

Balfour Infant School



Newsletter 25 Friday 27th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



Spring Craft Day

On 1st April the children will be participating in an exciting Easter Craft Day. The teachers have lots of exciting craft activities planned for the day.

Easter Bonnet Parade



Our Easter Bonnet Parade will be taking place next week on Thursday 2nd April. If your child has made a hat or bonnet at home, don't forget to send it in to school with them on Thursday for them to wear in the parade. Children that have not made a hat will be taking part in the parade. Parents are welcome to remain in the playground to watch the procession and singing which will start at 9am. We look forward to seeing you there!



Easter Raffle

There is still time for you to buy raffle tickets for our Easter Chocolate Hampers Raffle. The raffle will be drawn next Monday, 30th March.



Easter Colouring Competition

Our colouring competition will also be judged on Monday 30th March with a prize for the winning picture from each year group.



Home/School Agreement

On Monday your child will be sent home with two copies of our Home School Agreement. It is written around our school core values of **Respect**, **Kindness**, **Teamwork**, **Curiosity**, **Self-Belief** and **Independence**. Please return the black and white copy by Thursday 2nd April and keep the colour copy at home for your reference.

Arbor



Thank you to everyone that has signed up to Arbor. Currently we have a parent take up of 63%. I would like this to be as close to 100% as possible. If you are having difficulty with logging in, please notify the office.

Quiz



We are holding a quiz night for parents and other members of the school community on **Friday 15th May 2026 at 7pm**. 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. We are charging **£40 per table**, with a maximum of **8 people per team**. We hope to see you there for an evening of fun.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Pomeroy

Year 1 Trip

The deadline for the Year 1 trip to Shorne Country Park is next week. **If you wish your child to join their year group on the trip, please make sure we have the consent slip and payment by the 2nd April at the very latest.** We regret that if we do not receive sufficient funds, this trip may have to be cancelled. If you feel you are unable to make the payment requested, please come and speak to us. Please note that no child will be able to join us on the trip if we are not in receipt of a signed consent form.

Edenred Free School Meal Vouchers

If your child is in receipt of **income based free school meals**, Edenred we will once again be issuing grocery vouchers to cover the Easter break.

Please note that we have been informed by Medway Council that the voucher scheme is ending and the vouchers sent out to cover this Easter holiday period will be the final vouchers sent.

Financial support will still be available to those families most in need. Visit www.medway.gov.uk/HouseholdHelp for further information.

School Clubs

If your child wishes to join our after school dance, football or multi sports club in Term 5 please return the slip by the end of today so that we can allocate places. We will write out to you next week to let you know if your child has secured a place in the club and requesting payment, which must be made before the club starts please. Thank you.



Lost Property

Our lost property box will be emptied at the end of the day next Thursday and any unclaimed items will be disposed of or recycled. Please come and have a look in our lost property box if your child has misplaced an item. Please can you I ask you to ensure that all items of clothing, water bottles, lunch boxes etc. are named so they are easily identifiable and we are able to return them to their owner if they are lost. Thank you.



nct MEDWAY

SAVE THE DATE NEARLY NEW SALE

Preloved baby and children items sale
Saturday 28th March 2026

Rainham Mark Grammar School | ME8 7AJ

1PM - 3:00PM

Free Entry for all



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Fun Day for Families

Join us at the #WelcomeToMedway Strood event!
Whether you're a newcomer or a long-time resident,
come enjoy a day filled with fun while discovering
everything Medway has to offer at this FREE event.

- ✓ Family-Friendly Activities
- ✓ Free Refreshments
- ✓ Giveaways

Meet local agencies, discover what
free services are available to you and
explore one of the Medway Children
and Family Hubs.

Strood Children and Family Hub and Elaine
Primary School (lower hall), via Clifton Close
ME2 2HG

01634 33 11 22
FamilyHubs@Medway.gov.uk



WEDNESDAY
10-1 8 APRIL



MFSE

EASTER CAMPS

TUESDAY 7TH APRIL - FRIDAY 17TH APRIL

Join us for an exciting Easter camp where we offer 9 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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MFSE PEBBLE

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EASTER CAMPS

Venues	Dates	Times
Balfour Junior School	Tuesday 07/04 - Friday 17/04	9.00am-6.00pm
Rochester Riverside School	Tuesday 07/04 - Friday 17/04	9.00am-6.00pm
Napier Community School	Tuesday 07/04 - Friday 17/04	9.00am-3.00pm
Phoenix Primary School	Monday 13/04 - Thursday 16/04	9.00am-3.00pm

All Venues offer early drop off 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

- Enhanced DBS Checked
- First Aid Trained
- Safeguarding Trained
- Experienced working with children of primary school age



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
Eesa	Willow-Rose	Oleksandra
Anabia	Avan	Hamza
Erin	Pixie	Georgi
Khaliyah	Sherrin	Mehar
Laurie	Dylan	Khari
Filip	Blythe	Mollie



Handwriting award winners

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Darcie-Mae	Mia	Amelia
Esther	Taran	Harvey
Jagnoor	Olivia	Florence



House Points

House	Points
Ruby	347
Diamond	353
Emerald	400
Sapphire	340

Well done to Emerald!





ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Attendance

Bumblebee 92%	Dragonfly 97.3%	Ladybird 97.7%
Nightingale 97.5%	Sparrow 92.9%	Woodpecker 94.8%
Badger 95.8%	Hedgehog 96.3%	Otter 92.5%

Overall School Attendance: 95.2%

Our whole school target is: 96%.

Upcoming Events

Date	School event	Information
1/4/26	Spring Craft Day	Children doing Spring craft activities across year groups.
2/4/26	Spring Bonnet Parade	Children to design and make a bonnet at home to join the parade. Parents are invited to watch. School uniform on this day please. Last day of Term 4
20/4/26	Start of Term 5	First day of Term 5.

