



The Buzz this week ...



It has been yet another busy week here at Bovington Academy.

This week parents have been able to meet virtually with teachers. All staff thoroughly enjoyed sharing your child's progress with you. It is a time to be immensely proud of their achievements and the things they accomplish every single day. Inevitably, there will always be areas for improvement that is how we move learning forwards. In school, we celebrate mistakes - even though the children do not always feel the same. Please reinforce that we learn from failure and this should not be seen as a negative thing. If you were unable to attend the Parent Consultations or require a further appointment, please contact the class teacher directly.

Thank you for your support last week when we were forced to close the school due to no water supply. This must have been a huge inconvenience for you all. The water company and Mr Amey were working hard across the weekend to ensure the water quality was safe and school was ready to open for all children on Monday.

We hope you enjoy the bank holiday weekend.



COVID RELATED SCHOOL PROTOCOLS

- One adult per family to collect on site at the end of the day.
- Parents/ Carers to wear face masks at drop off and collection times.
- Adults to socially distance.
- Please leave the site IMMEDIATELY on collection of your child.

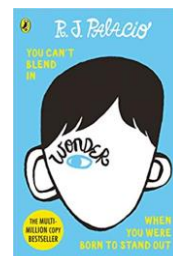
If your child or a family member suffers from any of the following symptoms, then the family must self-isolate and seek a Covid test for the patient:

- High temperature - A new continuous cough - A loss of taste or smell

Thank you for your continued support

HOOK DAY

Year 5 and 6 had a very successful Hook Day, which was linked to our new English book, Wonder by R.J.Palacio. The children did an excellent job researching their assigned disability and the impact it has on daily lives. They then completed a range of activities to highlight the barriers which may occur and then reflected on what actions could be in place to ensure inclusivity. Go to our [facebook page](#) to check out the fabulous pictures.



Key Dates :

Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday

Friday 7th May – NSPCC National numbers day - wear an item of clothing with a number on it

Friday 14th May – Pajamarama Day

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June – Summer Half Term

Are you leaving?

Will you be moving or have you received notification of a new posting? If so, does your child/ren no longer require a place at Bovington Academy?

Can you let the school office know as soon as possible to complete a notification of departure form, organise your child's leaving report and to help us with the transfer preparations.

Many thanks



Pupil Premium



Here at Bovington Academy, we want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can.

As you are already aware, every child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 is entitled to a free school meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) scheme. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

However, in addition to this, the Government provides money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called **Pupil Premium**.

Just registering your child for Pupil Premium (known as Free School Meals) means that we will get extra funding to support the quality of the education and learning opportunities that we provide for your child.

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Pupil Premium (known as Free School Meals) if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list below.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, please complete the application on The “Dorset for You” website by following the link below.
www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/free-school-meals or alternatively please complete the attached form and return to the school office. If you require any assistance with the application process, please see the school office.
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal and we will receive extra money.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets extra money to support them in their learning!