



SECAT

BOURNES GREEN SCHOOLS

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Weekly Newsletter – Important Information

Friday 19th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see such a vibrant atmosphere throughout our school over the past couple of weeks. Our 'University of Bournes Green' programme has enjoyed a fantastic start, offering the children an impressive variety of activities, including dance, board games, card games, crochet, graphic design, cricket, gardening, multi-sports, and singing. I am incredibly proud of our staff for their dedication in organising these groups, and it has been a joy to see how thoroughly the children have engaged with them.

I also had the pleasure of attending the Borough Sports competition last week, where our children represented the school magnificently against other schools across Southend, securing an impressive fourth place overall. We are now looking forward to the 'Super Sports' event, which will provide a platform for those who won their respective events to compete once again.

We were pleased to welcome the Trustees to the Junior site on Monday. During their visit, they were able to witness the range of exciting learning and enrichment activities taking place, from Sports Day practice and Year 6 production rehearsals to ukulele performances and computing lessons.

You'll see below that SECAT schools are celebrating our varied culture and heritage on the 1st July. Take this opportunity to speak to your children about their surname, research where it's from, it really is a fascinating insight into their place in our society. I've looked at mine and we go back to Denmark (Mortensen) and to the French Huguenots. I remember my father telling me that his great grandfather was quite hard to understand, so much so that when he got married, our name was misspelled and it's been that way ever since.

This weekend we look forward to the PA Summer Fayre, see below for details. It looks like the weather will be perfect and I look forward to seeing you there.

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

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| • Saturday 20 th June | PA Summer Fayre (see below) |
| • Monday 22 nd June | Y1 trip |
| • Tuesday 23 rd June | Y1 trip |
| • Tuesday 23 rd June | Track Super Sports (letter sent to team) |
| • Wednesday 24 th June | Field Super Sports (letter sent to team) |
| • Friday 26 th June | Sports Day (see below) (not nursery sports day) |
| • Monday 29 th June | Y6 Fiver Challenge |
| • Tuesday 30 th June | 2:30pm Reception transition to Y1 parent talk (Infant Hall) |
| • Wednesday 1 st July | SECAT Culture Day (see below) |
| • Wednesday 1 st July | Y3&4 Quad Kids Final (letter sent to team) |
| • Friday 3 rd July | Transition Day |

• EMPOWERING CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS •



Parents Association's Summer Fayre — tomorrow!

The countdown is on! The PA cannot wait to welcome our children, parents and carers to this year's **Summer Fayre on Saturday 20th June 2026**, from **1pm to 4pm**. The forecast is looking sunny and warm, so please come prepared with suncream, hats and plenty of water.

Already bought your wristbands? Fantastic! Wristbands purchased in advance

(<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GJOE>) can be collected on the day in front of the **inflatables**.

Wristbands will also be available to buy on the day.

Need a break from the sunshine? Head to our brand-new **Silent Disco** in the Junior School Hall! If you have already purchased tickets (<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GIXK>), please register at the hall entrance. Tickets will also be available on the day, and both children and adults are welcome to join the fun.

Our brilliant **Raffle** is packed with prizes, including a star prize of a **£300 Toys n Tuck voucher**, generously donated by our sponsors, **Goldings Estate Agents** and **Arcade Tiling**. Other fantastic prizes include a SUFC Match Day Experience for 4 people, a family weekend pass for Tru Gym, a Colour, Cut & Blowdry by Chopp, and a Party in a Box hamper by Call on Beauty. Tickets are just **£1 each** and can now only be purchased on the day at the wristband desk.

There will be games galore, including the much-loved return of **Spin The Wheel**, with prizes such as a VIP Draw with Mr Martinson, gifts from our stall holders, vouchers from local businesses and much more. We have our new Bottle Challenge game, Lucky Dip, Hook a Duck, ASSA Football Challenge and much more. Please bring plenty of change so you can get stuck in!

Feeling peckish? We will have food and drink available to purchase, plus our **Pre-Loved Uniform rail** — perfect for a browse before you head home.

The school will be closed to access toilets, so please use the Portaloo's located next to the climbing frames (Whisper World).

Thank you, as always, for your amazing support. We cannot wait to see you there for an afternoon of sunshine, smiles and Summer Fayre fun!

**GENTLE
REMINDER**

**ONLINE RAFFLE
SALES NOW CLOSED!!**

**INFLATABLES & SILENT DISCO
TICKET SALES
CLOSE TONIGHT (19th) @ 7PM**

**ALL TICKETS WILL BE
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON
THE DAY**

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Hot Weather Reminder

We are expecting some particularly warm weather at the start of next week. We would like to remind families to help children stay safe and comfortable during the school day.

Please ensure that your child:

- Brings a named water bottle to school every day.
- Wears a sun hat or cap when outdoors.
- Applies sunscreen before coming to school.

Children will be encouraged to drink water regularly and will have access to shaded canopies during break and lunchtime. We will be making good use of our air conditioning in classrooms and around the schools! Thank you for your support in helping us keep all children safe and comfortable during periods of hot weather.

Essex Fire & Safety Assembly

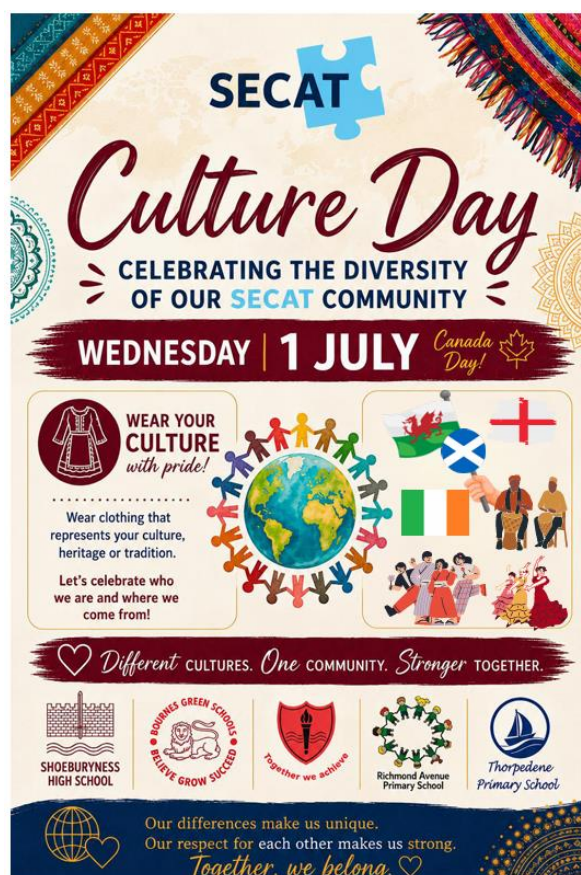
We were delighted to welcome Nikki from Essex County Fire and Rescue Service to both schools this week. She delivered an informative assembly, helping pupils understand how to stay safe during the Summer months.

Nikki spoke about water safety, which is especially important for us, living so close to the sea. Pupils were reminded about staying safe near open water and what to do in an emergency. She also covered sun safety and ways to keep homes safe during the holidays. Children learned about staying safe near railways and the risks associated with fires during the warmer months.

We encourage you to talk with your child about what they learned and to reinforce these key safety messages at home. Working together, we can help ensure everyone enjoys a happy and safe Summer.

SECAT Culture Day

On Wednesday 1st July we shall be holding a 'Culture Day' alongside all the schools in SECAT. On this day the children will be undertaking activities linked to different countries and cultures around the world including those reflected in our school community. Children are invited to wear clothes that reflect their own culture on this day



The poster for SECAT Culture Day features a blue puzzle piece with the word 'SECAT' inside. Below it, 'Culture Day' is written in a large, elegant script. Underneath, it says 'CELEBRATING THE DIVERSITY OF OUR SECAT COMMUNITY'. The date 'WEDNESDAY | 1 JULY' is prominently displayed, with 'Canada Day!' and a maple leaf icon to the right. A central graphic shows a globe surrounded by colorful figures holding hands, with various national flags (Canada, UK, Ireland) and people in traditional dress. A text box on the left encourages wearing cultural clothing with pride. At the bottom, logos for Shoeburyness High School, Bouvines Green School, Richmond Avenue Primary School, and Thorpedene Primary School are shown. The bottom of the poster has a dark blue background with the text: 'Our differences make us unique. Our respect for each other makes us strong. Together, we belong.'

Sports Day - Infant School arrangements

Our school Sports Day will take place on Friday 26th June at 1:30pm. We are delighted to also be offering a family picnic on the junior field.

The infant main gate will open from 11:45am to allow adults on site to collect their child from their classroom doors. Please be mindful that staff will not open their classroom door until we have been informed that the junior sports day has ended. Once you have collected your child, please make your way over to the junior field. Please note that as last year, the car park will not be usable as a thoroughfare. Instead, please make your way back through the gates and around the outside of the school, via the pavement, to the junior main gate. Parents are asked to collect their children in age order i.e. If they have children in both schools, to go to the infant school to collect their child/children first, then return to the junior school to pick up their child.

If you have ordered a school lunch for your child (see below), this will be given to them in class ready for when you collect them at 11:55am.

If you are unable to attend the picnic, or if a different parent will be supervising your child for the picnic, please let us know in advance by emailing the class teacher. **Children will not be dismissed to anybody we have not been informed about prior to the day.** Any child without a parent/carer for the picnic will be supervised by a member of staff.

You can then enjoy a lovely picnic with your child or children together. Whisper World and other playground equipment, including ball games, will not be used during lunchtime. At the end of lunch, you will hear two whistles. The first whistle will indicate that the infant children are to be returned to their classroom doors by their parent. The second whistle will indicate that the Junior School children are to line up with their class teachers. All remaining adults are asked to wait on the field until the children have left the school playground.

We will need to register the children in the afternoon, so please ensure your infant child is back at the classroom door by 12:55pm. You can then return to the junior field in preparation for watching the infant sports day.

Children can come into school on the day in their PE kit with house colour shirt:

Mowbray – Red **Nevile - Yellow** **Stafford - Green** **Tuke – Blue**

Sports Day - Junior School arrangements

Our school Sports Day will take place on Friday 26th June at 9:45am. Gates will open for parents to enter the site at 9:30am.

We are delighted to also be offering a family picnic on the junior field. Once the Sports Day has finished, teachers will take the children back to class. Please go to your child's classroom door to collect your child. This applies to all classes and year groups. Parents are asked to collect their children in age order i.e. If they have children in both schools, to go to the infant school to collect their child/children first, then return to the junior school to pick up their child.

If you have ordered a school lunch for your child (see below), this will be given to them in class ready for when you collect them. If you are unable to attend the picnic, or if a different parent will be

supervising your child for the picnic, please let us know in advance by emailing the class teacher. **Children will not be dismissed to anybody we have not been informed about prior to the day.** Any child without a parent/carer for the picnic will be supervised by a member of staff. You can then enjoy a lovely picnic with your child or children together. Whisper World and other playground equipment, including ball games, will not be used during lunchtime.

At the end of lunch, you will hear two whistles. The first whistle will indicate that the Infant School children are to be returned to their classroom doors by their parents. The second whistle will indicate that the Junior School children are to line up with their class teachers. All remaining adults are asked to wait on the field until the children have left the school playground.

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Picnic lunch arrangements

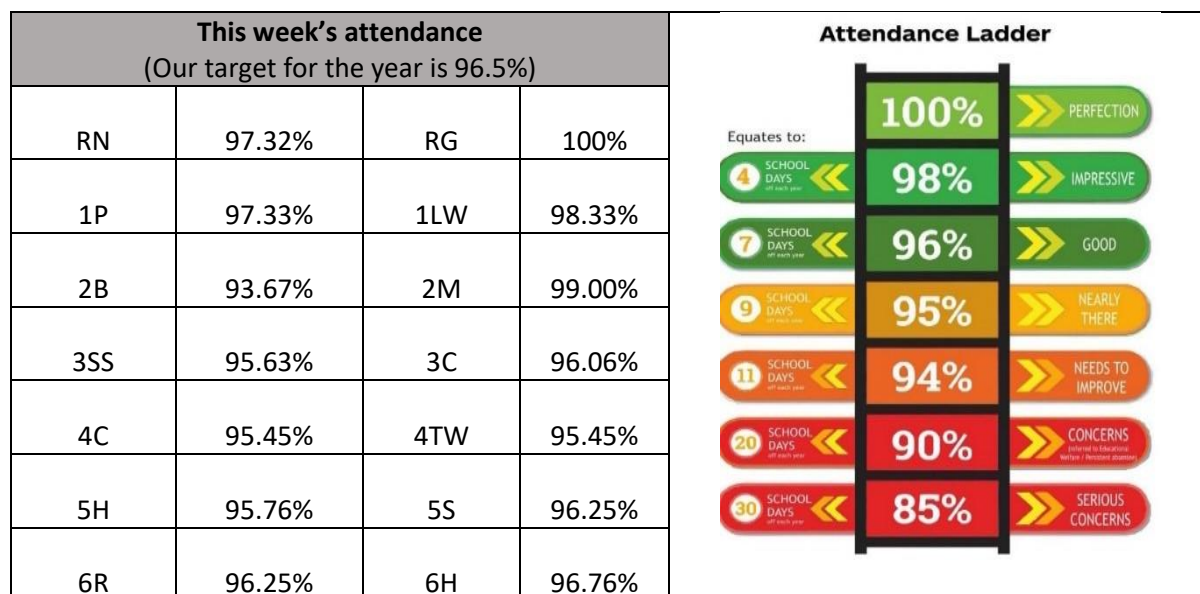
We know that many families will chose to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy with their children. However, a packed lunch can be ordered through the app. Last year we had a large number of parents ordering a packed lunch which was then not wanted on the day so we would ask that parents only order a lunch for their child if it will be needed to avoid waste.


- Packed lunch options are:
- Ham, Cheese or Tuna mayo (Vegan Mayo) Roll
- Cookie/Cake slice
- Fruit
- Yogurt
- Raisins

Please be aware there will not be access to the school buildings. We will have a small number of portable toilets located on the junior playground for use throughout the event. No one will be permitted to use toilets in the school buildings.

Attendance

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



Assembly Information	
Artist of the Half Term	Hans Zimmer
Language of the Month	Spanish
KS1 Votes for Schools Topic	Should you learn more about water safety?
KS2 My Future My Southend	 <p>My Future Careers It's coming home</p> <p>We have been looking at careers that link to 'It's coming home' and how we can work together to achieve a common goal.</p> <p><i>Why not have a discussion with your child about the career they found most interesting? What would they need to participate in this career?</i></p>

Children's Council Updates	
School Council	<p>The School Councillors are pleased to announce that the total raised by the Charity sale was £456.40!</p> <p>Thank you everyone who donated cakes, books and soft toys or purchased these on the day.</p> <p>The money will be given to The Sick Children's Trust as proposed by Daniel</p> <p>Everyone looked incredible on the day and it was interesting for the adults to see them as their future selves.</p>
Eco-Committee	<p>The Infant Eco councillors, made lovely recycling signs for their classroom bins. The winners of the Infant Eco Points this week are 1P and 2M.</p>

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 Henry who performed at the Palace Theatre on Monday and Tuesday in Legally Blonde the Musical. We hope you enjoyed being on stage!


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	Eire	
Grow	Fia, Callum, Dollie, Islam Kayode	
Succeed	Eshal, Henry, Amelia	Harry, Imogen, Thomas, 6R, Seb, Heidi

Children who were on Gold last week		
	Infants	Juniors
		Imogen, Felix, Callum, Isabel, Heidi, Kit, Fia, Poppy, Zayd, Thomas, Gianna, Connie, Daisy, Finn, Maddison, Noah, Arlo, Eire, Kian, Subhan, Beatrice, Ethan, Opie, Mya

Weekly Newsletter – Local News & Events



southend-on-sea health 4 life
a healthier future for the whole family

Free Summer Holiday Fun for 11-15 Year Olds

FOR 11-15 YEAR OLDS*
@ SOUTHEND CIVIC CENTRE
VICTORIA AVE, SS2 6ER
9:15 - 3:30
TUESDAY 28TH JULY
WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY
*or children who are 10 and transitioning to secondary school

11-15 year olds are invited to our FREE 2 day Health4Life programme - a fun, inclusive, and engaging way to explore what it means to lead a healthy lifestyle!
Through hands on food prep sessions with a local chef, exciting games and trips to **Indirock, MyYogiTribe and Brazilarte**, they will learn:

- KEEP YOUR BODY HEALTHY**
- LOOK AFTER PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELLBEING**
- PORTION SIZES**
- MAKE GOOD NUTRITIONAL CHOICES**
- BODY POSITIVITY**

It's been very helpful educating us on the amount of sugar in foods, portion sizes and good choices

Sign up form

Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 29th July
9:15am - 3:30pm
@ Southend Civic Centre

health4life@southend.gov.uk | 01702 534843 | Southend-on-Sea City Council

Enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing you tomorrow at the Summer Fayre.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Martinson
Headteacher