

BG Update 25th September 2026



PARENTAL CALENDAR

HEAD'S UPDATE

The great weather continues and it always seems to put a spring in the step of everyone! It was great to see so many of our families at the BG Family Fun Day on Saturday. Doing something different is always a challenge but the FOBG team of parents really pulled together to create a hugely positive experience for all. Thanks to the band, Space at the Table, and the St Mary's Church Choristers for their efforts and for making the event extra special. Thanks to the team of volunteers, led by Hester Heard. Thanks most importantly to all of the families who came to support the cause. I hope you had a great day!

It was a strange start to the week for me as I was supporting a different school with a project they are working on with their staff. It is always a fantastic learning experience to visit other schools and that will only go to further support the progress that we continue to make at Bishop Gilpin!

On Tuesday, we were very pleased to receive a visit from Perform on Tuesday 22nd September. Our children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 had a wonderful time exploring the theme of Superheroes and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of Superheroes. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click [here](#) to download it free or [here](#) to find out more about the Superheroes theme.

The excitement in school continued on Wednesday as the woods were overtaken by our intrepid Year 3 children who supplemented their learning about the stone age by learning Bushcraft skills, including how to light fires and how stoneage tools were made. [London Bushcraft](#) have been coming to our school for many years - before our current Year 3 children were even born! - and Wendy and her team always provide such a special experience for our children.

On Thursday, our school photographer Mathew Hull came in for the first stage in our project to photograph the school whilst it's working to update our website and the walls in the school! Mathew brought his expertise for phase one of what will be an ongoing journey and photographed children in classrooms, music, PE and across the Early Years. No photos were posed - we wanted to start with a true look at what BG looks like during the school day.

We finished the week with our Celebration Worship. We read "More Than Words," by Roz MacLean in recognition of [European Day of Languages](#), which falls tomorrow! With so many multi-lingual children, we celebrated the skill and talent required to speak languages. We were enjoined by some of our multilingual children who tried to teach me and that children to say, "Hello! How are you?" in their home language. We tried Portuguese, Russian, German and French. Mrs Howard also insisted we try Yorkshire-ese. Our song of the week was, "More Than Words," by Extreme. We then celebrated those children who had their hard work and great choices recognised this week. I am very proud of them all.

Have a wonderful weekend!

OPEN EVENING FOR NURSERY, RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 PARENTS

We will be hosting an open evening for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 parents on Tuesday 6th October at 6.30pm. There will be a short talk from Mr Birch, a tour and more importantly, there will be free wine, some food from our kitchen and a chance to get to meet other parents from your year groups. You can sign up to the evening [here](#).

WORD ROOT of the WEEK



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This week's Word Root of the Week is inspired by some Maths homework my son was doing!



Lots of our numerical terms come from Latin (and Ancient Greek). Here are a few that come from Latin:

Decimal = decem = 10

Percent, Century (and Centurion) = centum = 100

Millennium = mille = 1000

Perhaps these links can help your child think differently about these numerical terms and understand them better!



Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Through The School Gates: Overcoming daily challenges getting into school

There can be many challenges with supporting your child to get into school well and in as relaxed a way as possible.

This webinar aims to:
Think about some of the different challenges that can be faced in the morning getting ready for school.
Understand child anxieties using cognitive-behavioural approach
Discuss ways to talk about worries
Provide a step-by-step approach to building confidence with attending school should there be early school avoidance to prevent it becoming problematic.



DATE / TIME

Monday 5th October
7.30-8.30pm



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Friday 9th October
1.00-2.00pm



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Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Building Strong Bonds: How to build Healthy and Secure Attachment/Relationships with Children

Join us for an insightful workshop designed for parents and carers, where we will explore the Circle of Security model, a proven approach to fostering secure and healthy attachments with children.

This session will guide you through the fundamental principles of the model, helping you understand your child's emotional needs and how to respond in ways that build trust and security.

You will learn strategies to enhance your caregiving skills, promoting a strong, supportive bond that nurtures your child's development and well-being.



DATE / TIME

Thursday 8th October
7.00-8.00pm



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DATE / TIME

Wednesday 14th October
12.30-1.30pm



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Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Feeding and its difficulties in the Early years

A 1.5 hour long webinar to
explore how feeding develops
in the early years and how to
create healthy eating habits
that last a lifetime.



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SCHOOL FOOD STANDARDS CHANGES

Due to an update to the School Food Standards, we will be making some changes to some products we cannot now use and cooking methods that have changed;

Honey: unless it is honey bought from a farmers market which has come straight from the hive and put into glass jars and is 100% natural, it is off the menu.

Deep Fried Products; no longer allowed, so the fish on Fridays and Katsu chicken will be baked in the oven. Occasional menu items like Pakora will be allowed.

AMAZON WISHLISTS

[Nursery Amazon Wishlist](#)

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