

BOURNES GREEN SCHOOLS

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BOURNES GREEN INFANT SCHOOL

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Weekly Newsletter – Important Information

Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

- Monday 19th October Half term starts
- Monday 2nd November Return to school
- Thursday 5th November Y4 Anglo Saxon Day
- Friday 6th November Parent Partnership (Y1) Phonics workshop
- Friday 6th November Plastic Free Friday see eco council below for details.
- Friday 13th November Children in Need/ RSPCA charity (see School Council notes below)

As we reach the end of our first half term of the academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on how remarkably well our children have settled into their school lives across both Bournes Green Infant and Junior Schools.

The start of a new school year brings new routines, milestones, and fresh challenges, but our pupils have shown fantastic enthusiasm, effort, and resilience right from day one. Our newest Reception children have adapted wonderfully to the rhythms of the school day, exploring their environments with growing confidence. Across the Infant School, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils have stepped into their year groups with great energy, setting a brilliant example for their younger peers.

Over at the Junior School, it has been equally inspiring to watch our year groups thrive. Our Year 3 pupils have made a seamless transition into junior life, settling in with impressive maturity and enthusiasm. Year 4 and Year 5 have grown so much over the past few weeks, demonstrating just how sensible, independent, and focused they have become. And our Year 6 pupils deserve special praise, they have shown themselves to be wonderfully hard-working, polite, and responsible role models for the entire school.

It was also a real pleasure to welcome so many of you to our recent Parents' Evenings. The conversations between families and teaching staff were exceptionally positive, reflecting the strong partnership between home and school that makes our community so special. Celebrating your children's progress, discussing their learning journeys, and working together to support their development is at the heart of everything we do.

Thank you to all our staff for their hard work and dedication throughout these busy weeks, and to our parents and carers for your ongoing support and collaboration. We hope you all enjoy a restful, well-deserved half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 2nd November for another exciting half term ahead.

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Infant School Refined Morning Arrival & Drop-off Procedures

Following our recent week-long trial and consideration of the feedback shared by our school community, we have refined our morning arrival arrangements.

From Monday 2 November, the following arrangements will be in place for all Infant pupils. Our aim is to provide clear handover points where staff can safely welcome children onto the school site, while supporting their growing confidence and independence. We have also adjusted the entry points for Years 1 and 2 so that parents can see their children enter the school building. We recognise that this visibility provides important reassurance for many families.

Year 1

Children will be dropped off at the KS1 outer gate and make their way into school through the 1P classroom entrance, where a member of staff will welcome them. This entrance is visible from the outer gate, allowing parents to see their children safely into the building.

Year 2

Children will be dropped off at the KS1 outer gate and enter the building through the Library entrance. This entrance is also visible from the outer gate and a member of staff will be positioned there to welcome children.

Reception

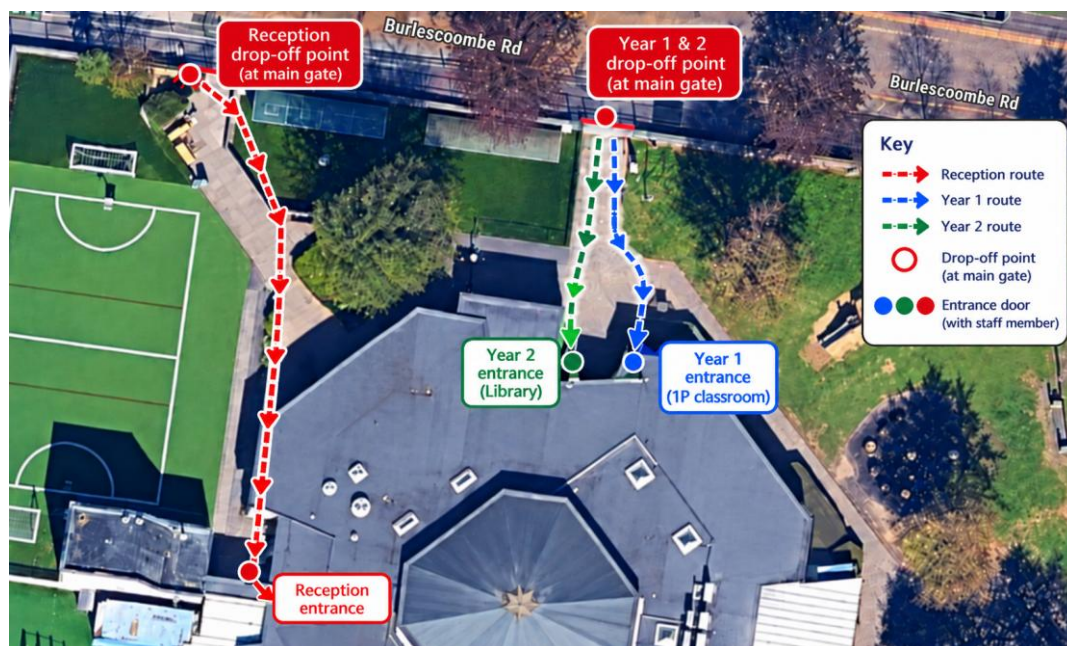
Children will be dropped off at the Reception outer gate, where a member of staff will be present to greet them. They will then walk along the path to the Reception outdoor area gate.

We recognise that some children may need additional reassurance or support with their morning arrival. Where this is the case, staff will work with families to ensure an appropriate handover.

General Reminder for All Families

To keep our site safe, calm and accessible for everyone, we kindly ask all parents and carers to see their child safely into school and then move away from the pathway and gate area promptly.

Thank you for your feedback, patience and continued support in making our morning drop-off safe and welcoming for all our children.



Plastic Free Day of Action – Friday 6th November



On Friday 6th November, we will be encouraging our children and families to think about the amount of single-use plastic we use and the small changes we can all make to reduce it. Our ongoing sustainability work is about empowering children to recognise that their choices can make a real difference. Plastic Free Schools programmes particularly encourage pupil-led action to tackle avoidable single-use plastics. We would love families to join us by trying to be **plastic-free** on the day, such as choosing a

reusable water bottle, lunch container or snack pot instead of a single-use alternative. Small changes, when we make them together, can have a big impact! We have been working closely with school caterers to ensure school dinners are plastic free on this day.

Thank you for your support,

The Eco Team

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 online via the City Councils website. The Secondary Admissions Booklet 2027 can be found on the web page too, which 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.

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

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.

This week's attendance (Our target for the year is 96.5%)			
RN	91.97%	RG	94.65%
1P	93.33%	1LW	88.67%
2B	92.67%	2M	95.33%
3ST	93.64%	3SW	95.76%
4CO	94.55%	4CR	91.21%
5H	94.85%	5S	94.85%
6R	95.76%	6H	94.24%

Attendance Ladder

Equates to:

100%	PERFECTION
98%	IMPRESSIVE
96%	GOOD
95%	NEARLY THERE
94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
90%	CONCERNS related to behaviour safeg / personal discipline
85%	SERIOUS CONCERNS

Assembly Information	
Artist of the Half Term	Michael Giacchino
Language of the Month	Turkish
Votes for Schools Topic	KS1 & LKS2 - Is it easy to make healthy choices? UKS2- Should vapes have plain packaging?

Children's Council Updates	
School Council	The school council vote was split this time. Infant children voted for Children in Need. Junior children voted for the RSPCA. Consequently, we will be holding charity day on Friday 13th November but will split the money between two charities. For a donation the infant children will wear their pyjamas and have crazy hair if they want. The junior children have chosen to wear a more animal themed look with crazy hair this year. Something to contemplate over half term!
Eco-Committee	The eco council will be meeting to promote Plastic Free Friday on 6/11/26. The aim is to reduce single use plastic by bringing a plastic free lunch. So, the eco council would ideally like food to be wrapped in paper or tinfoil. Snacks to be in own natural wrapper eg. Banana skin, apple skin ... and water ideally not in single use plastic bottle. The winners of the junior eco points this week were 5S and 6R. The winners of the infant eco points this week were RN,1P,1LW and 2B.

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	Nico, Myles, Sienna, Emilie, Remy	Sophia
Grow	Grace, Kelsey	Olivia D, Aria, William, Isaiah, Kian, Max, Georgia
Succeed	Herbie, Ethan	
Children who were on Gold last week		
	Infants	Juniors
	Ava, Finn, Ivy, Daisy, Grace, Maddison, Kennedy, Parker, Hugo, Euan, Arivarasi, Oliver, Bea, Emily, Penny, Fallon, Ariella, Emilie, Pheobe, Kit, Zephie,	Noor, Harper, Rosie, Noah, Jake, Henry D, Henry H, Harper, Alexis, Lola, Theo, Jack, Ollie, Kit

Weekly Newsletter – Local News & Events



ALL FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

BIG Beach BANG

FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

PRESENTED BY **ROUND TABLE**

HEADLINED BY **HUNT ROCHE**

TICKETS ON SALE
ENTER REFERRAL CODE
BOURNES
TO EARN OUR SCHOOL **£1**
ON EACH TICKET PURCHASED

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5-9 PM
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SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS

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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

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

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SIBLING DISCOUNT
per family, per week

TROPHIES
ASSA AWARD
MEDALS
EVERY DAY!



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.

STARSPO RTS AND SOCCER

GREAT WAKERING PRIMARY ACADEMY

HOLIDAY CLUB

GREAT FUN • ACTIVE DAYS • NEW FRIENDS

10 FUN PACKED DAYS!

INDIVIDUAL DAYS CAN BE BOOKED

Please note – the payment details have changed!

FOOTBALL – NERF – ARTS & CRAFTS – MULTI SPORTS – LEGO – BASKETBALL
GYMNASTICS – TENNIS – BADMINTON – CRICKET – ROUNDERS – HOCKEY
DODGEBALL – ATHLETICS – HANDBALL – DANCE & MUCH MORE!

HOLIDAY CLUB DATES

WEEK ONE – Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October

Please note – The holiday club will finish at 2pm on Wednesday 21st and Friday 23rd October

WEEK TWO – Monday 26th to Friday 30th October

9AM–3PM: £24 PER INDIVIDUAL DAY FOR ONE CHILD
HALF DAY BOOKINGS ARE £14.00 PER CHILD (ANY 3 HOUR SLOT FROM 9AM-3PM)

Sibling Discounts per individual day 9am-3pm: £40 for 2 siblings and £56 for 3 siblings

9AM TILL 3PM
OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 4-11 YEARS OLD. CHILDREN MUST BE DRY.
CHILDREN AGED 12+ CAN APPLY TO BECOME A 'HELPER'. PLEASE CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO.
INDIVIDUAL DAYS CAN BE BOOKED & OUR CLUB RUNS EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY.
FULLY QUALIFIED, INSURED, DBS CHECKED, FIRST AID TRAINED & EXPERIENCED STAFF
SAFE, FUN & WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT IN A SECURED VENUE
PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE NUT & SESAME SEED FREE. PLEASE ENSURE FOODS ARE FREE OF ALL TREE NUTS, PEANUTS & SESAME SEEDS.

All attending should bring: A packed lunch with water bottle, any medication needed (asthma pump, EpiPen etc. and please send us the full details of any medical conditions or needs we should be aware of), plenty of water, sun cream, sun hat & trainers (football boots are optional).

Payment Details: Star Sports & Soccer Ltd. 18397927 23-05-80
Please use the FULL NAME of the child as the payment reference and send us a proof of payment screenshot every time a payment is made please. Thank you.

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Enjoy the half term break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd November.

Yours sincerely,

T.R. Martinson

Mr Martinson
Headteacher