

Balfour Infant School



Newsletter 17 Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy and exciting week at Balfour Infant School!

The children have been exploring how they can work together and show great teamwork, while also celebrating National Handwriting Day. We have begun preparing for the Big Schools' Birdwatch by thoughtfully choosing where to place our new bird house and feeders. To top it all off, our talented band members treated us to a fantastic performance that was enjoyed by everyone.

There are many exciting events coming up, so please do take a look at our events calendar.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mr J Pomeroy



The school council have been busy deciding where our bird feeders and bird nesting box are going to be placed for our observations over the next couple of weeks.



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ROCK STEADY



A huge well done to all of our band members who performed in the Rocksteady Gig on Monday. The children were amazing and showed lots of confidence performing in front of the whole school and their parents. We are very proud of them!





Big Garden Birdwatch

23-25 January 2026

It's Big Garden Birdwatch Weekend. Get counting!

You can take part in birdwatching at home too!

Visit www.rspb.org.uk for more information

Quiz Night – Friday 6th February

Don't forget to sign up in the office if you would like a table for our Quiz Night on Friday 6th February 7p.m. – 9.30p.m. Tables are £40 with a maximum of 8 people per team. Bring your own drinks and nibbles and come and join us for an evening of fun and trivia. Test your knowledge and support our school!





ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Attendance

Bumblebee 96.4%	Dragonfly 95.1%	Ladybird 95.3%
Nightingale 97.5%	Sparrow 99.6%	Woodpecker 100%
Badger 95.8%	Hedgehog 99.6%	Otter 97.5%

Overall School Attendance: 97.6%

Our whole school target is: 96%.

Upcoming events

Date	School event	Information
23/1/26	National Handwriting Day	Children will be doing special handwriting activities and hand writing awards in assembly
28/1/26 9 am – 9:30 am School Hall	Number Workshop for Year R Parents	Parents of children in Year R are invited to come and find out more about Maths in school and how they can support their child further
	Week Beginning 2/2/26 Speak out Stay Safe Events in School	The children will be taking part in class circle times and discussions as part of the Speak Out Stay Safe NSPCC Programme.
3/2/26	Fortis Trust Coffee Morning	9 -10 am in the school hall. Parents to find out more about strategies to support behaviour at home.
4/2/26	One Picture Exhibition	Taking place straight after school.
6/2/26	Number Day	Wear your own clothes to school with a number theme. Children will be doing maths activities throughout the day.





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.

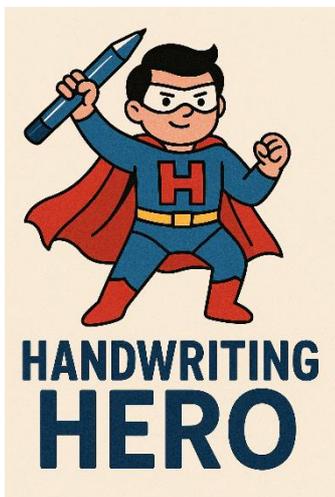
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Jagnoor	Ada	Joseph
AJ	Dylan F	Leo
Anabia	Lucas	Hugo
Alicious	Dylan J	Safaa
Ayaz	Dylan K	Theo
Eesa	Manuella	Skyler-Rose



House Points

House	Points
Ruby	377
Diamond	320
Emerald	383
Sapphire	328

Well done to Emerald!



The 23rd January 2026 is **National Handwriting Day**, and we have been celebrating the children's hard work by taking part in special handwriting activities. Some children have also received special certificates to recognise the effort and care they put into their handwriting. Well done to all of our certificate winners!

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Esther	Avi	Robert
Jamie	Nancy	Leo
Jasmine	Everleigh	Theo K
Charlie	Kavya	Georgie J
Maisie	Amelie	Finley
Teddy	Eden	Sarran

Take One Picture



The children are taking part in the National Gallery's Take One Picture exhibition this year. As part of their learning, they have been exploring Pop Art and creating their own artwork inspired by this bold and colourful style. Parents are warmly invited to view the children's work at a special after-school exhibition at 3:15pm on Tuesday 4th February 2026, with the gallery also open on the morning of Wednesday 5th February 2026 from 8:20 for anyone who is unable to attend the previous afternoon.