



BOURNES GREEN SCHOOLS

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BOURNES GREEN INFANT SCHOOL

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Weekly Newsletter – Important Information

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reminders (please also check the [school calendar](#))

- Tuesday 22nd September Junior individual and Junior sibling school photographs
- Wednesday 23rd September Infants/Nursery individual school photographs & mixed schools sibling photographs.
- Friday 25th September Cross country competition (letter sent to team)
- Friday 25th September MacMillan Coffee afternoon (see below)
- Wednesday 30th September Y5/6 Tag Rugby competition (letter to be sent to team)
- Thursday 1st October Census day lunch menu (see below)

Welcome back to the new school term! I am so happy to be returning to school this week after being taken into hospital as an emergency on the very last day of term and spending the past few weeks recovering at home.

I have really missed the hustle and bustle of school life. I am absolutely delighted to be back on site with you all. Seeing the children's smiling faces and watching how everyone has settled so brilliantly into their new classrooms has been the absolute highlight of my week.

It has been wonderful to walk around the classes and see just how settled, calm, and focused the children are already. I must admit, I was completely amazed when I saw them as it feels as though everyone grew an extra couple of inches over the summer, and they look so smart and tall compared to when I last saw them in July!

I would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Kent, as well as our fantastic leadership team and staff across both Bournes Green Infant and Junior Schools. They did a wonderful job keeping everything running smoothly at the end of term and making sure the children had such a positive, happy start to this new school year.

I look forward to seeing plenty of wave-offs and catching up with you and the children at the school gates over the coming days!

Harvest Festival

Bournes Green Schools are celebrating Harvest Festival this month. We will be collecting donations for The Shoebury Ark foodbank, who work to support those in need in our community. Items will be gratefully received in our schools from Monday 28th September. We will also be holding special assemblies with Reverend Dave Willis where we will reflect on those less fortunate than ourselves and celebrate the donations which we have collected. Thank you in advance for your support with helping us this worthwhile cause.

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School Photographs

We are splitting the Individual school photos and sibling photos over two days this year. If you have a child in the juniors with an infant sibling, they will be having their photograph taken on both days. We request, that where possible, all children are in full winter uniform for their photographs.

Census Day special menu

Please support our school by booking your child a delicious school dinner on Thursday 1st October 2026.

Every meal ordered on Census day helps our school receive the correct funding, the more children who join us for a school meal on the day, the better! Book now through MCAS and make every meal count!



Free School Meals

Following on from correspondence sent out to all parents before the summer break, there's still time to check whether your child is eligible for free school meals. You can check both Infant and Junior children by clicking the following link and selecting our school: <https://fsm.lgfl.net>
Please note Universal Infant Free School Meals still apply to **all** children in Reception to Year 2, however, being eligible for benefits related Free School Meals qualifies your child for programmes like the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Scheme too.

CEO Q&A Session

Mr Stickley will be holding his next CEO Q&A session for parents to find out about the work of the trust at 12pm Wednesday 30th September. Please submit any questions in advance to admin@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk Please use this link to join the meeting: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/38239377673048?p=s3o5e4H43BYZuk6N12>

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%)			
RN	99.00%	RG	98.28%
1P	95.67%	1LW	98.325%
2B	99.00%	2M	98.66%
3ST	94.85%	3SW	99.09%
4CO	97.88%	4CR	94.24%
5H	99.39%	5S	94.75%
6R	88.18%	6H	91.05%

Attendance Ladder

Equates to:

4 SCHOOL DAYS off each year	100%	PERFECTION
7 SCHOOL DAYS off each year	98%	IMPRESSIVE
9 SCHOOL DAYS off each year	96%	GOOD
11 SCHOOL DAYS off each year	95%	NEARLY THERE
20 SCHOOL DAYS off each year	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
30 SCHOOL DAYS off each year	90%	CONCERNS referred to Educational Welfare / Personal discipline
30 SCHOOL DAYS off each year	85%	SERIOUS CONCERNS

Assembly Information	
Artist of the Half Term	Michael Giacchino
Language of the Month	Urdu
Votes for Schools Topic	Do you feel hopeful about your future?

Children's Council Updates	
School Council	The school council met to think about ideas for their charity of the term. All classes will vote on their ideas, and the councillors will report back next week
Eco-Committee	The winners of the Infant Eco Points this week are 1P, 1LW 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	
	James in Y3 and Theo in Y1 both took part in the Southend AC junior parkrun championship over the month of August. They both did incredibly well and won their year group competitions. James also recorded the overall third fastest time for the club out of all the children (reception up to year 6) with an impressive time of 8 minutes 20 seconds over 2km. A fantastic achievement. Well done boys!
	Ezra ran in a junior race as part of the Basildon Half Marathon last weekend. Well done Ezra!

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		

Grow	Oliver, Lottie	Fraiser, Hudson
Succeed	Finn, Ivy, Zachary, Charlotte, Arivarasi, Heidi, Imogen, Esme	Rosie, Ellis, Mia, Alex
Children who were on Gold last week		
	Infants	Juniors
	Ava, Autumn, Hugo, Nellie, Margot, Penny, Zachary, Ollie, Anaiah, Henry, Blake, Olivia, Hetty, Elsie, Bella, Sienna, Olivia, Deacon, Fallon, Ashni, Max, Ben, Kit, Thomas, Charis, Jude, Lorenzo, Isabel, Jack	Lola, Jonti, Rudy, Noah, Taysom, Henry D, Rose, Mia, Ellis, Lucy, Theo, Holly, Finn, Harmony, Evan

Weekly Newsletter – Local News & Events

School Nursing Service 2026-27

Parent/carer drop in clinics for children aged 5-11 years

Venue	Time
Bournes Green Infants and Juniors School (clinic will take place in the Junior school)	
Tuesday 13 th October	
8.30am-9.15am	

Emotional health and wellbeing advice • Growth and development
• Healthy lifestyles • Bedwetting support • Hearing
• 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
schoolnursing@southend.gov.uk

Southend-on-Sea City Council

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Friday 25th September

2PM - 3:45PM

Infant Hall



Doors open at 2pm to enjoy a quiet cuppa and cake before pick up!

Hall closes at 3:45

Do your bit for better Cancer care

Together we will do whatever it takes to make cancer care better for everyone



Registered with
FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (245937), Scotland (SC039607) and the Isle of Man (3046). Also operating in Northern Ireland: MAC20578

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**
A registered charity

£4 Pay As You Go
(Card Only)

Athletics Club

Every Thursday
During Term Time
5:45pm To 6:45pm

Where?
Southend High School For Girls
Southchurch Boulevard
Southend-on-Sea
SS2 4UZ

Sibling Discounts!
Weekly Trophies Given Out!

Year Groups
Year R/1/2
Year 3/4
Year 5/6

Dedicated Coaches
That Will Always Put Your Children First!

Southend Under 11s Athletics Club

SouthendSSP

www.spssa.co.uk

Asthma Newsletter
Winter 2026

Mid and South Essex
Community Collaborative

Did you know flu is a major trigger for asthma attacks?

Want to know how to protect your child this winter?
Follow the Community Children's Asthma Nurses top tips:

- Take your **preventer** inhaler everyday.
- Always use a **spacer** unless you have a dry powder inhaler.
- Make sure you get your **flu vaccine**.

We need a spacer to ensure the medicine gets to our lungs.

What does a "preventer" inhaler do?

1. It reduces the swelling and inflammation within the airway in the lungs.
2. This makes the airways less sensitive to asthma triggers.
3. Using it every day as prescribed, will mean you need to take your rescue (blue) inhaler less.

According to UKHSA data the flu vaccine is up to 75% effective at preventing hospital attendances due to flu.

What is good asthma control?

1. **No symptoms during the day.**
2. **No symptoms waking them at night.**
3. **Able to complete all normal activities including PE.**
4. **Little/ no need for the rescue (blue) inhaler.**

If you are worried that your child's asthma is not controlled despite preventer treatment, please visit your GP for an asthma review and why not discuss referral to the Children's Community Asthma Service.

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

Yours sincerely,



Mr Martinson
Headteacher