

Weekly Newsletter – Important Information

Friday 14th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

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| • Wednesday 19 th March | 3:15pm Infant & Junior School Book Look |
| • Wednesday 19 th March | 3:20pm – 4pm Science Fair (Junior Hall) |
| • Wednesday 19 th March | Y6 Girls football Vs Greenways (letter sent to team) |
| • Thursday 20 th March | Infant Music Festival |
| • Friday 21 st March | Penguin (black and white) Non-Uniform day |
| • Monday 24 th March | 5R HMS Belfast residential Kip on a Ship |
| • Monday 24 th March | 2B Mosque visit |
| • Wednesday 26 th March | Tri Golf (letter to be sent to team) |
| • Tuesday 25 th March | 5S HMS Belfast residential Kip on a Ship |
| • Thursday 27 th March | 2M Mosque visit |
| • Friday 28 th March | Y5/6 Aquathlon (letter to be sent to team) |
| • Friday 28 th March | Cake Sale in Infant & Junior school 3:15pm (see school council notes) |

Updates from Mr Denchfield

I am very pleased to share that I am able to return to school next Thursday! My recovery has taken longer than I would have liked, and I still have some way to go, but I am delighted to be returning to work. Whilst I have been working remotely from home since January, it is not the same as being in school, and I cannot wait to return!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Kent and Mrs Goy for deputising in my absence and to the wider staff team for their support in my absence.

We have a few updates and events to share with you, all of which have been added to the School Calendar and are events which are linked to our wider offer for our children. These will be added to the reminder list above as usual, but I wanted to share them with you as I hope you will agree, they are events to look forward to. Sorry for the lengthy update, but there is much to share!

Penguin-themed non-uniform day – Friday 21st March

We are delighted to announce that the School Council have voted to make the Haven's Hospice their chosen charity for this term. We are raising money to be able to take part in the 'Waddle-on-sea' trail which will see giant and small penguin sculptures displayed throughout Southend. We will be adopting and decorating a baby penguin sculpture but need your support for this purchase please! During the summer, families will have the opportunity to complete the trail and children will be able to see their artwork displayed on our penguin! To raise this money, on Friday 21st March, the children (and staff) can come to school in black and white non-uniform in honour of our penguin



friends. We are requesting a donation of £2 per child or any other donation that you are able to give to this fabulous cause. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Infant Easter Bonnet Parade - Friday 4th April (pm)

All Infant children are invited to bring an Easter bonnet to school which will be paraded to the Infant children in a special assembly that afternoon. We think the children will really enjoy the event and it is a lovely way to end our Spring Term. Our PA are kindly donating an easter egg per class which will be awarded to the best bonnet. The judges will be two members of our Academy Committee, Mrs Morgan and Mrs Fabri.

Whilst we would encourage all children to participate in the event, if your child would not wish to wear a bonnet or you do not wish for your child to take part, they do not have to.

World Earth Day - Thursday 22nd April (pm)

This is a day dedicated to how we can all make a positive change to our planet. Normal school uniform is required for this day and no donations are requested.

HT VIP Day – Friday 2nd May

Due to my absence, this special day was put on hold. However, our winners Lily (1R), Matthew (1LW), Jensen (2B), Lexie (2B), Terrance (3H), Olly (3H), Emilie (6C), Mariya (6C) and Zack (6H) will soon receive a letter from me inviting them to join me for important parts of the day on Friday 2nd May.

80th Anniversary of VE Day - Thursday 8th May (pm)

As a change from our annual Being British Day, we will be marking the 80th anniversary of VE Day. The children may wear a special uniform (brownies, cubs, beavers etc) or wear red, white and blue. No donations are requested.

Y5/6 trip to T20 Essex V Hampshire - Thursday 17th July (evening event)

Further details will follow, but I am pleased to share that we have secured 25 tickets for our children to attend a T20 cricket match at The County Ground.

University of Bournes Green – Summer 2 (June/July)

Plans are well underway to offer an Infant and Junior University of Bournes Green this summer.

Details will be shared with the children shortly, but I can confirm we have allocated the following Friday afternoon sessions: 6th June, 13th June, 20th June, 4th July and 18th July.

It is my intention to ensure every child is given one of their top four choices which they will be asked to select following an assembly to share details of each course.

Whole School trip to the pantomime – Tuesday 16th December

Following our highly successful first visit as a whole school last December, we have quickly secured tickets for next Christmas. Further details will follow, but we wanted to let you know in advance.

Nursery update

As you know, we submitted an application to the DfE in December to open a Nursery at Bournes Green. We have yet to be updated regarding our application and have been told expect the outcome by the end of May. We will keep you updated when we know more.

Should our bid be successful, we will work on a timeline that is ambitious but also provides us with the time to undertake the necessary works. It is fair to say that the opening of a Nursery at Bournes Green for September is very unlikely given the current timelines.

Have a lovely weekend and I will see you on Thursday!
Mr Denchfield

Bikeability

The Year 6 and Year 4 children have been undertaking their Bikeability training this week. The instructors could not have been more complimentary about our children. They even commented, that in the years they have been running this training, they have never had a more idyllic week in terms of the behaviour, engagement and enthusiasm of the children.

Science Fair/Week

Thank you to those that have booked a table to display their science projects next Wednesday at the Bournes Green Science Fair. We are sure the fair will be an exciting and inspirational event and we look forward to you joining us.

In addition, your child may like to take part in the national science week poster competition. Please hand all entries to Mrs Woodman by Friday 21st March. Details can be found here [Poster competition - British Science Week](#)

Attendance

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

This week's attendance (Our target for the year is 96.5%)				Attendance Ladder	
RN	96.67%	RG	98.00%	<p>Equates to:</p> <p>100% PERFECTION</p> <p>98% IMPRESSIVE</p> <p>96% GOOD</p> <p>95% NEARLY THERE</p> <p>94% NEEDS TO IMPROVE</p> <p>90% CONCERNS (School to discuss with / discuss parent)</p> <p>85% SERIOUS CONCERNS</p>	
1R	99.67%	1LW	95.33%		
2B	96.67%	2M	95.67%		
3H	93.82%	3C	97.58%		
4SS	94.85%	4W	93.31%		
5R	98.79%	5S	98.18%		
6C	92.73%	6H	98.79%		

Safeguarding updates/reminders from Mrs Goy - dsl@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk

The Southend, Essex and Thurrock Child and Adolescents Mental Health Service ([SET CAMHS](#)) provides advice and support to children, young people and families who are in need of support with their emotional wellbeing or mental health difficulties.

A young person living in Southend, Essex and Thurrock can access SET CAMHS services in two different ways:

1. By a referral to services via GP, school, school nurse or any other professional

- By self-referral – which means parents or young people can call our central phone number for all of our services or use the online referral form and get the help and advice that they need straight away.

If you feel your child is in crisis and in need of urgent mental health support

24 hour 7 day a week service, Monday to Friday 9:00AM – 5:00PM Call SET CAMHS - Freephone 0800 953 0222. After 5:00PM if your concerns escalate about your child outside of these hours please call Mental Health Direct on freephone 0800 995 1000 (Out of Hours / Weekend or Bank Holidays).

If it is an emergency, immediate danger to life/safety dial 999 or visit Accident and Emergency (A&E).

Asthma

We hold asthma inhalers for many children across the schools. Following updated advice for best practice, we are aware that this would include us having a Personalised Asthma Action Plan for every child. These are obtained from your GP or practice nurse. Every child should be issued one annually. If you already have this plan could you please bring a copy to school, if not could you please approach your GP practice for one. We will be following up with families individually in the next few weeks. Thank you.

Assembly Information	
Artist of the Half Term	Bee Gees
Language of the Month	Urdu
Mrs Goy's Fact of the Week	The British Library contains a copy of every single book published in the UK and Ireland
Votes for Schools topic this week	Infants (Y1-2) Would you go to a local youth club?
	Juniors (Y3-6) Would you use a local youth space?

Children's Council Updates	
School Council	The councillor meeting this week involved designing posters to advertise the cake sale after school on Friday 28 th March. This will take place both at the infant school and under the canopy in the junior school at the end of the day. The money raised will go to Havens Hospices by way of us purchasing a penguin sculpture. The sculpture will take its place on this summer's trail named 'Waddle on Sea.' More details to follow.
Eco-Committee	On Monday, the Infant and Junior Eco councillors visited Garons Park. They took part in some environmental based games, smelt herbs from the herb garden, tasted some of the produce and planted some beans in Shumei style. The winners of the Infant Eco points this week are 2M and 2B.

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.

Key School Website Links

My Child At School	School Contact Info	School Calendar
Term dates	School Lunches	School Uniform
Gaming & Social Media	Children using mobile phones	Children's Online Worry Box
Walking home from school	Children's birthdays!	Sport at Bournes Green
11+ Selective Testing	Supporting Learning at Home	Safeguarding
Parents Association	Parents SEND Forum	Parent Partnership
Volunteer reading	Attendance Information	Inclement Weather Update
School Streets	University of Bournes Green	The Drop Zone

Weekly Newsletter – Time to celebrate!

Achievements

We encourage our parents to share any achievements their child has achieved outside of school. If you would like us to share your news, please email juniors@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk



Well done to our Y3/4 rugby team who made it through to the top 8 teams at their competition on Wednesday. The rest of the matches were so very close and the never gave up. They showed great teamwork and behaviour.



A huge well done to Archie who attended a rugby festival last weekend and once again received the tagger of the festival. In addition, Archie was chosen to represent Bournes Green for a rugby match which he was really excited about.



Congratulations to Luca, who having worked very hard has successfully passed his Grade 2 drumming exam! Well done Luca.



On Saturday Jacob was a mascot for Southend United and he presented the player of the month trophy to Gus Scott-Morris. Well done Jacob!

Celebrating Leigh Ramblers Reds!

We are incredibly proud of several of our pupils who play for Leigh Ramblers Reds. Through hard work, determination, and true team spirit—always supporting each other and huddling before every game—they have climbed from the 5th league to the top league in just a year! A huge well done to the team on this fantastic achievement! Keep up the great work!

Core Values Awards


Believe. We believe in ourselves and each other in all that we do, even when faced with challenges.

Grow. We grow as individuals and become better people in every way. We take great pride in helping others grow.

Succeed. We always try our best. We celebrate our own and other’s successes, inside and outside of school. We are proud of every achievement.

	Infants	Juniors
Believe	Nicole, Nina, Ruby, Polly, Sophia	Maisie
Grow	Amelia	Amaan, Dylan
Succeed	Gracie, Steven, Nihira, Alyssa, Isla	Mia, Dara, Eleanor, Imogen, Caleb, Jesse, Amber

Children who were on Gold last week

	Infants	Juniors
	Ruby, Layce, Izaiah, Jensen, Lexie, Eire, Taysom, Kayode, Matheu, William, Nina, Dylan, Ishaan, Isabella, Louis, Arivarasi, Esme, Nico, Zachary, Ethan, Tristan, Sage, Leo, Cherisse,	Lenny, Maisie, Amira, Siena, Fletcher, Gracie, Amelia, Noah, Maryann, Oliver, Mariya, Thomas, Michaela

Weekly Newsletter – Local News & Events

The image contains two promotional posters. The left poster is for 'Mini Kickers' at Shoeburyness High School 3G, featuring a green background with a soccer field pattern and a soccer ball. It includes the Great Woking Colts YFC logo and recruitment details. The right poster is for 'Mega Camps' Easter Camp 2025, featuring a colorful background with cartoon characters and photos of children participating in activities like fencing, wall climbing, and animal workshops. It includes contact information and booking details.

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Enjoy your weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Goy
Acting Headteacher