



THE FEDERATION OF BARNEHURST SCHOOLS



Friday 25th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our Meet the Teacher sessions this week. We hope you enjoyed spending time in school, meeting your child's teacher and finding out more about the exciting learning that will be taking place throughout the year. All the slides will be uploaded to the website for your reference.

Thank you also for your fantastic support for Jeans for Genes Day. We are very proud to be sending £300 to the Jeans for Genes charity. Your generosity and support are very much appreciated.

It has also been lovely to see how well the children have settled into their new classes. Most have made a really positive transition and are becoming comfortable with their new routines, teachers and learning environments.

We appreciate that some children may need a little more time and support to settle. If you have any particular concerns about your child's transition, please email Mrs Evans, who will be very happy to offer advice and support.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for helping us make such a positive start to the new school year.

Thank you also to everyone who sent in well wishes for national TA day today!

From Mrs Hunter and The Federation of Barnehurst team.

Reception 2027 show rounds

We can confirm that our reception show rounds have been sold out.

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Up coming events

Monday 28th

- Year 6 PGL all week
- Wonder forest school

Tuesday

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Wednesday

- Armstrong forest school
- Attenborough forest school
- Hawking forest school

Thursday

- Year 6 bowling trip

Friday

- Year 6 PGL return



Monday 5th

- Kahlo forest school
- Black history month assembly
- World teachers day

Tuesday

- volunteer briefing
- girls football trials

Wednesday

- Curie forest school
- Earhart forest school
- Maathai forest school
- Year 4 trip
- Floss visit

Thursday

- Mental health day assembly
- Malala forest school

Friday

- PRA- AGM
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National Assessments

Throughout primary school there are multiple national statutory assessments. The government have released information about each of these assessments in handy parent guides. Please follow this link to find out more information. [Click Here](#)



💛 Hello Yellow Day 💛 Friday 9th Oct

Wear Yellow and Make a Difference!
On Hello Yellow Day, we invite all children to come to school wearing something yellow to show their support for young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Hello Yellow is a special day that encourages us to talk openly about our feelings, support one another, and remind everyone that it is okay to ask for help when they need it. By wearing yellow, we are showing that we stand together to promote kindness, inclusion, understanding, and positive mental health.

Every yellow shirt, jumper, ribbon, or accessory helps raise awareness and sends a powerful message that no one should face their struggles alone.

Let's fill our school with sunshine, positivity, and support as we celebrate Hello Yellow Day together!





Boys football trials update

Thank you to all the pupils who attended the boys' football trials. Mr Palmer was incredibly impressed by the enthusiasm, effort and sportsmanship shown throughout. After some very difficult decisions, he has now selected this year's team.

The team will represent the school in a range of league fixtures and cup competitions throughout the year, and we are excited to see them in action. We are extremely proud of those who were successful in earning a place in the squad. It is a privilege to represent our school, and we know they will do so with pride, commitment and excellent sportsmanship. Commiserations to those who were not selected on this occasion. We encourage everyone to continue developing their skills and to take part in future sporting opportunities. We are proud of every pupil who put themselves forward and gave their best.



Reminder to all parents

We have noticed that each day a number of forgotten items, including coats, water bottles, Forest School kit and lunches, are being brought into school after the start of the day. Unfortunately, this is having a significant impact on our administration team and reduces the time they have available for supporting the smooth running of the school.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to check that children have everything they need before leaving home each morning. Your support in helping children come to school fully prepared for the day is greatly appreciated.



Attendance this week

Hoy	86.00%
Simmonds	94.87%
Farrah	90.77%
Kahlo	97.00%
Wonder	95.97%
Armstrong	98.21%
Earhart	93.67%
Attenborough	94.33%
Maathai	97.93%
Hawking	93.00%
Curie	99.00%
Rashford	95.21%
Pankhurst	96.33%
Gandhi	94.00%
Parks	94.33%
Turing	96.67%
Malala	96.33%



Parent Governor Votes

We are very excited to announce that we have had 6 nominations for parent governor positions. We have two positions available.

All votes must be completed by 4pm Friday 9th October.

The nominee information has been emailed separately with the microsoft form for you to cast your vote.



Year 2 to Year 3 admissions

This is a reminder to all our Year 2 parents that they will have to complete an application through Bexley for all children in Year 2 for the junior school. Please ensure you meet the deadline as any late admissions might affect your chance in securing a place.

[Click here](#) to take you to eAdmissions to complete your application by 15th January. It is open for you to complete this now!



Staff Cars

We kindly ask parents and children who are waiting near the staff car park to be mindful of the vehicles parked there. We have noticed an increasing number of children riding bikes and scooters close to parked cars, as well as people leaning against vehicles.

Our staff use our very limited on-site parking, which helps to reduce the number of cars parked on surrounding residential roads. Please ensure that children keep bikes and scooters away from parked vehicles and that no one leans or sits against staff cars.

Thank you for helping us look after one another's property and for your cooperation.



Safeguarding / Health and Safety

Mobile Phones



In line with updated guidance and school policies regarding mobile phones, we have reminded our Year 6 children that mobile phones must not be used anywhere within the school grounds. This guidance supports schools in creating phone-free environments and helps to reduce issues linked to online bullying and inappropriate use of technology. Children have been informed that if a phone is seen being used on the school site by a pupil, it will be taken to the school office and will need to be collected by a parent or carer.

We understand that many children rely on their phones when walking home. If parents would prefer their child not to travel home without their phone, we are happy for children to wait in the school office until a parent can collect them. We hope that this will not be necessary and are confident that our children will demonstrate the self-control and responsibility to wait until they have left the school grounds before using their phones.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and positive school environment.

Road Safety



We continue to be concerned about the speed of some vehicles travelling on the main road outside our school, particularly during busy drop-off and collection times. We have raised road safety concerns with Bexley Council on a number of occasions; however, decisions regarding measures such as crossings, signage, speed restrictions and enforcement sit with the local authority.

We encourage parents who share these concerns to contact Bexley Council directly. The more concerns that are raised by members of our school community, the stronger the message that improving road safety around our school is a priority.

Please ensure you also do not park on any zig zags and double yellow lines as this makes it unsafe for our children and families walking to school. Please can we work together to prevent any further accidents!

Bikes

We are currently looking at ways to increase the number of bike racks available at school. In the meantime, please remember that all bikes must be stored securely in the designated bike racks.

Bikes must not be left leaning against sheds, fences or loose on the playground. Children use these areas throughout the day at break and lunchtimes, and incorrectly stored bikes can create a trip hazard and potentially cause injury.

If the bike racks are full or your child's bike cannot be safely secured within them, we kindly ask that parents take the bike home rather than leave it elsewhere on the school site.

Thank you for helping us keep our playground safe for everyone.





PTA AGM – Friday 9th October

Community

All Parents and Guardians are warmly invited to attend our Annual PTA AGM.

The AGM is an important opportunity for parents to come together, hear about the PTA's achievements over the past year, and help shape future plans that will benefit our children and school community.

As parents, your voice matters. The PTA plays a vital role in supporting school events, fundraising, and enriching the educational experience of all pupils. By attending the AGM, you can share ideas, contribute to decisions, and help ensure the PTA continues to represent the interests of our families. Please do come along and meet our lovely team.

Donation request

We are looking to add some baby dolls, clothes and accessories to our infant playground. It is something our children love but it never lasts outside! If you have any unwanted baby dolls and clothes at home that you would be happy to donate, we would be very grateful. Please drop them off in the office for Mrs Tracey.



Next week, we will be celebrating World Teachers' Day, a special opportunity to recognise and thank our wonderful teachers for everything they do. Every day, our teachers inspire, encourage and support our children, helping them to learn, grow and reach their full potential. Their dedication, patience and care make such a positive difference to our whole school community. As World Teachers' Day approaches, we would love our families to join us in showing our teachers just how much they are valued and appreciated.

World teachers day

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School Favourites

**THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER
2026**

MAINS

Hot Honey Chicken Goujons
or
Mac and Cheese (v)

SIDES

Chips, Coleslaw
and Baked Beans

DESSERTS

Iced Vanilla Sponge with Sprinkles
and Custard



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