



Sunny October!

As you would have seen, the replacement of the school roof has been completed and we can already notice the difference with having new insulation! Thank you for your patience whilst the building was surrounded with scaffolding throughout this time.

Last Sunday, some of our pupils represented the school at the Harvest celebration at St Mary's Church. Sadly I was unable to attend due to ill health, however, I have heard from several people how fantastic the children were throughout the service and during their singing performance. I would like to thank Mrs Allen for supporting the children with their singing.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

All absence must be reported on the first day. If we do not have a reason for absence your child will receive an unauthorised absence mark. This data is monitored by The Department for Education on a regular basis.

Attendance Percentages for this academic year:

Class 1	97.9%
Class 2	98.4%
Class 3	92.6%
Class 4	93.4%
Class 5	98.2%
Class 6	92.7%
Class 7	96.7%
Class 8	84.6%
Whole school	94.3%

KEY DATES

- *Tues 17th Oct: BSA AGM 2pm-3pm (@ infant School)
- *Tues 17th Oct: Parents' Evening 3:30pm-7:30pm
- *Thurs 19th Oct: Parents' Evening 3:30pm-5:30pm
- *Fri 20th Oct: Last day of half term
- *Mon 30th Oct: First day back at school
- *Weds 1st Nov: BOOMGROVE fireworks event!
- *Fri 10th Nov: Non-uniform day (for Christmas Fayre)
- *Mon 13th - Fri 17th Nov: National Anti-Bullying Week!
- *Fri 17th Nov: BBC Children In Need Day
- *Fri 24th Feb: Non Pupil Day
- *Fri 1st Dec: Christmas Fayre
- *Thurs 7th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day
- Weds 13th Dec: Christmas Production
- *Thurs 14th Dec: Christmas Production

New governing board

Several members of our governing body reached the end of their term of office at the end of the last academic year.

Our new governing body consists of: Mrs Stacey Street (Chair); Mr John Morgan (Vice Chair); Mrs Lucy Frizzell (LA governor); Mrs Ellie Aslin (parent governor); Miss Megan Chisnall (staff governor) and three co-opted governors: Miss Helen Carter, Miss Emily Bowen-Davies and Mr Stephen Burke.



Measles alert (message from Gov.uk)

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. We are asking education settings to share key messages from the NHS about MMR / measles and how to get vaccinated.

The [Back to school MMR Guidance](#) from the NHS includes information to share, as well as example social media posts which can be found here: [NHS Vaccine Poster](#) and [NHS MMR Poster](#).

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. Please share these resources with colleagues, parents, and where suitable, community organisations to increase awareness and encourage parents to get their children vaccinated.

The BSA Summer Fair

The summer fair raised an amazing £3188.01 and this will be shared between both the Infant and Junior Schools.

We want to thank all members of the BSA for their tireless effort to plan, prepare, organise and deliver such wonderful events for our school community as well as for raising funds for our schools. Thank you also to all of the kind volunteers who helped on the day - without you all, these events wouldn't happen.



Woody, our school dog.

Woody is proving to be a great hit with our pupils. He gets so much attention at the gate in the mornings and he puts a smile on the children's faces.

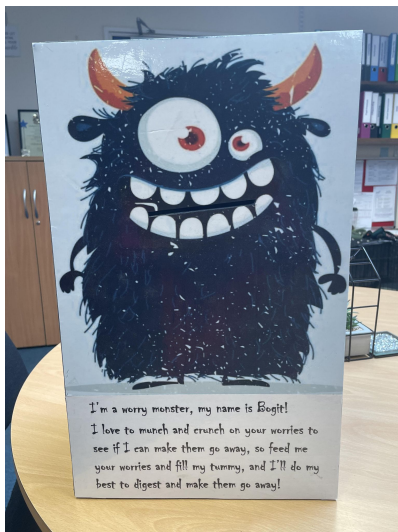
Throughout the day, many children wave at him and come and see him and some who have movement breaks with adults will walk Woody around the field on his lead.

He has also started listening to children read and he absolutely loved it!

European Day of Languages

Today, we celebrated the European Day of Languages. Children who speak other languages at home volunteered to say agreed sentences in a variety of languages to the whole school in assembly - as did some of our staff.

In the afternoon, we had a wide variety of activities involving different languages across the school.



Our Worry Monster!

Today, we introduced our school Worry Monster in our assembly.

Mr Mayne, our caretaker made this wonderful worry box which is located in our corridor. If any children have any worries, they can write them down and post them into the mouth of the worry monster. The box is locked so can only be opened by a member of staff.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you all for attending our MacMillan Coffee Morning last Friday. It was a great turn out of people and everyone seemed to really enjoy the event.

We think we have raised in the region of £500 for this most worthwhile cause and we will confirm the exact amount in the very near future.