

# Balfour Infant School



Newsletter 31 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy half term! There have been lots of trips and events and the children have worked incredibly hard. Thank you to all of the parents and carers that visited to look at the children's work. Everyone was so excited to welcome you into the school.

## Winning House



Congratulations to Emerald House, our winning House Point team for term 5. They have been awarded with an astonishing amount of house points this term: 1983. Today they were rewarded with a short film in the hall with Mr Pomeroy.

## Parking



I understand that getting parked outside the school is a challenge at drop off and collection. Please can I ask all members of our school community to ensure that they follow the parking restrictions on Pattens Lane. Please be advised that there should be no stopping on the zig-zag lines between 08:00 and 09:30 and 15:00 to 16:00 (Monday – Friday.)



There is no parking on the single yellow line in the direction of City Way between 08:00 and 09:30 and 14:45 to 15:45.



There is no parking opposite the care home between 14:45 and 15:45.

## School Calendar

Our [School Calendar](#) is up to date with all upcoming events. We currently have a problem with our ical link so that the calendar can be imported on your mobile phone, but I hope to get it out to you when we return after the half term.

## PE Uniform

A reminder that on PE days children are expected to come to school wearing their school PE kit. A list of our full school uniform is available in our [Uniform Policy](#).

The children return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026. Have a good half term break and Whitsun Bank Holiday.

Mr Pomeroy



## Census Day

Thank you to everyone who took a school lunch with us on Census Day on Thursday this week. Your support with this really does help.



## Travelling Books Book Fair

Don't forget to come along to our book fair in our school hall next term. The book fair will be open at the following times.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 3.10p.m. – 3.30p.m.**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June – 8.20a.m. – 8.45a.m and 3.10 – 3.30p.m.**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June – 3.10p.m. – 3.30p.m.**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – 8.20a.m. – 8.45a.m.**

There will be a 3 for 2 promotion running and payment can be made by cash or card. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Year R Visit to Kent Life

Reception parents - if you have not yet sent in your consent slip and payment for the Year R trip to Kent Life, please ensure that you do so by Monday 8th June if you wish your child to take part. Thank you.



## **Public Health Survey**

Medway Council would like to invite children and young people living in Medway to take part in an important Public Health survey.

Your views and experiences matter. By sharing your thoughts, you can help us better understand what our young residents know about public health, what supports health and wellbeing locally and what could be improved for children and young people in our communities. There are two surveys, one for children **aged 6 – 11 years** and another for children **aged 12-18 years**.

### **The surveys are:**

- Quick and easy to complete
- Confidential and anonymous
- Open to children and young people in Medway

There will be an option to take part in a prize draw to win one of twenty **£10 Amazon vouchers** at the end of the survey.

By taking part, you will be helping to shape future services, support, and opportunities for young people across Medway.

👉 **Take part here:** [Primary Age Survey](#)

👉 **Take part here:** [Secondary Age Survey](#)

If you are a parent, carer, or professional, please share this survey with the children and young people you know.

The survey will close on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026** so please take a few minutes to have your say.

Thank you for helping us make Medway a healthier place for all children and young people.

## **Lost Property**

Our lost property box will be emptied after school today. Please come and have a look in the lost property box if your child has misplaced an item. All unclaimed items will be recycled or disposed of.



**ROCK STEADY**

# ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS!

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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 Self belief.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Jett	Cody	Florence
Bisma	Lyra	Adam
Laurie	Nancy	Lyra
Jasmine	Dylan	Amber
Livia	Patrick	Alex
Ayaan	Zoya	Piper



## Handwriting award winners

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Charlie	Megan	Georgia
Karter	Mia	Zoya
Alicious	Amelie	Finn



## House Points

House	Points
Ruby	382
Diamond	383
Emerald	414
Sapphire	420

Well done to Sapphire!

## House Point Totals for the Term

House	Points
Ruby	1890
Diamond	1817
Emerald	1983
Sapphire	1891

Well done to Emerald!





# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



## Attendance

Bumblebee 84.8%	Dragonfly 92.9%	Ladybird 93.3%
Nightingale 95.8%	Sparrow 96.3%	Woodpecker 96.7%
Badger 98.8%	Hedgehog 82.9%	Otter 100%

**Overall School Attendance: 93.3%**

**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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**BOOK NOW**

## 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	9.30am-6.00pm
Hapier Community School	Tuesday 26/05 - Friday 29/05	9.30am-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 (bottles 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

### MFSE

MFSE are now offering a free breakfast to any child dropped off for their holiday camps before 8.30a.m. For further information please contact MFSE.



Date	School event	Information
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 – 3:30		
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.

