



BOURNES GREEN SCHOOLS

Executive Headteacher: Mr Travis Martinson

BOURNES GREEN INFANT SCHOOL

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Weekly Newsletter – Important Information

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

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| • Tuesday 13 th October | 8:30am School nurse drop in clinic (see poster below) |
| • Tuesday 13 th October | Parents Evening |
| • Thursday 15 th October | Parents Evening |
| • Friday 16 th October | Y5/6 Girls Football (letter sent to team) |
| • Monday 19 th October | Half term starts |
| • Monday 2 nd November | Return to school |

Pick up Protocol

As a reminder, if someone other than the usual person is collecting your child, please contact the school office in advance to let us know. This helps us to ensure that we have the appropriate arrangements in place and that children are collected safely. We will not release your child to an unapproved person.

Infant Handover Changes

Following parent feedback we are looking at adjustments to our **morning arrival routines for the Infant School (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)**. This will take effect for a trial period during the final week of this half-term from Monday 12th October. Your comments on these changes are welcomed as we look to see how effective this is and to confirm if these will be permanent changes.

Our aim is to streamline morning arrival, make the start of the day smoother for the children, reduce congestion outside the main gates and provide parents with a clearer and easier way to ensure they have seen their children directly into the school building.

While parents remain responsible for ensuring their child arrives safely at their entry point, we fully support and encourage independence. If you feel your child is confident to walk from the school gate to their classroom door independently, please feel free to continue to allow them to do so, whilst making sure you have seen them reach their class door before departing. A staff member will continue to be based on the gates to facilitate this. For parents who prefer to accompany their child to the door, or on occasions where they are carrying more than usual, the updated arrangements below should make movement around the **Infant** site easier.

Reception

Reception parents may enter via the usual Reception gate and hand their child over in the astroturf area. The handover will be when your child walks through the wooden gate or is handed over to a staff member.

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Year 1

All Year 1 pupils will now enter the school building through the **1P classroom door**. This is the door directly in line with the Infant gate. The hand over point is when your child walks through the classroom door or if you have handed over your child to a staff member.

Year 2

All Year 2 pupils will now enter through the **2M classroom door**. Parents may accompany their child **along the path to the canopy area** to ensure they reach the handover point, which will be the moment they get through the door.

Class teachers

As class teachers will be busy settling the children and starting them off on their work, staff members who are on gate duty will be happy to pass on any quick messages or queries to the teaching team. Please do try not to distract classes when leaving.

Secondary School admission 2027 Information

The application window for year 6 parents to apply for secondary school closes on 31st October 2026. Parents can apply via the City Councils [online form](#). The Secondary Admissions Booklet 2027, which is the composite prospectus can be found on this page. The booklet provides the full details on the process and the schools admission arrangements. National Offer Day, when all that have applied receive the outcome for their application is 1st March 2027.

Midday Assistant Vacancy at Bournes Green Schools

We are looking for friendly, enthusiastic and caring individuals to join our team as a Midday Assistant, helping to ensure that our children have a safe, happy and enjoyable lunchtime. The role is for one hour per day, Monday to Friday (11:55am–12:55pm) during term time. If you are interested in joining our wonderful school community, or know someone who might be, please follow the link below for further information and to apply.
[View the vacancy and apply online](#)

Parent Governor Vacancy – Could You Join Our Academy Committee?

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join the Bournes Green Academy Committee. Parent Governors play an important role in the Academy Committee, bringing a valuable parent perspective, monitoring school priorities and providing assurance about pupils' experiences and outcomes.

You don't need any previous governance experience – just an interest in the school, a willingness to ask questions and contribute to discussions, and a commitment to helping Bournes Green continue to develop. Full training and support will be provided.

If you are interested in finding out more about the role, please contact Katy Love, Governance Manager, via email at katylove@secat.co.uk to request further information and an expression of interest form.

If more than one parent expresses an interest in the vacancy, a parent election will be held.

Closing date for expressions of interest: Friday 23rd October 2026

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	97.66%	RG	97.65%
1P	99.33%	1LW	96.00%
2B	98.67%	2M	96.33%
3ST	95.14%	3SW	97.36%
4CO	98.79%	4CR	93.33%
5H	98.18%	5S	98.79%
6R	95.44%	6H	99.39%

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 (Entered to Educational Welfare / Persistent Absence)
	85%	SERIOUS CONCERNS

Assembly Information	
Artist of the Half Term	Michael Giacchino
Language of the Month	Turkish
Votes for Schools Topic KS1	Do stories bring us together?
My Future My Southend KS2	We had a virtual visit from people in jobs that work in a variety of fields that fall under the theme ‘Over the Moon.’ They explained what they do in their job and why they enjoy it.

Children's Council Updates	
School Council	The School Council met with Hollie Redding, responsible for school meals across SECAT, to discuss the new menu.
Eco-Committee	The winners of the Infant Eco Points this week are RG,1P,2M,2B and 1LW

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

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	Reggie, Albert	
Grow	Seb, Beau, Penny, Ethan, Nihira, Blake	Kayode, Saffy, Kit
Succeed	Leni, Kara, Fia, Ashni, Betsy	Fletcher, Lily, William, Adilah, Mia

Children who were on Gold last week

	Infants	Juniors
	Kelsey, Valentina, Connie, Harvey, Ezrah, Amaanah, Bonnie, Anoushka, Charlotte, Felix, Grace, Ru, Darcy, Oscar, Sofia, Hugh, Max, Taylor, Zayd, Callum, Primrose, Lorenzo, Bertie, Billy, Gianna, Evelyn, Neave, William, Henry, Novera, Francesca, Esme, Jacob, William	Jenson, Theo, Ophelia, Logan, Ezra, Evie, Mia, Harmony

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 for self support
Parents scan this QR Code to find support

www.southend.gov.uk/schoolnursing
schoolnursing@southend.gov.uk

Southend-on-Sea City Council

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BIG Beach BANG

PRESENTED BY ROUND TABLE

HEADLINED BY HUNT ROCHE

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SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS

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10.00AM
TO
3.00PM

YEAR 1&2
YEAR 3&4
YEAR 5&6



1 DAY = £25
2 DAYS = £45
3 DAYS = £55
per child, per week

DATES
Wednesday 28th October
to
Friday 30th October

SAVE £10!
SIBLING DISCOUNT
per family, per week

TROPHIES
ASSA AWARD
MEDALS
EVERY DAY!

VENUE
Darlinghurst Academy
Pavilion Drive
Leigh-on-Sea
Essex.
SS9 3JS



When booking via email or text please include
the name of the child, school year and days.

We have indoor facilities available on all our courses so please bring both football boots and
trainers. Shin Pads are highly recommended.
Children will need a nut free packed lunch and suitable drinks.



**THORPE BAY LAWN
TENNIS CLUB**

CHILDREN'S



HALLOWEEN PARTY

30 OCTOBER

TICKETS MUST BE
BOOKED & PAID IN
ADVANCE

3.30-5.30PM

DJ & GAMES

HOT DOG & DRINK

SWEET TREAT

EMAIL:
CHLOEJACKSONTBLTC@GMAIL.COM

CHILDREN
UNDER 10!

BAR
OPEN FOR
ADULTS!

PAYMENT: TBLTC
27496268
30-92-53

£5 A TICKET
MEMBERS & NON
MEMBERS
WELCOME!

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN
ADULT



OCTOBER HALF TERM

Tennis Camp

Wed 21st & Thurs 22nd Oct

Wed 28th & Thurs 29th Oct

9.00am-1.30pm

Same price earlier start time

Price

£20 Members
£25 Non Members

10% discount for
multi day or siblings

For kids aged 3-18
(Split groups)

All equipment provided
by Thorpe Bay Lawn
Tennis Club



Payment Details:

Account name - Thorpe
Bay Lawn Tennis Club
Limited

Sort Code - 30-92-53

Account no - 27496268

Ref - Childs name

Please bring drinks and
snacks

For more information or to book contact:
Matt Bell 07786238586 or mattwgbell@aol.com

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

Yours sincerely,



Mr Martinson
Headteacher