



London Meed Primary School Newsletter

4th Nov 2025

Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. This half term is seven weeks long and the teachers are already saying it is only four weeks until the first dress rehearsal for our nativities!

The last week of term saw some exciting activities. Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who donated to The Pantry for our Harvest Festival. We were overwhelmed with your generosity and you have helped out so many families within our community. Liz came in and spoke to the children about how The Pantry works and the following day, some of our Year 6 children went and helped at The Pantry. We sang Liz a song which she loved.



Reception ran two '6 weeks in' meetings for parents which were really well attended. It was so lovely seeing parents and children playing together down in Reception. Our amazing LMA held three Halloween discos for our Year 1 to Year 6 children. The costumes were fantastic and we even had a T-Rex turn up and scare us! A huge thank you to our LMA for organising and running this event and to the parents and staff who helped.



On Friday, some of our Year 5 went to visit the residents at Marten House and had a lovely time finding all about their lives. I had Hot Chocolate Friday with some of our amazing children who always make the right choices. They get to have lots of hot chocolate with marshmallows as well as biscuits and we have a great chat; it really is such a special time and a great privilege being with such fantastic children.



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The LMA then ran an exciting 'Tiger who came to Tea' tea party for our Reception children. It was just lovely. The children got to make tiger masks, tiger iced biscuits and eat tiger food. Again, thank you to our amazing LMA for running this event along with the parents and staff who helped.

This week our Junior Governors are having their first meeting since being elected. We have our open morning for potential new children starting in Reception for September 2026, tomorrow morning. On Friday, we are taking part in the national ROAR project which is explained below.

We have also introduced our scooter park for playtimes and lunchtimes. Thanks to the LMA, we have purchased 20 scooters which come with a helmet, knee and elbow pads. The children have tried them out today and are loving them. It takes a while to get themselves ready to go on them, but we know this will quicken up especially with some older children helping.



ROAR:

This week we are taking part in a national project called ROAR. This is where children are invited to design, make and present an invention that helps people, animals or the planet - life changing ideas. We will be spending Friday on the ROAR project. The children will work in their houses in a group of 4 to 5 children. They will brainstorm ideas of what to make and then choose one. They then design it first and then, using junk modelling, make a prototype. In the afternoon, they put together a 2 minute presentation about their invention. Each group will present to their house and two winners will be picked. We will then have a final assembly all together, where the final eight presentations are shown to the school and we pick an overall winner. The overall winning group then makes a video presentation which is entered into the national awards. A member of the Burgess Hill Lions is coming to spend the day with us and to help us judge the finalists. We therefore need as much junk as possible to help make their prototypes on Friday. This could be boxes of any size, cereal boxes, yoghurt pots, egg boxes, kitchen rolls etc. All must have been cleaned out thoroughly and we are not allowed any junk that has contained nuts. Please bring your junk into the school ready for Friday.



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Reading Raffle Winners:

Our reading raffle winners for the first half term were:

Tumise in 1C, Edie in 1M, Henry in 2S, Minnie in 2O, Erlil in 3N, Addison in 3T, Rafael in 4A, Emma in 4SB, Bhavnish in 5M, Veda in 5B, Erina in 6H and Evie in 6D.



Miss Dowley



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Non Uniform Day this Friday

This Friday is a non-school uniform day in return for a chocolate or sweet donation in preparation for the Christmas Fair in December.

Remembrance Day

On Sunday it is Remembrance Day, our Year 6 pupils will be selling poppies and other commemorative items for a cash donation from today after school.

Parent's Evenings

The booking system for parents evenings is now open. These can be booked via your eSchools account.

Each session with your child's class teacher will last 10 minutes and you are welcome to bring your child with you. If you arrive late, we may not be able to carry out the session due to the amount of bookings the class teacher will be holding.

School Photos


These have been delivered and will be coming home with the children over the next couple of days - please check bags

OPAL Play Wishlist

We have started an OPAL wishlist below. At the moment we are looking for items to help with den building and for keeping our wellies clean once we start using them. If you can help by buying an item, we would really appreciate this. If you do donate, please remember to put a message inside with your child's name so we know who it is from and can say thank you.

<https://amzn.eu/6ogNemJ>



 Faith in 4A went to the Matt Fiddes International Championships in Bath competing against students from the UK, Australia and New Zealand. She only had 4 weeks of training due to her injury but did an amazing job - fantastic resilience Faith



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London Meed Hero Awards

Class	Name	Award
1M	Brian	Showing good sitting and good listening. Brian has shown that he is always ready to learn. He has shown great respect when listening to others and is a very kind and caring member of our class. Well done Brian!
1C	Kiri	For showing independence and perseverance to find all the number bonds to 10. You used the numicon brilliantly to help you write your number sentences. Very well done Kiri.
2O	Kiki	For always being ready, respectful and safe. You uphold all the school's values showing community, curiosity in learning and resilience. What a wonderful addition to Year 2!
2S	Jack	For writing a fabulous dragon poem this week. You have used descriptive noun phrases and even included some rhyming. Well done Jack, keep up the great work!
3T	Evie	Challenging yourself to go above and beyond in our poetry unit. You've shown bravery and curiosity when learning to use new poetry techniques such as alliteration and metaphors. You have also taken the time to present your work beautifully and use your neatest handwriting. We are all proud of you!
3N	Joshua R	For always trying his best, being resilient and demonstrating bravery in the face of new challenges. Joshua always works hard, whether that is in Fizzy Club with Mr Connor, or in class with us. He is kind and positive, and we are so proud of him! Well done, Joshua!
4SB	Alice	For her hard work and dedication this week, especially in maths. Alice used her 3 x tables knowledge to solve tricky problems and never gave up even when things got tough. Well done Alice!
4A	Ridley	For showing resilience and making a super effort creating his earthquake explanation poster, using organisational skills to create a good layout and typing skills to form paragraphs. Ridley is always ready to learn and is very respectful to others - thank you Ridley!
5B	Harini	For settling into our class so well. Harini is a friendly and kind member of our school community and we are delighted to have her with us.
5M	Radu	For settling into 5M extremely well. You are a kind and thoughtful member of our class community and we are so lucky to have you! You have also shown resilience when adding and subtracting 7 digit numbers. Well done, Radu!



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6D	Nancy	For displaying curiosity and resilience in her English work when independently retelling Letters from the Lighthouse. You thought really carefully about the key events and how to structure your sentences, and you produced the best piece of writing you have ever done (so far). All the adults in Year 6 are immensely proud of you, Nancy - keep up all your hard work!
6H	Mason	For demonstrating resilience and perseverance during English lessons this week. Mason worked extremely hard on his recount of Chapter 1 from 'Letters From The Lighthouse' and made sure that key events were in the correct order. Well done Mason!

Forthcoming diary dates

Date	Event
5th November	Open morning for new Reception starters September 2026
7th November	Non Uniform Day - chocolate/sweet donations
11th November	Parent's Evening
12th November	Parent's Evening
14th November	Children in Need
19th November	Open morning for new Reception starters September 2026
21st November	Non Uniform Day - bottle donations
26th November	LMA - Wreath Making
26th November	Open morning for new Reception starters September 2026
28th November	Break a rule day - rainbow donations
1st December	School Pantomime
3rd December	Open morning for new Reception starters September 2026
3rd December	Elf Run
5th December	Year 1 and Year 2 nativity dress rehearsal
5th December	Christmas Fayre
8th December	Year 1 and Year 2 nativity at 2.00pm
9th December	Year 1 and Year 2 nativity at 9.30am
10th December	EYFS nativity dress rehearsal
11th December	EYFS nativity at 2.15pm
12th December	EYFS nativity at 10.00am



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12th December	Christmas Jumper Day
12th December	Junior Governors trip to London
16th December	Carol concert rehearsal KS2
17th December	Children's Christmas Party Day including Christmas lunch
18th December	Carol Concert KS2
19th December	School finishes at 1.30pm for the Christmas holidays
22nd December - 5th January	Christmas Holidays
5th January	INSET Day - School Closed

PE Days

Please remember to send your child in their PE kits on their allocated PE day below:


- Apples - Monday and Friday
- Cherries - Monday and Friday
- Yr1 - Tuesday and Thursday
- Yr2 - Monday and Wednesday
- Yr3 - Tuesday and Thursday
- Yr4 - Thursday and Tuesday
- Yr5 - Tuesday and Thursday
- Yr6 - Wednesday and Friday





25/26 | Term Dates

AUTUMN




Wed 3rd Sept
–
Fri 19th Dec

Half Term 27th Oct – 31st Oct

INSET DAYS: 3rd Sept & 3rd Nov

SPRING




Mon 5th Jan
–
Fri 27th Mar

Half Term 16th Feb – 20th Feb

INSET DAYS: 5th Jan & 23rd Feb

SUMMER



Mon 13th Apr
–
Wed 22 July

Half Term 25th May – 29th May

INSET DAYS: 1st June



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☀ Chat & Chill coffee morning for parent carers ☀

Parenting a child with SEND can feel overwhelming, but you don't have to do it alone.

Join us for a relaxed coffee morning, connect with other parent carers, and take a well-deserved break -

We are also thrilled to say that the first drink is on us!

Thursday 20th November 10:00am - 12:00pm

The King's Church 33-35 Victoria Road, Burgess Hill, RH15 9LR

No need to book, just drop by! We'd love to see you there.

At Burgess Hill Girls we are looking ahead to the entrance exam and scholarship assessment process for Year 7 entry in September 2026, and I am sure you are already considering next steps in your daughter's educational journey. I therefore wanted to share key information about our admissions process, and offer the opportunity to visit to learn more about life at Burgess Hill Girls. The assessments are scheduled to take place in January 2026, and we're looking forward to welcoming all prospective pupils for what promises to be an exciting stage in their journey with us.

[Our Entrance Exam, Scholarship and Bursary Information Booklet for September 2026 can be found on this webpage.](#) This includes all key dates, and information on the different assessments.

To apply please complete the following online form by **Friday 5th December 2025**.

[Year 7 Entrance Exam & Scholarship Application Form](#)

You will also need to register an application. Please set up a portal account using the link below. Once logged in, select the registration tab, and click 'New Registration', and then select 'School Registration'. The form will ask you to upload a recent school report and passport copy, as well as making payment of the non-refundable £180 registration fee.

<https://bhsmail.admissions.isams.cloud/>

If you would like to make a bursary application please email the Director of Finance and Operations - **dfo@burgesshillgirls.com**.

If you would first like to arrange a visit or taster day please contact us at **admissions@burgesshillgirls.com**. We are running a series of open mornings every Friday, during which can go through scholarship and bursary options.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Kind regards,

Rosie McEvoy

UK and International Admissions Officer

Burgess Hill Girls



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FREE TRIAL- COME AND SEE WHAT WE DO!!

Girlguiding
Burgess Hill division

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SIGN UP YOUR DAUGHTER FOR A TASTER SESSION
@GIRLGUIDING.ORG.UK



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Santa's Grotto & Christmas Kids Trail

29th November - 21st December

Experience the magic of Christmas at Borde Hill. Visit Santa in his grotto, or explore the Garden on a daily festive kids trail.

Grotto (weekends only plus preschool sessions on Fri 5th & 12th Dec)
£19 - booking required. Trail: £4.50, plus admission.

BORDEHILL.CO.UK 01444 450326 WEST SUSSEX, RH16 1XP



You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers.**

First Tuesday of every month

7pm - 8.30pm

Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone



What parents say:

*'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel, and I really do feel less alone and more validated. **My hope is back**'*

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism. Sometimes my wife Sally will join in as well.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

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www.autismfamilysupportservice.com