

# Balfour Infant School



Newsletter 30 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week at Balfour! This week Year 1 have had a visit from a team of Paramedics and found out more about how this service supports our local community. Year 2 have been learning about life as Victorian School Children. They have been able to share lots of interesting facts about the differences between school life in the past and present. The children looked fantastic in their costumes!

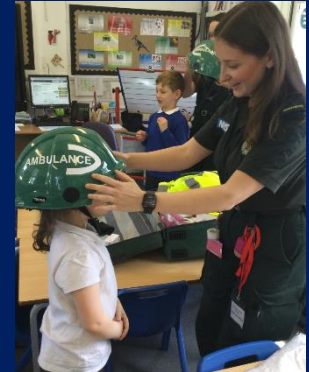
Year R have been observing lifecycles of frogs and caterpillars as part of their science work, showing an excellent example of this week's Core Value of Curiosity.

The whole school have been working together as a team to create a whole school sculpture which will be reviewed very soon.

Don't forget that next week we have a Tag Day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Please donate £1. All money raised will be donated to the School Gambia charity.

I have attached the events calendar at the back of this newsletter. Printed copies are available in the school foyer.

Kind regards, Mr Pomeroy



## Year 1 – Paramedic Visit

### Pupil Voice:

**Nightingale:** When looking at an oxygen mask Felix explained "If someone has hurt themselves or has a lung problem it pumps special air into them."

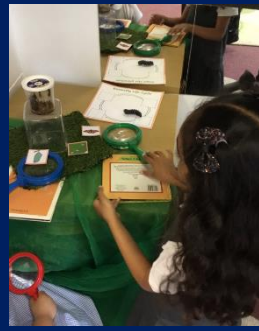
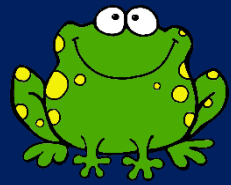
**Sparrow:** Lucas: 'Why are you wearing a visor?'

**Woodpecker:** They stick something on your finger to check your oxygen. They have a bright jacket so if it is dark they can be seen.





# Wildlife in Year R



**Buddy** - I have noticed that some of the tadpoles have grown back legs and some of them have not. I called one Buddy and one called Ray like my cousin.

**Tiara** - Some of their tails have shrunk! Their body is getting bigger.

**Tilly** - Look! Two of the caterpillars have grown their chrysalis. After this they are going to be a butterflies.

**Ayaz**- The caterpillars are nearly butterflies. I think one of them will be orange and one will be a rainbow colour.

**Billie-Mae** - The Caterpillars have made their chrysalises.

**Anabia** - One of the caterpillars are making a chrysalis. That means it's gonna turn into a butterfly.

**Ronak** - Frog spoon turn into tadpoles. Then they have legs and arms and no tail. Then they turn into a frog.

## Walkin' and Wheelin' Challenge

In support of National Walk to School Week we are taking part in the Walkin' and Wheelin' Challenge which runs from 18 – 22 May.

Every day next week, all classes will carry out a hands up survey to record how many pupils travelled to school using an active travel method, such as walking, wheeling, cycling, scooting or park and stride.

Please help us be in with a chance of winning the prize of a scooter pod, by leaving the car at home next week, or by parking a little further away and using an active travel method for the last bit of your journey to school.



# Y2 Were Victorians for the Day!



" I really enjoyed Victorian Day. I liked it when Miss Leppard was strict."

" I enjoyed learning about Victorian toys. We made our own thaumatrope."



## Y2 Visit to Kent Life



# Whole School Art Project

## Art Project

On Thursday the children took part in a whole school art project using clay. They worked collaboratively on a display linked to our school ethos 'Growing and Learning Together'.

A special thanks to our visiting artist Sofia, from Art Junction, who supported the children with this.





### Fortis Trust Coffee Morning

A reminder that our Fortis Trust Coffee Morning is being held next Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May in our school hall. Please come along for help with supporting your child's behaviour at home.

### Census Day

Have you ordered your child's lunch for our census day on Thursday next week? Remember, our school will receive much needed government funding for each child who takes a school lunch on census day, so please remember to order. **Every child will be given the chance to try a school lunch**, unless you have told us that you do not wish your child to be offered this and, therefore, that we may not claim this funding for your child. Children with packed lunches from home may still choose to eat these if they prefer. Thank you for your help, we really do appreciate it.

### Term Dates 2026-2027

Our term dates for 2026-2027 are available on our school website.

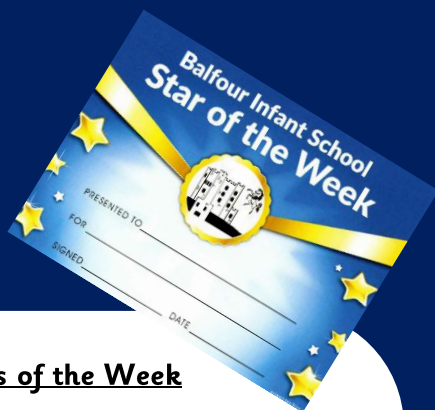
Please be aware that our term dates differ slightly to those set by Medway Council.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

18 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Trust Assembly	The Family Trust will be visiting to deliver an assembly to the children.
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Fortis Trust Coffee Morning	9 am in the school hall on supporting behaviour at home from Fortis Trust.
19 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> May	Tag Day for last day of term	Children to bring in £1 to wear their own clothes.

# 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
Fred	Lucas	Astika
Hollie	AJ	Nevaeh
Millie	Mia	Theo
Vinnie	Olivia	Leila
Luke	Ezmie	Chester
Leo O	Luna	Millie



## Handwriting award winners

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Ruben	Archita	Shahida
Luke	Avan	Sarran
Miller	Max	Sophia



## House Points

House	Points
Ruby	464
Diamond	413
Emerald	455
Sapphire	426

Well done to Ruby!





# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



## Attendance

Bumblebee 92.4%	Dragonfly 92.4%	Ladybird 85.8%
Nightingale 92.9%	Sparrow 98.3%	Woodpecker 99.2%
Badger 98.8%	Hedgehog 98.8%	Otter 97.9%

**Overall School Attendance: 95.6%**

**Our whole school target is: 96%.**





## MAY SPORTS & ACTIVITIES CAMPS

TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY - FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Join us for an exciting May Half Term camp's where we offer 4 days packed with fun, sports, and engaging activities in a safe and welcoming environment. Our camp is open to all children aged 4 to 11 years, ensuring everyone can participate and enjoy. All our MFSE camp venues are OFSTED registered, giving you peace of mind that your children are in a secure setting. Our experienced and friendly staff are skilled in working with primary school-aged children, ensuring they have a memorable and enriching experience.

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# MAY CAMPS

Venues	Dates	Times
Balfour Junior School	Tuesday 26/05 - Friday 29/05	9.00am-6.00pm
Rochester Riverside School	Tuesday 26/05 - Friday 29/05	9.00am-6.00pm
Napier Community School	Tuesday 26/05 - Friday 29/05	9.00am-3.00pm

**All Venues offer early drop off and Breakfast Club from 8.00am Free of Charge**

### Cost

9.00am - 3.00pm £20.00 per day

9.00am - 4.30pm £23.00 per day

9.00am - 6.00pm £25.00 per day

### What you need to bring

- Clothing Appropriate for inside and outside play
- Water bottle ( Refills available all day )
- Suncream and Hat for warmer weather
- A Packed Lunch ( NO FIZZY DRINKS or FOOD CONTAINING NUTS )

### Staff Suitability

- Enhanced DBS Checked
- First Aid Trained
- Safeguarding & Prevent Trained
- Experience working with children of primary school age on a daily basis

**ONE TOWN. ONE CLUB. ONE FAMILY**

# EXPANDING AND GETTING BETTER!

## RELAUNCH 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

**ALL AGES 3+ ALL ABILITIES WELCOME**

- ✓ **LOOKING FOR A NEW TEAM?**  
WE'RE ALWAYS WELCOMING NEW PLAYERS!
- ✓ **LOOKING FOR FUN, FRIENDLY FOOTBALL FOR ALL?**  
A POSITIVE, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS.
- ✓ **PROGRESSION & DEVELOPMENT**  
LEARN, IMPROVE & GROW IN YOUR FOOTBALL JOURNEY.
- ✓ **QUALIFIED FOOTBALL COACHES**  
PROFESSIONAL, EXPERIENCED & DEDICATED TO YOUR DEVELOPMENT.

**LOOKING FOR NEW COACHES!**

**6TH JUNE**  
SATURDAY

**9AM - 11AM**

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**Term 6 Events 2026**

<b>Date</b>	<b>School event</b>	<b>Information</b>
1/6/26	<b>Year One Seaside Workshops</b>	Year One beginning their new topic of 'Seasides' with drama workshops through the morning.
3/6/26 3:10 – 3:30	<b>Travelling Book Fayre</b>	We are holding a travelling book fayre.
4/6/26 8:20 – 8:45		There is a 3 for 2 promotion, where you can buy two books and choose a third absolutely free. There will be the option to pay of card or cash.
4/6/26 3:10 – 3:10		
5/6/26 3:10-3:30		
9/6/26 8:20 - 8:45		
5/6/26	<b>Sports day practice (weather permitting)</b>	Children only. Please can children come to school wearing their PE kits.
8/6/26	<b>Phonics Screening Week</b>	Pupils in Year One and some Year Two children will be taking part in the Phonics Screening.
11/6/26	<b>EYFS Sports day (weather permitting)</b>	Parents invited to come and watch on the school playground from 1:45pm. Children will need to be wearing PE kits
12/6/26	<b>Years One and Two Sports day (weather permitting)</b>	Parents invited to come and watch on the Junior field. From 9:30 am. Children will need to be wearing PE kits.  All years groups will be having a picnic lunch when we get back to school.
15/6/26	<b>Year One Football 4 all workshops</b>	Year One will be having workshops to celebrate the world cup. Children need to be wearing their PE kits
19/6/26	<b>Year R trip to Kent Life</b>	Year R will be having a school trip to Kent Life.
22/6/26	<b>Year Two Football 4 all workshops</b>	Year Two will be having workshops to celebrate the world cup. Children need to be wearing their PE kits
23/6/26	<b>Fortis Trust Coffee Afternoon</b>	2 pm in the school hall. Parents are invited to attend to find out more about typical child development.
23/6/26	<b>World music day week</b>	The children will be celebrating world music day this week with assemblies and class performances
24/6/26	<b>Afternoon meetings for new parents coming to Year R in September 2026</b>	4:30- 5:45 pm Parents will receive an email invitation.



29/6/26	<b>Year R Football 4 all workshops</b>	Year R will be having workshops to celebrate the world cup. Children need to be wearing their PE kits
2/7/26	<b>Transition Mornings</b>	Children to meet their new teacher and spend time in their new classrooms.  The Year Two children will visit Balfour Juniors for the morning.
2/7/26	<b>Year R Stay and Play Session 1</b>	New entrants will be invited to come in and see their new classroom.
3/7/26	<b>African drumming workshops</b>	Classes will be having African drumming workshops throughout the day.
3/7/26	<b>Tag day for a donation to the school fayre</b>	Children can wear their own clothes in return for bringing in a donation to the school fayre. We will be collecting sweets and bottled-items.
7/7/26	<b>Transition Morning</b>	Year R and Year One will spend the morning with their new teachers and in their new classrooms.
7/7/26	<b>Year R Stay and Play Session 2</b>	New entrants will be invited to come in and see their new classroom.
7/7/26	<b>Year One disco</b>	School disco for Year One to 4pm Children attending MFSE After School Care will be walked by two members of staff to BJA.
8/7/26	<b>Year Two disco</b>	School disco 4:30 – 5:30 pm for children in Year Two.
9/7/26	<b>Year R disco</b>	School disco for Year R to 4pm Children attending MFSE After School Care will be walked by two members of staff to BJA.
10/7/26	<b>Reports to go out via email</b>	Reports will be sent out electronically.
11/7/26	<b>The school summer fayre</b>	12- 3 pm on the school playground
13/7/26	<b>Otter class assembly</b>	8:55-9:25 am for parents of children in Otters
16/7/26	<b>Badger class assembly</b>	8:55-9:25 am for parents of children in Badgers
17/7/26	<b>Hedgehog class assembly</b>	8:55-9:25 am for parents of children in Hedgehogs
17/05/26	<b>Winning house treat</b>	The winning House will receive a treat in recognition of their hard work throughout the year.
20/7/26	<b>Year Two walk to Rochester (weather permitting)</b>	More information to follow
23/7/26	<b>Last day of term 6 Tag day</b>	£1.00 to wear their own clothes. All money donated to the school.

