

January 2024

Dear Parents and carers,

I think we are all looking forward to the arrival of spring and warmer, sunnier weather. I am really looking forward to children being able to use the field again (no footballs from home please).

Thank you to the parents who are still adding to the compliments for staff - it is great to hear the impact Mr Taylor has had on PE lessons, already, from parents and children.

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At Christmas I discovered that the ongoing pain in my leg is due to bone on bone osteoarthritis. An x-ray and a meeting with a consultant later, I have been offered a replacement hip surgery in half term. This means I will be away from Southborough for a few weeks after half term.

Mr Fotheringham will deputise in my absence supported by two other leaders from The Pioneer Academy (TPA) - Mrs Marsh and Mr McManus. Both leaders are currently supporting me and the school regularly (Mrs Marsh since May 2024). I will be back as soon as I can!

Mrs Berthoud

Mrs Marsh



Mr McManus



Children's mental health week

Next week we are taking part in Place2be's Children's mental Health week.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

The theme for this year is 'Know yourself, grow yourself'.

Mrs Keall has lots planned from Coach Taylor doing yoga in PE lessons, to daily mindfulness after lunch, PSHE lessons exploring 'personality islands', self registering on the zones of regulations in classrooms and more! Look out for a series of instagram posts showcasing what is going on in school next week.

Free School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

Income Support
income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
income-related Employment and Support Allowance
support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you complete here: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

We will get extra money in our school budget and you get access to food vouchers and a reduction in cost of some trips.

Easyfundraising

Friends of Southborough are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations every time you shop online.

Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us.

It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/southboroughpta/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Thank you so much!

CAUSE PAGE QR CODE

Friends of Southborough



Instagram and Facebook



Do follow us on Instagram and facebook - we had 8.5k views in December-January! We love being able to show you what is happening in school.

(Teachers have also been asked to post weekly on class dojo).

If you haven't given photo permission this year get you can here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Dhi232m0tOuJ-mzPTBCHg3H10H2iNPuYdmcvE3k2CTk/edit?usp=drive_web



Please remember that my staff deserve to be treated with dignity and respect at all times. Sometimes conversations at pick up are not the best time to raise concerns. Please make an appointment with your teacher if a longer conversation is needed.



Late to school and parking on site

We have a number of children who are consistently late to school. The Southborough Lane gate is locked between 8:40 and 9am so that parents do not drive on site to drop children.

What happens instead is

1. Parents drive up to the closed gate and drop children
2. Parents stop on the zig zag lines and drop children off.

These practices go against the highway code and are unsafe.

We have put metal child shaped 'do not park' signs out to stop this.

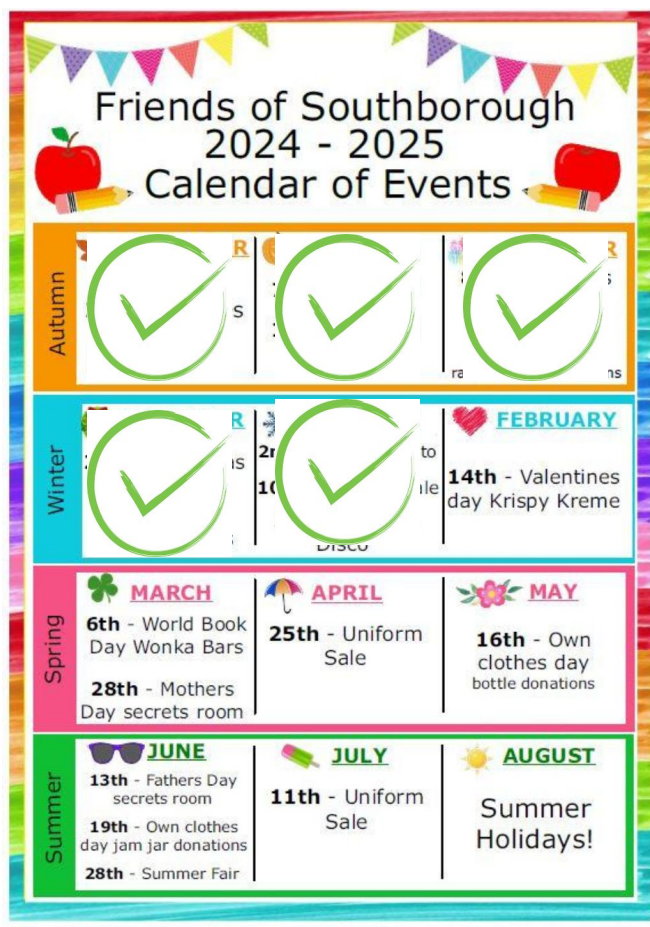
3. Parents queue in the middle of the road by the speed camera waiting for the gate to open at 9am and drive on to site.

A reminder that BYMT is a private car park not to be used by parents at the beginning and end of the day. Please ensure you leave plenty of time in the morning to park and walk to school on time for 8:45. At 9am a child is marked on the register as late. Children with a significant number of lates will be referred to the EWO (Education Welfare Officer)



A Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) can be issued to any vehicle parked in front of a shared or pedestrian dropped kerb. Enforcement of this type of dropped kerb is carried out routinely, although action can also be taken on receipt of a report of incorrect parking.

<https://www.bromley.gov.uk/parking/reporting-incorrect-parking/2>



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THE LONDON BOROUGH
www.bromley.gov.uk

WARNING

Illegal and inconsiderate parking near our school is risking the **SAFETY** of our **CHILDREN**.

The London Borough of Bromley's Civil Enforcement Officers regularly visit schools. Penalty Charge Notices of up to **£130** will be issued to drivers who contravene parking regulations. To avoid being penalised do not park on:

**ZIGZAG MARKINGS, YELLOW LINES,
FOOTWAY PARKING OR ACROSS DRIVEWAYS.**

To report incorrect parking,
scan the QR code:



SCHOOL - KEEP - CLEAR

Why walk to school?

Keep Healthy

Children and young people aged 5 to 18 should aim for at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day. Walking to school is a great way to get those minutes up and increase mental alertness and energy!

Source: [Physical activity guidelines for children and young people - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://Physical%20activity%20guidelines%20for%20children%20and%20young%20people%20-%20NHS%20(www.nhs.uk))

Save Money

Walking to school is completely free and you don't need any special equipment. Save money on petrol by swapping your journey to foot. Additionally, you will also reduce wear and tear on your vehicle

Improve Safety

Fewer cars parking outside school means the road will be clearer, calmer, more peaceful and safer for everyone travelling to and from school.

Reduce Carbon Footprint

The school run alone generates over half a million tonnes of carbon dioxide per year. Fewer cars outside school will improve air quality for the whole school community.

Source: [Walk to school \(livingstreets.org.uk\)](http://Walk%20to%20school%20(livingstreets.org.uk))

Learn Travel Skills

Walking to school is a great way for children to learn to travel safely and independently. Lots of walking practice will help pupils to pick up essential road and personal safety skills early on.

For more information on road safety and active travel, please speak to your school or visit:

www.bromley.gov.uk/road-safety

Children's Mental Health Week	Starts - Monday 3rd February 2025
Space dome (in school) for YR and Y4	Tuesday 4th February 2025
Y2 boys and Y3/4 girls football tournament at Kent CC Y5/6 girls football tournament at Kent CC	Wednesday 5th February 2025
NSPCC Number Day - DRESS UP	Friday 7th February 2025
Girls League Football match against Clare House at Southborough	Friday 7th February 2025
Boys Cup Football match against Clare House at Southborough	Friday 7th February 2025
Reception School Trip - China Town	Tuesday 11th February 2025
Year 5 / 6 girls Kent Finals at Thamesmead FC	Thursday 13th February 2025
Year 3 to London Mithraeum	Thursday 13th February 2025
HALF TERM Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025	
Tag rugby at Old Beccs	Tuesday 25th February 2025
Scholastic Book Fair begins	Thursday 27th February 2025
Girls Cup Football match against Marian Vian at Southborough	Thursday 27th February 2025
Boys League Football match against Raglan at Southborough	Tuesday 4th March 2025
World Book Day - DRESS UP	Thursday 6th March 2025
Boys League Football match against Green Street Green at Southborough	Friday 7th March 2025
Girls League Football match against Green Street Green at Southborough	Friday 7th March 2025
Y4 / 5 boys football tournament at Eltham college	Thursday 13th March 2025
Year 3 and 4 Cross Country	Saturday 15th March 2025
Year 6 to PGL	Monday March 17th 2025 to Friday 21st March 2025
Netball tournament at Bromley High	Tuesday 18th March 2025
Year 1 trip to National Gallery	Wednesday 19th March 2025
Bromley Proms at Fairfield Halls (choir)	Monday 24th March 2025 (tickets go on sale on January 31st)
Parents evening	Tuesday 25th March 2025 3:30-5pm
Parents evening	Thursday 27th March 2025 3:30-7pm
Last Day of the spring term	Friday 4th April 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

Autumn Term 2024

Friday 30th August (**see inset days**) to Tuesday 22nd October (**see inset days**)
Children in school from Tuesday 3rd September to Friday 18th October

Half Term: Wednesday 23rd October to Friday 1st November

Monday November 4th to Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January 2025 to Friday 14th February

Half Term: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February

Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April
Good Friday 18th April. Easter Monday 21st April

Easter Holidays - Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April

Back to school -
Monday 24th
February

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May

Back to school - Tuesday 22nd April

Bank Holiday: Monday, 5th May

Half Term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Monday 2nd June to Thursday 24th July (**see inset days**)
Last day children in school Wednesday 23rd July

Back to school - Monday 2nd June

Staff Development (inset) days 2024/2025 (5 days)

Please remember these are provisional at this stage and could be changed:

Friday 30th August 2024
Monday 2nd September 2024
Monday October 21st 2024
Tuesday October 22nd 2024
Thursday 24th July 2025

Last day of school - Wednesday 23rd July
SUMMER HOLIDAY
First day of School - Monday 1st September

CUSTOMER NOTICE

The London Borough of Bromley will soon commence works on the refurbishment of Orpington Library, closing temporarily from Friday 31st January 2025.

We will be holding the following programme of temporary events:

Wednesday 5th, 12th and 19th February

Knit and Chat-Crafty Crochet-Welcome Wednesday,
10-11.30am at Hope Church, Unit 8, The Walnuts Shopping
Centre, BR6 0TW

Thursday 6th, 13th and 20th February

Baby Rhyme Time,
10-10.30am at Jungle Soft Play area, Central Atrium, The
Walnuts Shopping Centre, BR6 0TW

Thank you in advance for your patience during this period.