

Balfour Infant School



Newsletter 26 Thursday 2nd April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week! The children have worked very hard on their Easter crafts. Thank you to everyone that attended our Easter Bonnet Parade. The children really enjoyed performing their songs and displaying their bonnets.

In our Collective Worship, the children have been learning about the Christian Festival of Easter and about the events that Christians celebrate throughout Holy Week.



We are holding a quiz night for parents and other members of the school community on **Friday 15th May 2026** at 7pm. The quiz masters are busy preparing the questions and interval games. If you would like to take part, please put your name down at the office. We are charging **£40 per table**, with a maximum of **8 people per team**. We hope to see you there for an evening of fun.



This week our rock band members treated the school to a concert. I hope to share some images from this in my first newsletter when we return. Well done to all the children that performed and thank you to family members for visiting. Rock on!

The children have been sent home with a small Easter treat from the school. I would like to wish everyone a restful Easter holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 20th April.

Arbor



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Thank you to everyone that has signed up to Arbor. Currently we have a parent take up of 73%. I would like this to be as close to 100% as possible. If you are having difficulty with logging in, please notify the office.

Thank you for your continued support and I would like to wish every member of our school community a Happy Easter.

Mr Pomeroy

Headteacher

Balfour Infant School entered into the Medway "Name Our Waste & Recycling Truck" competition. The School Eco Council led class surveys and collected ideas and WE WON! Well done to all of the children.

Once the truck is labelled with its new name of 'Lightning McClean' it will be coming on a visit to the school.



CERTIFICATE

of Creativity

This certificate is awarded to:

Balfour Infants School

As the winner of our 'Name a recycling vehicle' competition. The winning name of Lightning McClean is fun & creative and will be proudly displayed on our truck. Congratulations!



DENNIS EAGLE



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Easter Hamper Raffle

Our Easter Hamper Raffle was drawn on Monday. The following lucky winners each received a hamper full of sweets and treats to enjoy.

Kavya Anabia G Kemp D Taylor Honey F
Amber Jamie D Hilton T Shires
Anusri Mustafa



Easter Colouring Competition

Our Easter Colouring Competition was also judged on Monday. We had so many beautifully coloured pictures it was hard to choose our winners, but congratulations go to the following children who were awarded prizes for the best coloured picture in their year group.

Laura – Reception

Archita – Year 1

Grace – Year 2



Runner up prizes go to Anabia, Ivett and Connie.

School Council Easter Raffle

A big thank you from the School Council to everyone who bought a raffle ticket for the School Council Easter Raffle. Thank you also to the staff at the school who donated 45 eggs to be raffled. £140 was raised and will be spent by the School Council in Terms 5 and 6 on school projects.

Edenred Vouchers

If your child is eligible for benefits based free school meals, Edenred are once again issuing grocery vouchers for use during the Easter break. These will be sent out to you during the break via email.





Some of our lovely Easter Bonnets – Well done everyone!



Woodpecker Class
Kula



Bumblebee Class
Destiny



Sparrow Class
Ada-Rose



Ladybird Class
Clementine



Dragonfly Class
Sylvia



Hedgehog Class
Louella



Badger Class
Meher & Zoya



Otter Class
Florence



Nightingale Class
Isaac



UTILITA football festival

A FREE FUN-FOR-ALL FESTIVAL,
INCLUSIVE OF A FIRST TEAM
OPEN TRAINING SESSION,
FOOTBALL AND NON-
FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY TO ENJOY

THURSDAY 16TH APRIL

MEMS PRIESTFIELD

STADIUM

11.15AM - 3PM

OPEN TRAINING SESSION
PENALTY SHOOTOUT
NERF GUNS
FIRST TEAM SIGNING STATION
EFL TROPHIES
MEET TOMMY
PANINI SWAP STATION
FOOTBALL DARTS
PRIZES TO BE WON
AND MUCH MORE!



OFFICIAL SUPPORTER



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 Self-Belief.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Billie-Mae	Iylah-Rose	Ben
Teddy	George	Shahida
Ruben	Arhaan	Safaa
Peyton	Max	Johnny
Miller	Nancy	Georgia
Hendrix	Amelia	Arthur



Handwriting award winners

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Sylvia	Everleigh	Meher
Clementine	Patrick	Grace
Dorukhan	Amara	Jasmine



House Points

House	Points
Ruby	390
Diamond	414
Emerald	432
Sapphire	440

Well done to Sapphire!

House Point Winning Team for the term

House	Points
Ruby	2245
Diamond	2210
Emerald	2334
Sapphire	2143

Well done to Emerald!





ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Attendance

Bumblebee 100%	Dragonfly 87%	Ladybird 97%
Nightingale 97.2%	Sparrow 92.8%	Woodpecker 100%
Badger 96.7%	Hedgehog 96.7%	Otter 91.7%

Overall School Attendance: 95.5%

Our whole school target is: 96%.

Celebrating Attendance

Pupils with 96% attendance or over will be wearing a sticker today to recognise their attendance in Terms 3 and 4. For those children who have been in school every day during these two terms, certificates have also been given out today to award their 100% attendance



Last Day of Term

A reminder that today is the last day of Term 4. School re-opens after the Easter Break on Monday 20th April 2026.



Events Diary

Term Five 2026

Date	School Event	Information
22 nd April	Year One school trip	Year One children will be visiting Shorne Wood.
24 th April	Celebrating world earth day	More details to follow.
28 th April	Year R vision and hearing checks	
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.
18 th May	Family Trust Assembly	The Family Trust will be visiting to deliver an assembly to the children.
19 th May	Fortis Trust Coffee Morning	9 am in the school hall on supporting behaviour at home from Fortis Trust.
19 th May	Year R open afternoon	Parents of Year R are invited at 2:30pm to come and look at their child's work in their child's classroom.
20 th May	Year Two open afternoon	Parents of Year Two are invited at 2:30pm to come and look at their child's work in their child's classroom.
21 st May	Year One Open afternoon	Parents of Year One are invited at 2:30pm to come and look at their child's work in their child's classroom.
22 nd May	Tag Day for last day of term	Children to bring in £1 to wear their own clothes.



BALFOUR INFANT SCHOOL

QUIZ NIGHT

**FRIDAY 15TH MAY
2026**

7 PM START

Tables are £40 per table with a maximum of eight people per table. All money raised goes towards the school.

Bring your own nibbles and drinks.

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE





St Stephen's Easter Workshop

Who? All Primary aged children, Year R – Year 6

Where? St Stephen's Church Chatham (Annex door)

When? Friday 3rd April, 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Cost? £2 per child, payable on the day

Limited Places! Sign via www.ststephenschatham.co.uk via "What's on"

The afternoon will be full of games, songs, crafts and puppets, on the theme of 'Growing'.

You are also invited to the
All-Age Easter Service
on Sunday 5th April at 10.30 am

The service will include puppets, reflections, BSL signing, and an egg rolling competition at the end!

Bring along a hard-boiled egg if you want to take part.



Any questions? E-mail Rebecca on st.stephenschathamchildren@gmail.com