



ST MARGARET'S

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring 2: Week 1

Proverbs 22:6 'Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.'

Dear Parent and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we step into another exciting week at St Margaret's.

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day this Thursday! This is always a highlight in our school calendar and we can't wait to see the children dressed up as their favourite book characters. Reading is such a vital part of our children's learning and this event is a fantastic way to bring stories to life. Thank you for your support in making this a special day for everyone.

A huge thank you to all the parents who have been supporting us by ensuring their children attend morning and after-school booster sessions. These sessions are designed to give pupils extra confidence and support in their learning and it's wonderful to see the progress they are making. Your commitment to their education is truly appreciated.

Last week, we sent out our parent survey, and we are incredibly grateful for all the feedback we received. It was heartwarming to read your lovely comments about our school. Your words reaffirm the dedication and hard work of our staff, and I feel immensely proud to be the headteacher of such a wonderful school. We will continue striving to provide the very best for our children and families.

love... joy... patience... kindness... self-control

As a school, we cherish the sense of community we share. Let us remember these words from the Bible:

“Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”
– 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you a fantastic week ahead!

Mrs Bannon
Headteacher

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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Reception

Week ending:

28th February 2025



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



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PRESENTATION AWARDS

*Cecilia
year 3*

*Bilal
year 6*

PROGRESS CUP AWARD

KS1

Praise

KS2

Mahmoud

Attendance of the week:

Well done to

Year 6J

For Winning 'Attendance of the Week'
with the best attendance of:
98.40%



Attendance

Many of you may have seen media coverage regarding the importance of school attendance and the increase in penalty notice tariff.

Our school is working with the services of Education Welfare Advisory & Support Service Ltd who will be supporting us in monitoring attendance.

As a school, we want to support you but we will challenge and enforce irregular attendance without justifiable cause.

Please note, we will require medical evidence for absences of 5 days or more or where patterns of absences emerge. In addition, persistent lateness will be closely monitored and leaves of absence during term time will not be granted in accordance with government guidelines. If taken, a penalty notice will be served.

Please contact the school office if you would like any support with your child's attendance.



Polite Reminder

Gates open at 8.30am for Soft Start.

Please ensure your child comes to school by 8.45am or they will be marked late.



If your child has sickness, vomiting or diarrhoea they must stay off school for 48 hours after the last episode.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is coming into school with the correct uniform. Please make sure your child is wearing the St Margaret's logo on them.

No trainers or boots are allowed only black shoes.

We have noticed that rucksack are creeping back in please make sure your child as a school bag as below.

Thank you



Term Dates

2024 - 2025



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St Margaret's C of E Primary School

2025- 2026 School Calendar

September 2025						
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Come join in, make new friends, learn new skills,
make memories and just have fun!

All Sections open to BOYS & GIRLS

Every Tuesday

BEAVERS

Ages 6 to 8

6:00pm - 7:30pm

cubs

Ages 8 to 10½

6:30pm - 8:00pm

SCOUTS

Ages 10½ to 14

7:30pm - 9:00pm

Salvation Army Youth Hall, Morley Road, Barking IG11 7DL

8th@barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk



Scouts

8th Barking & Dagenham

SCHOOL TRIPS

YEAR 1

HERTFORDSHIRE

WILDLIFE PARK/ZOO

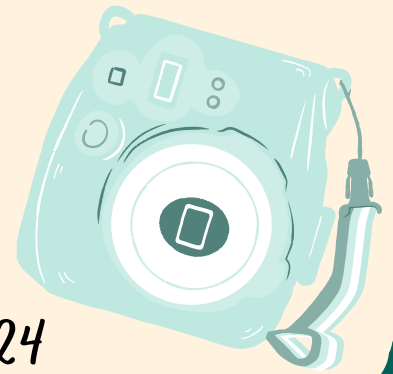
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RECEPTION

FOREST SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH 2024

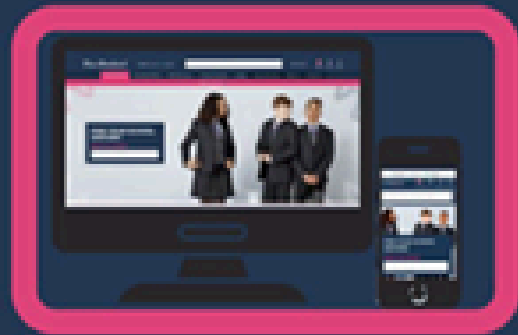


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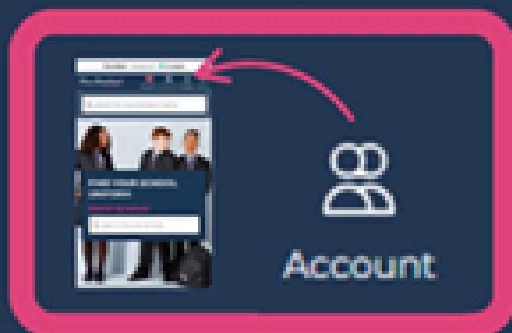


NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM WEBSITE LAUNCH

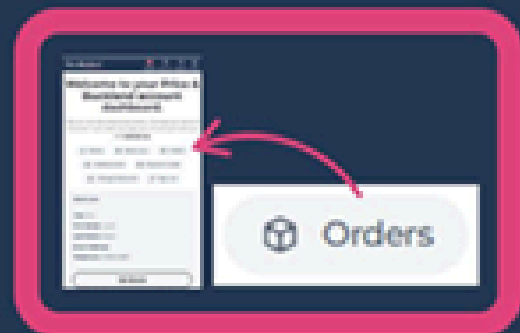
On the **11th** of February we will launch our **NEW** website.
The URL remains:
www.price-buckland.co.uk



Website QR code. This will take you to the homepage to search for your school



If you have ordered from our website before, go to the **Account Section** and **re-set** your password. You can use the same password that you have currently.



You can then see previous orders and manage your account.

Any Questions? Call us on 01159 640827

Recycle your Electrical Items in School

Join over 30 schools across East London to recycle unwanted electrical items. Bring anything with a plug, battery or cable to be recycled in the big pink bin currently at your school.

Search your drawers for old mobile phones, broken cables and devices or other electricals you no longer use. Items smaller than a microwave can be accepted in the pink bin, including batteries within items. Vapes, loose batteries or light bulbs can't go in the pink bin, but can be recycled in dedicated containers at a Reuse and Recycling Centre or your local collection point..



Did you know, electrical items wrongly placed in household bins can cause fires when crushed by bin lorries.

Always put electrical items in a dedicated recycling container and never in any bin at home.

To remove personal data from phones and other items use this online guide.

Broken electricals? Come to a Repair Cafe in the New Year. Full details online and more dates will be added across the year.

Items in good, working condition? Donate or sell. Try Olio, Freecycle, Facebook marketplace or the British Heart Foundation.

WORLD BOOK DAY

GET READY TO CELEBRATE THE MAGIC OF BOOKS!

DRESS UP AS THEIR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER!
DON'T WORRY, COSTUMES DON'T NEED TO BE FANCY —
MANY CHARACTERS CAN BE BROUGHT TO LIFE
WITH CLOTHES YOU ALREADY HAVE AT HOME.



Thursday 6th March 2025

PANCAKES vs WAFFLES

Pancake Day/Shrove Tuesday - **4th March 2025**



Drop into St Margaret's Parish Church Centre
IG11 8GS - **between 3.15 and 4.45pm**



Find out the history of eating **pancakes & waffles**

How they were made in the past and how we make them today

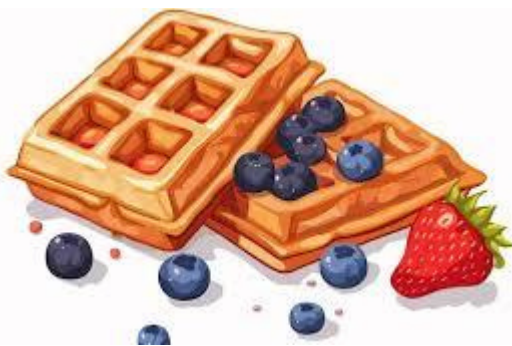
Enjoy adding toppings to your hot Pancakes or Waffles to eat...

Book your **FREE** ticket on **Eventbrite**:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pancakes-vs-waffles-on-shrove-tuesday-tickets-1247369819709>



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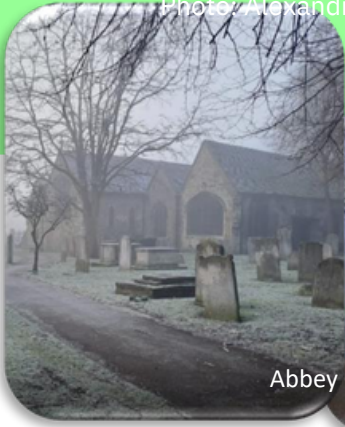
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Abbey Green Update

Photo: Alexandra Lynch



Abbey Green Photos: Alexandra Lynch



Photo: Jimmy Lee

Barking Workhouse by **Tamara Froud**. A new project for 2025, funded by the *Heritage of London Trust* – aims to instal the original eighteenth-century signage from Barking Workhouse on Abbey Green and bring educational workhouse stories to life with pupils from St Margaret's Primary School and local youth groups.

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A Steering Group for Abbey Green – WHY?

Abbey Green is an important public amenity and site of historic interest. It is largely comprised of *Barking Abbey Scheduled Monument*, it also incorporates two nationally listed buildings: St Margaret's Parish Church and the Curfew Tower; and two schools: St Joseph's RC Primary School and St Margaret's C of E Primary School. It is an Archaeological Priority Area and its historic importance within Barking is recognised through its designation as part of the *Abbey and Barking Town Centre Conservation Area*.

The steering group aims to: adopt a more intelligence-led approach to managing, maintaining, protecting, conserving, and improving Abbey Green. With clearly defined policies, procedures, roles and responsibilities across organisations and departments and with relevant stakeholders. It will be -promoting and adhering to the Management Agreement with Historic England, to preserve *Barking Abbey Scheduled Monument* on behalf of the nation, for future generations.

WHO?

The steering group is attended by representatives of LBDD: Parks Commissioning, Parks & Environment, Heritage, Cultural Events, Specialist Services; and Be First Regeneration.

WHEN?

The next quarterly meeting will be on-site, March 2025.

WHAT are we doing?



- **Barking Abbey's archaeology is the focus of a new heritage project:** 'A magnifying glass on Barking Abbey's Archaeology – better studied, shared & understood.' It is funded by *The National Lottery Heritage Fund* and managed by Be First on behalf of the borough. The project will culminate in a summer event sponsored by Weston Homes, whose Abbey Quay Office houses an exhibition on Barking's history & archaeological finds. The Abbey Archaeology event will take place both on Abbey Green and at Valence House Museum on the 26th and 27th July 2025. The project's exhibition will launch at the museum and an academic symposium will elevate the status of our abbey ruins.
- **Public safety and infrastructure:** We are protecting the safety of pedestrians by preventing drivers from crossing public realm to access parking on Back Lane – new bollards have been installed, tree pits restored, and new trees planted. Changes to the Bus Stop on London Road have Scheduled Monument Consent and are funded by *Transport for London*.
- **Conservation:** Conservation Architects have been commissioned to survey and repair the ancient abbey walls and historic gravestones; works are due to begin Spring 2025.
- **Updating our Management Agreement with Historic England** and inform local people and park users of its significance and expectations for Abbey Green, which the borough manages on behalf of the nation.

WHAT about you?

Please get in touch about Abbey Green and Barking Abbey Scheduled Monument: share your thoughts, suggestions and photographs regarding protection, conservation and improvements, for the Abbey Green Update.

CONTACT: simone.panayi@befirst.london



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A new project with **free pilot sessions for schools 2024-5**



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Find out more about this exciting new project, celebrating **Barking Abbey** – including **Free pilot sessions for Key Stage 2 Pupils** on The nuns' lives, with **tours, games and Craft Activities** At The Abbey ruins, with school based workshops or at valence House Museum - please Contact: simone.panayi@befirst.london