The Bonneygrove BUZZ

NEWS • EVENTS • LEARNING • OUR COMMUNITY

WELCOME TO THE BUZZ!

Welcome to November's edition of The Bonneygrove Buzz! As the days grow colder and the nights draw darker, November has brought plenty of excitement, achievement and reasons to celebrate at Bonneygrove. From showcasing our creativity during Art Week to welcoming our brand-new climbing frames, there has been lots happening across the school. We are incredibly proud of our Year Five and Year Six football team, who are sitting proudly at the top of the league, and excited to welcome our newly appointed Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Following an application and interview process, our ambassadors have been selected to take on this important role, helping to promote kindness, respect and inclusion throughout our school community. Alongside celebrating birthdays, pupil achievements and the wonderful learning taking place in our classrooms, there is plenty more to look back on and celebrate. This month's edition also includes our calendar of forthcoming events, important reminders and key dates as we begin to look ahead to the festive season. We hope you enjoy reading all about another busy and brilliant month at Bonneygrove!

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	94.1%
National	95.6%
Local authority	95.8%

Overall absence: 5.9%

- **Persistent absence: 15.8%**

15–18 days missed: 2

- **19+ days missed: 5**

Attendance figures as of 23rd November 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS • NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2026

NOVEMBER

2 November	Reception 2027 applications open
5 November	Year Six Rowling class assembly, 9am
13 November	Individual school photographs
19 November	Year Six Horowitz class assembly. 9am
20 November	District Sports, Years Four, Five and Six
26 November	Multi Sports Event, Year Four
27 November	Follow-Up Flu Spray Vaccinations
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 November	Lego Club
3, 10, 17, 24 November	KS1 Book Bonanza/ Lunch Time Art Club
4, 11, 18, 25 November	Badminton Club, Key Stage Two
11, 18, 25 November	Morpurgo swimming
6, 13, 20, 27 November	Nursery Book Bonanza / JP football
9, 16, 23 Nov	Art workshop / Dodgeball

DECEMBER

3 December	Year Six Swindell Class assembly, 9am
3 December	Year Five Trip, Science Museum
3 December	PTA Christmas Disco
7 December	Christmas Jumper Day, Lunch and Pantomime
11 December	Nursery Nativity Performance, 10:30am
15 December	Reception Nativity
18 December	Last Day of Term, 3:15pm finish
1, 8, 15 December	Art Club, KS1 Book Bonanza, JP Football
2, 9, 16 December	Morpurgo swimming, Choir club, Badminton club
3, 10, 17 December	Street Dance, Girls Football
4, 11, 18 December	Nursery Book Bonanza / JP football

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY • HOME LEARNING • CLUBS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! NOVEMBER!

Wishing all our children celebrating a birthday a wonderful day!

November Birthdays	
Cezar	Reception Rosen
Samson	Reception Rosen
Pearl	Reception Rosen
Leighmarie	Reception Seus
Hudson	Reception Seus
Dolcie	Reception Seus
Lottie	Reception Seus
Yazel	Year One Potter
Finley	Year One Potter
Mason	Year Two Dahl
Nolan	Year Two Wilson
Sienna	Year Two Wilson
Billy	Year Two Wilson
Victoria	Year Two Wilson
Riley	Year Two Wilson
Miran	Year Two Wilson
Albert	Year Three Blackman
Archie	Year Three Blyton
Harry	Year Three Blyton
Jace	Year Three Blyton
Elisha	Year Three Blyton
Darci	Year Four Lewis
Reggie	Year Four Lewis
Leilah	Year Four Morpurgo
Kaya	Year Four Morpurgo
Ronnie	Year Four Morpurgo
Hana	Year Five Kipling
Melina	Year Five Kipling
George	Year Five Kipling
Archie	Year Six Rowling
Eros	Year Six Rowling
Akai	Year Six Swindell
Cody	Year Six Swindell

HOMEWORK SUPPORT • CLICKABLE WEBSITES

Reading	**Reading**	**Writing**	**Writing**	**Maths**
Oxford Owl ↗	Storynory ↗	Literacy Shed ↗	Pobble 365 ↗	Topmarks ↗
Maths	**Maths**	**Other**	**Other**	**Other**
NRICH ↗	Mathsframe ↗	BBC Bitesize ↗	Purple Mash ↗	Childline ↗

AUTUMN CLUBS & ENRICHMENT

Monday	Art workshop (Years Three–Six); Dodgeball (Years Three–Six); Lego (Years Three-Four)
Tuesday	JP multisports (Years One–Six); Art (Years Five-Six)
Wednesday	Badminton (Years Three-Six); Indoor Play (Years Three-Four)
Thursday	JP football club (Years One–Six); Street Dance (Reception–Year Six)
Friday	JP Football Club (Year One–Year Six)

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Miss Hail

Year Six Teacher and Year Three/Four Assistant Headteacher

FAVOURITE PART OF THE JOB

My favourite part of being a teacher is working with children and watching them grow and develop, not only in their learning but also in their confidence, resilience and personalities. I love getting to know all the children across the school, not just those in my own class, and building positive relationships with them. My class make me laugh every single day, and I love that no two days are ever the same! It is such a rewarding job, and being part of the children's journey as they grow and achieve is what makes it so special.

MY HOBBIES

Outside of school, I love spending time with my family and friends and travelling to new places. My favourite place in the world is Walt Disney World in Florida! I love watching the Disney movies. I also enjoy Pilates, going for walks with my dog, Hugo and making lots of lovely memories with the people closest to me.

FAVOURITE BOOK

My favourite children's book is *Holes* by Louis Sachar. I have taught this book to many of my Year 6 classes over the years and I never get tired of it! It is a fantastic adventure and mystery story, full of unexpected twists and turns that keep you guessing right until the very end. I love seeing the children become just as hooked on the story as I am!

WHY I LOVE WORKING AT BONNEYGROVE

This is my second year at Bonneygrove, but my 11th year in teaching! I love working here because of the wonderful staff and children who make it such a special place. From my very first day, the staff were incredibly friendly and welcoming, making me feel part of the team straight away. The children are kind, friendly and well-mannered and it is a pleasure to work with them every day. Bonneygrove is a lovely school to be part of and I feel very lucky to work here!

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

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 ↗

Highlights

<u>District Sports: Big Effort, Big Achievements!</u>

Years Four, Five and Six proudly represented Bonneygrove at the District Sports Athletics Competition at Lee Valley, taking part in a range of events including hurdles, sprints, long-distance running, relays, long jump, javelin and speed bounce. Our boys achieved an incredible **1st place overall**, while Bonneygrove secured an impressive **3rd place in the competition!** Lots of children returned home with well-deserved medals, having worn their burgundy kits with pride and demonstrated fantastic determination, teamwork and sportsmanship. A brilliant achievement for everyone involved!

"I felt proud winning the Gold Medal in the hurdles event"
– Nia, Year Four





Our new Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been carefully selected following an application and interview process. Children first had to submit an application explaining why they felt they would be well suited to the role. Successful shortlisted candidates were then invited to an interview, where they discussed their suitability, what they could bring to the team and their understanding of anti-bullying. We are incredibly proud of everyone who

<u>Art Week: Unleashing Creativity at Bonneygrove!</u>

During Art Week, every year group explored the work and artistic style of a famous artist before creating their own piece inspired by their work. Reception experimented with digital nature pictures inspired by David Hockney, while Year One worked collaboratively to create a Henri Matisse-inspired collage. Year Two explored Edvard Munch's famous *The Scream*, and Year Three recreated atmospheric scenes inspired by L.S. Lowry. Year Four embraced Pop Art in the style of Andy Warhol, Year Five created story illustrations inspired by Quentin Blake, and Year Six produced Frida Kahlo-inspired self-portraits. It was wonderful to see such creativity, imagination and artistic talent across the school!

"We enjoyed learning about Frida Khalo and how she chose to create self-portraits whilst she was in hospital" –
Daisy, Year Six

<u>Meet Our New Anti-Bullying Ambassadors!</u>

put themselves forward! Look out for our new ambassadors in Years Five and Six, who will be easily identified by their new green uniforms. They are ready to make a positive difference and help ensure Bonneygrove remains a kind, safe and inclusive place for everyone!

"I feel elated to have been chosen as an anti-bullying ambassador"
– Lyla, Year Five



See all the exciting opportunities the children have taken part in from September 2026 @ our Instagram account: @bonneygroveps

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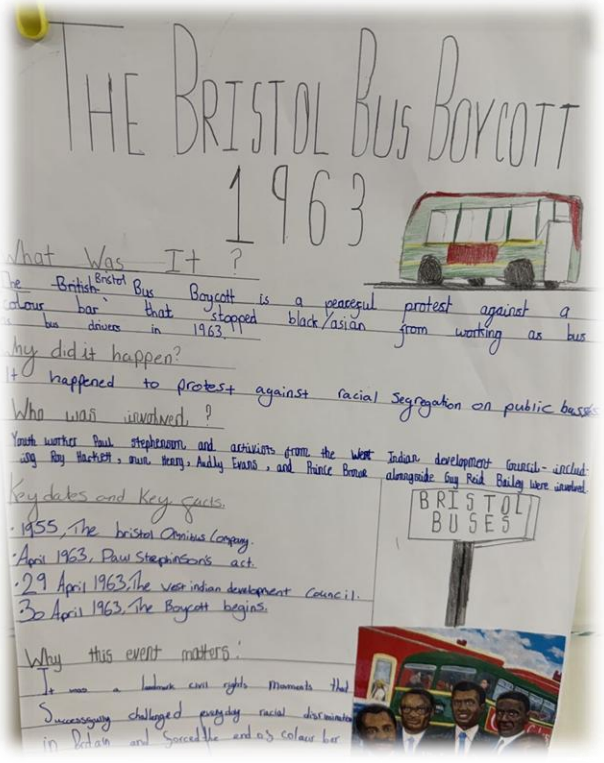
Learning Highlights

Highlights

Celebrating Black History Month: Inspiring Stories, Remarkable People!

During Black History Month, each year group explored the life, achievements and contributions of an inspirational Black historical figure. Each focused on a different individual, discovering their stories and the impact they have had on society. Year One learnt about Floella Benjamin, Year Two explored the achievements of boxer Nicola Adams, Year Three discovered poet and author Benjamin Zephaniah, Year Four celebrated Lewis Latimer, Year Five learnt about Sam King, and Year Six explored the life of Tudor trumpeter John Blanke. Through discussions, research and creative activities, the children celebrated diversity, explored important stories and recognised the remarkable contributions of Black individuals throughout history.

Luke, Year Three





Reaching New Heights: Our New Climbing Frames!

We are excited to introduce our brand-new climbing frames in both Key Stage One and Key Stage Two! The children cannot wait to get climbing, exploring and enjoying their new equipment. Both climbing frames will be ready for use very soon!

"The new climbing frames look fun and exciting and I can't wait to have a go"
– Cody, Year Six

Year Two: Remember, Remember - The Great Fire of London!

Year Two stepped back in time for their Great Fire of London Day! The children came dressed in fantastic historical costumes and immersed themselves in life in 1666. They enjoyed a range of exciting activities, learning about how the fire started, how it spread and the impact it had on London. A fantastic day of dressing up, discovery and historical learning!

"We had so much fun pretending to be bakers"
– Pippa, Year Two



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