



Dates for Your Diaries - 2026

February Half Term Holiday: Monday 16th – Friday 20th	
March	
Wed 4th	Y4 River Sessions
Wed 4th	Key Steps Gymnastics @ BVGC
Thur 5th	World Book Day
Fri 6th	Brains of Bromley - KS2
Thu 12th	Y5/Y6 Lacrosse Competition
Thu 12th/Fri 13th	PTA Mothers Day Sale
Thu 19th	Year 3 Trip to Maidstone Museum
Thu 19th	iRock Concert
Tue 24th	Year 6 Girls Netball
Tue 24th	Parents Evening #1
Thu 26th	Year 2 Trip to Eltham Palace
Thu 26th	Year 6 Trip to Science Museum
Thu 26th	Parents Evening #2
Fri 27th	PTA Event - Wrestling Evening TBC
Easter Holiday: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April	

Excellence Awards – Autumn Term 2

Well done and congratulations to all of our Excellence Award winners this half term!



Chickenpox

We have had a number of confirmed cases of **Chickenpox** reported in school.

Chickenpox is a common childhood illness that is not usually serious, though it is very contagious. Chickenpox spreads easily through droplets from coughing or sneezing followed by direct contact with blister fluid once it appears. It is highly contagious from a day or two before the blisters appear until all spots crust over. Transmission occurs through close contact with a person or by being in the same room and touching contaminated surfaces. It has an incubation period of 10-21 days, so you may find that children may still present with chicken pox even after half term.

Hand hygiene:

This is very important for both children and adults, and hand washing should be encouraged with reminder posters on walls and in toilets. The way in which hands are washed is just as important as washing them, see link: [How to wash your hands - NHS](#)

Respiratory etiquette:

Encourage children to cough into their elbow. When children can, they should cough into a tissue paper, bin it then clean their hands.

Cleaning:

Surfaces can get contaminated therefore, during an outbreak enhanced cleaning must take place. High touch areas such as taps, toilet flush handles, and door handles, should be cleaned frequently throughout the day.

Ventilation:

Where possible, open windows regularly to ensure fresh air flows through the rooms and building.

More information:

Please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/> for further information on the symptoms and how to treat it.





Attendance

Making Every Day Count

Consistent attendance is the foundation of your child's success, both academically and socially. To ensure the safety and well-being of all our students, parents must call the school office every day that their child is absent. Please note that if a student's attendance falls below 90%, they are officially classified as a 'persistent absentee.' In these instances, the school will require formal medical evidence for any further absences to be marked as authorised. We are committed to supporting our families in maintaining high attendance levels - let's work together to ensure your child stays on track! If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, please contact Mrs. Bassett to discuss how we can best support you.

Attendance Half Term Award

Well done to Year 3 Sapphire Class for achieving the best attendance this half term!

1st Place	Year 3 Sapphire	96.9%
2nd	Year 5 Onyx	96.8%
3rd	Year 2 Ruby	96.6%
4th	Year 6 Pearl	95.6%
5th	Year 4 Topaz	95.4%
6th	Year 6 Opal	95.3%
7th	Reception Diamond	94.3%
8th	Year 1 Emerald	94.0%

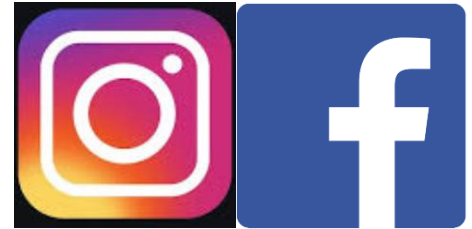
PTA Upcoming Events

We are pleased to announce that we have some exciting events happening when we return after half term, further details will be announced so watch this space!

March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mother's Day Sale• Wrestling Event
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spring Fun Day
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disney Quiz
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ice Lolly Friday (as soon as it is warm enough!)• Toy Sale• Father's Day Sale
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer Fair
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Santa Dash• Christmas Fair

School Social Media & Photo Consents

As some of you may know, this year we have been expanding our online social media presence with more frequent posts on Instagram and Facebook. With this in mind, we would like to remind parents to **please ensure they have enabled the consent on Arbor (Photo Consent External)** if you allow your child's image to be posted on these platforms. You may change this preference at any time in Arbor.



Orpington Library Event

Orpington Library have a National Year of Reading event planned this half term, details are as follows:

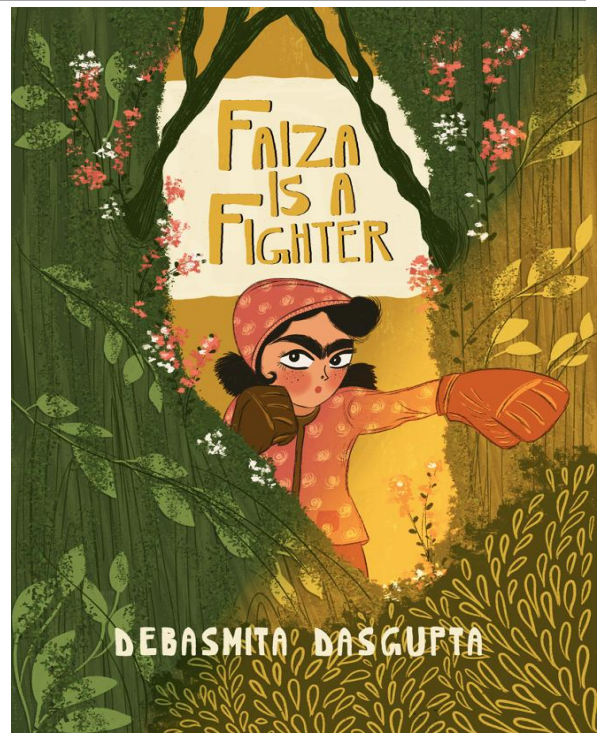
Date: Thursday 19th February

Time: 2.15-3.15pm

Event: Zine Making Workshop with Graphic Novelist Debasmita Dasgupta based on her graphic novel 'Faiza is a Fighter'

Ages: 8+ and parents/carers

Booking Info: <https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>



Olive Dining Parent and Child Surveys

Our school catering suppliers Olive Dining have provided online surveys for both parents and pupils to complete over the half term break. Each survey is very short and should not take more than a couple of minutes to complete:

Parent Survey Link:

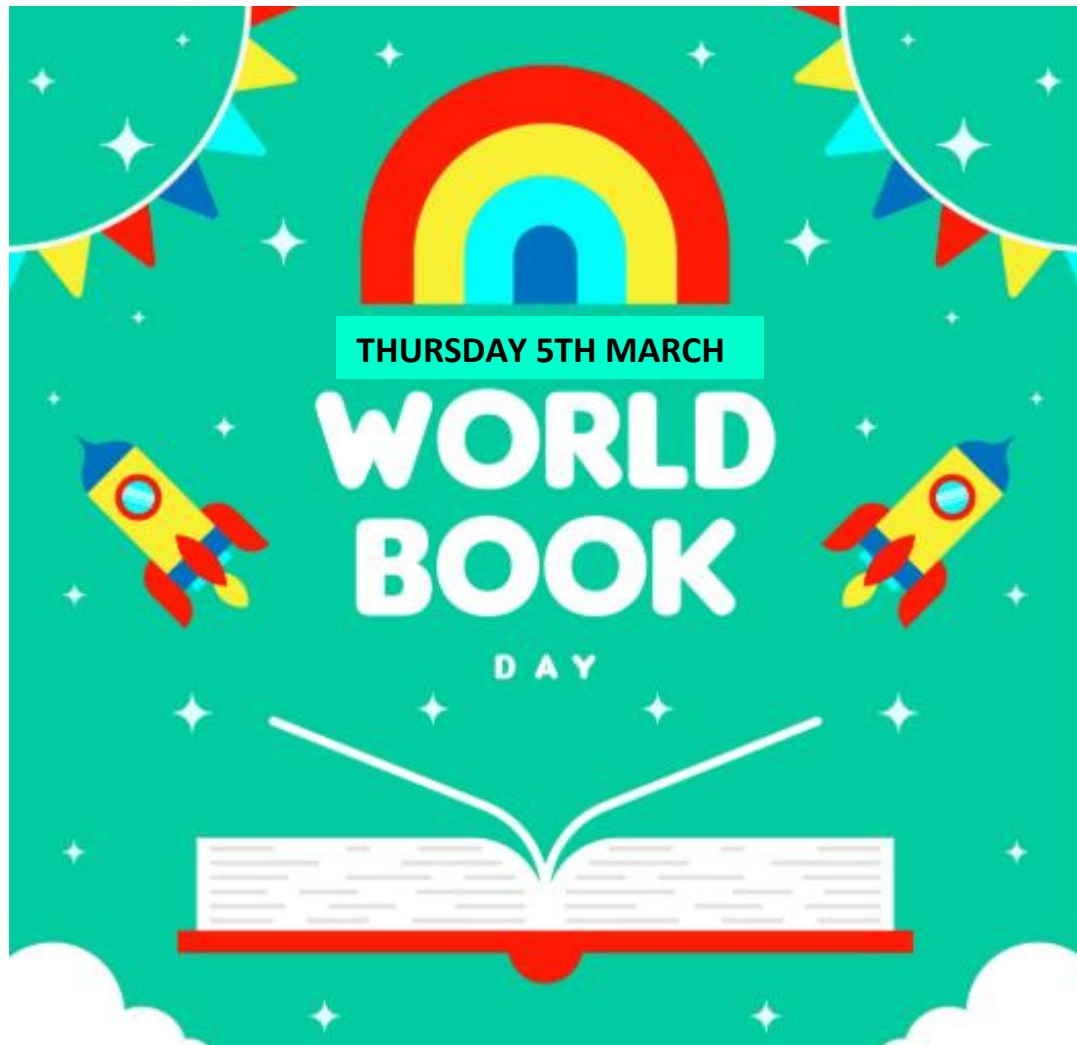
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Student Survey Link:

https://forms.office.com//pages/responsepage.aspx?id=_Baj0Nb05U2JStnd5XDGcoSwBx9KXCVOuSRwqShgibZURjBYOFNZNkE0WERRRUhUU05GUVFRTDBMQiQIQCN0PWcu&fromie=true



Community Notices & External Club Info



FREE

HOBLINGWELL LIKE TO BIKE

- Everyone welcome, both children and adults!
- Coached BMX sessions throughout the day
- Bring your own bike for minor fixes, possibility of mechanic on site!

Tuesday 17th Feb

Wing Session		10:30am - 11:30am
Female Only		11:45am - 12:45pm
Beginner		1:15pm - 2:15pm
Intermediate		2:30pm - 3:30pm



We ask that all riders are registered in advance

- Sign-in on arrival
- Please wear long sleeve top and bottoms and closed-toe shoes
- Bikes and helmets are provided

Where? → Hoblingwell Pump Track
Hoblingwell Wood Recreation Ground, BR5 2QB

ENQUIRIES

📞 07591013008

✉ bmx@accesssport.org.uk



Register Here

St Mary Cray Primary Academy

Spring Term 1

13th February 2025



BYMT

BROMLEY YOUTH MUSIC TRUST

EASTER SOUNDS 2026

TUESDAY 7-THURSDAY 9 APRIL : 9.30am-12.30pm

Beginners courses for children in school years 3-7

on the start of their musical journey

BAND ON THE RUN · STRINGS ON THE RUN ·

PERCUSSION ON THE RUN · KEYBOARD & UKULELE ON THE RUN

TUESDAY 7-THURSDAY 9 APRIL : 1.30pm-4.30pm

For children in school years 3-7 who are continuing their musical journey

BYMT WIND BAND · BYMT STRING ORCHESTRA ·

PIANO ENSEMBLE

£95 PER COURSE

For more information & to register scan the QR Code or visit:

www.bymt.co.uk/sounds

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HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

THURSDAY 19TH & FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

FULL DAYS 9AM - 3PM

OUTFIELD & GOALKEEPERS

AGES 5-14 BOYS & GIRLS

FOOTBALL CLUB



TO SIGN UP EMAIL:

ALFIE.GEORGE@CRAY-WANDERERS.COM

EVERY SIGN UP WILL RECEIVE 2X FREE CRAY WANDERERS SEASON TICKET

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FARMYARD TRAIL

13th - 22nd February 2026

Join in our trail around the farm to find the animals

Pick up your animal trail sheet from reception

Find the 12 animals in the pictures

Collect your prize from the Tea Room

Open daily (except Tuesday)

from 1.30pm - 4.30pm

No booking needed



£5 per entry



Foal Farm Animal Rescue
Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX
www.foalfarm.org.uk



Bromley
Brighter Beginnings

Behind every family's need is someone
who makes it happen

Could that be you?



Volunteer with us!

A little of your time could change a family's story



For more information on our current vacancies and
joining our wonderful team visit:

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or email alex@bromleybrighterbeginnings.org.uk.

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U12 MIXED BASKETBALL
BOYS & GIRLS
9-12 Years Old

OPEN TO SCHOOL YEARS 5, 6 & 7

- 🏀 Building strong fundamentals
- 💪 Growing confidence and game understanding
- 🤝 Teamwork, respect and having fun
- 🔥 High-energy coaching in a positive environment

Friday 20th Feb - Friday 27th March
18:30 - 20:00
Harris Academy Beckenham

£8.50 per session

ACCREDITED LEVEL 1

More Info - Email
Rob@bromleyphoenix.com

Bromley Phoenix Basketball Club is a registered charity in England (No. 1213968)

MOVE AND FLOW

DANCE *by Criselle*

St Mary Cray Primary Academy

FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL DANCE CLUB!

16TH JANUARY - 27TH MARCH

3:30 - 4:30

YEAR GROUPS 2-6

COME AND DANCE WITH ME!

CONTACT MOVEANDFLOWLTD@GMAIL.COM