



Friday 27th September 2024

A **Beyond** ACADEMY
SCHOOLS TRUST

Important Dates:



Maths workshops for parents (9:00am)

Year 4—Monday 30th September

Year 5—Monday 7th October

Year 6—Monday 14th October

Harvest festival:

Monday 30th

September Friday 11th October

Open Days for prospective parents and carers:

Tuesday 1st October 9:00am

Wednesday 9th October 1:30pm

Year 6 trip to Chatham Dockyard:

Thursday 3rd October

Hello Yellow—wear yellow to promote positive mental health:

Thursday 10th October

Parents' Evening:

Tuesday 15th and

Thursday 17th October
(Letters to follow on Monday)



Instagram

[balfour_junior_school](https://www.instagram.com/balfour_junior_school)



Harvest festival

Harvest festival is a great opportunity for us to support our local community and make a difference to the lives of others.

The food that we collect will be donated to Caring Hands in Chatham. Caring Hands is a not-for-profit day centre for anyone who is homeless or insecurely housed. Anyone and everyone who lacks a safe home can register for free meals, access to showers, clean clothing and advice, Monday to Friday 9:30am-1pm. You can find out more on their website: [HOME | Caring Hands](https://www.caringhands.org.uk)

We would therefore greatly appreciate donations of food such as the following: baked beans, pasta, soups, tuna, rice, tinned vegetables, tea and coffee, spaghetti, sugar, hot dogs, powdered milk, rice pudding, various cooking sauces (jar or packet) and custard. Please send in your contributions to the school office or give them to your child's class teacher from Monday 30th September until Friday 11th October.

Safeguarding Team

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and expect all members of the school community to share this commitment. The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Mayston; Mr Kirk, Mrs Denny, Miss Kember and Mr Tutt are Deputy DSLs. The email addresses of the Safeguarding team are available on the school website, or you can call the school office and speak to one of them to confidentially report a concern.

Medway Culture Club

Join Medway Culture Club from 10am-1pm on Saturday 5 October at the Woodlands Youth Centre in Gillingham for their latest event: 'Discover Hidden Histories: A Black History Month event for kids'. Focusing on the fascinating lives of Black Tudors, children will uncover their stories through engaging activities. Led by local artists, the children will create rustic Tudor scrolls, showcasing the rich history and legacy of Black Britons. The scrolls will be proudly displayed in libraries across Medway, as part of Black History Month. Tickets are £8 per child, and this includes a hot lunch.

The children's session will be followed by a Black History Month Art exhibition, which is FREE to attend and is open to all the family. The pop-up exhibition, in collaboration with The Black Art Hub, will display Black British artwork, photography and poetry. There will also be live music and refreshments available. The exhibition will run from 1-3pm at the Woodlands Youth Centre in Gillingham. Tickets for both events can be booked at www.medwaycultureclub.co.uk.

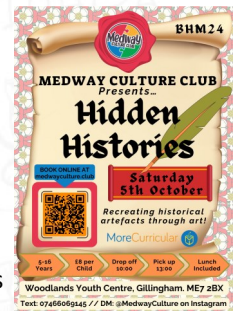
Homework

There is a strong link between homework and academic achievement. The time that children spend doing homework will encourage them to use their time wisely, work independently and improve their memory and critical thinking skills. Homework is compulsory for every child and consists of:

- Reading with an adult for **at least** 20 minutes per day and recording this in their reading record
- Playing Times Tables Rockstars and/or Numbots for a **minimum** of 20 minutes per week
- Practising spellings on the worksheet sent home each week



Caring Hands in the community



Achievement Award



Well done to the following pupils for receiving this week's Achievement Award!



3H: Billie	3L: Jessie	3M: Sapphire	3P: Surveen
4H: James	4B: Rosaleigh	4T: Nadja	4O'K: Lola
5H: Joesey	5K: Henry W	5C: Philip	5R: Teddy H
6K: Lincoln	6L: Jake	6Ma: Tanwen	6Mo: Daniel