

Balfour Infant School



Newsletter 29 Monday 11th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Save the Date - Sports Day

Our sports days will be taking place on the following days:

EYFS – Thursday 11th from 1:45pm on the Balfour Infant School playground.

Key Stage 1 – Friday 12th June from 09:30am on the Balfour Junior Academy field.

Our Term 6 events diary will be released later this week with further information.

Picnic

We will be holding a picnic on **Thursday 14th May** whilst we use the hall for a special art project. Children are invited to either bring in a healthy packed lunch or place an order on School Food United for a school packed lunch with a ham, cheese, tuna or egg baguette.

Pupil work showcase

We will be holding open afternoons, for the children to share their work with you between 2:30 and 3pm. This will be an opportunity to visit the classroom during the school day and see your child's work. These sessions will take place on the following days.

Reception – **Tuesday** 19th May, Year 1 – **Thursday** 21st May, Year 2 – **Wednesday** 20th May,

Morning punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality are essential for helping every child start the day calm, settled, and ready to learn. I kindly remind all parents and carers that the school gates close promptly at **08:40** each morning. Arriving on time ensures your child does not miss important learning activities at the start of the day and helps establish positive routines. I appreciate your support in making punctuality a priority—please allow enough time for the morning journey so your child can be in school, prepared and ready to begin their learning on time.

Home School Agreement

If you have not yet returned the slip to confirm that our Home School Agreement has been received by you and shared with your child, please can I ask that you do so without delay. Thank you. Additional copies are available, upon request, from the school office.

Studybugs

Please remember that absence must be reported via Studybugs. Holidays during term time will not be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances. Our attendance policy is available to read on the school website [policy page](#).

Kind regards,

Mr Pomeroy



Acceptance Forms

A final reminder that the deadline for Acceptance Forms to be submitted for both Reception and Junior School places starting in September 2026 is Thursday 14th May 2026. If you have a child joining us in September or a child in Year 2 who will be transferring to the Junior School, please ensure that your Acceptance Form is submitted by this date.



Year R Health Screening

The School Nursing Team recently visited us to carry out hearing and vision screening for our reception pupils. If you have not yet completed the Year R School Health Questionnaire, please would you do so by clicking on the following link

[School Health Questionnaire](#)

Please complete the form even if you do not have any concerns about your child's health, so that their details can be updated. Thank you



Sun Cream and Hats

As we look forward to the warmer weather season, please make sure that you have applied sun cream to your child in the morning before arriving at school. If sun cream needs to be re-applied by your child at lunch time, please ensure that the bottle is clearly marked with your child's name and class and is handed to the class teacher or brought into the school office.

Please also ensure that your child has a named sun hat in school. If your child needs to wear prescription sunglasses, please ensure these are in a named case. Fashion sunglasses are not permitted. Thank you.

Quiz Night Cancelled

We have unfortunately had to cancel our quiz night that we were hoping to hold on 15th May as we did not receive enough interest. We will hopefully look at setting an alternative date later in the year.



Census Day

It is our school census day on Thursday 21st May. Our school will receive funding from the government for each child who takes a school lunch on this day. Please help us receive the maximum funding available by ordering a lunch for your child. 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 with this important day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Dear Parent/Guardian

Are you looking for something exciting to entertain and enrich your child over the summer?

St. Stephen's Holiday Club offers children the opportunity to play **games**, sing **songs**, watch **puppets** and **drama**, take part in a daily **challenge**, make **crafts** and hear **stories**. We will also be holding a short, optional Family Event so the children can share with family members news of what they have been doing during the week, and eat **ice-cream!**

WHO IS IT FOR? School children aged 5 to 11 (reception to year 6).

WHEN IS IT? Monday 17th - Thursday 20th Aug, 10am - 12.00pm

WHERE IS IT? St Stephen's Church Chatham, Maidstone Road, ME4 6JE

HOW MUCH IS IT? £10 for all four days (£2.50 per child, per day) with a maximum charge of £20 for families with more than 1 child.

If your child would like to come along, please complete an application form by **Monday 15th June 2026** by clicking on the link [HolidayClubApplication](#) (this can also be found on the St Stephen's Website). Please do apply as soon as possible as there is a limit to the number we can accommodate. We look forward to seeing lots of new faces along with some familiar ones to enjoy our Holiday Club.

We will confirm in writing that your child has been registered after the 15th June - please check your SPAM email if you haven't heard from us.

If you have any queries, please email st.stephenschathamchildren@gmail.com





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
Sylvia	Kula	Leo
Karter	Skylar	Erika
Lewis A	Everleigh	Alyssa
Ayaz	Kimrit	Grace
Anabia	Amara	Hajar
Jamie	Anna	Jenson



Handwriting award winners

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Thomas	Ivet	Miller
Zoha	Iylah-Rose	Sarina
Isla	Harlow	Jaya



House Points

House	Points
Ruby	316
Diamond	310
Emerald	351
Sapphire	322

Well done to Emerald!





ATTENDANCE MATTERS

ATTENDANCE H.E.R.O THIS WEEK:
HEDGEHOG & OTTER

WELL DONE!

Attendance

Bumblebee 69.6%	Dragonfly 93.5%	Ladybird 71.2%
Nightingale 90%	Sparrow 95.6%	Woodpecker 97.2%
Badger 95.6%	Hedgehog 98.9%	Otter 98.9%

Overall School Attendance: 91.1%

Our whole school target is: 96%.

WILDBOUND
FOREST SCHOOL
Deep Roots, wild minds

Forest School Holiday Clubs

May Half Term

at Jeskyns Community Woodland

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SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 11th July 2026

12 - 3 pm

Games, stalls, reptiles and lots more...





May 2026

What's in Season in May?

- Carrots 
- Spinach 
- Strawberries 
- Rhubarb 

Iron: energy and concentration

With SATs and GCSEs coming up, we wanted to discuss the importance of iron in helping you stay energised and focused.

Iron's job is to deliver oxygen to parts of your body. If you don't eat enough iron you can feel tired and find it more difficult to concentrate.

The following foods are rich in iron:

- chicken
- fish (including tinned, such as tuna)
- eggs
- chickpeas and lentils
- spinach

Did you know that vitamin C helps your body to absorb iron? Try eating oranges, peppers or tomatoes to get that boost!

Snack Swaps!

- Crisps  Rice cakes
- Sweets  Dried fruit
- Ice cream  Fruit & yoghurt or jelly
- Cake/cake bar  Malf loaf

Recipe of the Month

Chicken burgers

Makes 4 burgers

- 400g chicken mince
- ½ tbsp italian seasoning
- ½ tsp garlic powder
- 1 courgette, grated
- 100g broccoli, finely chopped
- 50g spinach
- Low calorie spray oil
- Wholemeal rolls
- Lettuce



1. Using kitchen roll or a tea towel, pat the grated courgette to soak some of the moisture.
2. Place in a bowl and add the chicken, broccoli, spinach, seasoning and garlic powder.
3. Mix with clean hands or a spoon, until well combined. Shape into patties (smaller patties for children, larger for adults)
4. Heat oil in a large pan and cook patties for around 5 minutes each side, until a golden crust starts to form and the chicken is cooked through.
5. Serve in a wholemeal roll with some lettuce.



Try some snack swaps this week, then treat yourself at the weekend!!