

Bounds Green School Newsletter

22nd May 2026



A Message from Damien

Dear parents and carers,

What a pleasure the last six weeks at Bounds Green have been for me. I received a truly warm welcome from everyone when I arrived. It has rapidly become a real sense of belonging. Thanks to everyone in our community - my colleagues, you and above all your children - for all your encouragement.

As you know, we have just completed an Ofsted inspection in the junior school. The inspectors asked us to thank all the children at Bounds Green. Yesterday, we gave them this message:

Dear Bounds Greeners,

Our Ofsted inspection is over. Yesterday evening, the inspectors told us in lots of detail what a great school they think Bounds Green is. They will write a report about us, which you and your parents will be able to read. We should get it in about a month. The lead inspector, Duncan, was very keen to thank you all. He said you were very friendly, helpful and polite. He really noticed your kindness. He said you showed lots of interest in who the inspectors were and what they were doing, and he really appreciated that. Before the inspection I asked you to show the inspectors how brilliant you are as learners and friends, and give them a lovely Bounds Green welcome. You did exactly that. Thank you everyone, very much.

The inspection was robust and fair. I am very pleased that the school they saw was the one we told them they would see. There will be much in the report for us to be proud of. They really noticed what a strong sense of community and belonging there is at Bounds Green. They confirmed that the improvement priorities we have identified are the right ones, and that we have the capacity as a school to make the positive changes we want to. Ofsted will now run an internal quality assurance process on the report. Until that is completed, I cannot share any more details with you. As soon as the report is available, we will send it to you.

We were already in the process of drawing up plans for change next year. At the beginning of the term, I met with many of you and asked you what you loved about Bounds Green, and what you wanted me to change. Your views are a key driver for us. I still need to write to you all and give you a summary of what you told me. That will come, shortly after half-term. When our plans for next year are ready, we will share those too.

Ofsted inspections are famously intense and gruelling processes. Every one of my colleagues, across both our schools, rose to the occasion magnificently. Their commitment to our school and each

Nut-Free School

Please remember that we are a nut-free school, this includes After School Club. Please don't pack an After School Club snack for your child that includes nuts, such as; peanut butter sandwiches, granola bars (as many also contain nuts), etc.



No sesame at School

To help keep all our Pupils/staff safe, we ask families not to send any food containing sesame or sesame products (such as hummus, tahini, or sesame seeds, in lunches or snacks. Thank you for supporting a safe and healthy environment for everyone!



School Payments

As an on-going reminder we'd like to make sure parents and carers keep up to date with their school payments. You can make payment via School Gateway using your mobile and email address. If you are having any troubles with creating an account or logging in, please make sure that the office has the most up-to-date information for you.

Attendance and Punctuality

For more information about Children's attendance and punctuality at school, please see this information on our School's website, please see link below:

Bounds Green School Attendance and Punctuality



other was a pleasure to behold. I feel very privileged to work with each and every one of them. They have had my effusive thanks. Please do offer it to them too if you can. I hope you all have lovely half-term breaks. See you on Monday 1st June.

Damien

Message to Year 6 children from Damien

Dear Year 6,

SATs are over! Before they started, I wrote to you and said that whether you found the tests easy or tough, your teachers and I were already immensely proud of you. I said that the score you get on a piece of paper will never define your worth or your future. What does define you is the courage, resilience and tenacity you showed throughout the tests. Very well done, all of you. I have no doubt that you tried your best. Doing that, is something to be really proud of. I hope you have a great half-term. You all really deserve it.

Damien

Staff Update

We have a few staff changes coming up in the next few weeks.

Tanika, a member of our lunchtime team, is leaving us today. She has brought huge amounts of energy and joy to our children for many years, in our playgrounds, in after school club, and helping out with swimming. She will be sorely missed and we wish her the very best for the future.

Eva, one of our nursery nurses, will have her last day with us on 5th June. She has been covering a maternity leave for Bipasha, who is returning to Bounds Green on 8th June. Thanks so much for all your hard work, Eva. Best of luck for the future. And Bipasha, welcome back!

Finally, Niki, one of our deputy managers in our after-school club, will leave us on 12th June. Niki has worked with us since 2018. We are immensely grateful for all she has done for Bounds Green over the years. We wish you fulfilment and joy in your next step Niki.

Message from Bounds Green Food Bank

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are asking for your support for the Bounds Green Food Bank to help local families in need within our community.

We will be collecting donations in the playground on the first Thursday of every month, starting on **Thursday 4th June** at morning drop-off. Foodbank volunteers will then collect and deliver to the Food Bank that day.

They would be very grateful for any donations of:

- Ambient food items like tinned food, cereals, pasta & rice etc
- Toiletries
- Household cleaning products

Please ensure that all donated items are:

- Sealed and unopened
- In date
- Alcohol free

Thank you so much for your kindness and support. Every donation, no matter how small, will make a difference to local families.

<https://www.boundsgreenfoodbank.org/>



Reporting Absences and Late Collections

If you need to report your child absent for any reason (sickness, appointment, etc) then please make sure you do this through the voicemail service on the phone, or through a text on School Gateway. Please don't email the admin email address as this is not continually monitored, especially during busy periods so may not be seen until later in the day.

For any late collections or if someone different is collecting, please also call directly to the office with as much notice as possible so that it can be passed onto the teacher

Children's absence/signing Children in/out:

Please remember that if your child has had or needs to have any time off, or if there are any planned absences (such as holidays), it is important to communicate this directly with the school office. Kindly **do not** inform the teacher about these absences. The office needs to have accurate records for our attendance system, and will inform your child's teacher for you.

Additionally, if your child arrives late due to an appointment or other reasons, please ensure that they are signed in at the office. If you need to collect your child early (e.g., for an appointment or because they have been unwell), please sign them out at the office as well.

These procedures are in place to ensure we have accurate information for safety purposes, especially in the event of an emergency or fire alarm.

Year 1 Trip to London Zoo

Year 1 would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for generously funding our recent trip to ZSL London Zoo. The children had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed the exciting opportunity to see many of the animals they have been learning about in class up close.

Throughout the visit, the children were full of enthusiasm and curiosity as they explored the zoo and discovered more about different habitats and animals from around the world. It was wonderful to see their learning brought to life through such a memorable hands-on experience.

We are extremely grateful to the PTA for making this special trip possible and for continuing to support enriching opportunities for our children.



Clubs & After School Club – Summer Term Update

Activity/ Lunchtime Club

As we prepare for the Summer Term, please remember that places in lunchtime activity clubs do not automatically roll over. If your child would like to continue or join a club, you must re-register for the new term to secure a place.

After School Club (ASC)

We kindly ask that all outstanding balances for the Summer Term are cleared by Friday 17th July.

If you are paying using Tax-Free Childcare, please ensure you send proof of payment to Charity Lee at:

clee@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk

When emailing, include:

Your child's full name

Your unique reference number

Thank you for your continued support.

Sustainable Haringey News- May 2026

Please click on link to see more news and events:

<https://sustainableharingey.wordpress.com/>



Discovery Table – Lunchtime Caterers

Our lunchtime staff recently created a fun and interactive vegetable display to encourage children to explore healthy foods in an exciting way. The children were invited to look at, touch, smell and taste a variety of fresh vegetables and other healthy foods during lunchtime activities.

The display sparked lots of curiosity and conversation, with many children eager to try foods they had never tasted before. Some children sampled vegetables such as peppers, aubergines and courgettes, for the very first time.

The lunchtime team (dressed as different vegetables) did a wonderful job supporting and praising the children as they explored new flavours and textures together.

We are proud of how willing the children were to take part and try something different, and we look forward to more exciting healthy eating activities in the future.



Bounds Green School Tournaments

Over the past week, many of our students have very proudly represented our school in 5 tournaments.

Firstly, on Friday the 15th May, our year 5 Tag Rugby Team represented the school in a tournament, finishing 6th overall, which was extra impressive as they were competing against all year 6's.



Between Monday and Wednesday, we had various year 4 & 6 children competing in several Athletics tournaments. This was a great chance for the children to show their learning in PE over the last 5 weeks, and their effort were rewarded with placing in the top 7 out for 20 schools in every tournament, with the highlight of the week being the Year 4 Mixed Relay team winning their relay race by being over 25 metres ahead of the team who finished in second place!

We are so proud of everyone involved, and a MASSIVE thank you to our parent volunteers. You are AMAZING!

We were also lucky to capture a video of them!

Please click link below:

<https://boundsgreenschool.co.uk/athletics-tournaments-may-2026/>

June Pride Month



To celebrate the start of Pride Month, we would like show our appreciation at Bounds Green School by all wearing colourful clothing on the first day back after half term 1st June.

This could be house team colours or anything bright and cheerful.



Important Dates

Dates for your Diary

Below are important dates of which you should be aware. Wherever there is a new addition, it will be printed in **bold and highlighted in yellow** so that it stands out. In the case of Educational Visits, we aim to give as much notice as possible, however, please be mindful that occasionally last minute, educationally enriching opportunities arise which are considered too good an opportunity to pass up. Please look at this section of the newsletter every week as there are sometimes unavoidable changes to dates that you will need to take note of.

Important Note on Dates:

We aim to provide parents with advance notice of important dates; however, due to various factors, sometimes these dates may need to be adjusted. For many of our performances, we work with external teachers who have other commitments, and we also need to balance performances across the school. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility if any changes occur.

June 2026

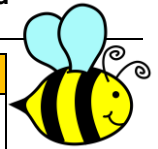
- **01.06.26- First day back to school**
- **04.06.26 – Bounds Green Food Bank collection**
- **04.06.26 – PTA Movie Night**
- 08.06.26 – 12.06.26 – Walk to School Week
- 17.06.26-Nursery & Reception- Sports days
- **20.06.26 – PTA Summer Fair**
- **26.06.26- Year 1- 6 Sports day**
- 29.06.26-WCIT Guitars Y4/5 Continuers 2.45pm

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- **01.07.26-WCIT Violins Y4/5 Continuers 2.45pm**
- **02.07.26-WCIT Trumpets and Clarinets 9.15am**
- 03.07.26 – INSET Day – **school closed**
- **06.07.26-Nursery Dance and Drama-2.15pm**
- **09.07.26-Year 6 Leavers Performance 9.30am & 6pm (More info to follow)**
- **10.07.26-Nursery Dance and Drama-9.15am**
- **14.07.26- Yr4,5,6-Wigmore Hall**
- **15.07.26-Yr 3,4,5,6 -Choir- 4.00pm**
- 17.07.26 – Last day of School
- 20.07.26 – INSET Day – **school closed**

Week Beginning 27/04/2026

Attendance Winners for Yr1-2 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Swiss Cottage	95.6%
Attendance Winners for Yr3-4 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Euston Square	98%
Attendance Winners for Yr5-6 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Kew Gardens	97.3%



Week Beginning 04/05/26

Attendance Winners for Yr1-2 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Regents Park	100%
Attendance Winners for Yr3-4 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Leicester Square	98.8%
Attendance Winners for Yr5-6 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Covent Garden	98.8%



Haringey Consultation on Holiday Dates - Update

Haringey Admissions Team have got back to us regarding the consultation you contributed to about a change in term dates. If you remember, the proposal was to create a two-week October half-term, and slightly shorter Christmas and Summer holidays. The consultation outcome is that over 70% of Haringey schools support retaining the current one-week October half-term. There will therefore be no changes to term dates going forwards. We intend to follow them into the future. Please see below our 26/27 academic year term dates for your information.

BOUNDS GREEN SCHOOL ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

	First Day	Half Term	Last Day
AUTUMN TERM 2026	Monday 7 th September 2026	26 th – 30 th October 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026
SPRING TERM 2027	Tuesday 5 th January 2027	15 th – 19 th February 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027
SUMMER TERM 2027	Monday 12 th April 2027	31 st May – 4 th June 2027	Thursday 22 nd July 2027

TEACHER TRAINING DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

AUTUMN TERM 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday 2nd September 2026• Thursday 3rd September 2026• Friday 4th September 2026
SPRING TERM 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 4th January 2027
SUMMER TERM 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday 2nd July 2027

BANK HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

SUMMER TERM 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 3rd May 2027
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