



## Dates for the Diary

### September

8.9.26 Meet the teacher – informal drop in opportunity after school 3.30 – 4pm  
11.9.26 Y5 Mojo Active trip w/c 14.09.26 Y6 Camp week w/c 21.09.26 After School Clubs begin this week  
22.09.26 Y6 Camp meeting for 2027 5pm  
25.9.26 Jeans for Genes day  
29.9.26 Y3 trip to Cheddar

### October

5.10.26 Harvest Assembly  
8.10.26 Online Safety workshop for parents 5pm  
16.10.26 Step back in Time day (more information to follow) w/c 19.10.26 Black History Week  
23.10.26 Enrichment morning 1  
23.10.26 End Term 1

### November

2.11.26 Start Term 2  
4.11.26 Year 4 Clive Pig workshop  
6.11.26 Wear it Pink day  
9.11.26 Individual & Sibling photos  
10.11.26 and 12.11.26 Parent Consultations  
13.11.26 Children in Need Day w/c 16.11.26 Anti-bullying Week  
27.11.26 Inset Day

### December

8.12.26 Whole School theatre trip  
18.12.26 End Term 2

#### **Inset Dates 2026-2027**

Inset 3: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2026  
Inset 4: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2027  
Inset 5: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027

## Great to Be Back!

**A very warm welcome to all of our children and families at the start of the academic year!**

We are so pleased to see our wonderful Bromley Heath Community filled with fun and laughter once again. While the weather has been variable over the last week, it has been wonderful to see our existing and newest members of the school community coming in with such beaming smiles as we start our adventures together this year.

Our year 3 Bumblebee and Butterfly classes have made a fantastic start and have already started to settle into their new routines. They came in on Thursday brilliantly and have really impressed us all with their positivity and enthusiasm - we are very excited to see how they grow and mature during their time with us over the next four years.

As we start the year, we are focusing on our core value of 'Responsibility' in all classes, helping our children to reflect on their responsibilities both in terms of our learning behaviours and our responsibilities as part of a wider school community.

The start of the year is always a busy one, making sure that all of the children have access to new reading books, reading records, log-ins for Google Classroom and TT Rockstars etc so that they can get started on their home learning (there is more information about this later and a separate email about how this works at BHJS will also be sent to you this week) so please do bear with us while we get everything in place and smooth out any potential teething issues with technology. If you do experience any issues accessing your online platforms at home, please do not hesitate to get in touch and let us know so that we can help you.

Kind regards,  
Tracy Serle





## General Notes and Reminders

**Breakfast and T-Club** are up and running (Monday – Thursday) so please do book in via Arbor to secure your child a place. Some days are very busy so we would advise booking early to avoid possible disappointment if we are fully booked.

Remember, if you need Breakfast or after school club on a Friday we now have a link with Oldbury Court Out of School Club. Please see their website to book them in.

<https://oldburycourtclubs.org.uk/>

### **After School Clubs**

All after school clubs will begin their 10 week block after our Y6s have completed their camp week (next week) w/c 21<sup>st</sup> September. Therefore, please keep an eye out for our club letter which will give you more information about how and when you can sign up for these activities.

### **Playground Pick-up**

For the safety of all of our community at the end of the day, we ask children (of any age) to not use scooters or bikes on the playground and instead wait until they leave the school site.

It is always a very busy time of day and we are often joined by younger and older family members and so we need to make sure that everybody stays safe and can start their evening positively. Many thanks for your support with this.

### **PE reminders**

Just a reminder that the designated PE days are as follows:

Year 3 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 4 – Wednesday & Friday

Year 5 – Monday & Wednesday

Year 6 – Tuesday & Thursday

Please make sure that children come to school on these days wearing the correct school PE kits, with hair tied back where needed and stud earrings covered or removed etc.

**Please also ensure that the kit adheres to our school uniform policy and are plain black or navy shorts or tracksuits.**

For more guidance, please see our school website here:

<https://www.bhjs.org.uk/uniform-and-dress-code/>

### **Twitter (X)**

#### **@BHJuniors**

Our closed Twitter group is an amazing source of information for our parents and a brilliant way for you to share in the daily life of our school.

If you are not yet following us, please email the school ([school@bhjs.org.uk](mailto:school@bhjs.org.uk)) to let us know your twitter handle and then find us on Twitter @BHJuniors.

Please note that we will not grant you access until we have received an email to confirm who you are.



## Healthy Snacks

We are proud to promote healthy living at BHJS and are constantly seeking ways to further promote healthy lifestyles for our children.

As a part of this, we ask that children only bring **healthy snacks** to school. A healthy snack could be: a piece of fruit; some sliced vegetables or some plain crackers for example.

Please, therefore, **do not** send your child in to school with crisps, chocolate, sweets, biscuits or cookies for their break time snack.

We appreciate that a healthy, balanced diet will consist of occasional treats but ask that the children save these for after school or at the weekends. An occasional packet of crisps in their lunchboxes is ok too.

We also please ask that they bring their snack in to school **separate** to their lunchboxes to avoid any confusion over the item of choice

Please also remember that, due to allergens, we **do not allow** any nut products (including Nutella) into schools. We also ask that pine nut produce and/or sesame seeds are not included in lunchboxes or as a part of a snack.

**PLEASE**



**NO PEANUTS  
OR  
NUT PRODUCTS**

## Online Safety

In our computing lessons this term, we will be focusing on Online Safety which is an essential part of our children's education.

Across the school, children will be thinking about the importance of secure passwords, ways to combat cyberbullying, how to stay safe in the digital world and how to keep personal information safe and private.

Please support our online safety messages at home by checking parental controls and talking openly with your child/ren about how to stay safe online and how to seek support. Visit the following for more info: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

We will also be running an Online Safety parent workshop later this term for anyone who would like to know a little more about what we teach and also explore some ways that you can further support your young people at home. This workshop will be led by Mr McSmythurs on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm.



## Home School Communication

You child's class teachers have now shared their emails with you via their year group newsletter sent home last week (also available here: <https://www.bhjs.org.uk/classes/>). Please use these email addresses to contact your child's teacher for any non-urgent questions or queries about the class learning etc. **PLEASE NOTE** – Teachers are teaching during the school day and their priorities are with the children so they are not regularly checking emails. As a school, we aim therefore, wherever possible, to respond to emails within 48 hours or 2 school days.

**If you need to contact the school urgently, then please telephone on 01454 867110 in order to speak to a member of the team directly.** For non-urgent general queries, you can also contact us via the main school email address, [school@bhjs.org.uk](mailto:school@bhjs.org.uk), where emails are picked up throughout the school day.

Communication and positive relationships with families are very important to us so that we can continue working together to support children and families alike. We always, therefore, ask that parents reach out to us quickly if there are any worries or concerns about their child. In these instances, please contact the school to arrange a phone call or face to face meeting with your child's class teacher. Emails are great ways of sharing quick information between home and school, but for complex concerns or worries, we would always encourage a personal meeting or telephone conversation rather than an email to avoid any information or meaning being potentially misunderstood or misconstrued.

## Home Learning

We focus the majority of our home learning on the fundamental skills of reading, spelling and times tables as these skills support everything the children will be learning at BHJS and beyond. Reading everyday, practicing spelling patterns and learning key number facts are life skills and so we ask that you really support us with this each week.

In addition to this, to support our creative thinking we also send home a topic based 'home learning menu' which gives a choice of broader subjects to explore throughout the term and celebrate in class.

A letter will be sent home shortly with more information about timings and frequency etc. While we are setting up and getting everyone established (especially Y3), please bear with us should there be any technical glitches. Many thanks for all your support with this.



## Warm welcomes

We have welcomed a few new members of staff to the team this year. A warm welcome goes to...



Miss Ahmed  
(Y3 TA)



Miss Neill  
(Bumblebee class teacher)



Miss Dunn  
(Sports Coach)



Miss Lyon (Deer class teacher  
alongside Mr McSmythurs)



Mrs Clifford  
(Y5 TA)



Miss Douglas  
(Y3 TA)



Miss Hughes  
(Raven Class teacher)