

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 23rd July

Year 2 leaver's assembly

End of Summer Term 2 at
1.45pm



2024-2025

Wednesday 4th September

Start of Autumn Term 1
(Year 1 and 2)
(Year R staggered intake)

Friday 13th September

School Photos

Tuesday 17th September

Meet the teacher 6pm – details
will be sent nearer the time

Friday 4th October

Harvest Festival (children only)

Thursday 24th October

Last day of term – usual
collection time

Monday 4th November

Start of Autumn Term 2

School News

And so, our final week of the 2023-2024 Academic Year has come to a close. Well done to all of our students, you have achieved some amazing results this year and have worked hard to uphold our Bland's values; Community, Curiosity, Creativity and Challenge. We are so proud of each and every one of you.

This has been a year of changes, and we look forward to working alongside Garland Junior School as the new Burghfield Common Federation and watching the Federation grow and strengthen as a corner stone of this community.

We will of course be saying our goodbyes to our current Year 2's. They blew the roof off today with their wonderful performance for their parents and there wasn't a dry eye in the house! This year will be slightly different however, in that it's not really "goodbye", more "arrivederci" as the Federation means Mrs Rose and the Senior Leadership team will visit both schools regularly.

We look forward to seeing what 2024-2025 brings us and we hope you all have a wonderful Summer break.

Facebook

You will have seen that our school facebook page has been launched! Please do give us a like and follow us to keep up to date with events around school and our children's activities. We understand that communication is key to a successful parent/school relationship and wanted to add another sting to our communication bow! We hope you enjoy our posts and they provide the information you feel you need.

Eco news

The Eco champions have created an Eco code for our school. Please see the attachment to the Newsletter in Parentmail.



Last week we sent off all our pens to be recycled and we will continue to recycle all stationery next year.

Our application for the Eco schools Green flag award has been sent this week and we will let you know the findings next academic year. Finally a huge thank you to; Alice, Nate, Arlo, Charlie, Immy, Theo P, Cobie, Cassidy, Freyja, Rory, Zachary and Harry for all their hard work this year.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone that helped and attended our PTA Summer Fayre. An amazing £2104.45 was raised and will be put to good use next year!

PTA News

To see what you may have missed out on please visit the PTA on

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MrsBlandsPTA>

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the playground –

Laura Hooke

Katie Thrussell

Maria Kennedy

Natasha Robinson

Mrs Bland's PTA recently held their AGM meeting which reflects on the previous years' spending.

We are always looking for volunteers. Please contact our Facebook page or any of our members if this is something you are interested in.

Little Acorns Class

In Little Acorns we shared a book called 'Beach' and talked about what we will be doing in the holidays.

We performed our rhyme of the term 'A Sailor went to Sea' to other staff and the children did fantastically.

This week in Maths we have been practising making repeating patterns with our different coloured bears.

In our craft area we have been sticking and gluing different natural materials and using our imaginations to make seaside pictures.

Outside in the garden the children have been enjoying learning some ring games and have loved having the bikes and scooters out to ride on.

Have a wonderful summer. Little Acorns Team.

Acorns Class

Thank you to all the parents who were able to come in for our open afternoon last week, the children were very excited to show you their learning journeys and to play with you!

We are very sad that our time in Acorns has come to an end, but the children have made us so proud this year! Every one of them has worked so hard and have been a pleasure to have in class.

We have put a tour on Seesaw for you to watch with your child in preparation for their move to Reception. Please do keep uploading pictures of your holiday fun and Mrs Tanner will check in each week.

Thank you so much for trusting us with your children this year. We have loved having them in Acorns. Have a lovely summer!

The Acorns Team

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In our last two weeks we have been learning about the Paris Olympics. We have watched lots of different sports and then tried some of them ourselves. We had an archery competition, a paper airplane throwing competition and a pinecone shot put. We also designed our own medals and learned about the flags of different countries.

We have continued working on our rapid recall of number bonds. The Topmarks website has a good game called 'Hit the Button' which we have used to help us get really fast at our bonds.

Reception had a fantastic visit to Garland outdoor area last Friday. It was hot but there were plenty of shady spots to investigate. The children were really well behaved and we are so proud of them. Thank you to the parents who helped us to walk to and from Garland, it is much appreciated.

We also did some major clearing and tidying work in the Year 2 wild area. The children were very helpful.

Enjoy a well deserved summer break. Reception Team

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

Over the last week and two days we have enjoyed welcoming so many special grown-ups into Cherry and Birch Class. It was wonderful to see how proud the children were of themselves and how excited they were to share their learning and classroom.

In Maths we have been looking at time. The children have enjoyed exploring time and we even got to make our own clocks. We have been learning to tell the time to the hour and half hour. Find a clock or watch at home and read someone the time.

In English we have been looking at non-chronological reports about London Landmarks. We started by looking at reports about Big Ben and then we made our own about the London Eye.

As we have come to the end of the school year, the Year 1 team would like to say thank you to all the parents/grandparents who have helped us on school trips and volunteered their time in school. It has been a pleasure to teach the children in Year 1 this year and see them grow and learn every day. Have a lovely summer – you deserve it!

The Year 1 Team

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

Our last week and two days in Year 2 and it has been a very busy!

We started last week with more play rehearsals, and we have been really proud of all the hard work and effort the children have put into their performance.

Last week, Rowan Class were able to meet their new Year 3 teacher, Miss Armstrong, and enjoyed getting to know more about her.

In Maths we have been learning about time. We learnt the difference between the minute and hour hand and which part of the clock tells us minutes past and minutes to. We learnt to read the time and also draw the time on empty clocks. Why not try this at home? Ask your child when it's dinner time or bedtime, perhaps even tidy up time!!

After a busy start to last week, we enjoyed a more chilled out afternoon and took some time to show our work to our parents. We were thrilled to hear all the positive comments about your children's progress over the year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your help and support over the last year, we really are going to miss you all.

We had a wonderful time at our end of year treat. The cinema was fantastic and we all enjoyed the film. Thank you to JP for our superb pizza party, we had a wonderful time making and decorating our own pizzas. What a way to end our time at Mrs Bland's.

Our final two days saw further rehearsals, but I think you will all agree that the final performance was worth it! The children have worked their socks off and we hope you enjoyed it!

Thank you again and we wish you all a lovely summer - The Year 2 team



During our last few days at Bumblebees, we've been making cards and keyrings. We have played 'Just dance' and watched some of our favourite shows as a treat. We will really miss our Year 2 Bumblebees, they are a lovely, helpful, friendly bunch and we wish them luck moving up to Garland. Have a great summer!

Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Breakfast Star



Dinner Star



Playtime

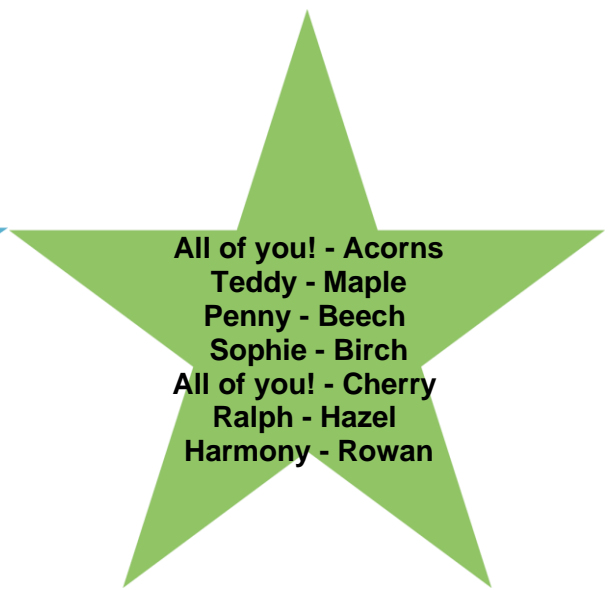


Whole School Stars

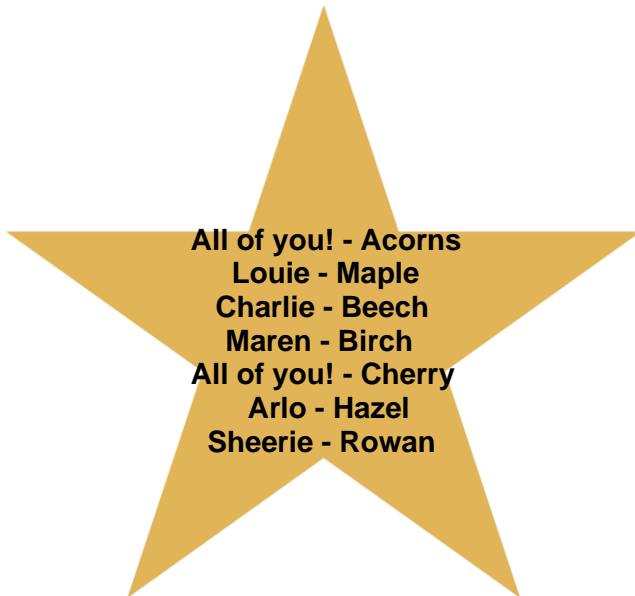
Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime star



Reading star



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Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School will be really grateful for your donations.

If you have a tablet or smart phone you can download the 'easyfundraising' app which is easy to access.

School Lottery

Please click on the link below to access the new school lottery where you can win money and prizes whilst supporting the school. Please share this link with your friends and family. The more people that buy tickets, the better the prizes and the more money we raise. Thank you for your support and good luck everyone!
The PTA

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/mrs-blinds-infant-and-nursery-school>

Mrs Bland's PTA recently held their AGM meeting which reflects on the previous years' spending. Below shows the different fund raising events and where the money raised was spent. As always it shows how every donation is put towards the education of the children at Mrs Blands and how worthwhile it is to be a member of the PTA. Please contact our Facebook page or any of our members if this is something you are interested in.

