

Balfour Infant School



Newsletter 16 Friday 16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been working hard this week to explore the different ways we can show kindness to one another. Well done to our certificate winners for this week.

This month, Balfour Infant School will be taking part in the **RSPB Great School Bird Watch**. As a school, we are setting up bird feeders and nesting boxes and will be carrying out observations which will be shared with the National RSPB survey team. You may also like to see which birds you can spot in your own gardens or local parks. Please feel free to share any photographs, taken by the children, of birds they have spotted.

Rocksteady

On Monday, our Rocksteady bands will be performing to the school and to parents. Parents of pupils participating in the Rocksteady concert are welcome to join us at **14:30 on Monday 19th January**. Further information has been shared directly by Rocksteady.

Punctuality

We are experiencing a high number of children arriving at school after the gate closes at **8:40 a.m.** Late attendance means that your child misses an important part of their day, when teachers give instructions for their morning learning. While we understand that there may be occasions when late arrival is unavoidable, please can we ask that every effort is made to ensure your child arrives at school on time.

Quiz Night – Friday 6th February

We are holding another Quiz Night, following a very successful evening in the Autumn term. 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. This term, we are charging **£40 per table**, with a maximum of **8 people per team**.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mr J Pomeroy

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance

Bumblebee 98.8%	Dragonfly 94%	Ladybird 98.8%
Nightingale 97.9%	Sparrow 99.2%	Woodpecker 95.8%
Badger 99.2%	Hedgehog 99.6%	Otter 96.7%

Overall School Attendance: 97.6%

Our whole school target is: 96%.



Number Workshop for Reception Parents
28/1/26 9 am – 9:30 am in the School Hall

Parents of children in Year R are invited to come and find out more about the Maths in school and how they can support their child further.

Census Day Lunch

Thank you to all those who took a school lunch with us on Census Day and by doing so helped us obtain the maximum funding available to us from the government. Your help with this really does make a difference.



School Admissions

The application process for children who are due to start school in reception in September 2026 and for junior school places for 2026 has now closed. Offer letters will be sent out to parents by Medway Council on Thursday 16th April.



STROOD ACADEMY
Tuesday 17th February 2026
£25 PER DAY

MULTI-ACTIVITY AND SPORTS CAMP

ACTIVITIES

- Laser Tag
- Valentines Arts & Crafts
- Didi Car Racing
- Bench Ball
- Target Games
- Tag Games
- Invasion Games
- Relay Races

8:30AM - 4PM
8AM EARLY DROP OFF STROOD
fees apply

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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 Kindness.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Winnie	Zoya	Harvey
Erin	Thomas	Shahida
Hollie	Karanik	Alex
Peyton	George	Gurjaap
Luke	Kachi	Evie
Dorukhan	Austin	Arthur



House Points

House	Points
Ruby	398
Diamond	368
Emerald	386
Sapphire	359

Well done to Ruby!

Upcoming events

Date	School event	Information
19/1/26	Rocksteady concert	The children who have been doing the Rocksteady sessions are performing in a special assembly to parents.
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 the 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	More information to follow.

