

BOURTON MEADOW ACADEMY

NEWS LETTER



Friday 29th September 2023

Years 1 & 6 – European Day of Languages

Last Tuesday 26th of September we celebrated the European Day of Languages in Year 1 and Year 6. The children learned some interesting facts about this day and the importance of language learning, and we decorated bookmarks. Some of them also took home a booklet to complete about any language that they wanted to choose for research.

Did you know that Hello is Ciao in Italian, Hej hej in Swedish, Bonjour in French or Hola in Spanish? However, we all smile in the same language!

Mrs Nuñez



This Week's Attendance

Reception	98.3%	ABC
Year 1	93.8%	
Year 2	95.0%	
Year 3	98.0%	
Year 4	97.8%	
Year 5	94.3%	
Year 6	95.7%	



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Well done to YEARS 4, 5 & 6 for almost having complete indoor and outdoor PE/Games kit this week.



YEAR 4 - 100%

YEAR 5 - 99%

YEAR 6 - 100%



Reception



Reception have been exploring the five senses this week. We have been exploring our sense of smell by making scented play dough with different herbs and spices. We have also loved making our own potions in the water area outside! We have been using various tools to improve our fine motor skills, including a pestle and mortar to grind up flower petals and lemon zesters and juicers to juice citrus fruit to add to our potions!



Congratulations



Miss Toomey and Mr Bradbury are happy to
announce the birth of their baby daughter

Marcie Emilia Bradbury

Marcie was born on the 25th of September at
11:39am, weighing 8lb 4oz.



At Bourton Meadow Academy, we love celebrating the fantastic achievements of our children in all of the activities that we know they participate in outside of school. However, our children are so successful that quite often, we do find that our fortnightly celebration assemblies can become a little rushed!

This term, to try to make sure we can really give time to celebrate children's achievements outside of school, we are going to trial a new approach by dedicating a whole assembly to sharing these successes. This will be known as our O.W.L.S. assembly (OWLS being an abbreviation of Outside World Learning Successes).

This half term we will hold two assemblies:

Years 1, 2 and 3 OWLS assembly will be on Wednesday 18th October.

Years 4, 5 and 6 OWLS assembly will be on Friday 13th October.

If your child has won an award or had a significant achievement from outside of school and would like it to be presented to them at the OWL assembly, please can you ask them to bring it in to school on these days and give it to their class teacher. Achievements can be for sports, arts, music, dance, contributing to the community or anything else of note.

We look forward to hearing about the wonderful achievements of our children and also sharing news of some of them with you via our newsletter.





The Mayor of Buckingham, Anja Schaefer would like to invite pupils to help design her Christmas card based on the theme 'Together at Christmas'. The winners of the competition will get to join the Mayor, on stage, on Thursday 23rd November, to turn on Buckingham's Christmas Lights!

Winners will be chosen from four age categories:

- **Reception – Year 2**
- **Year 3 – Year 6**
- **Year 7 – Year 8**
- **Year 9 – Year 11**

Entries can be returned to the Buckingham Library or emailed to admin@buckingham-tc.gv.uk and the deadline for submissions is Monday 30th October 2023.

(No entries should be taken into school)





We are delighted to introduce our S4 All-Stars programme, specially crafted to introduce the youngest members of our community to the world of football. This programme is open to both boys and girls, aged **18 months to 4 years**.

Here are the key details:

Programme: S4 All-Stars

Schedule: Tuesday Mornings (Term Time Only)

Start Date: 3rd of October 2023

End Date: 21st May 2024

Time: 9:30 am - 10:15 am

Location: Buckingham Youth Centre

Price: £5 per session



We understand the importance of early exposure to physical activities, and football is a fantastic way for children to develop both physically and socially. Our Tuesday morning sessions provide a nurturing environment for your child to explore the world of football with the guidance of our experienced coaches.

We're pleased to offer an opportunity for your child to experience our programme with 2 FREE complimentary sessions.

If you would like to discuss this with our team, please email tom.summers@s4aclub.co.uk

Alternatively, you can book your place here-
<https://s4adevelopment.co.uk/s4-all-stars-football-programme-buckingham/>



Bourton Meadow October Half Term Holiday Club

As we transition into the autumn season, we're excited to announce our October Half Term Holiday Clubs at Bourton Meadow Academy

Dates: October 23rd-27th

Operating Hours: 8am-6pm

For those interested in our Forest School sessions, they will be available from October 23rd to 26th from 9am to 3pm and will be open at Buckingham Primary School.

Following a fantastic summer holiday club at Bourton Meadow Academy, we're thrilled to offer you more opportunities to engage with us during the Halloween-themed October Half Term. Our commitment to flexibility remains, as on our new booking system you can still choose between two booking options: 8am-6pm or 9am-3pm.

This flexibility allows you to plan your days conveniently with convenient drop-off and collection times.

ACTIVITIES AND TIMETABLE

You can explore our full activity timetable for the week by clicking [here](#). Your child will have the freedom to choose from a variety of engaging activities each day.

HALLOWEEN PARTY DAY - Thursday, October 26th

Join us on Thursday, October 26th, for our Halloween Party Day! It's a day of disco, party games, and Halloween costumes. We encourage all children to wear their favourite Halloween outfits for a day of spooky fun!

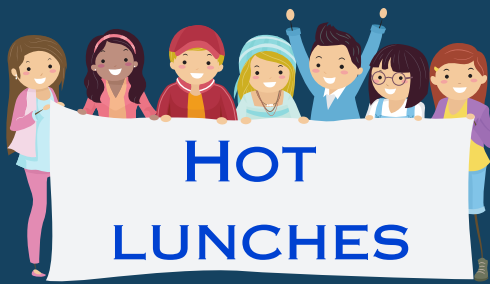
BOOK NOW

Let your child join us for a spooktacular week of Halloween fun!

- Bourton Meadow Holiday Club: [Book Here](#)
- Forest School: [Book Here](#)

Should you have any questions or require assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us at info@s4aclub.co.uk. We're here to support you.





Please make sure you book your child's hot lunch choices on Parentmail. You can book ahead for the whole Autumn term.



Please make sure you have completed a new Healthcare plan for your child for the new academic year. If your child requires any medication, please make sure it has been returned to school.



Be
HEALTHY
eat
HEALTHY



Please provide your child with a small healthy snack for break time. We recommend a piece of fruit or cereal bar, not crisps and chocolate. Some of the snacks are too big, resulting in the children not wanting to eat their lunch.





Hello everyone,

I'm Neil Davies, and I am thrilled to be stepping into the role of Chair for Friends of Bourton Meadow. It's an honour and a privilege to serve our school community in this capacity, and I'm excited about the journey ahead.

First and foremost, I hope you'll join me in my gratitude to the outgoing committee, led by our former Chair, Charmaine. They have done an outstanding job in navigating the challenges of the past year and have left behind a strong foundation for us to build upon. Their dedication, hard work, and support for our students and school have been amazing.

As I take on this role, I look forward to working closely with parents, teachers, and staff, to continue making our school an exceptional place for our children to learn and grow. One of my main goals as Chair is to foster open communication and collaboration among parents, teachers, and the school administration. I believe that when we work together, we can create an even more enriching educational experience for our children. I will be driving more diversity within the volunteers, particularly since I am the only dad on the committee and one of very few dad volunteers.

Your new committee will be published in the coming weeks, but until then, if you have any thoughts or ideas (or would even like to help out as a volunteer) then please do email us at friends@bourtonmeadow.co.uk

Thank you once again to the outgoing committee, and I can't wait to embark on this exciting journey with all of you.

Warm regards, Neil



SOCIAL MEDIA

We have updated our social media platforms. Below are the new details for Facebook, X (Twitter) and Instagram. We have also launched our new website.



Please add, follow, and like, to see more about what's happening, and keep yourself up to date with the school activities.



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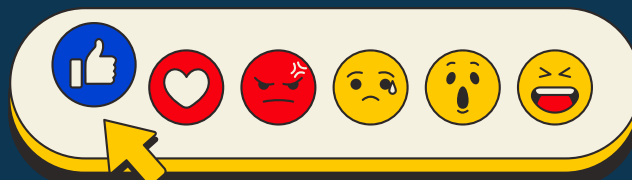
@bourton_meadow



Bourton Meadow Academy & Nursery



www.bourtonmeadow.co.uk





Please DO NOT allow your children to play on the school equipment or MUGA before or after school. We have had a number of incidents where children have been hurt and we are not insured for children to be using the equipment out of school hours unsupervised.

Thank you



social Media

Just a gentle reminder that most social media platforms have a minimum age attached. Please check your childrens' phones and devices to remove any unwanted apps.



Headlice

Please check your child's hair!

We have had a number of headlice cases across the school. If you find any unwanted visitors, please treat accordingly, remembering to re-treat after 2 weeks.

All girls with long hair MUST have their hair tied up for school to stop the spread.



**TIME TO
UPDATE**



If you have recently moved, got a new phone number or if any of your personal details have changed, please let the school office know so that your records can be updated.

Thank you



Hot Lunches

Please remember to book your child's lunch choices in advance to avoid disappointment. Payment can be made via Parentmail.



Many Thanks

Kitchen Team

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE WHEN PARKING

We would like to remind you that when dropping off and picking up your children, you park safely.

Please avoid parking on corners, and do not block the driveways of our local residents. Also, please DO NOT park in the Drop off area or remove the cones. Thank you.



contact us!



office@bourtonmeadow.co.uk



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Bourton Meadow Academy

When contacting teachers please use these Year group E-mail addresses. Please **DO NOT** use direct school e-mail addresses.

Thank you

Year Group e-mail addresses:

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year6@bourtonmeadow.co.uk

Friends of Bourton Meadow PTA



Pre-Loved School Uniform Shop

Opening Times

Monday 8:50am – 9:10am

3:00pm – 3:15pm

Friday 8:50am – 9:10am

Price List

Shirts and PE t-shirts.....	50p
Trousers, shorts, skirts & <u>dresses</u>	£1
Jumpers & cardigans.....	£1
Ties (pre-loved / new).....	£1 / £4.10
PE shorts, joggers and jumpers.....	£1
Logo items (e.g. body warmers, book bags etc.).....	£2
Blazers (priced based on condition).....	£5-£10

If you need items from the shop but cannot make the usual opening times, please email friends@bourtonmeadow.co.uk, telling us what you need, the size and quantity, along with your child's name and class.



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BY LUKE JERRAM

15-26 October | Timed slots 10am-8pm |
Book your tickets now at www.stowehouse.org



STOWE HOUSE



Have fun learning
how to play
Or
Improve your
Squash



**Junior Squash Coaching
at Buckingham
Swan Pool Squash Courts**

**Saturday morning
08.45 to 09.30 or
09.30 to 10.15**

coaching in 45 minute sessions according to age & experience

Our Saturday morning coaching sessions are open to all juniors
from 6 years to 11 years

All levels of player including complete beginners are welcome

Supervised by England Squash qualified coaches

**To register your interest and to receive
further information
please e-mail buckingham.weekend.juniors@gmail.com**

Your child will benefit in many ways:

- They'll have fun whilst being active and learning something new.
- They'll learn the fundamental skills to play squash.
 - They'll develop hand-eye co-ordination, footwork and racquet skills.
- They'll have an opportunity to make friends outside of school.
 - The sessions boost confidence and encourages them to be active.

Play Squash in Buckingham: www.buckingham-squash-club.co.uk