



Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2025



To Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

As we reach the end of our first half term, It has been incredibly busy, but also immensely enjoyable, filled with so many memorable experiences for our pupils. We ended this half term with a special visitor STEEL the Gladiator. Steel was in school yesterday, he met all the children in assembly then visited every classroom allowing them to ask questions. Check out your class dojo accounts for pictures of the day.

One of the highlights of this half term has been the rich array of educational experiences for all our year groups. Every class has either embarked on an exciting school trip or participated in an engaging workshop, bringing their learning to life outside the classroom. We are already planning many more enriching activities for the next half term.

This week we had a pumpkin competition, there were some truly wonderful entries, so thank you to everyone who took part. Our winners were;

Nursery - Henry
Reception - Quhey, Victor
Year 1 - Sapphire, Isla-Rae
Year 2 - Hallie, Elisa
Year 3 - Raine, Daisy
Year 4 - Ruby, Willow
Year 5 - Oscar, Annie
Year 6 - Hunter, Poppy



I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents who attended our learning showcases this afternoon. We were absolutely delighted with the turnout, with over 200 parents on site, actively engaging with their children's learning. There was a palpable buzz of excitement throughout the school this afternoon; it was wonderful to see the children so thrilled to share their work with you, and the positive feedback from parents was truly heartwarming. We have received numerous positive comments regarding the showcases, and many of you have kindly thanked our dedicated teachers and staff for their hard work in preparing these events. Your support and enthusiasm truly make a difference.

Thank you once again for your continued support and for being such an integral part of our school community.

Kind Regards,
Miss Took

Dates for your Diary



Monday 3rd November 2025	Tuesday 4th November 2025	Wednesday 5th November 2025	Thursday 6th November 2025	Friday 7th November 2025
Superstarts all Year Groups			Flu Vaccinations Session 1	Bexley Junior Citizenship Scheme

Attendance % & Number of Children Lates

For W/E 17/10/25



Challenge– Let's hit the 96% mark for all classes. Those classes who have had the biggest improvement will win a prize!

Class	Attendance	Lates
Caterpillars	89.8%	3
Bumblebees	98.7%	2
Ladybirds	98.9%	4
Butterflies	95.9%	3
Dragonflies	92.2%	4
Kangaroos	94.7%	0
Koalas	97.2%	3
Penguins	97.8%	2
Polar Bears	94.0%	5
Flamingos	94.0%	7
Pelicans	94.0%	5
Giraffes	93.9%	11
Zebra	96.7%	2
Parakeets	93.6%	2
Starlings	89.0%	2

Term Dates



Illuminateminds Trust - Term Dates 2025/26

September 2025						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Su
36	1	2	3	4	5	6
37	8	9	10	11	12	13
38	15	16	17	18	19	20
39	22	23	24	25	26	27
40	29	30				

October 2025						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Su
40			1	2	3	4
41	6	7	8	9	10	11
42	13	14	15	16	17	18
43	20	21	22	23	24	25
44	27	28	29	30	31	

November 2025						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Su
44						1
45	3	4	5	6	7	8
46	10	11	12	13	14	15
47	17	18	19	20	21	22
48	24	25	26	27	28	29

December 2025						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Su
49	1	2	3	4	5	6
50	8	9	10	11	12	13
51	15	16	17	18	*19	20
52	22	23	24	25	26	27
1	29	30	31			

January 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Su
1			1	2	3	4
2	5	6	7	8	9	10
3	12	13	14	15	16	17
4	19	20	21	22	23	24
5	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Su
5						1
6	2	3	4	5	6	7
7	9	10	11	12	13	14
8	16	17	18	19	20	21
9	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Su
9						1
10	2	3	4	5	6	7
11	9	10	11	12	13	14
12	16	17	18	19	20	21
13	23	24	25	26	27	28
14	30	31				

April 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Su
14			1	2	3	4
15	6	7	8	9	10	11
16	13	14	15	16	17	18
17	20	21	22	23	24	25
18	27	28	29	30		

May 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Su
18					1	2
19	4	5	6	7	8	9
20	11	12	13	14	15	16
21	18	19	20	21	22	23
22	25	26	27	28	29	30

June 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Su
23	1	2	3	4	5	6
24	8	9	10	11	12	13
25	15	16	17	18	19	20
26	22	23	24	25	26	27
27	29	30				

July 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Su
27			1	2	3	4
28	6	7	8	9	10	11
29	13	14	15	16	*17	18
30	20	21	22	23	24	25
31	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Su
31						1
32	3	4	5	6	7	8
33	10	11	12	13	14	15
34	17	18	19	20	21	22
35	24	25	26	27	28	29
36	31					

INSET DAYS

HOLIDAYS

*School finishes at 1pm on 19/12/25 & 17/07/26



Lunch Menu



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE	<p>Chicken Pie 1 Pesto & Pea Pasta 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Crushed Potato Cauliflower, Carrots</p> <p>Strawberry Mousse 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Bean Biryani VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rainbow Pasta 1 Seasonal Vegetables</p> <p>Toffee Apple Pudding 1 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Roast Gammon & Gravy Broccoli Tot 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rustic Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Peas</p> <p>Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake 1,7 Loaded Bean Chili Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Green Beans Grated Carrots</p> <p>Parsnip Brownie 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Pork Sausages 1,6 Vegetable Sausage VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Chips, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans Cucumber Sticks</p> <p>Oaty Cookie 1,15 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG</p>
WEEK TWO	<p>Caribbean Brown Chicken Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rice, Carrots, Peas</p> <p>Chocolate Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Cheese & Broccoli Pasta Bake 1,7 V Buffalo Cauliflower Wings & Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables</p> <p>Plum Pudding 1VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Roast Chicken & Gravy Ratatouille Purf 1,3 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots</p> <p>Crispy Cake 1,3,7,16 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Beef Stew & Dumpling 1 Pesto Pasta Bake 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Cauliflower, Green Beans</p> <p>Apple & Cinnamon Pinwheel 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Salmon Bites 1,8 Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Coleslaw 9</p> <p>Marble Cookie 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG</p>
WEEK THREE	<p>Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V Sweet Potato & Chick Pea Curry VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rice, Green Beans, Mixed Salad</p> <p>Peach Crumble 1 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Chicken Noodles 1 BBQ Vegetable Burrito 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Sweetcorn, Peppers</p> <p>Chocolate Rice Pudding 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Roast Pork & Gravy Vegan Sausage Roll 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rustic Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots</p> <p>Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Beef Cottage Pie Herby Tomato Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables</p> <p>Beetroot Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Fish Fingers 1,8 Cheese, Carrot & Tomato Swirl 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Grated Carrot</p> <p>Caramel Flapjack 1,7,15 V Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>



1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg
10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian

Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre-prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.

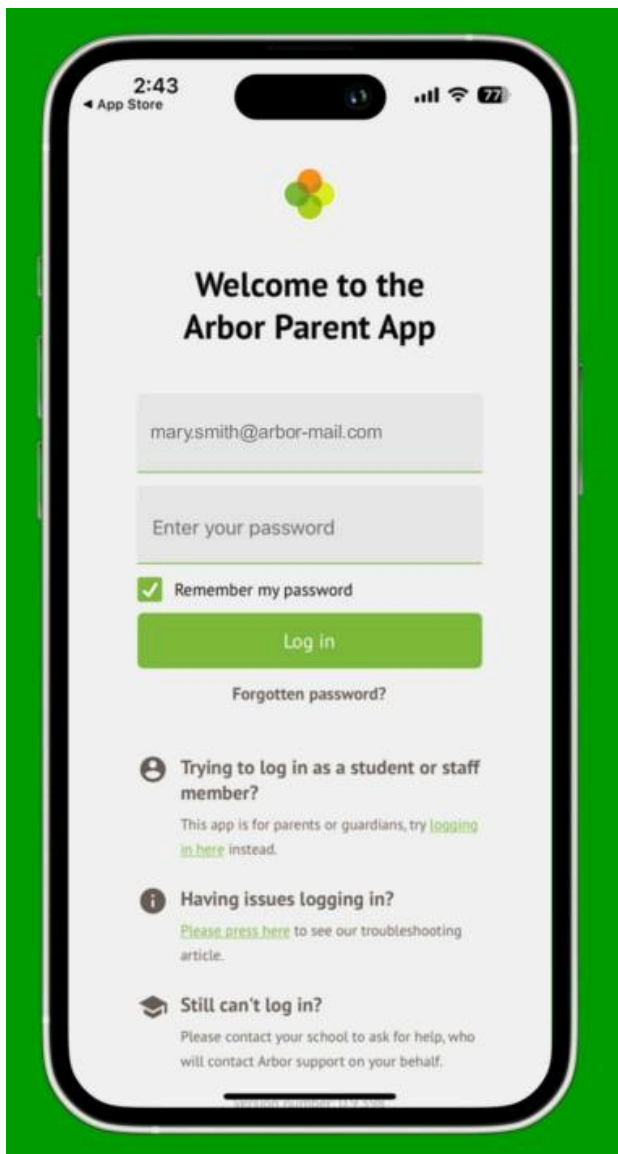
AVAILABLE DAILY

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Information



We're using the Arbor Parent App!



Please log in to update any changes to your child's details

- **Addresses / phone numbers.**
- **Medical Information;- ie GP info, allergies and medical conditions.**
- **Consents;- For school trips, photographs, Walking home (Y6 only).**
- **Mode of travel to school.**

Everyone has been sent login details.

If you have any problems please contact the school office.

Please download the app, we are moving away from Parent Mail. Arbor will be how we send letters, emails and texts. You will use Arbor to book breakfast club and for giving your consent to school trips.

It is really important you all download the app. If you have any problems please speak to the office team that will be able to help you.

Information



🚨 Important Notice for Parents/Guardians! 🚨

New Extended Day Booking System on ARBOR!

Introducing Arbor for Extended Day Bookings! 📱 🖥️

We are excited to announce a significant upgrade to how you book and manage your child's Breakfast Club and After-School Club.

During half term, we will be moving from IRIS ParentMail to the Arbor Parent Portal and Arbor App for club bookings.

This change is part of our commitment to streamline communication and payments, creating a more convenient, all-in-one platform for our school community.

Arbor will now be your single platform for:

- **Extended Day Bookings** (Breakfast and After-School Club)
- **Making Payments** and managing balances
- **Viewing key school data** (attendance etc.)
- **Booking Clubs / School Trips**

Your remaining balances/debts will be transferred to Arbor during half term.

📅 Key Dates to Remember

Activity	Date/Time
Arbor Booking System Goes LIVE	Wednesday 29 th October 2025

📱 How to Book in 3 Simple Steps:

1. Log In:

- **App:** Open the **Arbor App** on your smartphone.
- **Web:** Go to the **Arbor Parent Portal** at <https://pelham-primary-school.uk.arbor.sc>

2. Wraparound Care: Once logged in, navigate to the **Activities** section (or the **Clubs** icon on the app).

3. Select & Book: **Book:** Select the relevant club (**Breakfast Club** or **After-School Club**), choose your desired dates/sessions and confirm your registration and payment.

Most bookings require you to have **sufficient funds** in your account before you can secure a place. You can top up your account directly within the Arbor system.

Information



SUPPORTING LONDON'S DEAF COMMUNITY

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SOUTH LONDON PLAYSCHEME

For Deaf Children aged 6 - 16

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Acting & Drama
Workshop

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Oct



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Bowling

29
Oct



Acting & Drama
Workshop



Making Bird Feeders

30
Oct



Laser Quest



Halloween Fancy
Dress Party

31
Oct



Halloween Fancy
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Interested? Contact us at community@remark.uk.com

Information



Family Sign Session

 National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS Family Sign Language Curriculum)



2025

Greenwich Sensory Service, Bexley Hearing Support Advice Team and Lewisham Sensory Team are inviting you to come and join our “Family Sign - Introduction to BSL” sessions, which will take place on the 4th Wednesday of every month.

This event is **FREE** for Parent(s), Carers and Relatives of Deaf and Multi-sensory children.



This programme will give you the opportunity to extend your knowledge and skills in using in BSL and developing positive communication skills.

Danson Youth Centre, Brampton Rd, Bexleyheath DA7 4EZ

Tina Dhunday, Deaf Instructor - narinder.dhunday@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Information



Admission to Reception in September 2026

Children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 will be due to start in Reception in September 2026. The application period will be open on 1 September 2025 and the closing date is 15 January 2026.

Apply on line at:
<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

More information visit:
<https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/primary-schools/starting-primary-school>

Do you have any old scooters at home in good working condition, that your children have grown out of? If so please consider donating them to the school. We would like to create a scooter track in our Reception to year 3 playground.



When dropping off and collecting your children to and from school, please can you be mindful of our neighbours. They have contacted the school and asked that you do not block their driveways and more importantly do not park them. Thank you in advance for your support.

Attached with this week's Newsletter in ParentMail is the Wake Up Wednesdays guide on "Conspiracy Theories"

If you would like to speak to a member of the school leadership team please email
pelhamadmin@illuminateminds.org

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