

Balfour Infant School



Newsletter 28 Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Act of Kindness

This week we have been celebrating our Core Value of 'Kindness.' Well done to all of our certificate winners.

Picnic

We will be holding a picnic on **Thursday 14th May** whilst we use the hall for a special art project. Children are invited to either bring in a healthy packed lunch or place an order on School Food United for a school packed lunch with a ham, cheese, tuna or egg baguette.

Pupil work showcase

We will be holding open afternoons, for the children to share their work with you between 2:30 and 3pm. This will be an opportunity to visit the classroom during the school day and see your child's work. These sessions will take place on the following days.

Reception – **Tuesday 19th May**, Year 1 – **Thursday 21st May**, Year 2 – **Wednesday 20th May**,

Arbor

82% of parents have signed up for Arbor. Thank you! For communication to be efficient within the school community I need all parents to sign up. If you have not yet signed up, you will shortly receive an email from the school office inviting you to do so.

Studybugs

Please remember that absence must be reported via Studybugs. Holidays during term time will not be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances. Our attendance policy is available to read on the school website [policy page](#).

Parking

I have received a complaint from a local resident, who has informed me that parents are often parking in front of his driveway. May I ask that members of the school community are respectful towards our neighbours and park responsibly.

I hope that everyone has an opportunity to enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.

Kind regards, Mr Pomeroy

Sun Cream and Hats



As we look forward to the warmer weather season, please make sure that you have applied sun cream to your child in the morning before arriving at school. If sun cream needs to be re-applied by your child at lunch time, please ensure that the bottle is clearly marked with your child's name and class and is handed to the class teacher or brought into the school office.

Please also ensure that your child has a named sun hat in school. If your child needs to wear prescription sunglasses, please ensure these are in a named case. Fashion sunglasses are not permitted. Thank you.



Year 1's Trip to Shorne Country Park



Harry (Woodpecker Class) *"I liked going on the coach and lunch"*

Blythe (Sparrow Class) *"I really liked making the den and we used pegs to hang things"*

Olivia (Nightingale Class) *"We stuck clay to the tree and made a face"*



Switchboard

We are noticing from our switchboard logs that some families are attempting to contact us by telephone continuously before 8.30a.m. **Please be reminded that our switchboard does not open until 8.30a.m. and the telephone will not be answered before this time.** If you would like to leave us a message prior to 8.30a.m. we do have a voicemail service. Messages regarding absences should be sent via Studybugs please.



May Bank Holiday

A reminder that school is closed for the Bank Holiday on Monday 4th May 2026.



Year 2 Trip to Kent Life

Our Year 2 pupils will be visiting Kent Life next Friday 8th May. Year 2 children may wear their own clothes for this outing, please ensure these are comfortable and that shoes are suitable i.e. sturdy boots or trainers. Please would you also ensure that your child has a waterproof coat with them for the day. If you have ordered a packed lunch from school, please send in an empty backpack for this to be placed in so that it can be easily carried. Thank you.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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8 th May	Year Two school trip	Year Two children will be visiting Kent Life.
11 th – 17 th May	Mental health awareness week	The children will participate in a special age-appropriate mental wellness assembly.
13 th May	Year Two Victorian Day	Year Two children are invited to come to school dressed as Victorians
14 th May	School Picnic and whole school art project	To be confirmed and more details to follow
15 th May	School Quiz night	Please book your place at the school office.





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
Stanley	Archita	Kareena
Laura	Jake	Jacob
Luke	Matthew	Harvey
Harun	Harriet	Sophie
Haris	Ariadne	Freyja
Ronak	Isaac	Willow



Handwriting award winners

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Lewis	Elizabeth	Kiyah
Bisma	Zoya	Theo K
Peyton	Avi	Gurjaap



House Points

House	Points
Ruby	437
Diamond	408
Emerald	434
Sapphire	395

Well done to Ruby!

We have been given some complimentary tickets by Chatham Football Club. If you would like to pick some up, please pop into the school office. When they're gone, they're gone.





ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Attendance

Bumblebee 94.6%	Dragonfly 97.3%	Ladybird 93.2%
Nightingale 90.4%	Sparrow 98.3%	Woodpecker 97%
Badger 90.8%	Hedgehog 95.8%	Otter 99.2%

Overall School Attendance: 95.2%

Our whole school target is: 96%.

