

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

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 said goodbye to Mrs Budgen yesterday as she leaves us to enjoy retirement.

Joining us in September will be Mrs Bragg in Year 4 and Mrs Konold in Year 3. We are also welcoming Miss Paton, Mrs Fox, Mrs Hosakova, Mrs Dennison and Ms Sukel as Midday Meals Supervisors

Classes for September 2025

Class	Teacher/s
Nursery	Miss Velvick
ROC	Miss Carroll Phase leader for EYFS/KS1
RST	Mrs Spencer and Mrs Thompson
RMR	Mrs Rusi
1HA	Miss Atkins
1JH	Miss Hall
2JC	Miss Crawford Mrs Day
2EN	Mrs Netherton and Mrs England
2AB	Mrs Bronock and Mrs Atkins
3/4AL	Miss Alabaster Phase leader for lower KS2 Mrs Love
3MK	Mrs Konold
3SE	Miss Emirhan
4KG	Mrs Grace
4MB	Mrs Murray and Mrs Bragg
5TS	Ms Sanderson and Mrs Taylor Phase leader for Upper KS2 (0.6)
5AC	Miss Catton
5/6JC	Mrs Collett
6EC	Miss Carr Phase leader for Upper KS2 (0.4)
6EA	Mrs Algin
6NC	Mrs Carter



Goodbye to our Year 6

Year 6 have been taking part in a number of events and trips this term as they approach their final couple of weeks at Old Bexley. They have visited Chessington World of Adventures to celebrate their hard work in the lead up to SATs, Rochester Cathedral for a Church School Celebration and Chislehurst Caves as part of their history learning. They have also had visitors from CRIBs to help them prepare for their transition to secondary school and have been working hard rehearsing for their year 6 production, Gigglebox.

We wish them all the best as they move onto their secondary schools!



School council visit



On Monday 6th July, the school council were lucky enough to visit the Houses of Parliament. They learnt all about how parliament was formed and why. They also had a tour and saw the House of Lords, House of Commons and Westminster Hall. Louie French MP also said hello and showed us the special memorial garden for Queen Elizabeth II.

Sports Days



During the last term, all year groups took part in their annual sports day. The weather was kind to us (eventually) 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.

What have we been up to?

Nursery



We have been learning about our capital city of London. Paddington Bear lives in London and his favourite sandwich is marmalade. We made our own marmalade sandwiches, which we loved!

Reception



We've been on some incredible adventures, from hunting for tiny mini beasts to jetting off to Australia! We then plunged into the deep blue sea to discover fascinating underwater creatures, and now we're ending the term with a swashbuckling pirate adventure! It's been a half term full of curiosity, creativity, exploration and lots of fantastic learning. We can't wait to see where our next adventure takes us!

Year 1



Year 1 had a fantastic time at Howlett's Zoo. They enjoyed looking at all of the species of animals and learning facts about them. For example, we found out that elephants go to the toilet 12-15 times a day! The children behaved superbly and a lovely day was had by all.

Year 2



Year 2 had a wonderful day at the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich. We explored shape, patterns and line of symmetry. The children were asked to design a dove for part of an art exhibition.

Year 3 and Year 4



Years 3 and 4 pupils enjoyed an enriching educational visit to the Tower of London, where history was brought vividly to life. The children explored this iconic landmark with great curiosity and enthusiasm, deepening their understanding of its fascinating past and enduring significance within British history. A particular highlight of the day was a session led by staff members entitled Queens Behind Henry, which offered an insightful exploration of the influential women connected to Henry VIII.

Year 5



Year 5 have had two exciting experiences linked to their current learning topic of World War Two. Fresh Water Theatre Company came in at the start of the half term to launch the topic, depicting events through drama and singing. Towards the end of the unit, they visited Chislehurst Caves to see where people took shelter and how they lived during these unsettling times. A big thank you to the PTA for funding both of the activities.

Agents for Change



Following a great idea from our head girl, Phoebe, our Year 6 Agents for Change and Phoebe completed a two-hour litter picking walk around Bexley Village and the Golden Acre park. They did a fantastic job working together to clear away rubbish so that Bexley residents can enjoy our local area. A great bit of community work and all the idea of the children!

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 37 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.

Here are the results for the class attendance this year:

EYFS/KS1			KS2		
1 st Place	2EN	96.76%	1 st Place	3/4RW	97.23%
2 nd Place	2JC	96.48%	2 nd Place	5TS	97.18%
3 rd Place	RST	96.46%	3 rd Place	5JC	96.66%

Thank you for your efforts to make sure your child/ren are attending school every day.

myHappymind



We have completed a full year of the myHappymind wellbeing programme. Here are just some of the lovely comments that have been made by children and parents.

Happy breathing helped me when I was too excited to go to sleep (Year 1)

Happy breathing when I was angry or upset (Year 1)

Learning about the parts of the brain and using the prefrontal cortex to solve maths problems (Year 1)

Being aware of how I react (fight, flight, freeze) (Year 5)

"Both children enjoy the app and have used phrases taught through myHappymind to help regulate their feelings. It gives my children confidence with their emotions. My children have really benefitted from this teaching. "

Please find the link below to a Summer Journal that your child could complete over the summer holidays.

https://import.cdn.thinkific.com/60422/uk9HW9j6RWOpHNX0ck9F_Summer%20Journal.pdf

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 stationery 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 stationery, we will ensure they are fully equipped.

Squishes



Squishes are not allowed in school. The only fidget toys that are allowed in school are either ones that the school provide or ones that have been approved and checked by the school. Unfortunately, there are lots of companies manufacturing squishes that do not meet the trading standards requirements and can be dangerous and toxic for children. This is a topic we learn about in our Tuesday Pictures News worship recently.

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 Read to the Beat. 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>

Water Safety Talks



Crook Log staff visited the school yesterday and gave a Water Safety assembly to all the children. Here is what they learnt:

Every year children and their families find themselves in dangerous situations that could have been avoided if they had been aware of the most basic safety information. Our assemblies aim to give pupils an understanding of water safety and enable them to identify problems that may occur in, on and around the water.

Please ask your children about what they learnt and how this will make sure they keep themselves safe this summer.



Happy Summer!

see you in september

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 **Tuesday 1st September.**

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

Mrs J Ivis
Head Teacher