

*Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.*  
*Edward Everett Hale*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

### ● September

4th - Foundation and Key Stage 1 Parent Meeting  
- Primary Canteen at 3:00 pm

5th - Key Stage 2 Parent Meeting - Primary  
Canteen at 3:00pm

8th - Key Stage 3 Parent Meeting - Theatre at  
08:45am

10th - Key Stage 4 & 5 Parent Meeting - Theatre  
at 08:45am

### ● October

6th - 10th International Week

10th - International Gala (set up from 2pm -  
event starts 4:30pm)

14th - School Closed - Public Holiday Svetitsk-  
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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to begin with a welcome back to everyone! It has been great seeing so many happy faces in and around school and the real positive energy they bring. I have also enjoyed meeting many parents both last Friday and in the mornings in and around school. There are lots of new faces both in our staff and within our parents and students. BIST is a very welcoming community and I invite you all to join and support events throughout this term that provide opportunities to meet and contribute to the community.

Next week we will be having welcome presentations for each Key Stage with lots of additional useful information. If you are able to attend, this will be a great opportunity to meet our leadership teams and ask any questions. We will share the presentations after the events for any parents unable to join us. I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

## STARTING SCHOOL IN FOUNDATION 1

The children have had a wonderful start, settling in beautifully. We've been busy with a range of activities, including name crafts, colourful hand-prints, and fine motor skill tasks.

The children showed great enthusiasm and worked really well – it's been lovely to see them take their first steps into the school year with such positivity.



## SCHOOL MENU

Please find the menu for next week below:

**Foundation** | **Y1-Y13**

## NEW SPACES

The BIST administration has moved with the Principal into the BIST secondary building, just behind the external entrance. The Head of Primary, Mr Simon Rooney has his office outside the Foundation 2 classroom and the School Doctors are more accessible to students in between Year 1 and Year 2 in the BIST Primary corridor.

## UNIFORM

We shared our uniform policy before the summer and last week. The school shop has been very busy and we are looking to improve the logistics to allow a quicker and smoother process for purchasing items. Please note particularly the new compulsory PE uniform (which looks really smart and is very comfortable).

**A11. BIST Required School Uniform- 2025-26**

## YEAR 1 WELCOME TO SCHOOL

On Monday morning, the Year 1 students, parents, and teachers enjoyed a fantastic ceremony to celebrate the start of their primary learning journey. The children were thrilled to receive a special gift and to learn more about the exciting activities they will take part in this year. It was a wonderful opportunity to mark this important milestone together and to look forward to the year ahead with excitement and confidence.



## NEW STAFF

You will have received a welcome from your child's class and form tutor that has useful information about our school. This presentation has details about our secondary staff that have joined the school. Our website is being updated now that the official photos of our new staff have been taken and you will be able to see everyone very soon.

[BIST Secondary New Staff](#)

## PRIMARY AWARDS

### STRONG START CERTIFICATES 29.08.25

<b>Foundation 1</b>	Niv, Mark	<b>Year 3W</b>	Iuliia, Ori
<b>Foundation 2</b>	Akaliza, Lior	<b>Year 4B</b>	Dorothy, Aron
<b>Year 1S</b>	Anna, Kira	<b>Year 4S</b>	Minori, Chuxian
<b>Year 1T</b>	Rina, Ellen	<b>Year 5C</b>	Mikhail, Ana
<b>Year 2C</b>	Wynona, Kiki	<b>Year 5P</b>	Robert Mikhailo (Misha)
<b>Year 2L</b>	Jinxu, Jules-Eren	<b>Year 6K</b>	Emma, Noah
<b>Year 3M</b>	Ontlametse Mikayil	<b>Year 6P</b>	Elif, Polina

***Congratulations to all our winners!***

## GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Year 3 began the year with a walk and an ice cream at Lisi Lake. Our children enjoyed spending the time bonding and developing new friendships.



## CLUBS

We are really excited to launch our co-curricular activities on Monday! This term's programme offers a wide variety of clubs and opportunities for pupils to discover new interests, develop important skills, and enjoy time with friends beyond the classroom. These activities are such an important part of school life, helping children to grow in confidence and make lasting memories. We look forward to seeing pupils getting fully involved and making the most of what's on offer. Watch this space for weekly updates and highlights as the term progresses!

Please see the activity options below if you are yet to sign up!

### Primary

[Foundation Stage and KS1 Activities Term 1](#)  
[KS2 Activities Term 1](#)

### Secondary

[KS3, 4 & 5 Activities Term 1](#)

### For Music Lessons

[Private Music Lessons Letter for Parents Term 1](#)

**Robert Snowden**  
Principal

**Tom Browning Stamp**  
Assistant Principal (Co-curricular)

**Thomas Thuston**  
Vice Principal Secondary (Pastoral)

**Joe Daly**  
Vice Principal Secondary (Academic)

**James Parker**  
Head of Sixth Form

**29<sup>th</sup> August, 2025**

**Simon Rooney**  
Head of Primary

**Katie Karmazyn**  
Assistant Head of Primary

**Sophie Kasrashvili**  
Head of Administration

**Nina Rusishvili**  
Attendance and Data Manager

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