



Junior News

What a great start to the new school year! The staff, children, parents and governors have all welcomed me and I am settling in more and more each day.

I would like to welcome all our new children and families to Broomgrove Junior School. Not only do we have all of our new Year 3 children, but we also have a large number of children who have joined us in other year groups too. I sincerely hope that your time here at Broomgrove will be both an enjoyable and rewarding experience as we work together to support your children.

I hope that you enjoyed the 'Meet The Teacher' events and if you were unable to attend, the presentations can be shared with you. Also, it was lovely to see so many of you attend our MacMillan Coffee morning.

We intend to continue to hold events across the year where we will invite you into the school. Thank you for all of your support.



Mrs K Wright

Free School Meals

Automatic entitlement to a free school meal ends at the end of year 2. However, your child may be able to continue to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) Applications should be made online as soon as possible at: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

If you feel you could be eligible for free school meals, then you can find the criteria and application process by following the link:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

If you need any support or advice about this, please contact the school office on 01206 822893 as they will be more than willing to help.

Covid Update

We have received a few queries regarding COVID-19 and what the current protocols are.

There is no requirement for teachers or pupils to test. Even if a pupil tests positive for COVID-19, there is no requirement for the parents or guardians to keep them off school. There is simply a suggestion that it is best for a pupil who has tested positive to avoid contact with other as much as possible for 3 days.

The current guidance can be found at: [Chapter 3 \(of Health protection in education and childcare settings\): public health management of specific infectious diseases, in the section on respiratory infections.](#)

Secondary School Admissions

The new secondary school admission round opened on Friday 12th September for parents of current year 6 children to apply for a secondary school place for September 2023. The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2022. Applications can be made online via

[Secondary school places - Essex County Council](#)

This year admissions **will not** be sending letters out to parents as all information required is available on the website above. The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex Brochure 2023 to 2024 along with the "Secondary School Admission Policies Directory 2023/2024" which provides all the information on individual schools and how they offer places.

[Secondary Education in Essex Brochure 2023 to 2024](#)

[Secondary Education Policies Directory 2023 to 2024](#)

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Today we saw the return of our annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. It was lovely to see so many of you come and spend time with your children and us along with showing your support for this cause.

We raised an incredible £622 which will help to support everyone with cancer to live life as fully as they can.

Thank you so much for your amazing support.

Nut Free School

People who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy, it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction.

We **cannot** have nuts in school in any form as we do have children with severe nut allergies (including chocolate spread that has nuts in it, e.g. **Nutella**).

Please can we remind you there should be no nut products in lunch boxes or brought into the school as snacks.



Harvest Festival



This year's Harvest Festival will be on **Sunday 2nd October** at St Mary's Church. We are again seeking donations of non-perishable goods for Colchester Soup Run, Night Shelter and Beacon House. Each year the generosity of the community is much appreciated and we hope this year will be no different. If you wish to donate, the following items are very useful: tins, soup, pasta, rice, soap, shampoo, shower gel. A collection has been organised from the Broomgrove Schools on Thursday 6th October. Many thanks for your support. Please bring donations into school on any day next week.



WOW The Walk to School Challenge

Walking to school and being active is so important for our health and mental well-being. Last year, we joined an exciting national challenge run by the charity 'Living Streets' to encourage our children to travel to school in a sustainable way that will benefit their health and the planet! We aim to get as many children as we can, walking to school for the whole year.

Fewer cars on the roads during the school run, can help cut down congestion and pollution around the school gates. Just by walking to school, at least once a week for a month, the children will get a badge made from excess yogurt pot material.

If you cannot walk to school or do not have time, you can Park and Stride! **Park 5-10 minutes away from the school and walk the rest of the way.**



Please remember to park responsibly around our school and observe the 20MPH speed limit.

Thank you



Dates for your diary:

Sunday 2 nd October	Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church	10:30am
Tuesday 4 th October	BSA AGM (Zoom)	4:00pm
25th – 29th October – Half Term		
Wednesday 2 nd November	Year 5 Harry Potter Trip	
Thursday 3 rd November	Year 3 Stone Age Visit	
Friday 25 th November	INSET Day	
Monday 28 th November	INSET Day	
Sunday 4 th December	Christingle Service at St Mary's Church	4pm
Monday 12 th December	Rock Steady Concert	TBC