

South Borough News



19th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

A message from the Headteacher

It has been a busy and productive second week back at South Borough. We were delighted to welcome Kent Fire and Rescue Service for a series of assemblies, where children learned vital lessons about identifying fire hazards at home and what to do in an emergency.

On Friday, I was joined by Julie Prentice, the Trust's Director of Primary, for a learning walk across the school. It was a privilege to see such high-quality teaching and learning in action. We observed: Exceptional clarity in teacher explanations and task setting; pupils deeply engaged in a wide range of activities and teachers actively responding to feedback, providing immediate support and challenge where needed.

Regarding our new Computer Suite, the room is now fully prepared. We are simply awaiting the delivery of the hardware and accessories, with staff training already scheduled for the start of Term 4. We are very excited for the children to begin using this fantastic new resource shortly.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful week ahead.

Warm regards

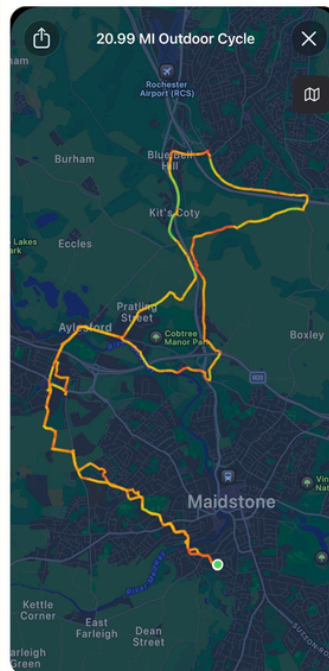
Mathew Currie
Headteacher

Celebration corner... Jennifer's cycle trek!

Huge well done to Jennifer for completing her first bike ride of 2026 this weekend. Have a read below of a personal account from the exceptional cyclist herself...

I just finished my first bike ride of 2026 this weekend and I managed to do 20.99 miles. I rode along some paths, roads and muddy trails going up hills and down some steep trails crossing rivers and motorway bridges and having a pit stop on Bluebell Hill garage for some hot chocolate.

Keep pushing those pedals, Jennifer!



Term dates 25/26

Please remember to check term dates before booking holidays.

Home Reading

Remember to read with your child every night and mark their record.

School Uniform

PE kits should not include any branded items. Thank you.



Celebration corner... Mya's starring role!

Take a close look at this, remember this moment because this young lady's name might just well be up in lights in the not too distant future!

Over the Christmas holiday Mya took part in her first drama performance as part of the Hazlitt Institute. She performed in The Secret of the Nutcracker at the Hazlitt Theatre.

Well done Mya - we are so proud of you and all of your achievements during your amazing performance.

Considerate parking



Please remember to park considerately when using our valuable parent car park. This is a valuable resource that the majority of schools do not offer. Patience, respect and kindness are essential for its safe use. This includes the unnecessary blowing of car horns!

CELEBRATION CORNER... ANTON THE FOOTBALL STAR



Huge congratulations go to Anton this week, who has started football training with Pebbles at the Maidstone United stadium in October. He has been working so hard and has been desperate to get a player of the week certificate. On Saturday he was delighted when he was awarded one.

Staff shout out!



Mrs Bell-Herbert

This week, we want to celebrate the wonderful Mrs. Bell-Herbert, a true "ray of positivity" at South Borough.

Mrs. Bell-Herbert is an exceptional support to both our children and her colleagues, always offering a calm, measured approach and a genuine listening ear. Her work with our pupils is characterised by immense patience and thoughtfulness, ensuring every interaction makes a difference.

With a smile that truly radiates and lights up every room she enters, Mrs. Bell-Herbert makes our school a much better place simply by being here. Thank you for your expertise, your kindness, and for being such a brilliant part of our team!

Power of Purple Awards

We are so proud to let parents know children across the school who have been awarded one of our Power of Purple Awards.

Nursery Sara M	
Reception A Grace G	Reception B Beatrice C
Class 1A Maria N	Class 1B George C
Class 2A Astin F	Class 2B Albert A
Class 3A Nancy F & Ronnie M	Class 3B Archer P
Class 4A Jaxon C & Jaejay H-K	Class 4B Maxine M
Class 5A Ioan D	Class 5B Max A
Class 6A Harrison C	Class 6B Annabelle G
Staff n/a	

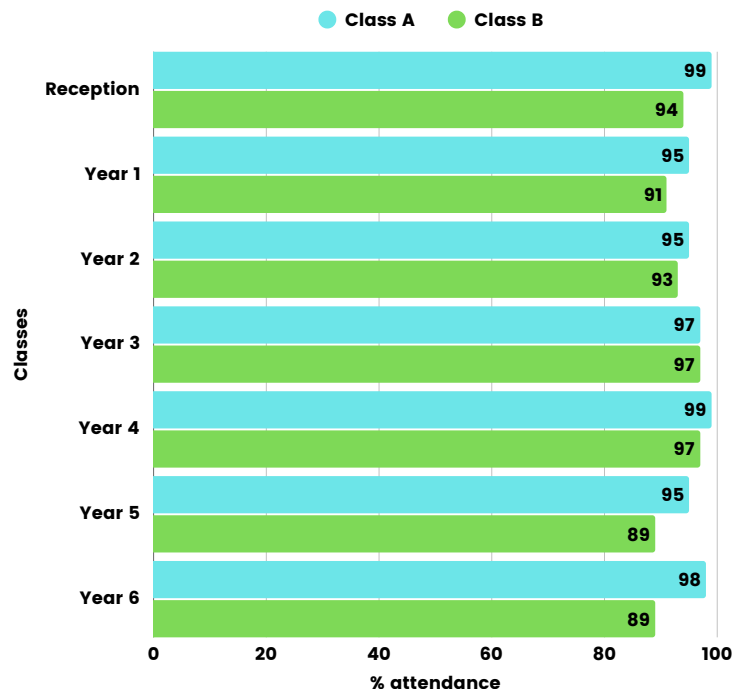


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and
CONFELICITY

Both of these words mean:
joy in the happiness of the others.

ATTENDANCE

Take a look at last week's class attendance figures. Classes who achieve 96% or above attendance get to roll the dice in our Classopoly game in assembly. Congratulations to **RA, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B** and **6A** this week!



Parents should be advised that the official school presence on X has ended with immediate effect. This means that we will no longer be using X to post photographs or messages.

WELL DONE!

Well done! We are on track to achieve our target of 100 entries into Celebration Corner this year!

Keep them coming. Any achievement at all will be welcomed and celebrated.

Just send them in by messaging Mr Currie directly on Class Dojo.