

MIDFIELD MESSENGER



From Mr
Osborn

As we reach the end of this first half-term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a wonderful start to the new academic year. The children have settled beautifully into their new classes and routines, and it has been a joy to see their enthusiasm for learning shine through in every year group.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our recent Parents' Evenings. These meetings provide such a valuable opportunity to discuss each child's progress and celebrate their achievements so far. After the October half-term, we will be sharing updated attainment information with families, which will include the latest grades once they have been released.

Our new Reception families have had a fantastic introduction to school life, taking part in phonics workshops and enjoying our recent Stay and Play sessions. Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils had great fun at their school sleepover last week – a memorable experience that built both confidence and camaraderie.

The culmination of this half-term's events was our **Harvest Assembly** this morning, led by **Reverends Neil and Aji** from *St Barnabas Church*. It was a truly special occasion where our whole school community came together in celebration and reflection. We are so grateful for the incredible generosity of our families who contributed so kindly to the food bank donations. This kindness and community spirit were recognised and celebrated with the children during the assembly.

Looking ahead to the next half-term, we have a busy and exciting schedule planned. Our first family assemblies will be taking place, alongside a number of class trips to enhance learning beyond the classroom. As we move towards the festive season, we're also preparing for our much-loved concerts and performances – always a highlight of the school year!

Finally, we would like to wish a very **Happy Diwali** to all our families who will be celebrating during the half-term break. May your celebrations be filled with light, joy, and time spent with loved ones.

I would like to thank our children, staff, and families for their continued hard work and support this term. I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 3rd November**.

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Emergency Contact Details

It is part of our Safeguarding Policy that 2 emergency contacts are provided on Arbor.

Please remember to update Arbor if your circumstances have change. ie. New telephone number, Moved home etc.

Or alternatively contact the school office:
0208 300 6161

admin@midfield.bromley.sch.uk

Medication

All children who require medication during the school day, should bring the items to the School Office and complete the relevant forms.



Arbor is our parent portal, Parents/Carers are able to log-in to view/update any information regarding your child such as: Emergency Contacts, Home address, Authorised adults to collect, Allergies/Intolerances, Medical conditions, your child's attendance etc

Please see link for homepage:

<https://midfield-primary-bromley.uk.arbor.sc/?/home-ui/index>

Consents section

Please can you check your child's consent in Arbor, This is for school events like attending local trips, school photographs and permissions for posting photos online plus many more.

If you are unable to log in to Arbor please contact the school office.

Reporting Absences

When reporting your child absent for the day please contact the school offices absence line on 0208 300 6161 or alternatively email:
attendance@midfield.bromley.sch.uk

All absences due to medical appointments, the evidence **must** be forwarded to the above email

**Please do not report absences on
Class Dojo**



All Parents/Carers have log-in details for Parentpay, this app is for make payments to the school for any trips, wrap around care, school run extra curricular clubs and activity days.

If you are unable to log in to parent pay please contact the school office.



Reminder of Booking Procedures for Breakfast / After School Club

We are writing to clarify the booking procedures for the Breakfast / After School Club as we have had a number of children arriving at the clubs without a prior confirmed booking.

All parents must complete the Terms and Conditions before your child can attend either Club.

Contract Bookings

Fees - Breakfast Club £5.50 / After School Club £9.50

All parents must complete the Terms and Conditions before your child can attend either Club.

We encourage all parents to arrange contract places as these ensure your space is guaranteed and also helps us to plan our staffing.

These bookings must be made a term in advance by booking directly on ParentPay. Please email the Club Leader to set up your contract place. Fees must be paid in full at the beginning of each term.

Adhoc Bookings

Fees - Breakfast Club £6.50 / After School Club £11.50

These bookings must be made at least 24 hours before your required date and they are NOT guaranteed. Please email the Club Leader to check availability. **Your place is not confirmed until you have received an email from the Club Leader confirming your booking.** Once you have received your confirmation you should log onto ParentPay and make payment before your child attends the session.

Rise & Shine - Breakfast club: risenshine@midfield.bromley.sch.uk

Midfield Den - After school Club : midfieldden@midfield.bromley.sch.uk

Nursery Butterflies

The children have been enjoying learning about Autumn.

We've been making pancake faces linked to our topic 'Ourselves'. We used different fruit for our eyes, nose and mouth.

We've really enjoyed playing outside in our garden on the trampoline, slide and bikes.



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Reception Bluebirds & Grasshoppers

The children have all settled in well and got stuck into their learning!



We've practiced all the set 1 phonics sounds from a - z!

In maths, we have been learning to count 1:1 accurately and subitise to 5.



We really enjoyed our trip to the Library and our first Stay and Play.



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Year 1 Owls & Ladybirds

What a fantastic start to life in Year 1! The children have been working so hard and have settled in very well!



We have been reading lots of lovely stories, learning about the signs of Autumn and have also been learning about Diwali!

We've loved our PE and Outdoor learning lessons and are excited to start swimming when we are back!



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Year 2 Foxes & Rabbits

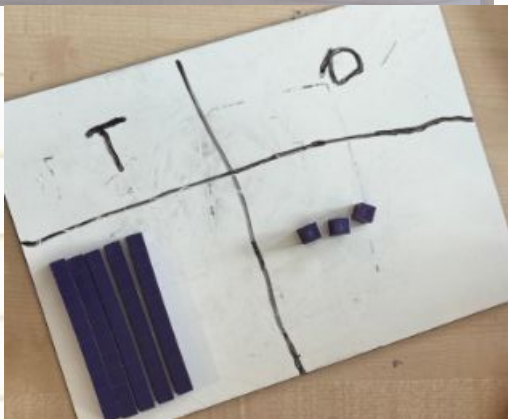
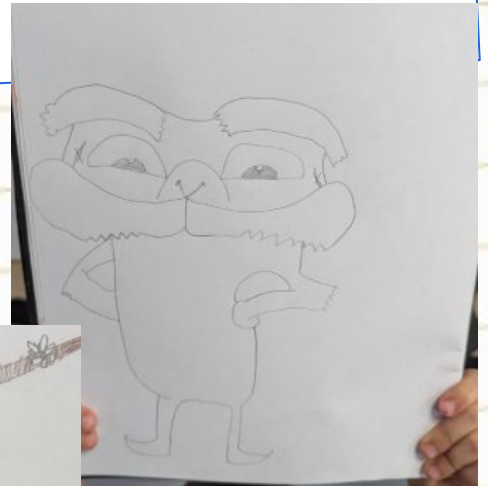
Wow, what a busy start to the year we have had! In English, we have been reading Lila and the secret of rain and in Maths we have been learning all about tens and ones in our place value unit! We have also worked really hard in Art to create the most amazing art pieces.

For days and days brave Lila stayed in her brown house because it was too hot. It was too hot to milk the sad cow and it was too hot to gather the brittle fire wood.

One day Lila heard her secretive grandad say the secret of rain. She had to climb the sandy mountain.

Lila climbed the highest mountain and she said the saddest things she knew. But nothing happened!

Sad Lila started to cry. It started to rain. She ran down the mountain. Lila celebrated.



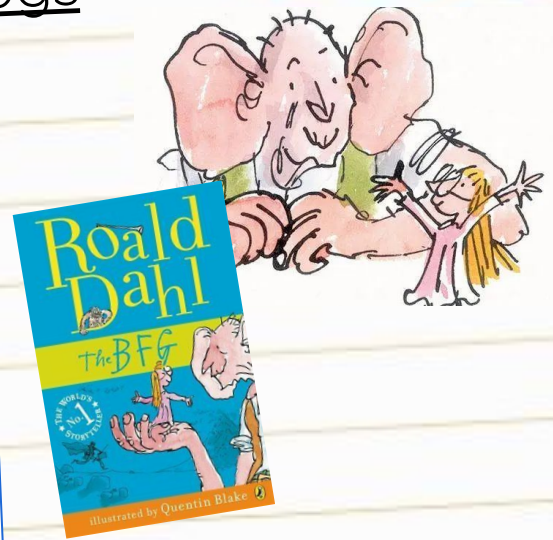
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Year 3 Dragonflies & Hedgehogs

We had a special visit from Mrs. Bhurji to speak to us about Diwali during our RE lessons and how it is a special occasion.

We also made our own "Frobscottle" from the BFG!



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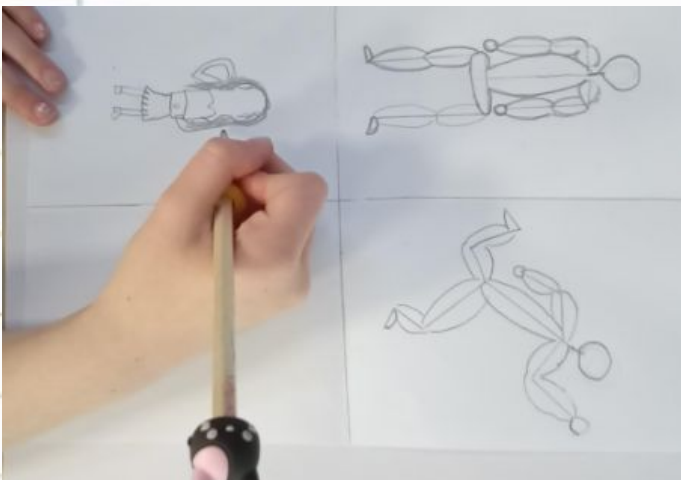
Year 4 Squirrels & Beetles



Always smart and ready to learn what a great start Beetles and Squirrels have made to the new academic year! We have been busy winning awards and learning about States of Matter in Science, playing the trumpet in Music and how to draw people in proportion in Art.



We are excited for our Greek Immersion Day on Thursday 20th November next half term!



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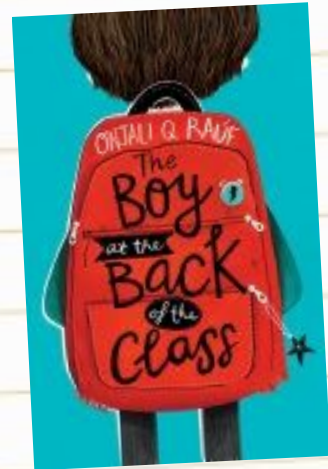


Year 5 Robins & Woodpeckers



The children have thrown themselves into their work this year by engaging with their current book "Boy at the Back of the Classroom". The children have written some excellent letters and non-chronological reports as a result.

The children were also very enthusiastic with their Anglo-Saxon Workshop and made it into an immersive day with costumes and period games.

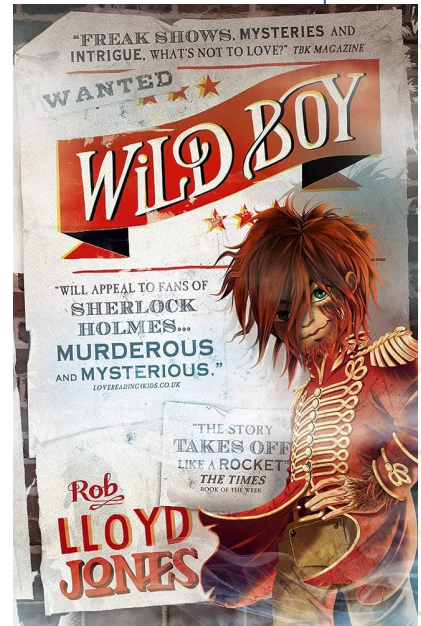


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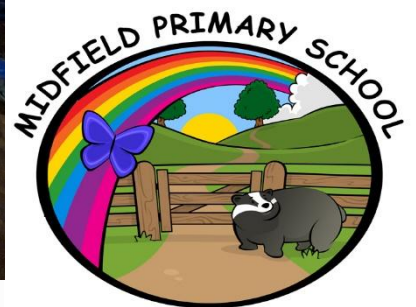


Year 6 Ravens & Kestrels

We have had a fantastic start to the year. The children have been really enjoying our class book, 'Wild Boy' - we are hooked! This has inspired some amazing pieces of writing, especially the setting and character description about a mysterious, tense circus.



We also had an amazing time at our Year 6 sleepover! All the children enjoyed our team-building activities and have already asked for another sleepover later in the year.



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Tree House





TEMPLE GRANDIN

1947 - Present

American scientist



Mary Temple Grandin is an American scientist and animal behaviourist. She is a prominent proponent for the humane treatment of livestock. Grandin is also an autism spokesperson.

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SHAKUNTALA DEVI

1929 - 2013

Human Computer

Shakuntala Devi was an Indian mathematician, writer and mental calculator. She strove to simplify numerical calculations for students and was popularly known as the "Human Computer".

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Midfield's Voluntary Hardship Fund

Further to the recent parent surveys, some of the feedback collected highlighted a decline in off-site school trips, visits and experiences at Midfield and we are keen to address this and make it better.

We are working collectively with different stakeholders to improve this, but one of the key factors of why trips teachers plan aren't able to go ahead, is because of projected cost implications and a short-fall in parent contributions. We do appreciate that everybody is feeling the affects of the cost-of-living crisis, but equally, we recognise there are some children and families who this affects more.

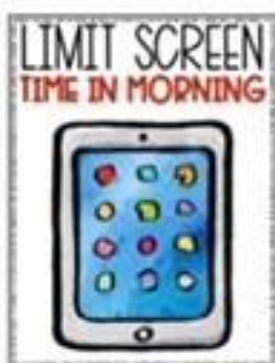
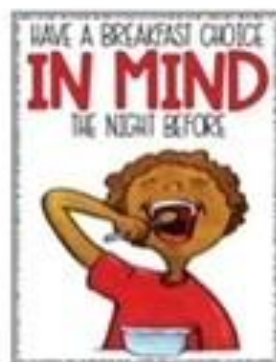
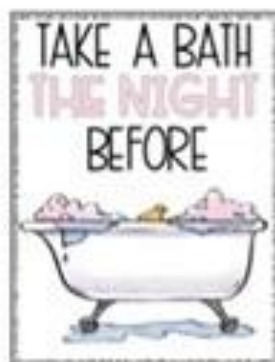
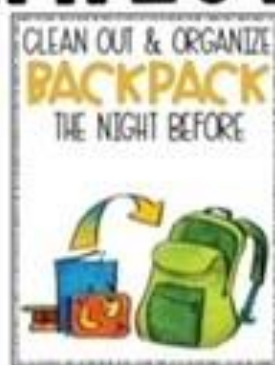
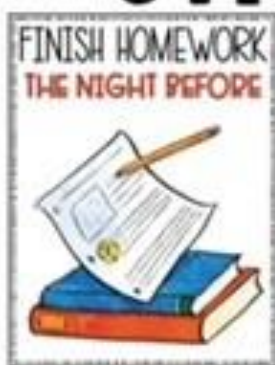
Sadly, the funding we receive as a school to support with things like this is now being stretched across other areas (e.g. resources in school, supporting children with additional needs, pastoral support, PIT Stop etc). Largely this is in response to the pandemic which has resulted in many children needing a greater response in terms of their emotional mental health and wellbeing. We don't regret this decision because this is incredibly important and our services provide such a positive impact. It's just unfortunate there's not always enough within our money pots to go around!

To help us overcome this barrier though, we have commenced a voluntary hardship fund. This is a fund where parents/families can make a donation, effectively sponsoring a child at Midfield who's family may be unable to help with paying the full cost of school trips and events. If everyone contributes just a little, it could make a huge difference to some of our most vulnerable children and families and will hopefully mean far more opportunities for all of our children to enjoy.

In order to make a donation, please visit Parent Pay - the Voluntary Hardship Fund has been setup for parents and staff to make contributions, as little or as much as you like and can afford.

Any donation received, would be gratefully appreciated.

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**PLEASE READ:
IMPORTANT
MESSAGE**

Penalty Notices for School Attendance

Fines are changing!

Who will receive a fine?

Fines will be issued per parent, per child. A parent is defined as the person who has parental responsibility and lives with the child during school time regardless of who applied for the leave.

Types of Fines

Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Holiday:

- 5 consecutive days of unauthorised term time leave.

Penalty Notices following Notice to Improve:

- 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period. These days do not have to be consecutive.

How many fines can be issued?

Maximum of 2 penalty notices per child, per parent can be issued within a rolling 3 year period. Which can span school academic years and areas.

First Offence: The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance, the amount will be £160 per parent per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time or irregular attendance, the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third offence & any further offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for term time leave or irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court. Magistrates fines can be up to £1000 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in the Magistrates Court can show the parent's future DBS certificate due to "failure to safeguard a child's education".

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- At the end of this Autumn term we currently have 222 children with an attendance of 100%.
- 322 children in total, with an attendance over 96%

Well done guys and girls, keep going!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!



Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

4th Sept 2025 - 17th Oct 2025

Bluebirds	96.3%	Grasshoppers	97.2%
Owls	95.7%	Ladybirds	94.1%
Foxes	97.9%	Rabbits	94.6%
Hedgehogs	97.8%	Dragonflies	97.2%
Squirrels	95.8%	Beetles	91.3%
Woodpeckers	96.3%	Robins	91.4%
Kestrels	96.3%	Ravens	97.2%

Total	94.5% (Midfield) 95.5% (National Average)
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Our whole-school target is 96% - Every day in school counts!



Hettie & Harrold
encouraging good attendance

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School Uniform

At Midfield pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform every day and to wear their uniform with pride.

Blue Jumper/Cardigan, Grey Trouser/Skirt, White polo top and Black shoes - **Not Trainers**

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly marked with your child's name.

<https://www.midfield.bromley.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=81>



GRADUATES

Schoolwear

Graduates Schoolwear is located on Orpington High Street and has Midfield Primary School uniform:

<https://graduates-schoolwear.co.uk/product-category/main/shop-by-school/midfield-primary-school/>

Uniform

We have a school uniform at Midfield Primary School.

The school colour is Royal Blue and pupils should wear either a school sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo.

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly marked with your child's name.

Winter Uniform, PE Kit & School Bags

White polo shirt/shirt
Grey Trousers, grey skirt or grey tunic dress
Year 6 burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan
Black flat sensible school shoes - <u>Not Trainers</u>
Book Bag or Small Rucksack (no handbags)

PE Uniform

Blue logo t-shirt
PE shorts (black/blue)
Tracksuit (Winter black)
Plimsolls
Black trainers
PE Bag

Shoes & Accessories

Suitable black shoes_– Avoid 'boot' style shoes and trainers
School colour hair accessories
Hair tied back
No jewellery permitted except for small plain, stud earrings

Uniform can be purchased at:

Graduates Schoolwear
201 High Street
Orpington, BR6 OPF

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform every day and to wear their uniform with pride.

PTA Events

Monster Mash - Friday 17th October

Raise the Bar - Friday 7th November

KS1 Festive movie night - 14th November

Santa's Workshop - 28th November

Christmas Fayre - 3rd December

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PTA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We want your help!

We are looking for more parents, carers & teachers to join the Midfield PTA (MPTA) team so we have input from more people, access to more ideas and a network where we can ask for specific help if we need it.

MPTA is extremely important to us and to the school! It helps us to provide the children at Midfield fantastic opportunities to enhance and encourage learning.

MPTA is a group of parents and teachers who work together to raise money to fund the "extras" provided to the pupils by the school, over and above that provided by the Government. It includes items that enrich the children's learning and personal development with in the school environment.

Could you:

- Man a stall for an hour?
- Ask your employer for a prize for the raffles?
- Recommend a band or singer for an event?
- Ask a business to match fund an event?

Please register your support, however small, by contacting us by dropping an email to midfieldpta@gmail.com

Everyone is welcome!

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Selected stores. Minimum spend £2+. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK 18+. App & Opt in required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools, must register with Parentkind charity 1072833. Full T&Cs at [asda.com/cashpotforschools](https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools). Rewards T&Cs at [asda.com/rewards/terms](https://www.asda.com/rewards/terms). Ends 30.11.24

Did you know that school funding is linked to eligible free school meal families?

The Mayor of London's office has confirmed that they are extending the Universal Free School Meals offer for the Academic Year 2025 / 26.

All primary school children will receive FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

Whilst being able to provide free school meals is fantastic, it's really important that those who are eligible for means-tested free school meals still apply.

As your child may also be eligible for extra funding for their school from the Government, worth £1,300 per year. This is extra money to spend on enrichment activities, teacher development, and targeted support for the children that need it most. This may also entitle you to other benefits like food vouchers during the holidays

Not only does this affect our school budgets and staffing, but it also means that after the Mayoral offer concludes next summer, your child will continue to receive free school meals for the remainder of their time with us...



To be eligible for Pupil Premium, families should be in receipt of the following:

- Income support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (providing you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit), with a gross annual household income of no more than £16,190 (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs-HMRC)
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment received for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit, with a net annual household income of £7,400 or less (after tax and not including any other benefits you receive).

Bromley link to apply for Pupil Premium:

<https://www.bromley.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMeals>



E-Scooters are not permitted on the school premises



e-scooters and the law

What is the law on e-scooters?

Currently in the UK, you can legally buy an e-scooter, but you cannot ride it on a public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place it can be used is on private land. The reason for this is that e-scooters are treated as motor vehicles by the Department of Transport and are subject to the same legal requirements as other vehicles, such as MOT, licencing, tax and insurance. Because they don't always have number plates, signalling ability or visible rear lights, they cannot be used legally on the roads.

What happens if I am stopped by the police? The police will advise you on the law and may ask you to take your e-scooter home. They may, however, still penalise you depending on the seriousness of the offence. If caught riding an e-scooter, fines you may receive can include:

- a Fixed Penalty Notice for no insurance, with a £300 fine and six penalty points
- a Fixed Penalty Notice for no driving licence, up to £100 fine and three-six penalty points

Other offences which may result in penalties include riding on the footpath, using a mobile phone, riding through red lights and drink driving offences.

To find out more, visit www.met.police.uk/e-scooters

SUPPORT CALLS FOR PARENTS/ CARERS & YOUNG PEOPLE

We will continue to make support calls available to parents and carers who are looking for some support and advice. This month we will also expanding them to young people too. If anyone you are working with has a concern that would benefit from being talked through with one of our practitioners they can email us sswellbeingsupport@bromley.org and a practitioner will be in touch within 5 days to arrange a telephone call at a suitable time. It would be helpful for anyone who contacts us to let us know their name, their school and the best times for a phone call so that we can allocate call accordingly!

Kind Regards, SWS TEAM



Before You Post

THINK

- T** - is it True?
- H** - is it Helpful?
- I** - is it Inspiring?
- N** - is it Necessary?
- K** - is it Kind?

Save the date



OCTOBER

17th
18th-2nd

LAST DAY OF TERM
HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

3rd
6th
7th
7th
8th
11th
12th
13th
14th
19th
20th 9:30am & 5:30pm
21st
27th

FIRST DAY OF TERM
Stay and Maths Workshop
Raise the Bar PTA Event
Reception Wacky Wig Walk
UKS2 Cross Country
Year 6 Remembrance Assembly
Year 6 Trip
SEN Drop In
PTA KS1 Movie Night
Robins Class Assembly
Prospective Parent Open Event
INSET Day
Woodpeckers Class Assembly

DECEMBER

3rd
4th
9th
8th - 12th
10th & 11th 1:30pm
11th
16th
20th
21st-4th

Midfield PTA Christmas Fayre
Choir Performance at Hayes Primary
Treehouse Panto Trip
Year Groups Carols on the Playground
Reception class nativity
Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day
Christmas Service St Barnabas
LAST DAY OF TERM
Christmas Break

JANUARY

5th
6th
8th

Staff Inset Day
FIRST DAY OF TERM
Prospective Parent Open Event



**NO PETS OR
ANIMALS ON
SCHOOL
GROUNDS**

A polite reminder that animals are not permitted on site*

While we appreciate that our four-legged friends are 'part of the family' and are often child-friendly, animals present a risk for allergy sufferers as well as potential hygiene issues should nature call. As always and in accordance with relevant guidance, *guide-dogs and other assistance animals are welcome on site as needed.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Midfield extra curricular clubs

Midfield Clubs

- Art club
- Football @Lunchtime
- Tag Rugby
- Gardening & Design
- Drama
- Chess Club
- Beekeeping Club
- History Club
- Lego Club

External Providers

- Football
- Swimming
- French Club
- Ballet
- STEM Club
- Book Club
- Performing Arts
- Science Club
- Street Dance

Bexley Music

- Guitar
- Ukulele
- Cello
- Violin
- Viola
- Percussion/Drums
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Flute
- Piano/Keyboard
- Clarinet
- Recorder