



The Bonneygrove BUZZ

NEWS • EVENTS • LEARNING • OUR COMMUNITY

WELCOME TO THE BUZZ!

Welcome to The Bonneygrove Buzz! Celebrating our achievements, learning and school community throughout October and November! We are delighted to introduce The Bonneygrove Buzz, our exciting new monthly school newsletter! Each month, we will share and celebrate the wonderful things happening across Bonneygrove Primary School, keeping our children, parents and carers informed about school life. Our newsletter will showcase children's achievements, exciting learning experiences, special events, enrichment opportunities and the many ways in which our school community comes together. It will also provide important reminders, forthcoming events, key dates and useful information to help families stay up to date with everything happening at Bonneygrove. What makes The Bonneygrove Buzz particularly special is that we want it to become a newsletter written by our children, for our school community. Working alongside a member of the Senior Leadership Team, pupils will have the opportunity to become young reporters, sharing news from their classrooms, interviewing staff and pupils, celebrating achievements and reporting on events taking place across the school. This will provide children with meaningful opportunities to develop their writing, communication, teamwork and leadership skills, while giving them a stronger voice in school life. We hope that The Bonneygrove Buzz will become something our children look forward to creating and our families enjoy reading each month.

OUR SIX SCHOOL VALUES



Creativity
Ideas and curiosity



Honesty
Truth and integrity



Ambition
Aim high



Kindness
Care and respect



Resilience
Keep trying



Inclusion
Everyone belongs

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every day counts!

School	94.5%
National	95.9%
Local authority	96.1%

Overall absence: 5.5%
• Persistent absence: 18.3%

15–18 days missed: 0
• 19+ days missed: 2

Attendance figures as at 13 October 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS • OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2026

OCTOBER

- 1 OctReception phonics meeting; street dance
- 5 OctReception Little City workshop
- 6 OctYear Four Roman workshop
- 7 OctMorpurgo swimming; basketball
- 8 OctHome football match v Flamstead End
- 12 OctYear Five Ancient Greek workshop
- 15 OctYear Six Victorian workshop
- 20 OctParent/carers consultations 3.30–5.30pm
- 21 OctParent/carers consultations 3.30–6.30pm
- 22 OctPTA Monster Discos (Reception–Year Six)
- 23 OctPTA non-uniform day; Nursery Thorndon Park
- 26–30 OctHALF TERM – school closed
- 31 OctSecondary school application deadline

NOVEMBER

- 2 NovReception 2027 applications open
- 5 NovYear Six Rowling class assembly, 9am
- 13 NovIndividual school photographs
- 19 NovYear Six Horowitz class assembly, 9am
- MonArt workshop; dodgeball
- TueReception/Years One–Two Book Bonanza; JP multisports
- WedYear Four Morpurgo swimming
- ThuFootball team training (invitation only)
- FriNursery Book Bonanza; JP football
- 3, 10, 17, 24 NovBook Bonanza / multisports
- 4, 11, 18, 25 NovMorpurgo swimming
- 6, 13, 20, 27 NovNursery Book Bonanza / JP football
- 9, 16, 23 NovArt workshop / dodgeball

Cancelled activities have been omitted. Check Arbor and the school calendar for any updates.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY • HOME LEARNING • CLUBS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Wishing all our children celebrating a birthday a wonderful day!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nathalia	Year Six Rowling
Andreas	Year Six Swindell
Ikem	Year Six Rowling
Toby	Year Six Horowitz
Amelia	Year Six Rowling
Kay	Year Six Rowling
Ivy	Year Five Zephaniah
Mehmet	Year Five Pullman
Alfonse	Year Five Zephaniah
Nikolas	Year Five Kipling
Jessica	Year Five Kipling
Joshua	Year Five Pullman
Leo	Year Four Lewis
Ruzgar	Year Four Lewis
Charlie	Year Four Lewis
Harper	Year Four Lewis
Ates	Year Four Lewis
Malachi	Year Three Blackman
Teerath	Year Three Blyton
Ivy	Year Three Blackman
Jessica	Year Three Blyton
Isabella	Year Three Blackman
Isabella	Year Three Blyton
George	Year Three Blackman
Phoenix	Year Two Dahl
Albert	Year Two Wilson
Ada	Year Two Wilson
Lex	Year One Browne
Adriana	Year One Potter
Christian	Reception Rosen
Betsy	Reception Seuss
Roza	Reception Rosen
Selene	Reception Rosen

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Roan	Year Six Horowitz
Masal	Year Six Swindell
Luca	Year Six Horowitz
JJ	Year Five Zephaniah
Alaya	Year Five Zephaniah
Jason	Year Five Kipling
Ralphie	Year Five Zephaniah
Lianna	Year Five Pullman
Marcie	Year Five Zephaniah
Alfie	Year Five Kipling
Rosie	Year Five Pullman
Amber	Year Five Kipling
Kuzey	Year Four Morpurgo
Dogukan	Year Four Lewis
Ruby	Year Four Morpurgo
Leeyana	Year Four Lewis
Diram	Year Four Morpurgo
Damien	Year Four Lewis
Luda	Year Four Lewis
Charlotte	Year Four Lewis
Mehmet	Year Four Lewis
Maks	Year Four Morpurgo
Elizya	Year Three Blyton
Lily	Year Three Blyton
Nathan	Year Three Blyton
Luke	Year Three Blyton
Jaxen	Year Three Blyton
Lewis	Year Two Dahl
Lacey	Year Two Dahl
Ella	Year Two Dahl
Jahsiah	Year One Potter
Ibrahim	Year One Browne
Julia	Year One Potter
Jude	Year One Browne
Bradley	Year One Browne
Kye	Year One Potter
Evelina	Year One Browne
Alfie	Year One Potter
Luca	Reception Rosen
Ada	Reception Rosen
Olivia	Reception Seuss
Isla	Nursery Donaldson
Hazel	Nursery Donaldson
Karan	Nursery Donaldson

HOMEWORK SUPPORT • CLICKABLE WEBSITES

Reading

[Oxford Owl](#)

Reading

[Storynory](#)

Writing

[Literacy Shed](#)

Writing

[Pobble 365](#)

Maths

[Topmarks](#)

Maths

[NRICH](#)

Maths

[Mathsframe](#)

Other

[BBC Bitesize](#)

Other

[Purple Mash](#)

Other

[Childline](#)

AUTUMN CLUBS & ENRICHMENT

Mon	Art workshop (Years Three–Six); dodgeball (Years Three–Six)
Tue	JP multisports (Years One–Six)
Wed	Basketball (Years Three–Six; finished 21 October)
Thu	Football training (Years Five–Six, invitation); street dance (Reception–Year Six)
Fri	JP football club (Years One–Six)



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MEET THE STAFF • RESULTS • KEY INFORMATION

GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF • MISS KINGHAM



Miss Kingham

Year Four Teacher and Year Group Leader

FAVOURITE PART OF THE JOB

My favourite part of being a teacher is working with my class and watching the children make progress. The best moments are when you see that “lightbulb moment” when a child finally grasps a new concept. Seeing how happy and proud they are of themselves makes teaching so rewarding! I love being able to support the children as they develop their confidence, overcome challenges and realise what they are capable of achieving.

MY HOBBIES

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family, going to the gym, visiting new places, trying new things and, of course, shopping! I love making memories with my family and exploring new places whenever I get the opportunity.

FAVOURITE BOOK

My favourite book is Varjak Paw. I love how the story is full of twists and turns that keep you on the edge of your seat. There is always something exciting happening, which makes it such an enjoyable read and keeps you wanting to find out what happens next!

WHY I LOVE WORKING AT BONNEYGROVE

Bonneygrove is a school that is very close to my heart, both personally and professionally. My brother attended Bonneygrove and is now in Year Eleven, so I have been able to see first-hand what a fantastic school it is and the positive impact it has on its pupils. Seeing the school from a family perspective inspired me to want to become part of the Bonneygrove community myself! I joined Bonneygrove at the age of 22, straight after graduating from university, and completed both of my Early Career Teacher (ECT) years here. From the very beginning, I have felt incredibly fortunate to work in a school that is so committed to its children, staff and wider community. Since joining the school, I have been given some wonderful opportunities to develop my skills and take on new challenges, including becoming a Year Group Leader and Federation English Lead. I am incredibly grateful for the trust and support I have received, which have allowed me to grow in confidence, develop my leadership skills and contribute to the wider life of the school. What makes Bonneygrove so special to me is the strong sense of community and the shared commitment to helping every child achieve their potential. Having started my teaching career here, it is really rewarding to look back at how far I have come and to continue playing a part in the school’s journey.

KEY RESULTS • 2025–2026

	School	National	
KS2 RWM expected	71%	63%	Above national by 8 points
KS2 RWM higher	5%	9%	Below national by 4 points
MTC full marks	52%	43%	Above national by ~9 points
Year One phonics	83%	82%	Broadly in line
Reception GLD	80%	73%	Above national by ~7 points

TERM DATES • 2026–2027

AUTUMN 2026

- INSET: 1 September; pupils return 2 September.
- Half term: 26–30 October. Last day: 18 December, 3.15pm.

SPRING 2027

- INSET: 4–5 January; pupils return 6 January.
- Half term: 15–19 February; parent consultations INSET: 10 March.
- Last day: 24 March, 3.15pm; INSET: 25 March.

SUMMER 2027

- First day: 12 April; bank holiday: 3 May.
- Half term: 31 May–4 June. Last day: 21 July, 2pm.
- Occasional day: 22 July (closed).

PARENT REMINDERS

- ★ Label clothing and belongings.
- ★ Check Arbor messages and consents.
- ★ Order lunches where required.
- ★ Tell us about medical or dietary needs.
- ★ Read together regularly.
- ★ Follow safeguarding guidance on the school website.

[School website ↗](#)



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Learning Highlights

Highlights

Whole School Art: A Colourful Collaboration with Richard Heley!

At the beginning of the new term, the whole school met and worked with the artist Richard Heley. Richard is a British artist, painter, storyteller and performance poet who is particularly well known for his colourful, imaginative artwork and collaborative painting projects with children.

Born in Bedfordshire in 1950, he spent part of his early life in Australia before returning to Britain. His artistic career combines painting, drawing, storytelling, poetry and live performances.



Year Four Gladiators in Training!

“We had a Roman Day! We had a workshop and they taught us facts about the Romans. We looked at artefacts and learnt about roman numerals. In the afternoon we had a drama class, and we acted out Roman stories. It was so much fun!”

Henry and Leilah
Year Four



Year Five Go Greek!

“First we sat down in the hall with Millbrook and we talked about the Greek Gods and some children were chosen to wear costumes. After this, we went back to our classrooms and learnt about democracy. We did some voting and used rocks to vote. We voted to abolish homework! We then went back to the hall and did some acting about ‘How Medusa became Medusa!’ and ‘How Athens got its name’. Finally we made some ancient Greek plates, and we were allowed to dress up!”

Abigail and Alfonse
Year Five



Year Six Enter The Victorian Era!

“We started in the hall and learnt key facts about the Victorians. We then split into three groups and one group was exploring the tools that they used. The second group was discovering how the children learnt and which pens they used and the third group was acting out different scenarios in the Victorian Times. At the end we had a quiz to see how much we learnt. We had a great day!”

Amelia and Ronnie
Year Six



Year Three and Four Take the Trophy!

A Huge well done and congratulations to the Year Three and Four Football Team! They went and won the WDPSSA football tournament at Flamstead End School on Wednesday 14/10/2026. What a great achievement! Very Proud.

See all the exciting opportunities the children have taken part in from September 2026 @ our Instagram account: [@bonneygroveps](#)

