



Active Travel BCP

Spring Newsletter 2026

We'd love to hear from you

Denise Thomson, Kate Salter, Helen Morse and Shayna Fonseca, make up the Active Journeys to School Project Officers for BCP. A warm welcome also to Zoe Butler who has just joined the team. Please get in touch if you have any great school stories or would like to find out more about our school work.

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Useful information

This year's Living Streets Walk to School Week will take place from 18 to 22 May.



Pupils will be encouraged to walk, wheel, cycle, scoot or park and stride every day of the week while promoting health, safety and environmental awareness.

Big Walk and Wheel 2026



Walk Wheel Cycle Trust's Big Walk and Wheel took place between 16 and 27 March.

The Big Walk and Wheel inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood, and discover how these changes benefit their world.

This year, 27 schools across BCP signed up for the challenge, with 2,517 schools registering to take part nationwide. In the lead-up to, and during, the challenge, BCP schools took part in poster competitions, assemblies, Dr Bike sessions, scooter skills sessions, active travel breakfasts, and much more! It was great to see so many more children travelling actively to school.

The top three schools in BCP that recorded the highest percentage of students travelling actively will receive an amazing BMX stunt show from Matti Hemmings. We can't wait to reveal the results once all the data has been collected.

Wheel's City

During the Big Walk and Wheel, Longfleet Primary School took part in a Wheels City event, where their playground was transformed into a living city. During the sessions, children learnt road-awareness skills through play on scooters and bikes, with fun stations along the way, as well as junctions, crossings, and roundabouts to navigate.

The event encouraged more children to travel to school actively. A PTA member said, "Not a space left to park a scooter or bike today – the activities have got so many on their bikes and scooters." A parent also noted that her child "has been really inspired and motivated by the session and is now wanting to cycle to school every day." One child in Year 5 commented, "I loved going on my bike in school, and I learnt about giving way to others."



Changing Habits

In October, St Walburga's Primary School successfully launched their School Street.



One parent noted, "I think it is a great idea. It is so much safer for the kids."

Another parent, who is also a member of staff at the school, has changed the way they travel since the School Street began—swapping their car for scooting and walking. "My daughter is more awake and we are all happier. We don't have the stress of trying to park anymore... It is much safer out there."

If you have a story about how you've changed the way you travel to school and would like to share the benefits of active travel with us, we would love to hear from you.

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Scooter Skills

This term, we launched our new Scooter Skills sessions. These have proved very popular with the children, offering a fun, engaging, and accessible way for everyone to build their confidence when scooting.

During the sessions, children learn and practise how to stop safely and effectively, how to give way, and how to alert pedestrians when approaching—all while having a great time!



Important dates this term

**MAY
18TH
-22ND**

Walk to School Week

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/primary-schools/walk-to-school-week-2026/>

**JUN
18TH**

Clean Air Day

Spring Ready

With spring in full swing and summer just around the corner, here's a handy guide to help you get prepared for the season. From puncture repair tips to a full bike and helmet safety check, it includes everything you need to get back out enjoying the ride.

<https://share.sustrans.org.uk/share/public/?file=6c2a9c89>

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Our Walk Wheel Cycle Trust website also has lots of helpful tips, guidance and inspiration to help you get more active.

<https://www.walkwheelcycletrust.org.uk/our-blog/get-active/?location=null&theme=null&p=1>

Skateboarding sessions

To celebrate winning our Leg It to Lapland winter challenge, Oakdale Junior School marked their achievement with an action-packed skateboarding day led by Team Rubicon.



The school secured the top spot by recording the highest percentage of pupils travelling actively to school throughout the challenge.

Teachers were thrilled with the impact of the skateboarding workshop. One member of staff said, "The children have come away from the session buzzing with confidence and excitement. Thanks so much for a fab prize!"

Pupils were equally enthusiastic. A Year 5 child shared, "I've never put a foot on a skateboard in my life — now I can do it!"

