

Safe and Sound

Food Allergies



A quick reminder that some children in school have food allergies, the most common of these being nuts. Whilst we always seek to promote healthy eating, we know there are special occasions when food/sweets may be brought in from home, to share with classmates. To minimise the risk of a reaction occurring and to make life safer for children with a nut allergy, please do not send in anything containing nuts, for example Snickers in Celebrations. Many thanks for your help with this.

Administering Medicines



If your child needs to take medication during the school day, please complete a consent form, available from the school office and hand the medication and form back to Mrs Walters or Mrs Clifton. Unfortunately, if a form has not been completed, school cannot administer the medication. If your child needs prescribed medication, please try where possible to administer this outside of school hours eg, 3 times a day – before coming to school; at home after-school; before bed. Thanks!

Being On Time, Every Time



We still have several children are regularly arriving late for school in the morning. Please remember that children are able to come into school at 8.30am for an 8.40am start to lessons.

We have run a check on late marks from the start of term up to the end of term and we will be let you know if a concern has been flagged for your child.

Absence Reporting



If your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please telephone the school office before 9.00am to let us know. You can leave a message on the answerphone, if you wish. Thank you.

End of Day Arrangements



Please remember that the school day finishes at 3.10pm and that we rely on everyone working together to ensure our routines for the end of the day run smoothly and safely for the children.

Staff will dismiss children onto the rear school playground at 3.10pm. If the adult expected, has not come, the children will stay with their teacher until the adult arrives.

If you are going to be late collecting your child due to an emergency or other unforeseen circumstances, (for example, delayed in traffic) please contact the school office so that we can make sure your children and their teachers are aware. In all other instances, parents should have clear arrangements in place for their children to be collected from the rear playground at 3.10pm prompt. Thanks for your support with this.

Parking



Please can we remind everyone to comply with the parking signs **prohibiting parking or stopping on the yellow 'School Keep Clear' markings in front of school**. The NCC Camera Car regularly patrols around all schools and cars seen parked in contravention of these signs will incur a Fixed Penalty Charge of £70.00.

We have also been asked by a number of concerned residents on School Road and Church Lane to remind you to be considerate to the residents, if you do park on those roads, by ensuring that you do not block driveways or double-park.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Supply Care Assistants and Supply Midday Supervisors. Please see the vacancies section on our website for more information: www.bagthorpeprimary.com. The closing date for both vacancies is Wednesday, 7th January and interviews will take place on Monday, 12th January. Thank you.

School Uniform

- At Bagthorpe Primary School, we believe that wearing the correct school uniform is a vital part of belonging to our school community. It helps foster a strong sense of identity and pride, and we know that a smart appearance often goes hand-in-hand with a smart attitude to learning.
- Recently, we've noticed a few children wearing items that do not meet school expectations. We understand that this can sometimes happen, which is why we're reissuing our uniform guidance here: <https://www.bagthorpeprimary.com/uniform/> We hope this will help you to remind your children about what is expected, and we kindly ask for your continued support in ensuring that all children come to school dressed appropriately. Thank you so much - your support really does make a difference!

INSET Days

Another reminder about this year's inset days:

- Friday, 22nd May 2026
- Friday, 24th July 2026
- Monday, 27th July 2026

Thanks as always for your ongoing support and if there's ever anything we can help with, please let us know; that's what we're here for. Wishing everyone a great 2026!

Best wishes,



D T Walton
Head Teacher

School Year 2025 – 2026

Thurs, 15 th & Fri, 16 th January 2026	Willow Class residential visit to London
Friday, 6 th February 2026	Sports Enrichment - Winter Olympics
Thursday, 12 th February 2026	3.15pm – PTA Film Night
Monday, 16 th to Friday, 20 th February 2026	Half term holiday – school closed to pupils
w/c 2 nd March 2026	TBC Book Fayre
Friday, 13 th March 2026	Let's GLOW! Day
Tuesday, 24 th March 2026	Transform Girls' Football Festival at Power League
Monday, 30 th March to Friday, 10 th April 2026	Easter holiday – school closed to pupils
Monday, 27 th to Friday, 30 th April 2026	Y6 - Practise SATs week
Monday, 4 th May 2026	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed to pupils
Monday, 11 th to Thursday, 14 th May 2026	Y6 SATs week
Friday, 15 th May 2026	Sports Enrichment – Introduction to a New Sport
Friday, 22 nd May 2026	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Monday, 25 th to Friday, 28 th May 2026	Spring Bank Holiday – school closed to pupils
Monday, 1 st to Friday, 12 th June 2026	Y4 Multiplication check period
Friday, 12 th June 2026	Let's GLOW! Day
Monday, 15 th June 2026	1.30pm – Y3 Welcome meeting for new intake
Tuesday, 16 th June 2026	PM – TBC District Sports
Wednesday, 17 th June 2026	Star Vision in for Class Photographs
Thursday, 18 th June 2026	5pm – Selston High School Transition Evening
Monday, 29 th June 2026	9.30am – 11am – Reception New Intake (Day 1) Y6 Transition day at Selston High School
Tuesday, 30 th June 2026	Y6 Transition day at Selston High School Year 2-3 Transition day at Bagthorpe
Monday, 6 th to Friday, 10 th July 2026	Willow class residential to Isle of Wight
Monday, 6 th July 2026	8.40am – 12noon – Reception New Intake (Day 2)
Monday, 13 th July 2026	8.40am – 3.10pm – Reception New Intake (Day 3)
Monday, 20 th July 2026	Sports Day
Tuesday, 21 st July 2026	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday, 23 rd July 2026	9am Y6 Leavers' Service
Friday, 24 th July 2026	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Monday, 27 th July 2026	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday, 28 th July 2026 to 1 st September 2026	School Holidays Please note that inset days are yet to be set for 26/27
Friday, 16 th October 2026	School breaks up for October half term holiday
Monday, 2 nd November 2026	School Re-open to pupils
Friday, 18 th December 2026	School breaks up for Christmas holiday

Updates in red



Bagthorpe Primary School

Our School Development Priorities 2025-26

This document provides a one-page overview of our key school improvement priorities for the year. It outlines our main focus areas to ensure continuous development, high-quality teaching, and the best outcomes for every child. This year, our focus is on raising standards in writing, making learning stick, empowering children as leaders, and giving our youngest learners the strongest possible start.

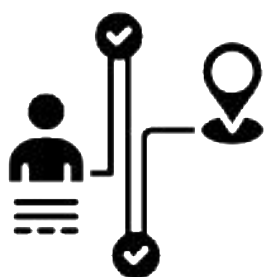
1. Great Writing, Confident Voices



Embedding the **Transform Writing Principles** will help children become confident, creative, and accurate writers. Teachers are working collaboratively to ensure a consistent approach across all classes, helping every child enjoy writing and make strong, sustained progress.



2. Learning That Sticks



Teaching will highlight the **essential knowledge** in every subject and provide regular opportunities to revisit and practise. Adaptive strategies will ensure all children, including those with additional needs, succeed and remember their learning over time.



3. Children's Leadership



Children will have greater opportunities to **lead, contribute, and influence**. From pupil leadership roles to child-led projects, the focus is on belonging, diversity, and inclusion, helping all children develop confidence and take an active role in shaping school life.



4. Strong Starts, Bright Futures



Through the Transform Trust Early Years / KS1 **Learning Project**, early years and KS1 provision will be strengthened. Improvements include purposeful outdoor learning, secure early reading, writing, and maths skills, and smoother transitions to give every child the best possible start.

