



## Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Celebrating Success

We hosted another school improvement visit this week which included learning walks across the school and looking at children's books. A real highlight was the recognition of our children's **exemplary behaviour for learning**—a massive positive noted across all classrooms. Thank you, as ever, for working in partnership with us to achieve this high standard; your support is truly invaluable.

### Important Reminders: Attendance and Punctuality

While we have had a wonderful week, we have noted a dip in attendance. We are aware that there are a lot of seasonal bugs circulating at this time of year, but please do remember that **punctuality and consistent attendance are absolutely key** to ensuring your children make the best possible progress in their learning. Please make every effort to bring your children in on time each day.

We also noticed the temperature has dropped considerably this week! I have seen a number of children arriving without coats, please ensure they are bringing a coat to school each day.

### Upcoming Events

**Parents' Evenings** are on **Monday and Tuesday** after school. This is a vital opportunity to discuss your child's progress. You are still able to book a slot via Arbor until **8 pm this evening (Friday)**. If you have any issues, please contact the Class Teacher directly.

Next week promises to be an exciting one, with activities ranging from a **Chocolate Making Workshop!** A fascinating **Crime and Punishment Workshop** and Early Years have an amazing **Astrodome Experience!**

Please keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram for updates and photos throughout the week.

**Don't forget that Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November is an INSET day, so children will not be in school.**

### Open Door Policy

As always, we operate an open-door policy. If you would like to arrange a meeting with a senior leader to discuss any matter, please contact the school office. We aim to get back to you and arrange a suitable time within 5 working days.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, and we look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Monday!

Warmest wishes,

*Ms. Aujla*

Head of School



# Dates for your diary

Monday 24th November 2025	Tuesday 25th November 2025	Wednesday 26th November 2025	Thursday 27th November 2025	Friday 28th November 2025
KS1 French Club  Book Fair  Parents Consultations 3:30-6pm	Zebra's swimming  Book Fair  Parents Consultations 3:30-6pm	Choir Club  KS2 French Club	Giraffes Parents Consultations 3:30-6pm	Inset Day (School closed for children)

## Attendance % & Number of Children Lates

### W/E 21<sup>st</sup> November

Ladybirds	75.4%	3
Butterflies	74.7%	9
Dragonflies	77.7%	3
Owls	92.4%	3
Squirrels	80.0%	6
Koalas	67.4%	4
Kookaburras	85.2%	5

Narwhals	89.4%	7
Penguins	88.3%	2
Dolphins	97.1%	2
Sharks	91.4%	9
Whales	85.4%	1
Giraffes	94.8%	1
Lions	96.1%	3
Zebras	85.6%	8
Eagles	91.5%	7
Falcons	93.7%	5
Hawks	97.3%	2

Challenge- Let's hit the 96% mark for all classes. Those classes who have had the biggest improvement will win a prize!



# Term dates & Lunch Menu

## Illuminateminds Trust - Term Dates 2025/26

September 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
37	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
38	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
39	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
40	29	30					

October 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
40			1	2	3	4	5
41	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
42	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
43	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
44	27	28	29	30	31		

November 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44						1	2
45	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
46	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
47	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
48	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
49	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
50	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
51	15	16	17	18	*19	20	21
52	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	29	30	31				

January 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1				1	2	3	4
2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
4	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
5	26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
5							1
6	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9	23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
9							1
10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
12	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
13	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
14	30	31					

April 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
14			1	2	3	4	5
15	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
16	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
17	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
18	27	28	29	30			

May 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
18					1	2	3
19	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
22	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
23	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
25	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	29	30					

July 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
27			1	2	3	4	5
28	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
29	13	14	15	16	*17	18	19
30	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
31	27	28	29	30	31		

August 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
31						1	2
32	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
33	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
34	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
35	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
36	31						

INSET DAYS

HOLIDAYS

\*School finishes at 1pm on 19/12/25 & 17/07/26



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b>	<p>Chicken Pie 1 Pesto &amp; Pea Pasta 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Crushed Potato Cauliflower, Carrots</p> <p>Strawberry Mousse 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Bean Biryani VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rainbow Pasta 1 Seasonal Vegetables</p> <p>Toffee Apple Pudding 1 VG &amp; Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Roast Gammon &amp; Gravy Broccoli Tot 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rustic Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Peas</p> <p>Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Beef Bolognaise Pasta Bake 1,7 Loaded Bean Chilli Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Green Beans Grated Carrots</p> <p>Parsnip Brownie 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Pork Sausages 1,6 Vegetable Sausage VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Chips, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans Cucumber Sticks</p> <p>Oaty Cookie 1,15 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG</p>
<b>WEEK TWO</b>	<p>Caribbean Brown Chicken Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rice, Carrots, Peas</p> <p>Chocolate Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Cheese &amp; Broccoli Pasta Bake 1,7 V Buffalo Cauliflower Wings &amp; Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables</p> <p>Plum Pudding 1VG &amp; Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Roast Chicken &amp; Gravy Ratatouille Puff 1,3 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots</p> <p>Crispy Cake 1,3,7,16 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Beef Stew &amp; Dumpling 1 Pesto Pasta Bake 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Cauliflower, Green Beans</p> <p>Apple &amp; Cinnamon Pinwheel 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Salmon Bites 1,8 Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Coleslaw 9</p> <p>Marble Cookie 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG</p>
<b>WEEK THREE</b>	<p>Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V Sweet Potato &amp; Chick Pea Curry VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rice, Green Beans, Mixed Salad</p> <p>Peach Crumble 1 VG &amp; Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Chicken Noodles 1 BBQ Vegetable Burrito 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Sweetcorn, Peppers</p> <p>Chocolate Rice Pudding 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Roast Pork &amp; Gravy Vegan Sausage Roll 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rustic Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots</p> <p>Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Beef Cottage Pie Herby Tomato Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables</p> <p>Beetroot Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Fish Fingers 1,8 Cheese, Carrot &amp; Tomato Swirl 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Grated Carrot</p> <p>Caramel Flapjack 1,7,15 V Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>

Primary 3

1 Wheat 2 Gluten 3 Crustaceans 4 Soybean 5 Mustard 6 Sesame 7 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 8 Milk 9 Fish 10 Egg 11 Peanuts 12 Molluscs 13 Celeriac/Celery 14 Nuts 15 Oat 16 Gluten 17 Barley 18 Gluten 19 Vegan V Vegetarian

AVAILABLE DAILY

Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.



# Information

## Attention Parents/Guardians

Some Arbor registration emails are going straight to your spam boxes.

Another way of logging on is to download the Arbor App onto your phone or search for Arbor on your PC or iPad.

Enter your email address and click forgotten password. It will then ask you to verify your child's date of birth and you should then be in.

## Admission to Reception in September 2026

Children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 will be due to start in Reception in September 2026. The application period will be open on 1 September 2025 and the closing date is 15 January 2026.

Apply on line at:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

More information visit:

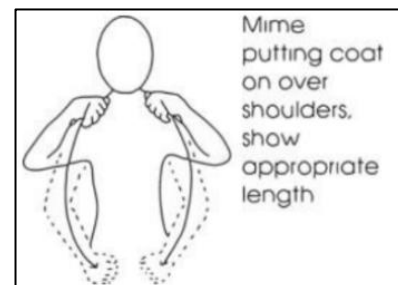
<https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/primary-schools/starting-primary-school>

## Sign of the Week



Mime putting on scarf as appropriate

**Scarf**



Mime putting coat on over shoulders, show appropriate length

**Coat**

# Information

Every last Thursday of the month

FAMILY HUB DELIVERED BY FAMILY WELLBEING INVITES YOU TO

## Coffee Morning

THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
10am - 12noon  
Family Hub, 105 West Street.  
Erith. DA8 1AW

NOVEMBER TOPIC: BEHAVIOUR

Enjoy a warm drink, connect with others, and take part in relaxed discussions on topics that matter most – from parenting and wellbeing to local family support

IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN, SHARE, AND BUILD CONNECTIONS IN A SUPPORTIVE SPACE. OUR FAMILY WELLBEING KEYWORKERS WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE MORNING TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS, OFFER ADVICE, AND PROVIDE ONE-TO-ONE CONSULTATIONS ABOUT ANY SPECIFIC CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE.

LONDON BOROUGH OF **BEXLEY** | 0203 045 5480  
105 West Street, Erith DA8 1AW

### What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TRACKING DEVICES

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These small tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- STALKING AND HARASSMENT**  
Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices to oversee carers and stalking cases reportedly rose by 37 percent between 2018 and 2023.
- INVASION OF PRIVACY**  
These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without testing.
- TOOLS FOR BULLYING**  
Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces – like home – that should feel safe and secure.
- FALSE ACCUSATIONS**  
Accused tracking devices can be used to "prove" ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.
- DIFFICULT TO DETECT**  
Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

- WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS**  
If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or instead online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.
- CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS**  
Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the account it's linked to.
- USE DETECTION APPS**  
Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's "Tracker Detect" or the third-party app "AntiStalker" to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.
- HAVE THE CONVERSATION**  
Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to stalk, harass, or monitor someone.

Meet Our Expert  
Alan Martin is a seasoned technology journalist with bylines in Wired, TechCrunch, The Guardian, The Evening Standard, The Telegraph, and The New Statesman. He specialises in consumer tech, online safety, and emerging risks in the digital landscape.

#WakeUpWednesday  
The National College

Attached with this week's Newsletter is the Wake-Up Wednesdays guide on "Tracking Devices"

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

## Come to the BOOK FAIR

and earn FREE BOOKS for our school!

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November

# FAB PTA

Please email [our.fab.pta@gmail.com](mailto:our.fab.pta@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping at the Christmas Fair

**WE NEED YOU!**



## Donations Needed

- Soft Toys
- Filled/Empty Jars
- Filled Bottles

FAB PTA'S

# Christmas Fair

Friday 5th December  
15:00-17:00

Support our school and  
create lasting memories  
at our Christmas Fair!

Family Event  
Free Entry

A collection of festive Christmas items including gingerbread cookies, candy canes, jars, and other holiday-themed decorations.

If you would like to speak to a member of the leadership team please contact:  
[fairfordadmin@illuminateminds.org](mailto:fairfordadmin@illuminateminds.org)

