



Headteacher Newsletter

Friday 4th September 2026

A very warm welcome back to the new academic year at West Borough Primary School.

I hope that you have all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break and that your children are feeling excited about the year ahead. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this week and to see the children settling so quickly into their new classes, reconnecting with friends and embracing new opportunities.

The start of a new school year always brings a sense of excitement and possibility. Our staff team has been busy preparing classrooms, planning engaging learning experiences and ensuring that we are ready to provide the very best education and support for every child.

This year promises to be another exciting one, with many memorable learning opportunities, enrichment activities and special events planned. I will share the yearly overview with you in my next newsletter, so that you have key dates for the year ahead.

We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you to help every child achieve their full potential, both academically and personally.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement and commitment to our school community.

Together, we can ensure that this is a happy, successful and rewarding year for all of our children.

Mrs Jury-Sofi

Dates for the Diary

Term 1

Thursday 10th September - Kent Test

Wednesday 21st September - Pupil of the Term (Invite only)

Thursday 15th October - Year 2 walk around local area

Friday 23rd October - INSET DAY (School Closed)

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October - Half term

Monday 2nd November - INSET Day (School Closed)



Welcome!



A huge West Borough welcome to our new staff.

Mrs Beevis - Cherry Class

Miss Goodsell - Lime Class

Miss Berry - Maple Class

Mr Burniston - Spruce Class

Mrs Sabini - Receptionist (Office)

Miss Searles - SENCO

Meet the Teacher

Don't forget to come to our **Meet the Teacher** events that started this week. Next weeks dates are as follows:

Monday 7th September - Lime

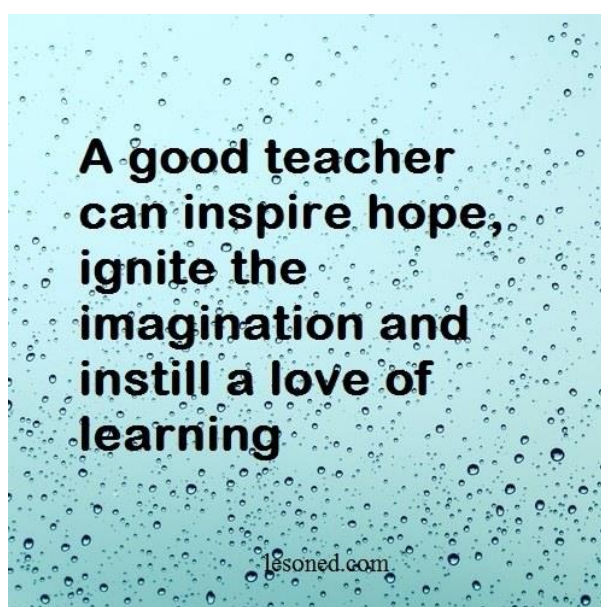
Tuesday 8th September - Hawthorn & Hornbeam

Thursday 10th September - Ebony & Elm

Friday 11th September - Cherry & Cedar

This is wonderful opportunity for you to come into school and meet your child's new teacher informally before the term really gets underway.

The events are happening straight after school in the classroom.



Careers Day

We had a wonderful day today, with lots of visitors coming into classes to talk to the children about their job roles. The children were commended on both their impeccable behaviour

and the thoughtful questions they asked. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm, curiosity and engagement throughout the day.

This will become a yearly event at West Borough, so if you would be interested in joining us for next years event, please talk to Mrs Fowler.



Mobile Phone Reminder

Please remember that our school site is a **mobile phone-free zone**. We ask that you do not use your mobile phone whilst on the school premises. Please do not be offended if a member of staff asks you to stop using your phone if they see you doing so. This is not intended to cause inconvenience but is an important measure to help safeguard our children and maintain a safe environment for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and support.



School Uniform

Our uniform consists of:

- White collared t-shirt, shirt or blouse
- Navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan with or without school logo
- Grey school trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- Grey or white socks or grey, white or black tights
- Black shoes
- House coloured logo T-shirt and navy shorts for PE
- Navy checked dresses in the Summer Term and Autumn Term 1
- Grey shorts in the Summer Term and Autumn Term 1

PE kit is to be worn to school on PE days and consists of:

- Navy blue hooded sweatshirt with or without school logo during colder months
- House coloured logo T-shirt and navy shorts
- Navy jogging bottoms or leggings (non- branded) in colder months
- Trainers

Jewellery & Hair

- Children can have their ears pierced but may only wear small stud earrings (no hoops allowed). These must be removed during PE and sporting activities. This is for health and safety reasons.
- Taping ear-rings is no longer recommended as it can cause further harm and give a false sense of security.
- Hair tied back using natural coloured hair bands or with small bows, clips, headbands and ribbons in school colours; navy blue, white and grey.
- No hair dye. (Temporary coloured spray is permitted on dress up days.)

<https://www.west-borough.kent.sch.uk/media/9571/school-uniform-policy- september-2025.pdf>



Arbor



Just a reminder that we will no longer be using ParentMail to send emails. All messages will now be sent via Arbor or ClassDojo. Please ensure that you have access to these platforms and that your contact details are up to date so that you do not miss any important communications from the school.

Allergies

Thank you to those of you who have already completed the allergy form that was sent yesterday.

If your child has an allergy or medical condition that we should be aware of, please complete the form using the link below. This information is essential to help us keep your child safe and ensure that appropriate support is in place at school.

[Individual Healthcare Plan - Allergies – Fill in form](#)

Some training opportunities for you

Maidstone Food Resources

Family Hubs:
(For families with children under 18 only or young people in supported accommodation)

Infozone, Palace Avenue, ME15 6NF Tel: 03000 419470 Email: Infozonefamilyhub@kent.gov.uk	South Borough, Stagshaw Close, ME15 6TL Tel: 03000 417770 Email: Southboroughfh@kent.gov.uk
West Borough, Greenway, ME16 8TL Tel: 03000 419361 Email: Westboroughfh@kent.gov.uk	Parkwood, Furfield Close, ME15 9JR Tel: 03000 412700 Email: Parkwoodfh@kent.gov.uk
Greenfields, Rutland Way, ME15 8DR Tel: 03000 412987 Email: Greenfieldsfh@kent.gov.uk	

Please contact the hub beforehand if possible.

Other Providers:

MADM
48 Church Street, Maidstone, ME14 1DS
Tel: 01622 687414
Email: madmstone@gmail.com

Salvation Army (Food Bank)
74-80 Union St, Maidstone, ME14 1ED
Wednesdays 11am - 3pm
Tel: 07724 473796

The Vine (Food Bank)
Northumberland Road, Maidstone, ME15 7LP
Tel: 07724 473796

Staff can be reached on the food bank number above. If not available someone can leave a message and a team member will get back to them to arrange a time for the food to be collected.

Fusion: Community Table - A Menu For Change
Fusion Healthy Living Centre, 2-3 Cobb Way, Maidstone ME15 9XF
Friday
Tel (To Apply): 01622 691177

30 people can get a hot meal in a local restaurant (or takeaway for those who lack mobility) for free.

How to Join:

- Apply to the Community Table waiting list.
- List is reviewed every 3 months.

Maidstone Day Centre (Support Homeless People)
Knightrider Street, Maidstone, ME16 6LP
Tel: 01622 674064

The Bread and Butter Thing

£35 worth of food for £8.50, including fresh fruit and veg, fridge favourites and cupboard staples.

Shepway Shepway Youth and Community Centre, Cumberland Avenue, Maidstone, ME15 7JH Thursday 1pm Sign Up and Book a Slot: Text 0750 723 7311 with your full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from:	Park Wood Fusion Healthy Living Centre, 2-3 Cobb Way, Maidstone ME15 9XF Wednesday 3pm Sign Up and Book a Slot: Text 0750 723 7311 with your full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from: "PARK WOOD"	Trinity Trinity House, 20 Church Street, Maidstone, ME14 1LY Tuesday 1pm Sign Up and Book a Slot: Text 0750 723 7311 with your full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from: "TRINITY"	The Blackthorn Trust Andrew's Road, Maidstone, ME15 9AN Monday 12:30pm Sign Up and Book a Slot: Text 0750 723 7311 with your full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from: "BLACKTHORN"
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SEND INFORMATION ADVICE AND GUIDANCE ROADSHOW

CALLING ALL MAIDSTONE FAMILIES!

Those whose child/young person has or may have special educational needs and/or disabilities and would like to learn more about the local services. We will have a wide range of services in attendance that can provide support through ages 0-25.

Drop-in session, no need to book!
Any questions? Email sendroadshows@kent.gov.uk

Maidstone Community Support Centre
39-48 Marsham St
Maidstone, ME14 1HH

10:00AM-3:00PM, 5TH OCTOBER 2026









Information

Baby Group A welcoming space to bond with your baby and meet other parents. Includes songs and sensory play. For babies who are 0 - 12 months pre-walking. Please note we hold 2 Baby Groups a week: Greenfield & Whitehouse.	Baby Massage A 4-week course to learn soothing massage techniques to help your baby relax, sleep better and ease colic. Great for bonding. For babies 2-6 months. Please note we have 3 Baby Massage sessions: Parkwood, Whitehouse & Southborough.	NCT Infant Feeding Clinic Friendly, free infant feeding support from pregnancy through early parenthood. Trained peer supporters help you feel supported and connected. A great way to meet other parents. Please note we hold 4 Infant Feeding clinics a week: Parkwood, Southborough, Westborough & Whitehouse.	Understanding Your Child A 10-week course helping parents understand behaviour and emotions of your child aged 0-11. @MaidstoneFamilyHub @Maidstonefamilyhub @Maidstonefamilyhub12345
Talking Walk Ins Play-based session where you can speak to a speech and language therapist. Only an adult who has parental responsibility can attend. Please note we hold 2 Talking Walk Ins a week: Greenfield & Southborough.	Little Talkers A playful 6-week course for 2-5 year olds to build speech, language and attention skills. Please note we hold 3 Little Talkers a week: Parkwood, Southborough & Westborough.	Health Visitor Clinic A drop in clinic for you to come along, have your baby weighed and speak to a member of the Health Visiting Team. Please arrive 15 minutes before the end of the clinic. Please note we hold 3 Health Visitor clinics a week: Parkwood, Southborough & Westborough.	Baby, Family & You 5 Week Course face to face A supportive course for expectant and new parents to build positive routines and confidence in baby's first year. To express an interest please email: Greenfield@kent.gov.uk
Twins Group Group run by parents for families with multiple births. 0-5 years. It's a 4* Friday of the month.	Little BookWorms Step into the magical world of books! 3 fun sessions with stories and activities. Free book packs included. For children aged 1-4. Please note we have 4 Day & Play sessions: Greenfield, Parkwood, Southborough & Westborough.	Stay & Play A relaxed session for families with play, singing, stories and messy fun for children aged 0-5. Please note we have 4 Stay & Play sessions: Greenfield, Parkwood, Southborough & Westborough.	Mid-Kent MIND Baby Massage and Postnatal Wellbeing Course Being a new parent is an incredible journey, but it can also feel overwhelming at times. A supportive space for you and a chance to bond with your baby. For parents with babies aged 8 weeks to 6 months. Booking Required https://mindkentmind.org.uk/about-us/mental-support/
Healthy Start Vitamins Are you eligible for Healthy Start Vitamins? If you complete this form, we will deliver your vitamins.	Free Early Education Some 2 year olds can get up to 15 hours of free childcare per week. For more information and how to apply.	Useful Contact Numbers: Health Visiting Team 0300 013 2204	Please Note: For Health and Safety reasons there are room capacity limits in place. For more information about opening times give your local Hub a call.

www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub
 Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Jury-Sofi