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Autumn half term 2026 Newsletter

This half term has gone by so quickly with lots of amazing things happening at Old Bexley. All the children have been learning new topics, literacy texts and have all now settled into their new year groups with their new teacher. Our new reception children are enjoying being part of Old Bexley and we have a new Head Boy and Girl for both KS2 and KS1. Year 6 have had a brilliant week at Bowles and lots of other trips and visits have taken place in order to enhance the children's learning. I am very much looking forward to next half term with further topics and learning opportunities for all the children (and of course Christmas!).

What have we been up to?

Each year group have got stuck into their new topics and have been up to all sorts of exciting learning activities.

Reception

This half term, Reception have been investigating autumn through hands-on sensory play with conkers, leaves and pumpkins and showcasing their creativity in their autumn pictures.



Year 1

Year 1 have been completing some Science Ninja experiments for their topic this term 'Animals including humans'. They used their sense of smell to guess the different scents inside bottles, and their sense of taste to guess the different flavours of crisps.





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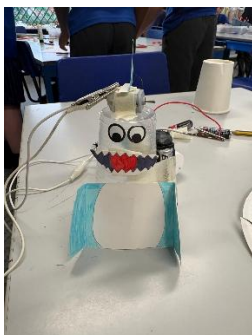


Year 2

Year 2 have had great fun investigating everyday materials this half term. They have been completing a range of investigations to test out different properties including stretchiness and how different folds of paper can increase strength. They have also recorded their findings in different ways.

Years 3 and 4

Years 3 and 4 had a wonderful time at the London Aquarium. They saw lots of different fish, sharks, turtles and penguins!



Year 5

Year 5 have been busy building motorised Doodlers and Wobble Bots in DT. They began by building simple circuits before adding a motor to it. Once complete, they worked in groups to add this motorised circuit to a Doodler so it could move and create lines. Following this, they then designed their own motorised products ranging from cleaning turtles to frogs which could kick a ball. They had great fun!



Year 6

Year 6 had a fantastic week on their residential at Bowles. They enjoyed taking part in lots of different activities, including skiing, rock climbing, kayaking, archery and the leap of faith. They learnt lots of new skills, faced some fears and had a lovely time making memories with their friends.

What a wonderful world!



Every year group has created a beautiful display on the theme of 'Our Wonderful World'. The look amazing and brighten up the main corridor in KS2.

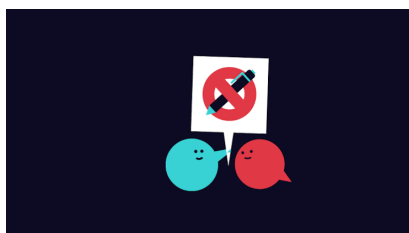




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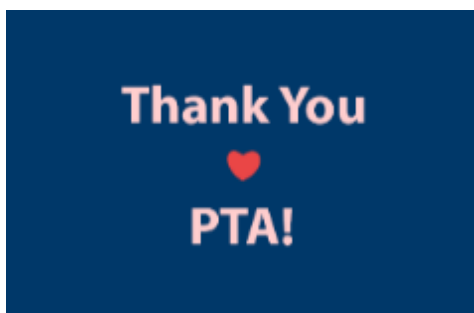
No Pens Day



Today was 'No Pens Day' in school. This is a nationwide annual event organized by [Speech and Language UK](https://www.speechandlanguageuk.com/) where schools replace writing, pens, and worksheets with speaking, listening, and interactive communication activities.

Key Details of No Pens Day

- **Purpose:** To boost oracy, listening, and vocabulary pacing while raising awareness and funds for the 1 in 5 children in the UK who struggle with talking and understanding words.
- **Activities:** Show-and-tell sessions, debates, group storytelling, problem-solving challenges, roleplay, and outdoor exploration.



Thank you to our PTA

Here is a message from the PTA:

In '25-26, the PTA provided over £32,500 in funding from events such as the Grinchmas Fair, Bextival, discos, the Wonder Bar competition and more.

The funding was used towards every child's school trip, iPads for the technology room, a donation for the music department, playground equipment and even ice poles during the heatwave!

We'd like to thank the OB community for all their support, and please put 28th November in your diaries for the Elfmas Xmas Fair! 🎅

Their continued support is very much valued. They always need more volunteers and help especially at the Christmas and summer fairs. If you would like to join, please contact the PTA at

oldbexleypta1@gmail.com



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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:
SATURDAY 28th November
PTA Elf-Mas FAIR
12 - 3PM
Hope to see you there!

Harvest



Our Harvest services took place on Thursday 8th October. Thank you, our new Mountain Climbers, and KS2 Head boy and girls who led both services. The Junior Choir sang beautifully in the KS2 service and in the KS1 service the children danced along to the 'Harvest Samba' song. The school's library was filled with your kind donations to Bexley Foodbank who were touched by your generosity.



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Postcard Home Competition Winners



At the start of each new academic year, all children have the chance to design the postcards that are awarded every day for children's good behaviour. This year's theme was 'Our love of reading and books. As always, there were many entries and choosing the winners was very difficult. However, after a lot of deliberation, I am pleased to announce that the winners are:

Kiki 4MB	Dilara 1HA
Amber 2EN	Kiera 4KG
Henry 5TS	Hermoine 5/6JC
Acer 4KG	Oscar 1HA
Luna 6EA	Inosh 4KG
Harper-Rose 4KG	Sophie 5/6JC
Jasmine 2EN	Molly 5TS

The winners all received an Amazon voucher and have the pleasure and pride of seeing their designs being used as a postcard home for the school this year.

Fundraising this Half Term

Jeans for Genes Day

On 18th September, we supported Jeans for Genes Day. The school raised just over £400 which will be used to help those who live with a genetic condition. Thank you for your support.





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Remembrance Poppies



It is coming to that special time of remembrance. When we return to school after half term (2nd November), we will be selling poppies in school in order to raise funds for the Royal British Legion. The suggested donation is £1. The clergy team will be leading a special worship of remembrance on Thursday 12th November.

Parent Evenings



On Wednesday last week and Thursday of this week we invited all our parents in to meet with their child's class teacher. It was an opportunity to see how they have settled in and to see what work they had produced since returning in September. Thank you for your support and it was lovely to see you all.

Christmas Tree decoration competition



Help needed!

We need lots of decorations to make our Christmas trees look festive in both halls.

Please design and make a Christmas tree decoration to go on the tree.

All winners will receive a prize!

Entries must have your name and class on and be given in **by Friday 20th November**



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Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Monday 2 nd November	Back to school
Tuesday 3 rd November	Sibling photos (before school) Individual photos
Wednesday 4 th November	Individual photos
Friday 6 th November	10.00am New Reception Parent Tour
Friday 13 th November	 Children in Need PJ/Onesie Day Flu jab session 2
Monday 16 th November	 Friendship week
Tuesday 17 th November	Parent Phonics Workshop – Reception & Year 1
Friday 27 th November	PTA bring a bottle - non uniform 10.00am New Reception Parent Tour
Saturday 28th November	 PTA Christmas fair
Monday 30 th November	 9.00am St Andrew's Day CW Wear blue and white for St Andrew's Day
Monday 7 th December	 10.00am Nursery Christmas Show
Tuesday 8 th December	9.30am Reception Nativity 2.00pm Year 1 Nativity
Wednesday 9 th December	9.30am Year 1 Nativity 2.00pm Reception Nativity 6.00pm Christmas Concert @ Christchurch
Thursday 10 th December	 Church services at St Mary's Church, Bexley 1.15pm – 1.45pm Years 3 & 4 2.00pm – 2.30pm Year 5 2.45pm – 3.15pm Year 6 9.30am Year 2 Nativity
Friday 11 th December	 Christmas Jumper Day



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	10.00am Year 3 Grandparents event 2.00pm Year 2 Nativity
Tuesday 15 th December	9.00am KS1 Christmas Service in school led by Rev Nat Moody 2.00pm Year 3 Grandparents event
Wednesday 16 th December	 Pantry Christmas Lunch
Thursday 17 th December	1.30pm End of term 



You will be sent reminders for all dates for the Christmas events and performances will be given out next half term.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 2nd November @ 8.30am**

Take care
Mrs J Ivis
Head Teacher





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**Happy 2nd Birthday to
Winnie tomorrow!**