

Friday 18th July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

We have come to the end of another fantastic year at Old Bexley and what a year it has been!



Thank you

Thank you as always for your on-going support. All the staff appreciate the support and help you give the children at home as this certainly helps them in school.

Thank you also for all the lovely gifts you have given to me and the staff this week. Your kind and thoughtful gestures have been much appreciated.

Goodbye & good luck



Staff news

We will be saying goodbye to a few members of staff today. Miss Mason is moving onto another school in Dartford and Mrs Konold is moving to Bursted Woods Primary school. We wish them all the best.

Joining us in September will be Mrs Taylor and Ms Sanderson returns from maternity leave they will be job sharing in Year 5.



Mrs Love will be starting her maternity leave today and Miss Alabaster will be back for a few days in September and be starting her maternity leave at the beginning of September. We look forward to hearing about their new arrivals. Miss Walker gave birth to a lovely baby boy recently.

Classes for September 2025

Class	Teacher/s
Nursery	Mrs Clark
RLV	Miss Velvick
RST	Mrs Spencer and Mrs Thompson
1JC	Miss Crawford
1MR	Mrs Rusi
1JH	Miss Hall
2OC	Miss Carroll Phase leader for EYFS/KS1
2EN	Mrs Netherton and Mrs England
2AB	Mrs Bronock and Mrs Atkins
3/4RW	Mrs Wheble Phase leader for lower KS2
3KM	Miss Kohealtee and Mrs Monksfield
3SE	Miss Emirhan
4KG	Mrs Grace
4MB	Mrs Murray and Mrs Budgen
5TS	Ms Sanderson and Mrs Taylor Phase leader for Upper KS2 (0.6)
5AC	Miss Catton
5JC	Mrs Collett
6EC	Miss Carr Phase leader for Upper KS2 (0.4)
6EA	Mrs Algin
6NC	Mrs Carter
5/6HA	Miss Atkins



Goodbye to our Year 6

Today we said goodbye to our wonderful year 6 children. They have enjoyed lots of different activities over the past weeks. They visited Rochester Cathedral, Chessington, and St Mary's church for their leaver's service. They also wowed audiences with their production of 'School of Pop'. We have had their class leaver assemblies and the Prom last night. There were lots of tears (especially from the parents!) and we wish them all the best as they move on to their secondary schools. We will miss them and they are always welcome back to let us know what they have been up to.



Sports Days

In the week beginning the 16th June, all year groups took part in their annual sports day. The weather was kind to us and all the children competed in a variety of track and field events. The year 6 children also ran the long distance race in memory of Gordon who was our lovely lollipop man. Thank you to all the parent and family members who came to support the children.



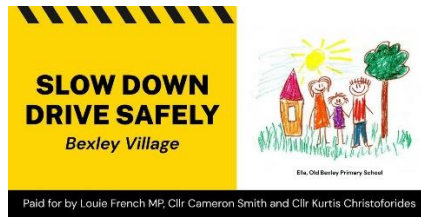
Summer music concert

On Tuesday evening, the KS2 hall was alive with the sound of music. Mrs Kibby organised yet another magical musical extravaganza which saw the choir, orchestra, Djembe drummers, Year 6 solo performers and the staff choir perform a variety of wonderful songs.



Thank you to our PTA

I would like to say a big thank you to our PTA who organised lots of fantastic events throughout the year. Thank you for their commitment, hard work and perseverance to raising money for the children of Old Bexley. It is much appreciated.



Road safety competition

The children of Old Bexley were chosen by Louie French MP and Counsellor Cameron Smith to design pictures to be part of a road safety campaign around Bexley Village. The winners were announced in Collective worship today and received a prize from Louie and Cameron. Their winning designs will be displayed on a number of banners around the village that promote safer driving. The winners were Georgia (Year 5), Aadya (Year 6) Sophie (Year 4), Nora (Year 2) and Larsen (Year 1).

100% attendance winners



Good attendance is a priority at Old Bexley as every day is so important. Attaining 100% throughout the year is a fantastic achievement. We celebrated this achievement with 34 children who managed to achieve 100% attendance this year. All the children's names were put into a year group's draw and the lucky children who were picked out each won an Amazon voucher.



myHappymind

As you are aware the school starting the myHappyMind wellbeing programme in February this year. The teachers have to fill out a short questionnaire every half term when they have completed the topic. Here are the results which have been shared with us that are very positive.

- 100% of teachers said they have seen the self-esteem and confidence of their children improve from using myHappyMind so far.
- 93% of teachers said they have seen children expressing Gratitude for people around them and for experiences
- 86% of teachers said they are noticing more Gratitude being shared in their classrooms.
- 100% of teachers said their children have a better understanding of the importance of positive relationships and how to build them.

We've also received these lovely quotes from your team, which I thought you'd enjoy:

"The children are showing more care and manners towards their peers and teachers."

"The class know they are quite privileged and have recognised that they should be more grateful for the things they have- both material and emotional. There has been a significant increase in the number of times 'thank you' has been said."

"Children are more able to articulate what they are grateful for and can think of a broader range of experiences to show their gratitude for."

"The children are more aware of gratitude."

"It has really made the children think about how they would like to be treated and how their actions affect others"

"The children are more aware now of the importance of listening, not just to adults but to each other as well."

If you still do not have the parent app then the QR code is below. The code you need is
142228



Preparing for September



Children are welcome to bring in their own pencil cases and stationary in September. We thought it may be helpful to guide you on what would be useful to include. Please ensure pencil cases are small enough to fit into a tray under the table and do not have distracting features such as secret compartments or calculators. Please also make sure your child's name is clearly written on the outside of the pencil case.

Useful items include:

- **A pencil**
- **A basic rubber**
- **A glue stick**
- **Coloured pencils**
- **A blue biro (KS2)**
- **A purple biro (KS2)**

NO FELT TIP PENS PLEASE

We will continue to provide pens, pencils and rulers as always. If any child is unable to provide their own stationary, we will ensure they are fully equipped.



Summer Reading Challenge

Bexley Library's Summer Reading Challenge has now started and runs until 6 September. Children are encouraged to read 6 books over the summer. The theme for this year is Story Garden. Children can read whatever they like — fiction, non-fiction, joke books, picture books, even eBooks— and receive special rewards from the library every time they finish a book.

<https://arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/web/bexley/summer-reading-challenge>

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support and partnership. We are proud of our school community and the achievements of all the children this year, and we look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on **Monday 1st September**.

I wish you all a happy, safe and restful summer.

Mrs J Ivil
Head Teacher

