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Classroom News

Reception

Bluebirds & Grasshoppers

Thank you so much to all of our parent helpers that came along to Scadbury Woods last week, we all had a brilliant time!

This term we have been learning about Community heroes and look forward to ending the term with our Hero Dress Up day next week.

This week we have been been learning about composition of numbers 6,7 and 8 and trying hard to hit our goal of 30 sounds for phonics too!

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Year 2
Foxes & Rabbits

We had a great time walking through scadbury for mental health day. We really enjoyed seeing the horses!

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Year 3

Dragonflies & Hedgehogs

Excellent imitations of Picasso and some leafy adventures in Forest School making dens and habitats for our “animals”.

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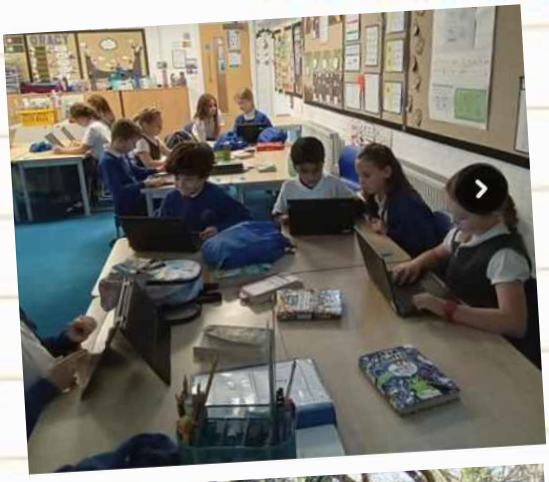
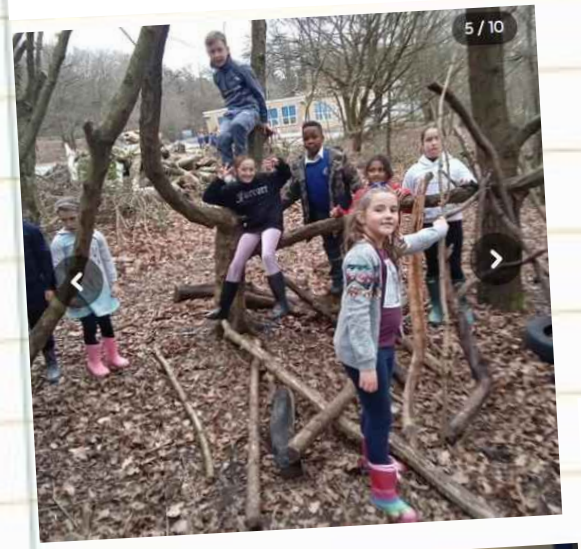
Year 4

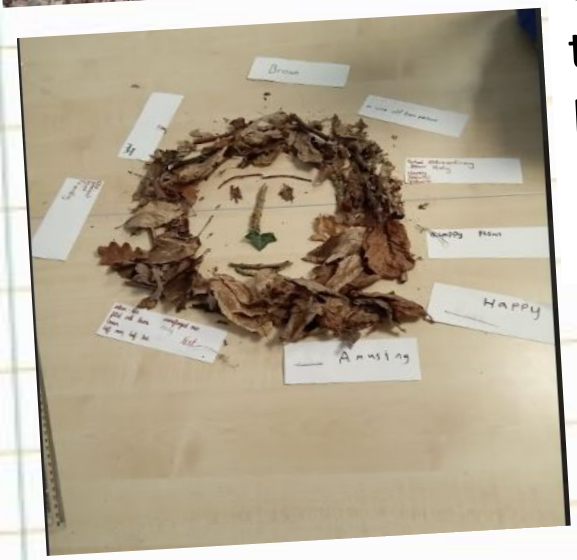
Squirrels & Beetles

As our Times Tables Check approaches in June we have been busy practising on TTRS. Please ensure your children do this at least 3 times a week at home.





Year 4 have enjoyed outdoor learning despite the weather this term. Forest School has included leaf investigations, Lob face making and more!



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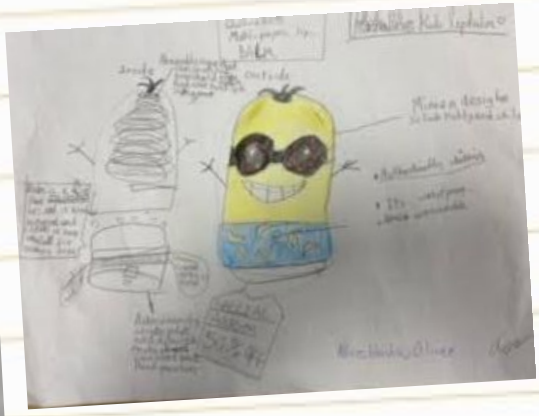
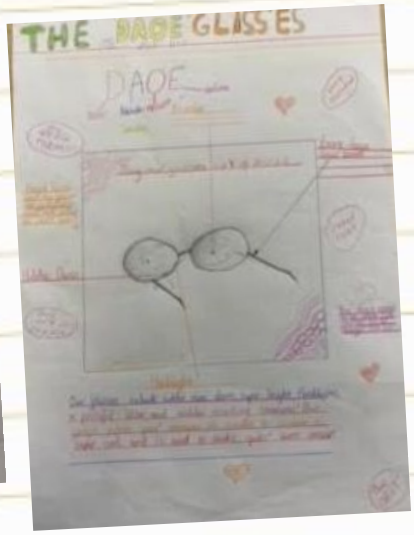
Classroom News

Year 5
Robins & Woodpeckers

This term Year 5 have got their teeth sunk into the spy book Stormbreaker. We have written diary entries, conversations and designed out very own gadgets. That a school child might want. Here are a few of them, which one would you chose?





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Classroom News

Year 6

Kestrels & Ravens

We have had an exciting year so far!
Year 6 started their History topic of World War Two and have already had two experiences to further our understanding. Firstly, Raymond Newlyn (author/ historian) and Doug Shelley (WW2 veteran) came to visit the school. Raymond shared artefacts, pictures and stories about WW2. Doug shared his own personal experiences during the war onboard HMS Milne.
We also visited Orpington Library to learn more about the Holocaust and how it affected people across Europe. We heard from Jackie whose father left Poland as part of Kindertransport.

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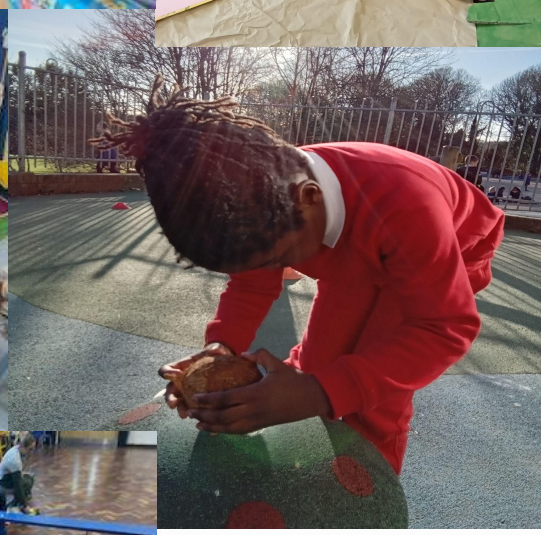
Classroom News

Tree House

Tadpoles, Froglets & Tree Frogs

In Treehouse we have been exploring different habitats using a variety of our senses. We have also been trying out different games in PE, which has been great fun!



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Sponsor a Child

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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Attendance

Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Helping your child to come to school on time::

- Get everything ready for school the night before.
- Have the same bedtime routines every night.
- Get up early every morning.
- Eat a good breakfast.
- Allow plenty of travel and parking time.
- Forming good habits

Children only get one chance to attend school and to take advantage of all we have to offer.

THEIR FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS...

Every Day Counts!

Parents have a responsibility to ensure their child attends school regularly and arrives on time. Permitting absence from school without good reason could result in an offence and may result in prosecution.Persistent absence means your child has less chance of success and attendance below 90% (19 days absence) will have a serious impact on their education.

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Attendance

Scout & Hunters

Attendance reminder...

The School Day

The school gates are opened at 8.40am and children walk independently through the school grounds into their classroom. This is closely monitored by staff along the route. Gates close promptly at 8:50am. Any families arriving after this time will need to take their child/children to the main reception foyer and sign them in at the late desk which is evaluated regularly with the Education Welfare Team.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

4th Sept 2023 - 31st Jan 2023

Bluebirds	92.79%	Grasshoppers	94.61%
Owls	94.97%	Ladybirds	93.09%
Foxes	94.71%	Rabbits	94.81%
Hedgehogs	93.85%	Dragonflies	93.25%
Squirrels	94.36%	Beetles	94.31%
Woodpeckers	92.74%	Robins	96.65%
Kestrels	95.65%	Ravens	96.8%

Total	% (Midfield) 94.3% (National Average)

Our whole-school target is 96% and so we are disappointed with this outcome. Every day in school counts, let's work on a far improved figure next term!

Attendance Ladder

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Here, at Midfield, we aim to enable all of our children to become sustainable citizens. We promote the **3 R's - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle** and teach children to respect themselves and their environment. As part of focus on sustainability and supporting our children and families we are excited to announce the launch of Midfield Hub.

Midfield Hub is open to the families of children in Early Years (Reception and Nursery) and, if successful, will be opened up to KS1 & KS2.

<u>What is Midfield Hub?</u>

Think of a 'Bring and Buy Sale' without buying! We are asking for donations of pre-loved toys, games, clothing, household items etc. Please ask your friends and family if they are able to support us by donating too. Items must be in good, clean, working condition. We can accept battery powered items but not mains powered electrical items. When you hand in your donation we will exchange your items for raffle tickets. The number of raffle tickets will depend on the donation - 1 ticket items will include small toys and single items of clothing. 2 ticket items will include larger items of clothing (e.g. coats, boots) and bigger toys. Three ticket items will reserved for larger items. Our event will run each term. **You and your child are invited to come along to the event with your raffle tickets and exchange them for other items from the Hub.**

We appreciate that some families may not want to donate items but would still like to come along to the event. If this is the case please do come along as items will have a sticker showing a small monetary donation too should you wish.

We hope that we can run the Hub each term to promote reusing and recycling and in turn support the children and families at Midfield.

Please hand donations to staff in Reception or Nursery. If you have any questions or queries please speak to Miss Smith or Mrs Spicer

The next Event will be during the summer term, Please keep watch for the next donation request.

We would like to thank you for

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NEWS

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 - **Not Trainers**
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

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News

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 swswellbeingsupport@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

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News

The Facilities Team:

On a number of occasions since before the Christmas period, we have unfortunately had a number of incidents whereby children's toilets are purposefully being flooded (e.g. sinks being blocked and taps turned on).

We have had repeated incidents since returning from the Christmas break.

Class Teachers have now been asked to keep a log of the times that children use the toilet and this has been explained to the children as well. This is not to deter children from using these facilities, but instead to help us identify the individuals who are not respecting the school property.

To help us with this, corridor CCTV has been updated. We must inform parents that when we do identify who has caused this damage, the school will be seeking financial compensation from parents due to the costs that have been incurred in replacing flooded/spoilt carpets.

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NEWS

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

The Mayor of London has announced all primary school children will receive FREE SCHOOL MEALS for the full academic year, Whilst being able to provide free school meals this school year 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.

[Apply for free school meals online](#) today or you can [download and print a copy of the application form](#) or speak to a member of the school office or pupil support lead team who will help you complete the application form.

Spring Menu 2024

[WEEKLY MENU] Week 1

Olive dining

Week Commencing: Mon 1st Jan - Mon 22nd Jan - Mon 19th Feb - Mon 11th Mar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish of the Day	Macaroni Cheese (G, MK)	Beef Burger & Homemade Potato Wedges (G, SE*, SO)	Roast Turkey & Gravy	Chicken and Tomato Basil Pasta (G, MK)	Fish Fingers & Chips (F, G)
Vegetarian Dish of the Day	Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (E*, G, MK)	Vegetable Bean Burger & Homemade Potato Wedges (G, SE*)	Root Vegetable Wellington (CE, E, G)	Tomato & Basil Pasta (CE, G)	Vegan Nuggets & Chips (G)
Vegetable Choice	Chef's Salad & Coleslaw (E, MU)	Baked Beans or Coleslaw (E, MU)	Rustic Roast Potatoes & Medley of Seasonal Vegetables	Garlic Bread and Green Salad (G, MK)	Beans or Peas
Dessert of the Day	Banana Sponge with Vanilla Sauce (E, G, MK)	Fruit Jelly	Iced Vanilla Sponge (E, G)	Shortbread Biscuit (G)	Ice Cream (MK)
Jacket Potato Bar	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details
Cold Selection	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit

Allergens:
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Olive dining
food with passion

[WEEKLY MENU] Week 2

Olive dining

Week Commencing: Mon 8th Jan - Mon 29th Jan - Mon 26th Feb - Mon 18th Mar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish of the Day	Spaghetti Beef Bolognese (G)	Pepperoni Pizza (G, MK)	Sweet & Sour Chicken Balls (CE)	Mild Chicken Tikka Masala & Rice (CE, G*, MK)	Battered Fish & Chips (F, G)
Vegetarian Dish of the Day	Vegetable Bolognese with Spaghetti (CE, G)	Veggie Supreme Pizza (G, MK)	Sweet & Sour Vegetables (CE)	Vegetable & Lentil Dhal Rice (CE, G*)	Homemade Vegan Sausage Roll & Chips (G)
Vegetable Choice	Garlic Bread and Green Salad (G, MK)	Seasoned Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Egg Fried Rice & Stir Fried Greens (E, G, SO)	Seasonal Vegetables	Beans or Peas
Dessert of the Day	Lemon Drizzle Cake (E, G, SU)	Fruit Jelly	Classic Jam Sponge & Custard (E, G, MK, SO*)	Selection of Fruit Mousse (MK)	Chocolate Orange Sponge with Chocolate Sauce (E, G, MK, SO)
Jacket Potato Bar	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details
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[WEEKLY MENU] Week 3

Olive dining

Week Commencing: Mon 15th Jan - Mon 5th Feb - Mon 4th Mar - Mon 25th Mar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish of the Day	Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake (G, MK)	Beef Burger & Homemade Potato Wedges (G, SE*, SO)	Roast Chicken & Gravy	Butchers Sausage & Crushed Potato with Gravy (CE, G, MK, SO, SU)	Fish Fingers & Chips (F, G)
Vegetarian Dish of the Day	Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (E*, G, MK)	Vegetable Bean Burger & Homemade Potato Wedges (G, SE*)	Roasted Vegetable Filo Parcel & Tomato Sauce (CE, G)	Veggie Sausage & Crushed Potato with Gravy (G, MK)	Margherita & Chips (G, MK)
Vegetable Choice	Green Salad & Coleslaw (E, MU)	Baked Beans or Coleslaw (E, MU)	Rustic Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Greens	Beans or Peas
Dessert of the Day	Forest Fruit Traybake (E, G, MK*)	Fruit Jelly	Apple Crumble & Custard (G, MK)	Fruity Flapjack (G)	Double Chocolate Chip Cookie (E, G, MK, SO)
Jacket Potato Bar	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details
Cold Selection	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit

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NEWS

Parking Statement and Road Safety

It is imperative that children are kept safe and the road outside school is no exception.
Midfield Primary School is entirely committed to improving the local environment by encouraging staff and pupils to use sustainable modes of transport whenever possible to limit the amount of traffic in the local area. As the roads gets congested during school times, please keep an eye on your children when walking into school making sure they walk sensibly on the pavement. Remember to model exemplary road safety behaviour in front of your child.
The School has limited parking onsite and we are not able to expand our parking facilities. We recognise that this can lead to members of the school community parking in local roads and we wish to alleviate the impact of this in any way we can. If you can walk, please do so. If you have to drive, please park with the utmost consideration for our neighbours by avoiding blocking driveways or roads.

Advice to Local Residents:
As you can see above, we try to make every effort to avoid problems created by parking and congestion in the local area. Should an issue arise that you suspect may be as a result of actions by a member of the school community, please feel free to contact the School to see if we have their vehicle registered with us in which case we will contact the owner.

Thanking you for your support.

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NEWS

E-Scooters are <u>not</u> 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 requirement 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

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House Keeping

- Please ensure children are supervised at the beginning and end of the day whilst on school site. Children must not use the trim-trail, and/or play anywhere near the carpark or driveway.

- Please remember that bikes and scooters must not be ridden on school site. Children must dismount before using the pathways and walk their cycles/scooters to the storage areas.

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PTA

PTA School Disco

Friendship, Peace & Love

Friday 9th February

PTA Arts & Crafts

Friday 8th March

FEBRUARY		
9th		PTA Disco - Friendship, Peace & Love
9th		Year 6 Class Trip
12th-16th		**HALF TERM**
19th		**Staff Inset Day**
MARCH		
4th		School Nurse
7th - 14th		Scholastic Book Fair
8th		Year 6 Group Photos
8th		PTA Arts & Craft Event
13th		Reception Class Trip
19th & 21st		**Parents evening**
25th	2pm	Year 3 Easter performance
27th	2pm	Year 4 Easter performance
28th		Wear Green to Be Seen(non-uniform day)
29th-12th April		**HALF TERM**
APRIL		
15th		First day of term
MAY		
13th		Reception Class Trip
14th		Reception Class Trip
15th		Tree House Class Trip
JUNE		
4th		Nursery new starter meeting
11th		Nursery Open Event
26th		Treehouse Class Trip
30th June -3rd July		Year 6 PGL Trip
JULY		
10th		Reception Class Trip
19th		Year 6 Leavers Disco

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Butterflies Nursery

OPEN DAYS

at Midfield Primary School

Ofsted
Outstanding Provider

LET'S CREATE A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR THEM!

2024 OPEN EVENT DATES:

- Tuesday 30th January @ 10am
- Tuesday 11th June @ 10am
- Tuesday 8th October @ 10am

Grovelands Road
St Pauls Cray
Orpington
Kent
BR5 3EG

Call or email the school office to book your place TODAY!

THE Spring PARTNERSHIP

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T: 0203 837 8637
E: contact@springpartnership.co.uk

Nursery@midfield.bromley.sch.uk
0208 300 6161
www.midfield.bromley.sch.uk

AWFOOTBALLCOACHING.COM

CALL: 07748 679605 | 07771 747219

PLAYERS WANTED

CRAY WANDERERS FC

NEW GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAMS

Cray Wanderers FC are looking for Girls aged **5-11 year-old**, to join our new football teams.

Training is **17:00-18:00** every Wednesday at Flamingo Park, **BR7 6HL.**

First session is **FREE.**

Contact Yusuf 07748 679605
alex@awfootballcoaching.com

BOOK YOUR FREE SESSION TODAY

WATERSTONES ORPINGTON SCHOOL NEWS February 2024

Children's Book of the Month: 9-12

Inspired by Chinese culture and folklore, the first instalment of McDermott's breathtaking fantasy series finds orphan Zhi Ging apprenticed to the Immortals and about to begin her magical training in an underwater realm.

Bookseller Pick:

COMING 25/4/24
More heart-pounding adventures lie in wait for Skandar Smith in the third instalment of Steadman's blockbuster children's fantasy saga, as the friends must take part in a series of dangerous challenges across the island.

Bookseller Pick Picture Book:

Exquisitely written and adorned with enchanting illustrations from Richard Johnson, *The Thing at 52* is a tender-hearted and poignant tale of finding friendship and connection in the most unlikely places.

Online Resources:

As a school, you can make use of our account sales discounts. See here for more details: Account Sales | Waterstones.com Help | Waterstones
or ask a bookseller in store.

Orpington Events:

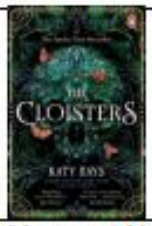
Staffroom: JOIN PLUS HERE

Game of the Month

Step into a world of courtly machinations and royal intrigue in this evocative game, as you enlist the aid of friends, relations and allies of the noble Princess in a hard-fought contest to win her favour.

From the Booker Prize-winning author of *The Luminaries* comes a dazzling psychological thriller about a guerrilla gardening group and their compromised existence working the land of an abandoned farm, rich in profound characterisation and prescient, thought-provoking themes.

A thoroughly beguiling tour around the manifold riches of Britain's churches, Ross' immersive book ranges from unassuming parish to mighty cathedral and tells a defiantly human story of art, architecture, history and culture.



Penned by an art history professor and combining the rich atmosphere of *The Secret History* with the sinister thrills of *Ninth House*, Hays' debut about a mysterious group of art researchers and an invaluable fifteenth-century tarot deck is a mesmerising dark academia classic in the making.

Masterfully combining a cosmic quest with the intimacies of an individual life, MacInnes' stunningly imaginative speculative novel sees a researcher of ancient algae make a discovery which will propel her on a journey across the universe.

VALENTINE TRAIL

10th - 18th February

Join our trail to find the pairs of animals

Pick up your entry form at reception.
Find the 10 pairs of animals.
Collect your prize from the Tea Room

Open daily (except Tuesday)
from 1.30pm - 4.30pm

FOAL FARM
Animal Rescue

£3 per entry

Foal Farm Animal Rescue
Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX
www.foalfarm.org.uk