



PARKWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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From The Head Teacher

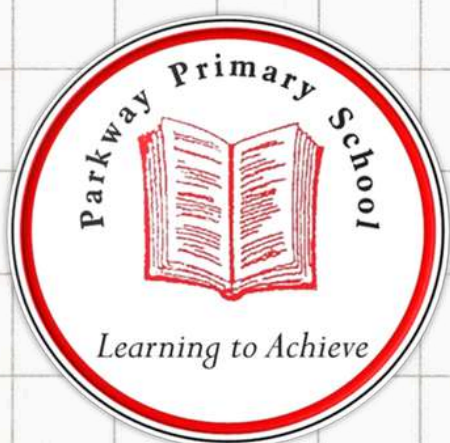
We had our first celebration assembly this morning, and it was wonderful to read out so many certificates for children who had settled back into work so quickly and were making positive progress in their learning.

Our Year 5 children across Ash and Oak began their swimming lessons this week, with all of them being able to access the pool using the public bus, which just adds to the adventure. I look forward to hearing how many of them will be able to swim 25 metres by the end of the year.

The children received a beautiful gift from the school this week through Amazon. Each child received a good-quality backpack which contained pencils (for writing and colouring), a pen, a pencil case, a notebook and a reading book. These backpacks are for the children and do not have to be brought to school if they do not wish to. The contents are there for the children to use at home, as we have everything they may need for their schoolwork already here.

After a productive first whole week of term across the school, I wish the children and staff a restful weekend and look forward to seeing all the children return on Monday.

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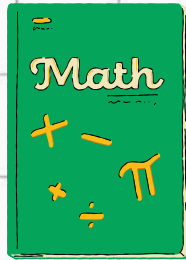
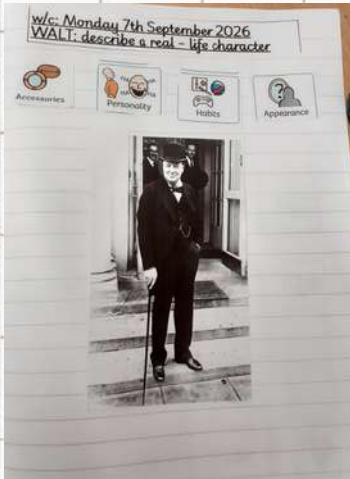
Dates To Remember

14th September- Clubs commence

Oak 6

WELCOME
TO THE
NEW CLASS

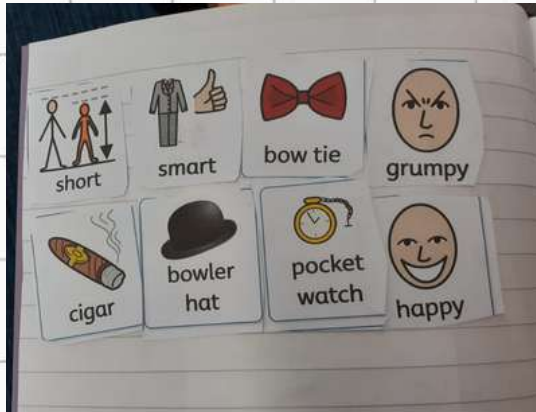
Oak 6 have made a wonderful start to the school year and have approached their learning in a new classroom wonderfully.



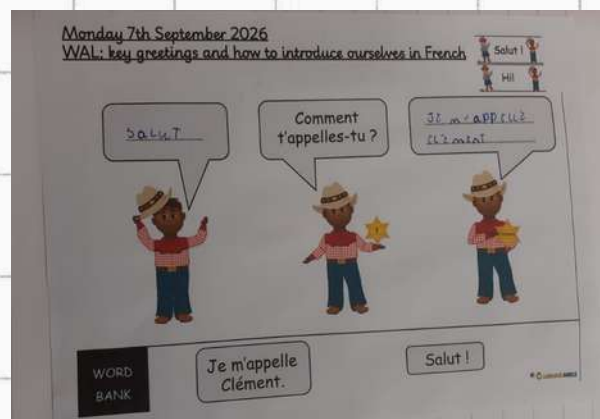
In Maths, our first topic has been Place Value, looking at the value of each digit in a number and counting up to one hundred.



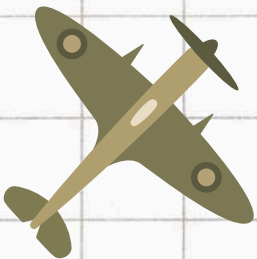
In Writing Journey, we have been writing character descriptions about the famous historical figure Winston Churchill.



In our Theme lessons, we have studied the beginning of World War 2, both the causes of this conflict and the key countries and individuals involved.



The Oak 6 have also made a fantastic start to their Reading lessons, whether it be Phonics learning in the mornings or Guided Reading in the afternoons



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ARE YOU A PARENT/CARER OF A CHILD AGED 2-11 YEARS OLD?

BEING A PARENT 8 WEEK COURSE

A FREE COURSE DELIVERED FOR PARENTS BY PARENTS! (EPEC, EMPOWERING PARENTS, EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES)

Topics covered:
Being a parent, Feelings, Valuing my Child, Play, Listening, Understanding Children's Behaviour and Discipline

For more information and to reserve your place, Contact:
0208 304 9609
Jayne@bexleymoorings.co.uk

Or Scan the QR code to register your interest:





Parent Drop-in for Preschool Children with Bexley Educational Psychology Service Autumn 2026

If you are worried about your preschool child, you can speak with an Educational Psychologist to:

- Share your worries;
- Talk about what might help;
- Understand what support might be available;
- Find out more about services in Bexley.

Things that could be discussed include:
Difficulties setting in preschool
Play Skills
Emotional Development
Behaviour
Social skills

Parents have the option of a telephone or Microsoft Teams discussion with an Educational Psychologist

Dates available (1-4pm):
23rd September 2026
21st October 2026
25th November 2026
9th December 2026

If you would like to speak to an Educational Psychologist please book an appointment on
0203 045 4445 in advance or email EPSPreschool@bexley.gov.uk




Family Learning
Parent and Child After-School Courses

Work together with your child to develop skills that will help to better support their learning, communication skills and independence at home, school and in the wider community.

To book your place, please contact our team on 020 3045 5176.

Please note:
These courses are designed for new learners. If you have attended any of them within the last three years, you may not be eligible to enrol.

Family Pottery
Work on a unique pottery project together with your child. Learn basic hand building and glazing skills to make a personalised piece of work that you can take home at the end of the course. This is a practical course and will get messy, so please wear suitable clothing.
For parents with a child aged 5 - 11 years.

Course Name	Age Range	Level	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time	Fee
F101 BORN-001	5-11	1	24/09/2026	25/10/2026	Thursday	16:00 - 18:00	Free
F102 BORN-002	5-11	2	08/11/2026	29/12/2026	Thursday	16:00 - 18:00	Free
F103 BORN-003	5-11	3	01/12/2027	04/02/2027	Thursday	16:00 - 18:00	Free
F104 BORN-004	5-11	4	25/02/2027	25/03/2027	Thursday	16:00 - 18:00	Free
F105 BORN-005	5-11	5	15/04/2027	15/05/2027	Thursday	16:00 - 18:00	Free
F106 BORN-006	5-11	6	26/05/2027	26/06/2027	Thursday	16:00 - 18:00	Free

Family Sewing Skills
Work with your child to learn how to sew! Together with your child you will learn how to safely use a sewing machine and make a simple piece of clothing. Develop new skills that you can use with your child at home. Come ready to get creative and enjoy learning a new skill together.
For parents with a child aged 5 - 11 years.

Course Name	Age Range	Level	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time	Fee
F107 BORN-007	5-11	1	23/09/2026	26/10/2026	Tuesday	16:15 - 18:15	Free
F108 BORN-008	5-11	2	09/11/2026	01/12/2026	Tuesday	16:15 - 18:15	Free
F109 BORN-009	5-11	3	06/12/2027	02/02/2027	Tuesday	16:15 - 18:15	Free
F110 BORN-010	5-11	4	23/02/2027	23/03/2027	Tuesday	16:15 - 18:15	Free
F111 BORN-011	5-11	5	14/04/2027	14/05/2027	Tuesday	16:15 - 18:15	Free
F112 BORN-012	5-11	6	18/05/2027	20/06/2027	Tuesday	16:15 - 18:15	Free

Young Chefs
Together with your child, you will create healthy and delicious meals in a fun environment. You will prepare and cook new recipes each week, gain new culinary skills and gain more confidence in the kitchen. Please bring your aprons, a tea towel and a food storage container for you to take home what you make during the sessions.
For parents with a child aged 6 - 14 years.

Course Name	Age Range	Level	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time	Fee
F113 BORN-013	6-14	1	23/09/2026	30/10/2026	Tuesday	16:30 - 18:00	Free
F114 BORN-014	6-14	2	09/11/2026	02/12/2026	Tuesday	16:30 - 18:00	Free
F115 BORN-015	6-14	3	06/12/2027	02/02/2027	Tuesday	16:30 - 18:00	Free
F116 BORN-016	6-14	4	23/02/2027	23/03/2027	Tuesday	16:30 - 18:00	Free
F117 BORN-017	6-14	5	13/04/2027	13/05/2027	Tuesday	16:30 - 18:00	Free
F118 BORN-018	6-14	6	18/05/2027	20/06/2027	Tuesday	16:30 - 18:00	Free



A Wonderful Community Partnership!
We are delighted to share our exciting partnership with Amazon DBR1 in Belvedere, who have kindly donated a kitted backpack for every child at Parkway Primary School. This generous initiative will provide our children with practical resources to support their learning and help them start the new school year feeling prepared and excited.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the team at Amazon DBR1 for their generosity and for investing in the children and families of our school community. We are incredibly grateful for your support and look forward to building on this wonderful partnership.



Born Ready, School Ready, Bexley Ready!



Calling all parents and carers! For those of you with children who are just about to start nursery, playgroup, childminder or school, please take a few minutes to think about all the things your child can already do. Walk, talk, sing some songs, make choices, use the toilet, eat using cutlery, recognise their belongings? Who taught them all these skills? It was you!

As a parent/ carer you have helped your child/ren learn so much already. As they start the next part of their learning journey, your support shouldn't stop. The continued experiences and activities parents do at home with their child are crucial to their success at school and in later life.

Do you know that school readiness starts from conception? From conception and throughout childhood, it is a crucial time for brain development and children's brains are like sponges. Healthy brain development means that children learn and develop well, helping them to be ready for school and beyond.




An online resource has been developed for families with children under 5 years. It provides ideas about how you can help your baby/ child's brain development and support learning at home. There are ideas for:

- ▶ activities
- ▶ talking with babies and children
- ▶ looking at books
- ▶ play
- ▶ outings
- ▶ stay and play groups
- ▶ sleep
- ▶ diet
- ▶ behaviour
- ▶ toileting
- ▶ language development



▶ health information
▶ child care and how to access nursery and school places
▶ You can also find out where to get support if you're worried about your child in any way. A one stop shop for anything child related.

Visit www.bexley.gov.uk/born-school-ready to find out more!




Other



Bexley SENDIASS September 2026 Update for Parents, Carers and Partners

An overview of recent SEND reforms, guidance changes, participation opportunities and support available to families across Bexley

As we begin the new school year, Bexley SEND IASS has produced a new **SEND Reforms & New Guidance Update** for partners and Parent Carers – September 2026 to help families understand the significant changes taking place in SEND, education and children's services.

This new publication for parent carers provides an accessible overview of recent changes affecting children and young people with SEND, including:

- SEND Reform developments
- Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026
- Updated statutory guidance
- Attendance and exclusion guidance
- Safeguarding requirements
- Inclusion and SEND support developments
- Current national SEND consultations you may wish to take part in

For ease of access, as it is a large document, I have added this to the IASS website and the link is below.

The document is content listed so you are able to dip in and out of the content relevant to you, rather than attempting to navigate the whole document.

The link to the document is provided [HERE](#).

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Bexley SENDIASS is a statutory service that provides FREE, confidential and impartial information, advice and support relating to education, health and social care for children and young people with SEND and their families.

Who can attend?

- Parent carers of children and young people with SEND
- Young people aged 16-25 with SEND

Booking

Places are limited and must be booked in advance through Eventbrite.

Dates Available:

30 October 2026
30 November 2026
14 December 2026
29 January 2027
26 February 2027
28 March 2027

Time available on each date:

10am – 10.45am
11am – 11.45am
1pm – 1.45pm
2pm – 2.45pm
3pm – 3.45pm

Bookings should be made via Eventbrite – [Know Your SEND Rights – Bexley IASS Monthly Online Advice Sessions](#)

These are online sessions, not face to face in person. A Microsoft Teams link will be sent by email after booking.

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NEW: Know Your SEND Rights – Bexley IASS Monthly Online Advice Sessions

Bexley SENDIASS is pleased to launch a new programme of free monthly online advice sessions for parent carers and young people aged 16-25 with SEND.

These 45-minute online sessions offer free, impartial guidance on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). They are designed to help parent carers and young people better understand their rights, navigate SEND processes with confidence, and understand the responsibilities of education, health and social care services.

Topics may include:

- EBSA
- SEN Support
- Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)
- School exclusions and attendance
- Early Years, School, College, Local Authority and Health services responsibilities
- Preparing for meetings with schools and professionals
- Resolving disagreements
- Transition to adulthood
- Health and social care rights

About the sessions:

These sessions are focused on providing information, advice and guidance about SEND law, statutory processes and your rights, aiming to help families and young people understand:

- what the law says
- what services should be providing
- what options are available
- what steps they can take next

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Become a Bexley SENDIASS Parent Carer Champion

Help improve SEND services for families across Bexley

Do you have lived experience of supporting a child or young person with SEND?

Would you like to use your knowledge and experience to help other families, improve local services and strengthen the voice of parent carers?

Bexley SENDIASS is developing a new team of **Parent Carer Champions** and we would love to hear from people who are passionate about making a difference.

What is a Parent Carer Champion?

Parent Carer Champions are volunteers who work alongside Bexley SENDIASS to:

- Promote SENDIASS within local communities
- Help improve information and resources
- Support engagement and consultation activities
- Share parent carer perspectives and lived experience
- Contribute to co-production and service development
- Help us understand what matters most to local families

No specialist SEND training required

We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who:

- Have lived experience of SEND
- Care about improving services for families
- Enjoy meeting and talking to people
- Can work respectfully and impartially
- Are willing to undertake training and development

Training and Support Provided

All Parent Carer Champions will receive:

- Full induction and ongoing support
- Safeguarding training
- Confidentiality and GDPR training
- Co-production and engagement training
- Communication and listening skills development

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- IPSEA Level 1, 2 and 3 progression opportunities
- Regular supervision and mentoring

Flexible and Rewarding

Whether you can offer a few hours a month or would like to become more involved over time, we would welcome your interest.

Together we can help ensure the voices of children, young people and families continue to shape Bexley SEND IASS.

Interested?

Email: Kathleen.canavan@bexley.gov.uk
Telephone: 0203 045 5976

Help us ensure the voices of families remain at the heart of SEND IASS in Bexley. ❤️

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