



Blenheim Weekly



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Blenheim Primary School

PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS

Tuesday 13th October 3:30pm - 6pm
Thursday 15th October 5pm - 7:30pm

Book a slot via Arbor

Please join us at our upcoming parent consultations. A positive partnership between home and school helps your child to be the best they can be.

Parent/Carer Consultations are next week

Slots for our Autumn Term consultations are still available to be booked via your child's Arbor account.

These 10-minute sessions with your child's teacher will give you an insight into their first few weeks of term, give you an opportunity to look through their books and discuss their learning so far this year. If you are unable to attend an appointment during our allocated times, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange for an alternative time.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

In addition to the sports clubs already on offer with Mr Mansell and external providers, there will be two main blocks of staff-led clubs during 2026-27. The first block of clubs will run from when we return from the October half term break (week commencing 2nd November) until February half term. These clubs will be released this week to sign up via Arbor from **Monday 19th October** (during the half term break) and are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

A second set of clubs will be released ready for after the February half term (week commencing 22nd February) and will run until the May half term. These will be released for children to sign up to in February.

visit our
website!





Next week, children in Years 1-6 will start their new big idea of truth in our Blenheim curriculum. Truth is about being curious and open to seeking what is fact and reality so that personal choices are made with moral strength. From building our own truth, we leave behind a legacy that sets an example and guides others.

Some subjects that will be taking this lens over the next few weeks are Art, Computing and Science. We look forward to the great discussions in classrooms this will bring!

Art: Historical and cultural development

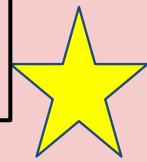
Through exploration and evaluation, children will develop an understanding of other artists' truths and mistruths, recognising that art can lead you through a door into your own truth.

Computing: Digital Citizenship and Digital Wellbeing

Through critical thinking and developing critical literacy, pupils become curious about what is said or written digitally, are committed to researching widely before forming their own opinions and are able to make reasoned justifications about whether information is true or not. Through digital citizenship, pupils know that their digital footprints can impact their futures both positively and negatively.

Science: Working Scientifically

Through investigation, children are encouraged to be curious in their thinking and challenge ideas and the validity of scientific theories.





Parent/ carer support:

Following our theme last week on problem solving, our theme this week is ***Size of my Problem***. When children experience problems in their world, they can often feel like their problems are overwhelming and they are stuck in these big feelings. When discussing problems with children, it can also be helpful to think about the size of the problem your child is experiencing when working through the steps to support problem solving. This allows children to think about and consider solutions and their reaction to the problem. Sometimes children have big reactions to small problems and occasionally vice versa. It can be really helpful to put the size of problems into perspective with a trusted adult before considering solutions. It is also useful to think about who can help resolve problems, ie is it you the parent/carers or a friend or someone in school? Follow the [link here](#) to a great poster that offers strategies and a lovely visual to use when discussing problem solving.



Fire Brigade Assembly

Next Friday, the Fire Brigade are delivering assemblies to Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 on keeping safe on Bonfire Night and Halloween.

Also with the nights drawing in, now is a good time to remind your children about how to stay safe in the darker months.

BE SAFE; BE SEEN



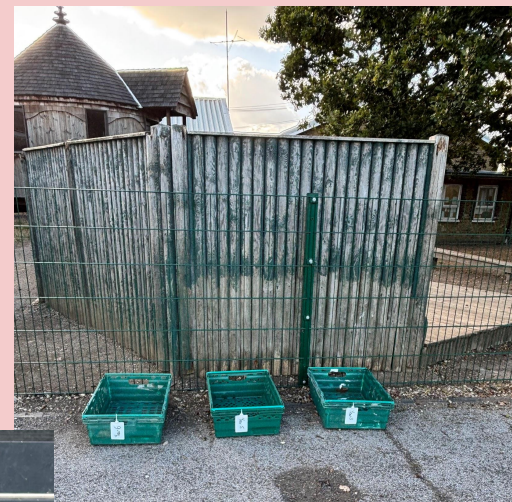


OPAL update:

During our assemblies on Thursday this week, we introduced a new system to the children to try to alleviate some of the lost property around school. We are often seeing children's items left outside after break and lunch time and these are also often left overnight.

Each year group now has a green crate on the playground as a base to store any possessions taken outside of the classroom. This could include lunch boxes, jumpers, coats, water bottles etc. The green crates are labelled with a year group and are based on the playground closest to where the children line up.

The children have been shown how to use the crates and reminded to collect their things from the crates at the end of break/lunch, ie on the second whistle. It would be a great help if you too could encourage your children to collect their possessions so that this becomes a routine for the children to start to take responsibility for their own belongings. Any recently lost items are likely to be found in these crates. It also helps immensely to return property if items are named. We will be focusing on this area as part of our Respect value after half term. Thank you!



Please bring donations to the school office by Tuesday 13th October. Thank you for your support.



HARP Harvest Appeal 2026

URGENTLY NEEDED:

- Coffee
- Sugar
- Pot Noodles/Super Noodles
- Tinned Meals: Curry, Chili
- Breakfast cereal
- Squash
- Cooking Sauces
- Fray Bentos Meat Pies and Puddings
- Cooking Oil
- Tinned Pasta: Ravioli, Macaroni
- Tinned New Potatoes
- Tinned Soup

NEEDED:

- Biscuits
- Rice
- Packet Pasta Sachets
- Jam
- Peanut Butter
- Chocolate Spread
- Cup a Soup
- Tinned Veg
- UHT Milk
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Veg
- Rice Pudding
- Custard
- Microwave Rice
- Condiments: Mayo, BBQ etc
- Crisps
- Pasta

Remember to check the dates!

All our Harvest donations are going straight to support people experiencing homelessness locally, helping provide food, essentials, and care through HARP's services.

www.harphomeless.org



Harvest appeal

Donate Food
Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate Money
Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

Shopping List

- Tinned Chilli or Curry
- Rice Pudding
- UHT Milk
- Instant Mash
- Breakfast Cereal
- Tea Bags
- Tinned Fruit
- Microwave Rice
- Jam

 **Southend Foodbank**
Together with Trussell

southend.foodbank.org.uk
Registered Charity in England & Wales 1163160



Scan the QR for our Seasonal Collection pages





Breakfast/After School Club Bookings (Larks & Owls)

Please note that all bookings should be made via Arbor and cannot be made by the school office. If your child is new to the school and you would like them to attend wraparound care, please collect a registration form from the school office and complete this before booking a space. For Reception children, please also speak to class teachers about this before booking a space.

Both Breakfast Club and After School Club bookings must be made online by **6pm on the day before** the expected attendance.

We cannot guarantee a place if it is not booked and paid for in advance.

Thank you for your understanding.

Breakfast Club	7:30am – 8:40am £5.20 (meal included in price)
After-School Club	End of school – 4:20pm £5.00 (no meal provided)
	End of School – 5:30pm £10.00 (meal included in price)
	End of school - 6:00pm £12.00 (meal included in price)

Here are the updated [Terms and Conditions for Breakfast and After School Club](#). Please ensure that you have read this and agree with the terms before confirming your child's place.



Breakfast and After School Club

What another fantastic week we have had! The children have been busy exploring, creating, problem-solving and working together across all areas of the club.

Our creative days took us outdoors for a Nature Scavenger Walk! The children explored the playground and our Secret Garden, looking carefully at the natural world around them. They worked beautifully both independently and as a group, sharing discoveries, helping one another and enjoying the freedom to explore. It was lovely seeing their curiosity and enthusiasm as they searched for different things in nature!

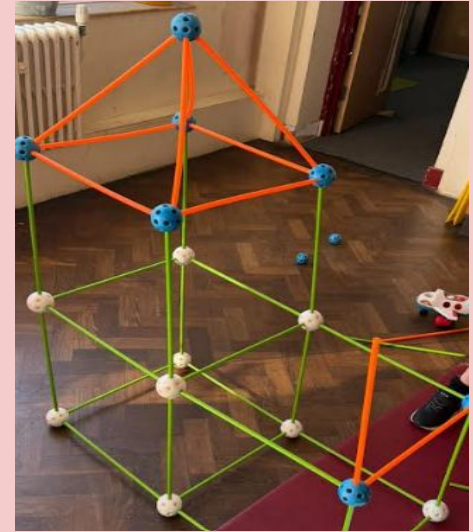
Our focus on teamwork has continued this week and the children have been fantastic at sharing ideas and working together. Using our den kit, they created some brilliant structures, including houses and even a rocket. The children had to communicate, listen to each other's ideas and work out how to make their creations stand up - lots of teamwork and problem-solving along the way!

Our LEGO area was just as busy, with children working together to create mini LEGO houses. One child also got creative and built a fantastic blue ice boat ready for the colder weather! The children have loved carefully choosing which sticks to remove while trying their best to stop the marbles from escaping. This has been a brilliant game for developing concentration, patience, strategy and hand-eye coordination, with plenty of excitement when those marbles finally tumble!

Our role play this week has transformed into a busy doctors' surgery. The children have loved becoming doctors, nurses and patients, using their imaginations to care for one another and help their patients feel better.

Next week, we will be getting into the Halloween spirit with some **Halloween arts and crafts!** If you **do not want your child to participate**, please let Miss E or a member of the Breakfast & After School Club team know.

Breakfast and After School Club





Southend Educational Psychology Service Upcoming Parent Coffee Mornings

Introduction to Barriers to School Attendance (Part 1)

Designed to support parents and carers of both primary and secondary-aged children, this session provides a clear introduction to Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA), including key facts, research, and current understanding. It explores common risk and protective factors, helping parents recognise what may make school attendance more difficult, as well as what can support a child's resilience. The session also highlights early signs to look out for when a child may be beginning to experience EBSNA. In addition, parents will be introduced to early intervention strategies, the role of multi-agency support, and a range of helpful services and resources available to support both children and families.

05/11/2026- 10am-11am, Online via Microsoft Teams
26/11/2026 - 10am-11am, Online via Microsoft Teams
21/01/2027- 10am-11am, Online via Microsoft Teams
03/02/2027 - 10am-11am, Civic Centre, Committee Room 3
20/04/2027 - 10am-11am, Online via Microsoft Teams
10/06/2027- 10am-11am, Civic Centre, Committee Room 3

If you are joining a session online, via Microsoft Teams, please email:
EPTeam@southend.gov.uk for the meeting link.



Southend Educational Psychology Service Upcoming Parent Coffee Mornings

Barriers to School Attendance (Part 2)

Our part two parent session to 'Barriers to School Attendance' equips parents with practical tools and early-intervention strategies to support their child's attendance from home. It helps families better understand the reasons behind emotionally based school Non-Attendance (EBSNA) and why consistent support is so important. The session is designed to build confidence and hope, offering clear, achievable steps parents can take to make a positive difference.

08/12/2026- 10am-11am, Civic Centre, Committee Room 6
09/02/2027- 10am-11am, Civic Centre, Committee Room 6
18/03/2027 - 10am-11am, Online via Microsoft Teams
06/05/2027- 10am-11am, Civic Centre, Committee Room 3
22/06/2026- 10am-11am, Online via Microsoft Teams

If you are joining a session online, via Microsoft Teams, please email:
EPTeam@southend.gov.uk for the meeting link.



AGM Meeting

Monday 12th October

1pm (meet in reception)



Registered Charity Number: 1046046

All are very welcome to join the meeting to hear about what FOB PTA got up to in the last academic year and what is being planned for 2026/2027

If you are interested in any of the following positions for this academic year or would like more information please contact:

friendsofblenheim@gmail.com

We hope to have some new faces join our team.

Chair *

- Lead PTA Committee
 - Liaise with school staff
 - Ensure smooth running of PTA
- Key Skills - Leader, organised, diplomatic, communication, delegation, proactive, passionate

Vice Chair x2 *

- Work closely with the Chair and support activities/meetings
 - Deputise Chair when required
- Key skills - Organised, communication, team player, proactive, enthusiastic

Treasurer x2*

- Manages day to day finances
 - Keeps detailed records
 - Reports finances
 - organises floats/banking
- Key skills - confident handling money, good with numbers, methodical

Secretary x2 *

- Assists Chair with meetings
 - Keeps records/takes minutes
 - Communicates with volunteers
 - Create posters/social media posts
- Key skills - Communication, accurate, motivated, helpful

Volunteers

We can't run our events without our wonderful volunteers. We really need some more volunteers to help run events as well as carry out task from home like sourcing raffle prizes, baking, crafts etc. Please let us know if you can spare any time to help.



*The PTA can only operate if at least one of each of these roles is filled



Reception 2027

Admissions Information

Are you looking for a Reception place for your child in September 2027?

Come and join us at Blenheim Primary School at our prospective parent tours to find out what makes our school such a wonderful place to learn!

- Wednesday 14th October - 4:45pm
- Thursday 15th October - 9:30am
- Tuesday 10th November - 1:45pm
- Wednesday 18th November - 9:30am

Call us to book your slot today. 01702 474684



Our Motto: Be The Best You Can Be

Pupils really enjoy school. The staff are incredibly caring and are always there to help pupils if needed. The wide range of clubs pupils attend helps them to develop their talents and interests...Pupils enjoy lessons that challenge them to think deeply and achieve highly...

The programme to support pupils' personal development is exceptional.

Ofsted Report - April 2025 - Blenheim Primary School maintained the standards identified at the previous inspection, graded Outstanding.



www.blenheimprimary.co.uk/



01702 474684



info@blenheim.lihtrust.uk



🌟 Your PTA Needs You! 🌟

Help Us Keep the Momentum Going

Last year the majority of the PTA committee stepped down as their children moved on to new adventures. Our PTA has been operating on a limited team since then and as a result we've had to scale back on our events due to not having the volunteers. We'd love to bring lots of new events back this year and have lots of fun ideas but would love your help to be able to make it happen.

Over the last few years we have raised over £35,000 to support our school community

Thanks to your help and support, we've been able to:

- 🌿 Restore the school pond into a beautiful outdoor learning space
- 🏃 Build a new PE shed to support sports and physical activity
- 📖 Fund OPAL training & playtime improvements, transforming how children enjoy their breaktimes ... and so much more

Now we need your help to continue our vital fundraising to benefit the children



Why Join the PTA?

- 💛 Make new friends
- 📍 Organise fun school events
- 🏠 Raise vital funds for our children's education
- 🌟 Be part of something truly rewarding

Let's Keep the Spirit Alive

We're looking for fresh faces and new ideas – parents, carers, grandparents – all are welcome, including children! You don't need to take on a big role (unless you want to!), just being part of the team makes a real difference.



Our children benefit when we all pitch in. Let's keep building something special – together.
Please contact friendsofblenheim@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.



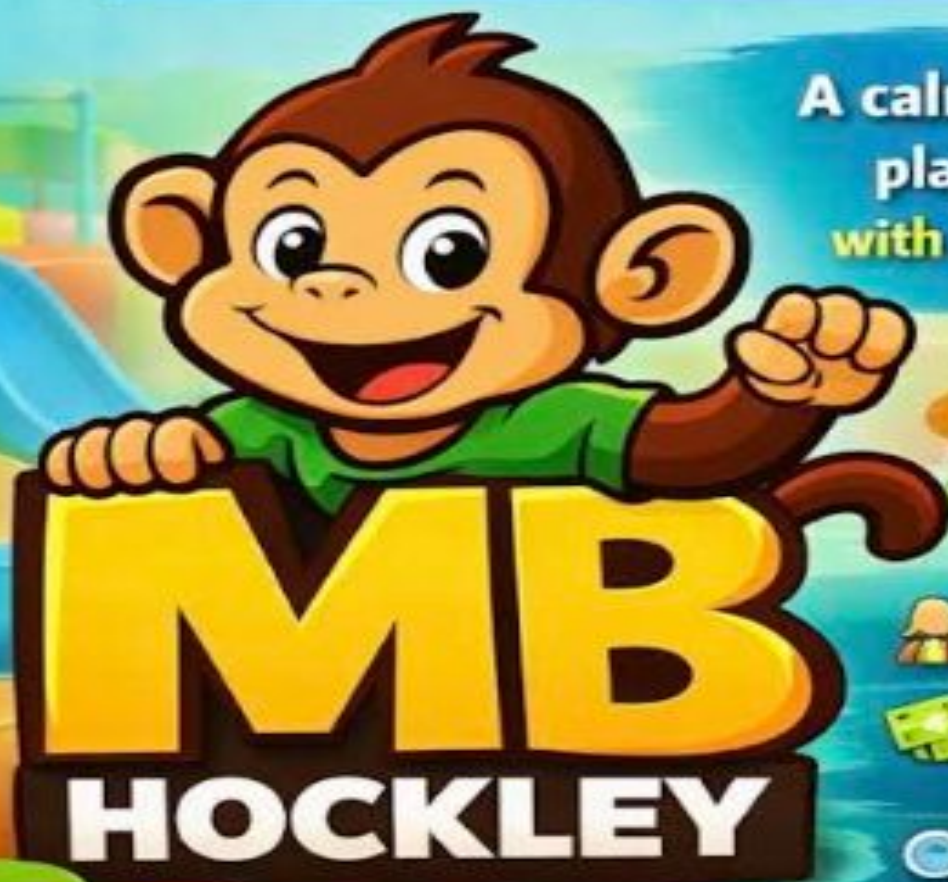
- 📧 Get in touch: friendsofblenheim@gmail.com
- 📺 Follow us: Facebook - Friends of Blenheim Primary school PTA
Instagram - [friendsofblenheimschool_pta](https://www.instagram.com/friendsofblenheimschool_pta)
- 📅 Join us at our next PTA meeting – come see what it's all about

★ SEN Sessions ★ at MB Hockley

First Wednesday of Every Month • 4pm – 6pm

A calm & sensory-friendly
play session for children
with **Special Educational Needs**

Safe • Supportive
• Inclusive •



Families & Carers Welcome



Book Online:
monkey-bizzness.co.uk



Find us under "Special Events"

JOIN US!

It's time to gather face-to-face for a chitchat!

Social Communication Needs Coffee Mornings!

These meet-ups are specially crafted for Bromley parents and carers of awesome kids aged 0-25 with social communication needs..(yes, Autism too!)

Liana, our SCAN co-ordinator, can't wait to catch up with you all there!

Blenheim Children & Family Centre

Blenheim Road, BR6 9BH

**Tuesday 13th October
10-11.30am**

The centre can be contacted on:
01889 831193



SCAN ME!



For queries please contact:
socialcommunicationneeds
@bromley.gov.uk



Saturday 7th November

Fireworks Night 2026

snap, bang, crackle

Wrap up warm and bring the family for a night of dazzling fireworks, fairground fun, delicious food, and drinks!

Doors open at 4:45pm, with fireworks starting at 6:15pm

Book tickets now at eventbrentwood.co.uk



Chris Cross Kids Club

For Boys and Girls
aged 6-14 years!

All bookings **MUST** be **PRE-BOOKED**

**FUN
FRIENDS
ACTIVITIES**



£20 PER DAY OR £70 FOR THE WEEK

Come along, meet new friends and join the fun with our unique mixture of Activities & Sports.

October Holiday

Monday 26th - Thursday 29th October 2026

10:00am - 3:00pm

A Packed Lunch **MUST** be provided. Drinks in carton or a bottle. **NO CANS.**

Don't forget your Swimming Kit and wear sports shoes!



Christopher's Cottage Sports Hall

Part of The St Christopher School, Mountdale Gardens,
Leigh-on-Sea, Essex SS9 4AW • Tel: 01702 524193



SCAN FOR
MORE INFO

Rated
Excellent

★ Trustpilot

Teenie Rockets



MUSIC & SENSORY

- 45 MINUTE CLASSES
- CLASSES FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS 0 TO 3 YEARS

MULTI AWARD WINNING

- MULTI-AWARD WINNING
- TRUST PILOT RATED EXCELLENT

FRIENDLY WELCOMING GROUP

- TEENIE BABY, ACTIVE BABY AND TODDLER CLASSES IN A LOCATION NEAR YOU!



As Seen On

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BEST START FAMILY HUBS LAUNCH EVENT

We are pleased to invite you to the launch of
Southend's Best Start Family Hubs on the
Wednesday 7th October 2026
1-3pm

What's happening?

- Enjoy fun play activities with your child
- Discover simple ideas to support learning and development at home
- Visit The Essential Spot for information, advice and support
- Find out about local services available for children and families
- Meet the Best Start Family Hub team

Location

Friars Family Hub
Constable Way
Shoeburyness
Southend-On-Sea
SS3 9XX



One adult per child. Children must be supervised at all times.

Booking is required.

For more information or to book your place, please email or call

BSILSessionbookings@southend.gov.uk

01702 220810



Southend-on-Sea
City Council



MONSTER SMASH

HALLOWEEN TENNIS CAMP
SPOOKY SKILLS, MONSTER CHALLENGES,
GAMES AND PRIZES!



Chalkwell Park

26th & 29th October 9.00-11.30am

5-10 / 11-15 years

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO BOOK-
<https://nationaltennis.org.uk/camps/london/>

JOIN THE FUN IF YOU DARE!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: HELLO@NATIONALTENNIS.ORG.UK

SCAN TO BOOK



SCHOOL DINNER MENU

Summer Term 2026

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEK 1

Tomato & Pepperoni
pasta
Tomato pasta
Garlic bread
Sweetcorn
Peas
Ice cream roll

Beef taco
Veggie taco
Savoury rice
Cucumber
Coleslaw
Carrot cake

Roast chicken
Quorn roast
Yorkshire pudding
Roast potatoes
Cauliflower
Carrots
Fruit jelly

Cheese & tomato
pizza wrap
Baby new potatoes
Mixed vegetables
Salad
Fresh fruit

Sausage roll
Vegan roll
Chips
Baked beans
Peas
Banana oat cookie

WEEK 2

Sausages
Veggie sausages
Mashed potato
Onion gravy
Peas
Carrots
Fruit smoothie

Chicken & veg curry
Vegetable curry
Rice
Mixed vegetables
Chocolate brownie

Grab a picnic bag:
Cheese/tuna/ham
roll
Crisps
Biscuit/cake
Fruit

Tuna, mackerel &
sweetcorn pasta
bake
Quorn & sweetcorn
pasta bake
Garlic bread
Vegetable sticks
Fresh fruit

Beef burger
Veggie burger
Chips
Beans
Salad
Cherry & apple
flapjack

WEEK 3

Chicken nuggets
Veggie nuggets
Baby new potatoes
Sweetcorn
Baked beans
Ice cream & fruit

Beef & mixed bean
chilli
Veggie chilli
Rice
Vegetable medley
Banana loaf cake

Roast gammon
Roast Quorn
Yorkshire pudding
Roast potatoes
Carrots
Peas
Fruit jelly

Butternut squash
macaroni cheese
Garlic bread
Mixed salad
Fresh fruit

Fish fingers
Veggie fingers
Chips
Baked beans
Mushy peas
Lemon muffins

Jacket potatoes are available daily, along with selection of fresh fruit and salad

For allergy/dietary queries, please email info@blenheim.lintrust.uk or scan the QR code

Menu subject to change based upon product availability

Week 1: 31/08, 21/09, 12/10 Week 2: 07/09, 28/09 Week 3: 14/09, 05/10

