us next Thursday to take photographs of our reception classes to be printed in the First Class supplement in the KM newspaper.

Please note that if you have not consented to your child being included in photographs for the media, your child will not be included in their class photograph. Consent must be given via Arbor.





COME & JOIN

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



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



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weather proof



YEARS 1 & 2
All abilities
welcome!





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GROWING TOGETHER



Proud to be delivering
high quality football
opportunities for the
children of Balfour Infants.

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

15:15 - 16:00pm

The Main Hall

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

£4.50
PER
PARTICIPANT,
PER SESSION

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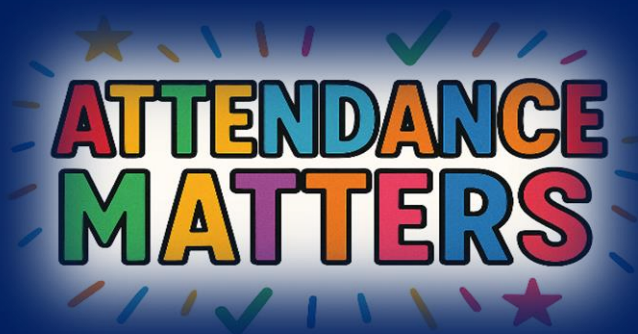
Census Day – Pirate Day Lunch for the whole school

It is school Census Day on **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 this day; the more children that order a lunch the more funding we receive.

Please can we ask for your help with this by ordering a lunch for your child for the 1st October. If you would like to send a packed lunch in from home as well, you are welcome to do so.

Any child without a lunch ordered will be ordered a meal by the school, unless you have told us that you do not wish your child to be included in our number of meals for census day and therefore, we will not receive funding for your child.





Attendance

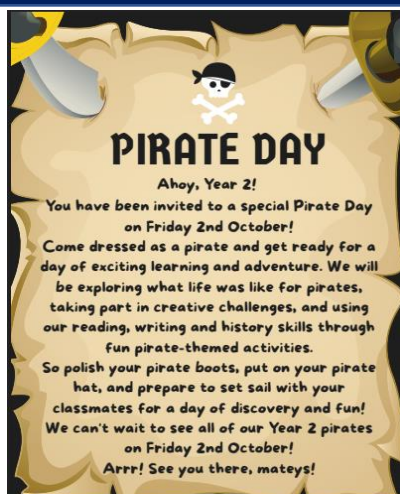
Bumblebee 94%	Dragonfly 89.9%	Ladybird 93.5%
Nightingale 92.1%	Sparrow 92.6%	Woodpecker 96.6%
Badger 95.9%	Hedgehog 94.9%	Otter 96.1%

Overall School Attendance: 94.2%

Our Whole School Target is 96%

Upcoming events

Date	School event	Information
21.09.2026	Recycle week	The children will be learning about the importance of recycling at school and at home.
23.09.2026	School Photographs	Individual and sibling school photographs
24.09.2026 8.55a.m. – 9.30a.m.	Behaviour for Learning Parent Workshop	All parents are welcome to come along and find out more about the Balfour Infant School Behaviour Policy
24.09.2026	Macmillan Cake Sale	Children to bring in cakes and money to buy a cake to take home All money goes to Macmillan.
25.09.2026	Rocksteady Assembly	Rocksteady will be leading an assembly about playing different instruments as part of a band.



Year 2 Pirate Day – Friday 2nd October

As part of their History learning, Year 2 children are learning about pirates and discovering what life was like for pirates in the past. To support and celebrate their learning, we will be holding a Pirate Day on Friday 2nd October. Year 2 children are invited to come to school dressed as pirates and will take part in a range of fun pirate-themed activities throughout the day. We look forward to seeing lots of creative pirate costumes and enjoying a swashbuckling day of learning and adventure!





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.

Year 1	Year 2
AJ	Kimrit
Maisie	Bertie
Freya	Dolcie Mae
Eesa	Amir
Ronak	Patrick
Peyton	Sherrin



Handwriting Award Winners

Year 1	Year 2
Luca	Kavya
Laura	Amara
Aoife	Andrew



House Points

House	Points
Ruby	257
Diamond	254
Emerald	295
Sapphire	231

Well done to Emerald!

