

NEWSLETTER



BALFOUR
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Friday 6th September 2024

A **Beyond** ACADEMY
SCHOOLS TRUST

Important Dates:



Year 4 meet the teacher: Monday 9th September 9:00am

Year 6 meet the teacher: Thursday 12th September 9:00am

Year 5 meet the teacher: Monday 16th September 9:00am

Year 3 meet the teacher: Friday 20th September 9:00am

Medway test (Year 6 pupils only)
Tuesday 17th and
Wednesday 18th
September

Open Days for prospective parents and carers:
Tuesday 1st October
9:00am
Wednesday 9th
October 2:00pm

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Welcome back!

As we begin a new academic year, we extend a warm welcome to all our returning pupils and families, as well as those joining us for the first time. The start of a new school year is always an exciting time, filled with promise and potential. We hope that you have all enjoyed a restful summer break and we look forward to the many opportunities and experiences to come this year!



Meet the teacher

There will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher during "Meet the Teacher" sessions, which are being held over the next few weeks. The meetings will be approximately half an hour and you will have the chance to talk to the teacher and ask any questions you may have. There is no need to book, please come to the main office on the morning of the meeting for your child's year group.

ParentPay

Please ensure you have your ParentPay account activated, so that you receive communications from the school. You should also use your ParentPay account to pay for school meals and any trips or visits your child will be taking part in. Please ensure dinner money is paid promptly to avoid accumulating a debt on your account. If you need support with setting up your account, or using it to make payments, please contact the office and the staff will be happy to help.

Reading challenge

We are delighted that so many pupils enjoyed taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge at the library. Reading is at the heart of our curriculum. We appreciate that when children are able to read fluently, they are able to access many other areas of learning. If your child took part in the challenge they can receive 50 house-points as a reward if they bring their certificate into school.



In light of the riots across the UK over the summer, including the one in our local area of Chatham, we understand that some in our school community may be feeling particularly vulnerable, anxious, or uncertain. Beyond Schools Trust and Balfour Junior School is committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment for all pupils and their families. We encourage anyone who is struggling or feeling impacted by these events to reach out for support. Our school teams are available to listen, offer guidance, and connect you with additional resources if needed. Together, we stand firmly against racism and discrimination of any kind, and we are here to support you through these challenging times. We are also unapologetic of our commitment to helping develop a generation of pupils who value diversity, have an empathetic understanding for the most vulnerable in society and above all else, are able to identify and critically evaluate information/misinformation from media and social media sources.

Achievement Award



Well done to the following pupils for receiving this week's Achievement Award!



3H: Emma	3L: Corrina	3M: Sehaj	3P: Umeyme
4H: Alfie	4B: Charlotte	4T: Enisha	4O'K: Kaiya
5H: Frank	5K: Bronwen	5C: Niamh	5R: Ava
6K: Shirsho	6L: Ranvir	6Ma: Parker	6Mo: Lettie-Anne