



WEEKLY

Week 3 – 13th March 2026

newsletter

Message from Miss Hughes

It has been a slightly quieter week in school, with assessments taking place across a number of classes. Alongside this, normal routines have continued with assemblies, lessons and lots of great learning happening across the school.

Today, **Robins class** enjoyed a fantastic **Great Fire of London workshop**, bringing their history learning to life with some immersive activities.

Our **Book Fair** this week has also been a huge success – thank you to everyone who has supported it. We have already raised **nearly £700**, which is brilliant news for the school as it means we will be able to purchase additional books for our classrooms too. If you haven't had a chance to visit yet, **the Book Fair will be open again on Monday at 3:30pm**, so do pop in after school if you would like to take a look.

All staff also took part in training on **Shape Coding**, an approach that helps children understand sentence structure and language. It is particularly effective in supporting children with additional needs, including those with dyslexia, and we are looking forward to continuing to develop this in our classrooms.

We are finishing the week with our **school disco tonight**. As ever, thank you to everyone who is staying to help make it happen, and a **special shout out to the PTA for organising such a fun event for the children**.

Parent / Carer Survey

Enormous thanks to everyone who completed our parent and carer survey this term. It's been wonderful to have so much feedback. The full results are attached with this newsletter. It's great to hear that the vast majority of children and parents are really happy at BMPS, with a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere, enough parental opportunities to be involved, and children achieving and behaving well. There are always things for us to work on – more provision for children with dyslexia (we've already started additional training this week), greater clarity on home learning (coming soon) and greater clarity on anti-bullying approaches (see new guide attached).

Science Week

Next week we will be celebrating Science Week, with a focus on curiosity, discovery and asking great questions. Throughout the week, children across the school will be taking part in a range of exciting experiments and investigations, exploring scientific ideas in fun and practical ways.

There will be plenty of hands-on learning, opportunities to test predictions, and lots of moments of discovery as pupils investigate how the world works.

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us on Friday at 2:50pm to see some of the fantastic experiments and projects the children have been working on during the week. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing their enthusiasm for science. 🧪 ✨

Dojo Champions

Ducklings – Naujoban and Rose

Kingfishers – Aaleyah and Oscar-Riley

Robins – Yugan and Sienna

Swifts – Kaja and Zosia

Skylarks – Mia and Jayna

Jays – Dawson and Amelia

Owls – Amelie and Amara

Kestrels – Tyler and Daniel

The winning house this week is...

SUPERSTARS!



Golden Book

Congratulations to our Golden Book winners this week. Our winners are...

Kingfishers – Hendrix and Ivy

Robins – Ilia and Lily

Swifts – Hallie and Derek

Skylarks – Kyra and Vedanshi

Jays – Lucie and Tobias

Owls – Kian and Darya

Kestrels – Sajjad and Kavaya





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Toys/Putty Reminders

We have seen an **increasing number of items being brought into school from home** recently. These have included toys, trading cards, puzzles, water guns and the now rather infamous **putty**, which unfortunately sticks to carpets very much like chewing gum and is extremely difficult to remove.

While these items may seem harmless, they quickly become **a distraction in class**. Children naturally want to show them to friends, compare what they have and play with them during the day, which takes attention away from learning. In addition, when things get lost, broken or damaged it can lead to children becoming **very upset**.

There are **a small number of children who have a specific toy or fidget in school** to support them. These arrangements have been **agreed with Mrs Abbott and the class teacher** as part of our inclusive approach to supporting children with additional needs, including SEND. Where this is the case, it is carefully planned and monitored to help that child access learning successfully.

For all of these reasons, **please do not send toys or similar items into school.**

We would really appreciate your support with this and **ask that these items are kept at home.**



PTA Socials

Our wonderful PTA have a Facebook group and social media accounts. Please follow along as they update it regularly and you can get in touch directly with them if needed. They're always looking for volunteers so get in touch: pta@bitternemanor.net

Office Hours

The school office is open 8:30-4:30.

PE Days

Mondays –
Tuesday – Kestrels / Kingfishers
Wednesday – Jays / Robins
Thursdays – Owls / Swifts
Fridays – Skylarks



Upcoming Dates

- ~~6th March – Lower School Cross Country Championships (4pm)~~
- ~~13th March – Upper School Cross Country Championships (4pm) Cancelled due to Disco~~
- ~~13th March – PTA Disco~~
- 16th March – Science Week
- 20th March - Science Fair for Parents 2:50pm
- 20th March – Red Nose Day (Wear your PJs to school day for £1 donation!)
- 24th March – Swifts RE Day with City Mission
- 24th March – City Mission Easter Assembly
- 25th March - Owls RE Day with City Mission
- **27th March – End of Term**
- 13th April – Start of Summer Term
- 21st April – Owls Class Assembly
- 22nd April – Class Photos
- 28th April – Jays Class Assembly
- 30th April – See and Celebrate Book Look (2:45pm)
- 4th May – Bank Holiday
- 5th May – Skylarks Class Assembly
- 11th May – SATs Week
- 18th May – Shakespeare Festival / Walk to School Week
- 19th May – Swifts Class Assembly
- 21st May – Parents invited to Shakespeare Festival (afternoon – time TBC)
- **22nd May – End of Term**
- 1st June – Start of term and Gardening Week

