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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 2. This is always a busy term so please ensure you read your emails and class overviews for all the information about upcoming events.

Thank you for your understanding over the school closure yesterday. The tree surgeons have cut down one of our tall trees that lost a big branch today, so on Monday we will be back to normal with being able to use the playground, field and Art room for Breakfast Club and After-school Club.

### **Bowles**

The children in Year 6 had a fantastic time in Bowles at the end of term. Despite the soggy weather, the children all took part in some challenging activities and certainly grew in confidence from the experience. A huge thank-you to Mr Johnston, Miss Brooker and Miss Brice who accompanied the children. There are photos on the Photo Galleries section of the website here:

<https://barham.kent.sch.uk/news-and-events/photo-galleries>

### **Staff News**

We are delighted to have appointed an additional teaching assistant who will start next Monday. Mr Tom Rougvie will be supporting groups in Year 3 initially. There is some movement of TAs between year groups this term and your child's teacher will inform you if there are any changes to their class.

We have also welcomed two student teachers this week: Mr Louis Calvert will be with Robins and Miss Millie Griffiths will be with Jays over the next couple of terms.

Finally, Mrs Morgan is expecting a baby (March) so we will shortly be advertising for a maternity cover teacher to continue the excellent start our Wrens have made. This will be from term 4 onwards.

### **Poppies and Remembrance Service at Church**

Year 6 children will continue to sell poppies after school by the paddock until November 10<sup>th</sup>. Our school Remembrance Service for Key Stage 2 will be held in church on Friday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 pm. All parents and family members welcome.

### **Clothing Collection**

FOBS have organised another clothing collection for next week. Your pre-loved clothes need to be in bags under the awning by the end of the day on Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup>. The full list of items you can and cannot donate can be found at <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>



Yours sincerely

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The signature on the left is 'Al Higgins' and the signature on the right is 'Jo Duhig'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

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