



# BOURNES GREEN SCHOOLS

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## BOURNES GREEN INFANT SCHOOL

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## Weekly Newsletter – Important Information

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reminders for next two weeks (please also check the [school calendar](#))

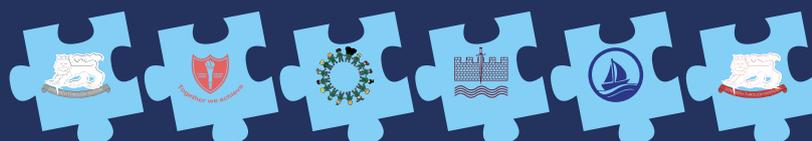
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March YR Drama workshop (pm)  
Y5/6 Girl's football Vs WLJS 3pm (letter sent to selected team)
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March Y3&4 Tag Rugby (letter sent to selected team)
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March Parent Partnership Meeting – Votes for Schools  
(2:30pm in the Junior Hall)
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March Infant Music Festival (am)  
Y5/6 Boy's football Vs Fairways 3pm (letter sent to selected team)
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March U11's Girl's Football finals (letter sent to selected team)
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March Science Fair & Book Look (after school. See below)
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March KS1 Football Finals

### Bournes Green Book Week

Thank you so much for your support and contribution towards what has been a fantastic book week. This was much more than today's dressing up as your favourite book character, and the children have enjoyed the events and activities primarily aimed at raising the profile of reading and how much fun it can be. Children learning a love of reading at a young age is so important to their future success and this starts with the adults around them. We have had a great week including book sales and a brilliant visit from star local author, Ellie Irving. The week culminated in today's World Book Day celebrations. We had some fantastic literary costumes from children and staff, which was great to see. Below is a taster of some of the activities we offered:

- Read anytime, anywhere: in the lead up to World Book Day, children and staff were encouraged to take photos of themselves reading in interesting places and share it with the school. Staff took photos with the book covering their face, leading to a great game of 'guess the reader' in our special WBD assembly.
- Secret reader: staff selected a story or longer extract they wanted to share with the children. Children then chose from a menu which they wanted to hear (without knowing which member of staff would be reading it). They then went to the appropriate place in the school to hear their selected story being shared.
- Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R.): At 11:40, everyone in both schools (children and staff) stopped whatever they were doing, picked up a book they would like to read and read it! This lasted for 15 minutes and was designed to send a message that reading for pleasure is important and something everyone should make time for!

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- Classroom Door Book Cover Challenge: Every class was set the challenge of spending the afternoon decorating their classroom door as the cover of a favourite book. These look great and will still be on display for our upcoming book look!
- A special book-themed assembly in each school.

Don't forget to keep an eye on our Instagram page to see some photos from the day's activities.

### **Bournes Green Science Fair - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - 3.20 – 4.00pm**

As part of our celebration of British Science Week, we are holding a Science Fair after school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. This will be an opportunity for families to share a scientific project or investigation they have carried out at home. This could be making a musical instrument, growing a plant, creating a magnet maze or building a volcano. The science sparks website has many additional ideas (<https://www.science-sparks.com/easy-ideas-for-science-at-home/>).

We are inviting families from both infant and junior schools to book a table space in the junior hall to display their projects. Both schools will be open for a book look on this evening and all families are invited to visit the Science Fair too. We hope that the Science Fair will again be an exciting and inspirational event and look forward to you joining us.

Please email the office ([infants@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk](mailto:infants@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk) or [juniors@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk](mailto:juniors@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk)) if you would like to take part.

### **Ramadan (Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March, until Eid al-Fitr around Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April)**

This is a particularly important time for our Muslim families, some of whom may have made the decision to fast. Please email your class teacher and the School Office if your child/children are taking part in any form of fasting. It is important we are aware of who these children are and the form of fasting they are taking part in. We will, of course, contact you should we have any worries or concerns as to their health and well-being at school.

For families fasting during the holy month of Ramadan I would like to wish you all Ramadan Mubarak.

### **Whole School Pantomime Trip – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025** (Current YR to Y5 parents only need to take note)

We wanted to give you advanced notice that we will be taking the whole school to the Cliffs Pavilion in December! This will be a wonderful experience for our children, and we have secured tickets and transportation at a much lower cost than is available to the general public.

We wanted to share this now in case you were thinking of buying tickets as a family and this would make a difference to your plans. Full details and costs of our trip will be shared with you next term.

### **Dogs on the premises**

Please do not bring your dog onto school premises, even if it is carried and looks adorable! Only assistance dogs and dogs being used for educational purposes which I have given express permission for are allowed onto school premises. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Parking reminder, again!**

I am sorry to have to add another reminder to the newsletter, but this week we have been made aware of parents stopping on the yellow zigzags and using the spaces immediately adjacent to the barriers to make extended turns. I have also been informed that a car was left unattended, with the engine running and keys in the ignition. Please, can I ask and remind you to drive and park safely and responsibly in our neighbourhood. In writing such reminders, it is with the sole intention to keep our children and families safe.

**Jewellery in school**

Please ensure your child does not wear a ring, bracelet or necklace to school. Thank you.

**Social Media – Twitter/X: @Bournesgreensch - Instagram: @bournesgreenschool**

If you would like your child to be included in social media posts, please remember to ensure you have updated photo consents on the MCAS app.

**Attendance**

Thank you for your support in maintaining high attendance for your child/children.

Infant Classes	This week's attendance	Junior Classes	This week's attendance	<b>Attendance Ladder</b>	
<b>This year's attendance target: 96.5%</b>					
Sunshine	95.33%	Oak	99.70%	4 SCHOOL DAYS	PERFECTION
Sandcastle	94.16%	Spruce	91.25%	7 SCHOOL DAYS	IMPRESSIVE
Pebble	97.67%	Elm	95.45%	9 SCHOOL DAYS	GOOD
Shell	93.33%	Pine	94.85%	11 SCHOOL DAYS	NEARLY THERE
Starfish	97.67%	Beech	98.75%	20 SCHOOL DAYS	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
Jellyfish	100%	Hazel	94.55%	30 SCHOOL DAYS	CONCERNS (referred to Educational Welfare / Parental consent)
		Birch	91.52%		SERIOUS CONCERNS
		Willow	97.58%		

<b>Assembly Information</b>	
<b>Artist of the Half Term</b>	Queen
<b>Language of the Month</b>	Urdu
<b>Our Fortnightly Focus</b>	To pack away playground equipment at the end of break/lunchtime (Infants) To say 'hello' or 'good morning' when you come into school (Juniors)
<b>Mr Denchfield's Fact of the Week</b>	Reading can reduce your stress levels by up to 68%

**Key School Website Links**

<a href="#">My Child At School</a>	<a href="#">School Contact Info</a>	<a href="#">School Calendar</a>
<a href="#">Term dates</a>	<a href="#">School Lunches</a>	<a href="#">School Uniform</a>
<a href="#">Gaming &amp; Social Media</a>	<a href="#">Children using mobile phones</a>	<a href="#">Children's Online Worry Box</a>
<a href="#">Walking home from school</a>	<a href="#">Children's birthdays!</a>	<a href="#">Sport at Bournes Green</a>
<a href="#">11+ Selective Testing</a>	<a href="#">Supporting Learning at Home</a>	<a href="#">Safeguarding</a>
<a href="#">Parents Association</a>	<a href="#">Parents SEND Forum</a>	<a href="#">Parent Partnership</a>
<a href="#">Volunteer reading</a>	<a href="#">Attendance Information</a>	<a href="#">Inclement Weather Update</a>
<a href="#">School Streets</a>		

## Weekly Newsletter – Time to celebrate!

Personal Achievements		
This section is for parents to share any achievements their child/children have achieved outside of school. If you would like us to share your news, please email <a href="mailto:juniors@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk">juniors@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk</a>		
Learning Power Awards		
Enthusiasm	Sophie, Gracie	Aydin, Bella
Effort	Molly	Sangkaran
Improvement	Harry, Florence, Francie, Archie, Paisley	Jack
Co-operation		Sophie, Imaan
Concentration	Raffy, Bella, Jenson	Poppy
Curiosity	Max	

## Local News & Events

# EASTER FUN

## AT THORPE BAY LAWN TENNIS CLUB

### Saturday 30th March 11-1PM

EASTER EGG FOR EVERY CHILD!

## TENNIS GAMES

## ICE CREAM VAN

BAR OPEN!

## BBQ MUSIC

### £2 MEMBERS

### £7 NON-MEMBERS

ALL WELCOME PAYABLE TO:

THORPE BAY LAWN TENNIS CLUB LTD  
SORT CODE: 30-92-53  
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 27496268

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

PLEASE USE YOUR FULL NAME AS REFERENCE WHEN PAYING  
NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR  
**EMAIL: [CHLOEJACKSONTBLTC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CHLOEJACKSONTBLTC@GMAIL.COM)**  
**WHEN PAYMENT IS MADE**  
PLEASE ADVISE IF YOUR CHILD IS DAIRY INTOLERANT

## School Nursing Service

Community health clinics for children aged 5 – 11 who are being educated in Southend.

Venue	Date	Time
Friars	27th February 24	14:30-16:00
Hamstel	5th March 24	14:30-16:00
Blenheim	14th March 24	14:30-16:00
Prince Avenue	20th March 24	14:30-17:00

Emotional health and wellbeing advice • Growth and development • Healthy lifestyles • Bedwetting support • Hearing and vision • Sleep support • Puberty

**No appointment needed.**  
Call or text us for further information.

📞 01702 534843

💬 ChatHealth Parentline: 07507 331884

Young People scan this QR Code to find support

Parents scan this QR Code to find support

🌐 [www.southend.gov.uk/schoolnurses](http://www.southend.gov.uk/schoolnurses)    📧 @SouthendSN

✉ [MSEICB-S.Southendpublichealthnurses@nhs.net](mailto:MSEICB-S.Southendpublichealthnurses@nhs.net)

Southend-on-Sea City Council

To all of our of BG mums, I hope you like the cards which the children made this week and are thoroughly spoilt on Mothering Sunday!

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr D Denchfield**  
**Headteacher**