



27<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



We will be holding our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Day on Friday 30th January. A separate letter has already been sent to Parents and Carers with further details about the day and the activities pupils will be taking part in. Children are welcome to come into school wearing school uniform with a house-coloured t-shirt.



#### Pupil Survey

Last week we launched our Pupil Survey, which gives children the chance to share their thoughts and experiences of school. The survey will be running from 23rd January to 9th February, and pupils will be supported by their class team to complete it sensibly and respectfully. We kindly encourage you to discuss this with your child, as pupil feedback is extremely valuable in helping us continue to improve and maintain the high standards of our school. We take their views very seriously and greatly appreciate their honest input.



We are very pleased to share the wonderful news that Bower Grove has recently been awarded Platinum accreditation from Investors in People. This is a nationally recognised standard that celebrates excellence in people management and staff well-being. Achieving Platinum status is a great achievement for our school, and we are extremely proud of this accomplishment.

#### Good News Round-Up



Over a period of a few weeks, Oaks Class have worked collaboratively to devise a strategy game based around the Napoleonic War using dice to decide on manoeuvres and events. This is entirely of their own making, and pupils have enjoyed explaining what they are doing and how the game works.

## Parents Evening & Careers Fair

Our Careers Fair will be taking place on Tuesday 11th March between 13:00 and 15:00 in the school hall. Parents' Evening will also be held on the same date (excluding Hedgehogs, Foxes, Penguins, 7M, 7W, 8C and 8E). A further letter will follow with more details, including information on how to book your appointment slot.



## Connections Support Group

We welcome all our Parents and Carers on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 10.30am for our next coffee morning which is now off site at the Island Works, Sheerness, ME12 1ED. We hope this enables more people to attend.

We also welcome all our Parents and Carers on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 for our guided talk on 'Understanding Sensory Processing'. Please contact [psg@bower-grove.kent.sch.uk](mailto:psg@bower-grove.kent.sch.uk) for more information.



## Term Dates

Reminder that term ends on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February is a Staff Training Day so children will not be in school on this date. Term 4 begins for all classes on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Please do make sure you are aware of all our term dates which can be found here [Bower Grove School - Term Dates](#). Also, 2026-2027 term dates can be found here [download.asp](#)



## Update Your Contact Details & Photograph Permissions

We are extremely committed to ensuring contact between school and home flows freely. It is vital that your child understands everyone is working together to support them. School aims to contact you to communicate all kinds of updates. Please do ensure you provide us with your most up to date contact details by contacting the office either on 01622 726773 or by email, [office@bower-grove.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@bower-grove.kent.sch.uk). We would welcome Parents & Carers to update your photograph permissions for your child. Please contact reception should your personal circumstances have changed regarding this.



## School Uniform

Thank you to all Parents and Carers who have ensured your child is wearing smart uniform. Please remember we do remind our pupils of our high standards with school uniform, which includes sensible black shoes, a navy jumper, cardigan or school sweatshirt. Pupils will be asked to remove hoodies or hats as these are not part of our school uniform. You can order uniform from [www.brigade.uk.com](http://www.brigade.uk.com) and request free delivery to the school.



### **Winter Weather**

Please ensure that children have a winter coat which they may wear in school. Please ensure it is named. In the event of a school closure, due to snow or bad weather, please check the Kent Closures website on <https://www.kentclosures.co.uk>. A text will also be sent to parents, please ensure we have the most up-to-date telephone number for you.

With kind regards,

*M. Cleave.*

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Headteacher