



Bagthorpe Primary School

Newsletter – Christmas 2025

Dear Parents and Carers



As we come to the end of another term, we would all like to wish you and your families a very happy and restful Christmas. It was lovely to gather together this morning to share some songs and fun – and to celebrate Christmas as a school family. Well done too, to our Year 6s who led the occasion and kept us all in good order!



Charity Fundraising

- Xmas4Schools – Thanks to everyone who took part this year, we raised a total of £117.
- Poppy Appeal - Thanks to everyone for contributing we made a total of £93.80.
- Bone Cancer Research Trust - We are still collecting stamps for these as they receive up to £20 for every kilogram of stamps that they received. We have recently sent off a huge package of stamps, so keep them coming.

Thanks to everyone again for your generous contributions in this difficult economic time.

Christmas Fayre

The PTA raised a total of £1005.20, including a substantial amount raised by our entrepreneurial Year 6s with their stalls and activities. Money raised will be spent on the children. Thank you everyone for your involvement and support!



A Very Big 'Thank You'

We have also recently received a very generous donation from one of our families towards a new cover for the polytunnel and from another family for this year's Christmas tree. We really appreciate these kind donations which go towards providing that 'little bit extra' for our children's education.

Our School Attendance for December 2025

Foundation – Oak Class: 95.12%

Year 1/2 – Birch Class: 94.53%

Target: 97%

Year 3 – Cedar Class: 95.66%

Actual: 95.47%

Year 4 – Elm Class: 98.59%

Well done Elm!

Year 5 – Pine Class: 95.11%

Year 6 – Willow Class: 93.75%

Foundation and Key Stage 1 Nativity

Well done to our fabulous cast for bringing us 'Baarmy Bethlehem'. As always, it was a delight to spend some time watching the children as they took to the stage.



The amount of valuable learning and confidence-building that comes from a production is hard to put into words, but we all recognized the great achievements made by the group as a whole and the individuals within it. Well done everyone – we are SO proud of you! Thanks again to the children and the staff for all their hard work together to stage this lovely production.

Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the 37 children who have achieved 100% attendance this term. They will be bringing home their Bronze certificates today. Please take time to have a look at the letter here: <https://www.bagthorpeprimary.com/stream/newsletters/full/1/2024-07//> and also information on the NCC website: [School Attendance and Absence | Notts CC](#)

Bagthorpe Attendance Award

At Bagthorpe Primary School, we recognise the importance of **good attendance** and its positive **impact on learning**. While we understand that sometimes absence is unavoidable due to illness or other genuine reasons, we still want to **celebrate** the children who manage to achieve **100% attendance** each term.

Our **Attendance Award Scheme** is designed to give everyone a fresh start each term, so **every child has the chance** to be recognised for their commitment to coming to school.



Bronze Award **Criteria:** 100% attendance in any single term

Children who attend every day in any given term will receive the Bronze Attendance Award. This award acknowledges their effort and resilience, even if they were unwell in a previous term. Bronze Award winners will be given a certificate and a small seasonal treat, to make the achievement that little bit sweeter!



Silver Award **Criteria:** 100% attendance in any two terms

For those children who manage to maintain 100% attendance over any two terms during the school year, we present the Silver Attendance Award. Whether it's autumn and spring, or spring and summer, this award recognises sustained effort. As with Bronze, they will also receive a seasonal treat alongside their certificate to mark their achievement.



Gold Award **Criteria:** 100% attendance for the entire school year

The Gold Attendance Award is for those children who achieve 100% attendance across all three terms – a truly remarkable achievement! To reward this exceptional dedication, Gold Award winners will receive a certificate and a £10 gift card as a special recognition of their commitment.

A Fresh Start Each Term

We know that sometimes absences are unavoidable, and we always want prioritise the well-being of our children, so at the start of each new term, **every child has the opportunity to begin again** and aim for an attendance award, ensuring everyone has the chance to shine.

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.

Staying Safe Online

New Devices from Santa?

Another reminder that with Christmas approaching and the possible arrival of new devices in the home, here's a very worthwhile read that could help you to avoid the difficulties and potential dangers that children can sometimes come across when they are online. <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/> Please take some time to have a look at this site and if there's anything you need help with, please ask us.



Winter Weather

Now we are into December, we would like to clarify that whilst severe weather can cause school closures, our position is to remain open, unless it is absolutely unavoidable. If we do have to close the school, we will let you know in the following ways:

- An announcement will be made on Radio Nottingham / GEM 106FM www.gem106.co.uk/news/schools – the list of closed schools is regularly updated and repeated;
- An in-app message will be sent out via Arbor so please ensure that you are registered for the Arbor App;
- A message in class dojo
- A note will be posted on the Home Page of the School website.

Please take advantage of these, rather than phoning school each day. Unless you hear from us, please assume it is business as usual – thanks!

Although most children come to school by car, as the weather gets colder, they really need to bring a warm, weatherproof coat to school to wear at break and lunch times please. 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!



...and finally – something to look forward to in 2026!

We're excited to announce that we are now partnering with LCH (Lifting Children's Hopes), a local charity supporting children affected by poverty, bereavement, challenging living situations, refugee status, or additional needs.

LCH provides school trip funding, mental health support, uniforms, coats and pencil cases. Their uniform project reuses pre-loved items: whereby school donates unwanted uniform, which volunteers will launder and repair for those who need it most. To

that effect they will be providing the school with some bags which we will fill with unwanted uniform (from our lost property).

To give something back to this special charity, during the summer term, we will be holding a fundraising event, called the **Colour Dash**. This is a fun-filled, traditional sponsored event where children run or walk around a track at school while being showered with colourful powder paint!



INSET Days

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

Thank you for all your ongoing support. We wish you a very happy Christmas with your families and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, 5th January 2026!

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D T Walton'.

D T Walton
Head Teacher

School Year 2025 – 2026

Monday, 22 nd Dec to Friday, 2 nd Jan 2026	Christmas holiday – school closed to pupils
Monday, 5 th January 2026	Children return to school
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

Missed a flu vaccine at school ?

We've got you covered this winter!



If you live in Nottingham or Nottinghamshire and have a school-aged child who has missed a flu vaccination you can make a free appointment for one of our catch up sessions.

Call Intrahealth on
0333 358 3397 option 4 followed by
option 2



<u>After school clinic</u> Tuesday 16th December 2025	Nottingham High School Waverley Mount, Nottingham NG7 4ED	4.00pm-5.30pm
<u>After school clinic</u> Thursday 18th December 2025	Nottingham High School Waverley Mount, Nottingham NG7 4ED	4.00pm-5.30pm
Monday 22nd December 2025	Retford Family Hub Spa Lane, Retford DN22 6EA	9.30am-4.00pm
Monday 22nd December 2025	The Meadows Family Hub Kirkby Gardens, Nottingham NG2 2HZ	9.30am-4.00pm
Tuesday 23rd December 2025	Intrahealth Unit 2, East Bridgford Business Park, Kneeton Road, East Bridgford, Nottingham, NG13 8PJ	9.30am-4.00pm
Monday 29th December 2025	Mansfield Woodhouse Family Hub Swan Lane, Mansfield Woodhouse, Nottingham NG19 8BT	9.30am-4.00pm
Tuesday 30th December 2025	Hyson Green Family Hub Mary Potter Centre, 76 Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham NG7 5HY	9.30am-4.00pm
Monday 5th January 2026	Intrahealth Unit 2, East Bridgford Business Park, Kneeton Road, East Bridgford, Nottingham, NG13 8PJ	9.30am-4.00pm
Monday 5th January 2026	Chilwell Family Hub Great Hoggett Drive, Chilwell, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 4HQ	9.30am-4.00pm

Scan the QR code for more information and a full list of clinics:



Nottinghamshire
County Council



Nottingham
City Council



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21st December 6pm
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Nativity Service
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Midnight Communion
24th December 11.30 pm
St. Michael's Underwood

Christmas Day Worship
25th December 10.30 am
St James Brinsley

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Katherine Johnson

Katherine Johnson was an exceptional mathematician - a NASA '**human computer**' - whose compelling story was told in the movie **Hidden Figures**.

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10am

For students aged 8 - 11

2pm



Meet our wonderful guest
Dr Angela Tabiri, *The World's Most Interesting Mathematician*,
joining us live from the African
Institute for Mathematical
Sciences in Ghana.

Any questions? Email Maths@big-ideas.org

