

SELBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

24/11/25



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so grateful for all your support with our Bonfire and Fireworks Night. It was such an amazing display and we know how much it was enjoyed by all. We have added up all the money from the evening and we made £6272.16 profit! WOW! We can spend this on resources, visitors and subsidise trips (including the Y5 residential) for all your children so thank you!



A reminder that we will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 5th December**. All pupils can wear their own clothes to school that day (appropriate for a school setting) in exchange for bringing in £2 cash (or as much as you can afford). All the money raised will be going towards paying for our kitchen expansion as we have to pay £25,000 to Ealing Council (around 10% of the total cost). The kitchen is now operational which is fortunate as it will be our **Christmas lunch prepared by ISS Catering on Thursday 4th December**. All pupils will be catered for so you do not need to sign up anywhere. The kitchen work is not totally finished yet with a long list of outstanding building/remedial jobs but we are managing to now cook the majority of our school lunches on site again. Once work is completely finished, we will plan to invite you in to come and see. Thank you for your patience.



PTA

Thank you for attending the PTA AGM last week. Bijal Ghelani was voted in as PTA Chair for another year with Charlotte Robinson taking the role of vice-chair. We also voted in a treasurer and secretary and a number of committee members so the core PTA is established again for another year. Please see our PTA page on our school website for an updated who's, who list and details of the money raised over the last successful year. All involved have done a superb job. So many of your children enjoyed the recent Halloween discos just before half term too. The next event that the PTA are organising is the PTA Christmas Fair in both halls starting at 3:15pm on Friday 5th December. If you could help run a stall, even for an hour, then please contact the PTA through this QR code. Help make our Fair a wonderful event for all to enjoy. If you have any new unwanted gifts/toys which we could raffle at the fair then please drop them into the basket in the school office. Thank you.

SELBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA Useful Weblinks



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A direct link to the PTA page on the school's website where you will find all PTA-related documentation

Parentkind
Bringing together home & school

Sign up to Parentkind to benefit from some of the extras parents can get as part of our PTA membership



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A direct link to the PTA WhatsApp group where we send any electronic PTA documentation and reminders



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feel good shopping

A direct link to our fundraising page where linking your account to us while online shopping will help raise us funds without costing you anything!



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SELBORNE PTA
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CLASS AMBASSADOR

Join the PTA Class ambassadors by scanning this code and help us spread PTA news through the school

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feel good shopping

A direct link to our PTA donation page. Here you can donate funds directly into our account so we can fund school extras

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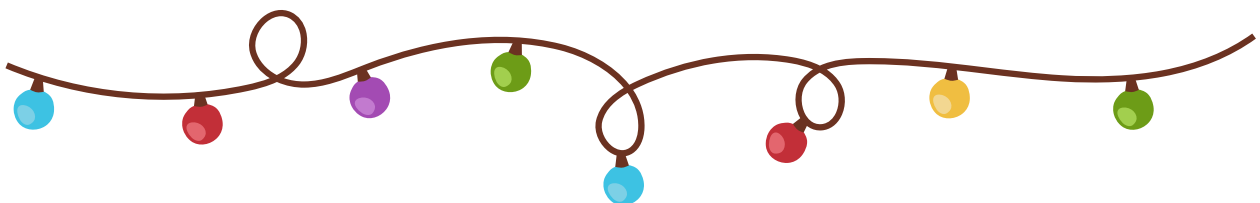
Operation Encompass



We have always been a school who works with the Police to ensure that pupils are kept safe at all times. Operation Encompass has been operating across all police forces to date on a voluntary basis and Selborne has always worked with our local Police on this. However, from 7th November, the police will have a statutory duty to notify a child's educational setting when they attend a domestic abuse incident in a child's home, including for children who were not physically present at the incident. The scheme recognises children as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. At school, we can then offer appropriate support to ensure that children are in a ready and settled state to learn and feel safe. We always work alongside Social Care, with a multi-agency approach, to ensure that pupils are safe. As part of our safeguarding protocol, it is important that we inform you of this statutory change and continue to work with you so that we all ensure that your child's safety is of paramount importance.

Bilton Road Christmas Lights

The Bilton Road Christmas tree lights will be switched on at teatime on Tuesday 24th November - please see the attached information for more details. There is also some information on the QR code about the new community fund for Perivale if you have any great ideas about improvements in your local community. We like to advertise local events which you and your family can enjoy outside of school.



Find More on: www.selborne.ealing.sch.uk

Join PerivaleTown Team
for a Christmas lights switch on event

Tuesday 25th November 4-6pm,
Bilton Road Shopping Parade

Carol singing, free hot chocolate and
mince pies, and activities to help
decorate the tree. All Perivale
residents and businesses welcome.



Great ideas start with you...
Find out more about the £20,000
Pride in Perivale Community Fund



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 **YOUR VOICE**
YOUR PERIVALE
CHANGE POWERED BY COMMUNITIES

Advert for our school

I emailed parents last week to share the eye-catching advert which we are paying to have displayed on the Hanwell Town electronic advertising board. I do hope that you have had the chance to see the advert and feel as proud of Selborne as I do. As we are tucked away in the middle of Medway Village, some people do not even know that we exist! It is important in a climate of falling school rolls that we spread the word about how fantastic our school is so that we can attract new pupils to our school. We have 90 places available for Reception in September 2026 (applications must be into Ealing Council by 15th January) and we currently have one in-year space in Y3 and Y4. We love being a busy and popular school so if you have any friends or neighbours who you could recommend us to, then please do. Schools get funded on how many pupils are on their roll so we want to be totally full; many local schools have shut classes and we do not want to do that. Thank you for supporting our school.

Selborne Primary School

Located behind you in the Medway Village, Perivale

Outstanding
OFSTED 2023 & 2017



Amazing Facilities
High Academic Standards

Places available for Reception in 2026 and limited places in other year groups available now. Phone for a school tour.

Smartphone Free Selborne



Just like the majority of Primary Schools (and many High Schools), Selborne is a Smartphone free school for our pupils. Only Year 6 pupils are allowed to bring a mobile phone to school if they walk to school and if the pupil and parent sign an agreement (very few children do bring one). It is stored in the office during the day. However, this must be a 'brick' type phone which has no internet connection nor camera. You will be aware, nationally, about the shocking research regarding the effects of Smartphones on under 14 year olds and the campaigns nationally to ban Smartphone use for anyone under 16. At school, we fully support this as we have seen the significant detrimental effects that smartphones can have on young children's mental health and wellbeing. Primary school children DO NOT need a mobile phone as they are too young but if you are thinking of buying technology for your child, please remember that we do not allow pupils to bring Smartphones to school at any time. Most of our feeder High Schools do not either so think carefully about whether you want them exposed to the risk of Smartphone usage in your home setting. There is lots of information and support online for parents on the website linked below, where hundreds of thousands of parents have pledged to give children back their childhood and protect them from online harm and abuse. The following image is from their website.

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org>



0 - 11 Years old

No phone

We're not saying 'no internet' or 'no screens'. But barring some exceptions, most primary aged kids don't need a phone of their own.



11 - 14 Years old

First phone

A simple phone for communication but without social media or web browsers. Shared access to family laptop or other devices.



14 - 16 Years old

Follow on phone

Introduce a smartphone with parental controls and clear boundaries around apps and daily usage.



16+ Years old

Smartphone

Older teens are better equipped to manage the complexities of constant internet and social media access.

Harvest Festival



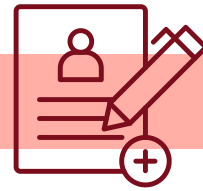
We are delighted that we were able to donate 182kg of tinned and packaged food to Ealing Food Bank. They sent us a lovely email of thanks to all the generous and kind parents, staff and pupils who donated food at our recent Harvest Festival. It is so important to think of others at this time who are not as fortunate as ourselves and Ealing Food Bank were very grateful for our support. Please do remember that we often have bags of food available at school to give to parents if you are having a tough week or for any other reason it is difficult for you to feed the family. No vouchers needed, no questions asked, just make Mrs Yates, Mrs Shilling or Mrs Waseem (in the office) aware that you need it and we will sort it for you by the end of the school day. We do not like to think of any child or family hungry so please ask if you are in need.

Elderly Community Tea Party



We hold an annual community Tea Party for the elderly Medway residents and this year it will be in the afternoon on Friday 12th December. We have pupils play their musical instruments, our school caterers prepare sandwiches and cakes which Y6 pupils serve to them with a smile and our elderly neighbours have such a wonderful time chatting to young people. If you know of an elderly local resident who would enjoy an event such as this then email in to the school office as soon as possible with their contact details and Year 6 will have an invitation sent to them straight away.

Admissions Criteria



I have to legally inform you of this. Please click on embedded links to comment if you have views on this. The information is also on our admissions page on our website.

Ealing council is consulting on a proposed change to the admissions arrangements for community schools for entry in September 2027 with the introduction of a staff child criterion. Under the proposed criterion, priority would be given to children of staff who:

- Have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years at the time of application
- Are employed in a post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage

This criterion would be placed below looked after and previously looked after children and siblings, but above distance-only based admissions.

The [consultation](#) will be open until 22nd December 2025, please read the revised [community school admissions arrangements 2027/28](#) before completing a short [survey](#) to submit your views.

E-safety Parents Workshop

We know that parents worry about their child staying safe online and there is so much confusing information out there. Mrs Kadri, our computing leader, is going to be running an online safety workshop for parents and carers on Thursday 8th January at 6pm. She is running this at a later time so all parents can join in and it will be a virtual workshop so you do not even need to come to school to get all this information! We are listening to your feedback...

It is for parents only (not pupils, due to the sensitive content) so please put the date in your diaries and commit to letting us help you to keep your child safe online. The joining link is below so please do join us on 8th January 2026.



Selborne
Primary School

INTERNET SAFETY ONLINE MEETING

Tune in from the comfort of your own device and learn how to support your child when using digital devices. Learn about the risks of using popular apps and games and how to reduce screen time.

Thursday 8th January 6PM

Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 326 329 282 211 6

Passcode: bv9Ui9Rw

tinyurl.com/selbornemeeting

*Due to sensitive content, this is a **parent only** session.*

THURSDAY
8
JANUARY

6pm

