

Balfour Infant School

Newsletter 4 Friday 25th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,



Core value of the week:

This week, we have been focusing on our Core Value of Teamwork. Staff have been spotting teamwork and awarding house points when children have made a special effort to support one another.



Macmillan Cake Sale – Thursday 24th September 2026:

Thank you to everyone, children and parents for your very kind donations of biscuits and cakes. Also, a huge thank you for spending your money to buy cakes. So far, we have raised £240.

Read Write Inc Phonics



As we have made you aware, we started a new phonics programme at the beginning of September. The children are working so hard and are really excited about their phonics learning.

Parent Consultations



Parent consultations will take place this term in school on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October 2026. These meetings are an important opportunity for you to learn how your child has settled in to their new class, celebrate their successes, and work together with the class teacher to support their next steps in learning.

To book an appointment with your child's class teacher, please book via Arbor. Appointments are ten minutes long. **Please only book one appointment. I understand that there was an issue with our booking system and it went live for a short while on Tuesday. All appointments booked have been saved and you do not need to rebook.**

Hair tied back

A reminder that if your son or daughter has long hair, please ensure that it is tied back, using a blue/black hair band. This is to ensure that hair does not get caught at play times and to prevent the spread of head lice.

A reminder of our PE uniform:

- Blue or black shorts Plain (unbranded)
- White t-shirt – plain, no logos.
- Blue or black jogging bottoms for outdoor PE
- Black plimsolls or plain black trainers.
- White or black ankle socks

Children may also wear jogging bottoms on indoor PE days with their shorts underneath. Hoodies are not part of our school uniform. Children should continue to wear their school jumper on PE days.

Kind regards, Mr Pomeroy

School Photographs Our school photographers were in school on Wednesday this week to take individual and sibling group photographs. Proof cards will be sent home shortly for orders to be made online with Braiswick.

School Clubs

If your child would like to join one of our after-school clubs, these must be booked direct with the club provider. Currently Football, Multi-Sports, Gymnastics, Dance and Dodgeball Clubs are available.

If your child qualifies for pupil premium funding, please contact the school office for a discount code to use when booking.

Further information, together with booking details, can be found on the flyers.



NEXGEN SPORTS

★★ **COME & JOIN** ★★

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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



BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME!

 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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BOOK HERE! →

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO BOOK
www.football4all.co.uk

 **BALFOUR INFANTS**
LEARNING TOGETHER, 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

CONTACT
meg@artspoint.co.uk

ARTS POINT

BOOK NOW
<https://bookthatin.com/link/5IEF4B>



Blytheswood Shoebox Appeal

Our school is once again supporting the Blytheswood Shoebox Appeal this year. Leaflets regarding the appeal will be sent home today with your child. If you would like to send a box to someone in need, simply fill a shoebox or other similar sized box with items such as toiletries, stationery, small toys, hats and gloves etc., and the boxes will be collected and distributed to those living in poverty in time for Christmas. If you fill a box, please ensure that you wrap it and tape the check list provided in the leaflet to the outside of the lid of your box. Your box can then be left with the school office and will be collected by Blytheswood when we return to school after the half term break in November.

The children will attend a special assembly about the Shoebox appeal on Monday 28th.



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BREAKFAST

With Santa

Join us for a magical festive experience! Children will enjoy a delicious breakfast, take part in fun Christmas games, meet Santa and receive a special gift.



Saturday 5th December
8:45 am or 10 am

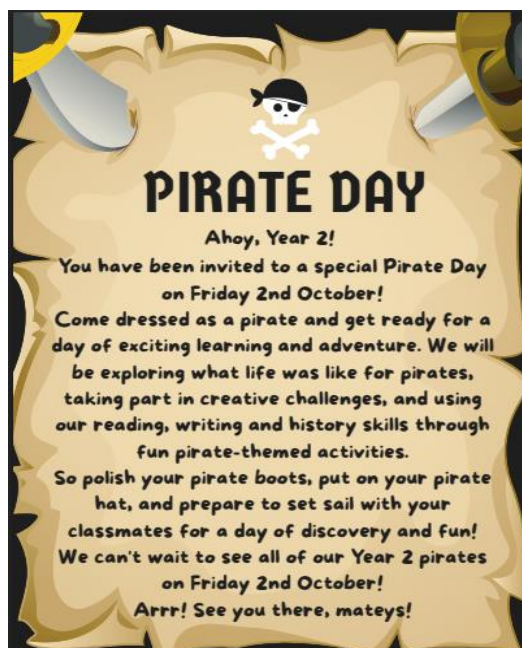
£6 per child
Light breakfast • Meet Santa • Special Gift

£3 per adult

Spaces are limited, pre-book only via Arbor
Booking opens on Monday at 9am.

**One adult per child
please**





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!



Attendance

Bumblebee 90.9%	Dragonfly 85.4%	Ladybird 91.8%
Nightingale 92.6%	Sparrow 90.4%	Woodpecker 95.6%
Badger 98.9%	Hedgehog 94.5%	Otter 99.3%

Overall School Attendance: 93.7%

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

Upcoming events

Date

Tuesday 29 th September, Wednesday 30 th September and Thursday 1 st October	Drama workshops	Each class will have a drama workshop these days.
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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 Teamwork.

Year 1	Year 2
Victoria	Edward
Harun	Nancy-Beau
Leo	Arhaan
Zoha	Skyler
Alicious	Ariadne
Hunter	Leppard



Handwriting Award Winners

Year 1	Year 2
Billie-Mae	Anusri
Darcie	Harriet
Hollie	Mia



House Points

House	Points
Ruby	300
Diamond	293
Emerald	289
Sapphire	311

Well done to Sapphire.

