



Bagthorpe Primary School

Newsletter – December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

December is here! ...and with it comes a busy and enjoyable festive season ahead of us. This is always a great time to work with children and families, and we're pleased to invite you to various events in our Christmas programme. All the key dates on the final page and we look forward to seeing you at school at some point.

Charity Fundraising

Thanks to everyone for taking part in Children in Need – wear something spotty for £1. We raised a total of £150.25 and also £109.50 from the sale of the Pudsey badges. We know that these funds help people who need extra support and that it will make a difference to them.



Christmas Dinner

We are looking forward to our whole school Christmas Dinner on **Wednesday, 10th December**. Don't forget to wear your Christmas jumper with your uniform and/or Christmas headgear! This means that children will need to wear their normal uniform except for their jumper.

Christmas Fayre

We will be holding our Christmas Fayre on the afternoon of **Friday, 12th December** from 1.30pm. If you can donate any tombola or raffle prizes please, that would be much appreciated. Raffle tickets are on sale and we will be sending some home to parents/carers.



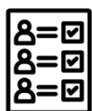
Christmas Singing at Dixies Arms

Also, on **Friday 12th December** from 6-7pm, our School Choir will be performing a few songs alongside Pye Hill Male Voice Choir at the **Dixies Arms Christmas Special** event. This will be the third year that we have attended this event and we can certainly recommend it as a great family night out. With food, crafts, music and activities, it's well worth putting on your calendars. Hope to see you there!

Food Allergies – Nut Free

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that we have several children in school with 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 food/sweets containing nuts, for example 'Snickers' in 'Celebrations'. Thanks for your help with this.

Attendance Matters



A quick reminder in relation to the Department for Education Attendance Guidance. We are re-issuing details about this, as we are aware that more parents are now likely to face fines for non-authorised absences. Please take time to have a look at the letter here: <https://bit.ly/4nHUK1Q> and also information on the NCC website:

[School Attendance and Absence | Notts CC](#)

Our School Attendance for November 2025

Foundation – Oak Class: 91.5%

Year 1/2 – Birch Class: 94.67%

Year 3 – Cedar Class: 96.43%

Year 4 – Elm Class: 98.93%

Year 5 – Pine Class: 94.44%

Year 6 – Willow Class: 92.82%

Target: 97%

Actual: 95.05%

Well done Elm!

Thank you.

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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 to 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.

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 our uniform expectations. We understand that this can sometimes happen, which is why we're reissuing our uniform guidance here:

<https://bit.ly/3Xh3EII>. 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!

Easy Fundraising



As Christmas is almost upon us, please remember that you can raise money for our school by purchasing your Christmas presents via Easy Fundraising. There are hundreds of stores available via the website including: Argos, Boots, Ebay, Just Eat, John Lewis; there are over 6000 retailers to choose from. You can download the App and further information is available, by clicking on the following link: Fundraising App: Fundraising App | Easyfundraising.

Safe and Sound



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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 letting 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. 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. In the interests of safety, parents must not enter the staff car park for the purposes of dropping off or collecting children. Thank you.

Whole School Trip to Pantomime



The children will be leaving school by coach promptly at 1.10pm to travel to Nottingham Playhouse. Lunch will be slightly earlier on that day. Any helpers who have been asked to accompany the children need to be at school by 1pm and report to the class they are accompanying. No spending money will be needed, but children may bring a **small wrapped healthy snack and boxed non-fizzy drink** if they wish. Please pack this in a separate carrier bag – not their lunch box - for easy disposal. Any money still outstanding for this visit should be sent into school by Friday, 28th November please.

As this is a whole school trip, the school, office and after-school club will be closed for the afternoon.

Return times: We anticipate arriving back at school at approximately 6pm depending on rush hour traffic. As we will be off-loading 200 people from several coaches, please be patient as they will have to wait in turn to off-load the children. We will be asking the Police to put out 'no parking' cones on School Road opposite the bus parking bay, to ease congestion and to help safety and would ask that parents please respect these. To reduce the number of cars, why not arrange to car share with other parents who live nearby. For your children's safety when they return, they will be taken back into school. Please come into school and collect your child from their classroom. This is the most straightforward way to ensure all children are safe, particularly as it will be dark and there will be a lot of people and cars around school. Thanks for your co-operation in this.

Please note – If children are absent on Pantomime day, we are unable to refund money as the buses and tickets have already been paid for.

School Dinners – w/c 8th December – Special Christmas menu week

As part of our Christmas celebrations, the Catering service are holding a special Christmas menu week which is open to all children at the usual cost of £3.20 per dinner (infant children are, of course, eligible for universal free meals as usual).



The Menu will be as follows:

Monday, 8 th December	Festive Pizza with Potato Balls & Crunchy Vegetable Sticks; Iced Sprinkle Cookie
Tuesday, 9 th December	Hot dog with Jacket Wedges, Tomato Sauce & BBQ Baked Beans; Honey Cake & Custard Christmas Dinner:
Wednesday, 10 th December	Roast Turkey & gravy, Stuffing, Chipolata Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Sliced Carrots, Brussels Sprouts & Parsnips; Festive Ice Cream tub
Thursday, 11 th December	Cheesy Tomato Pasta with Garlic Bread, Carrot & Cucumber Sticks; Classic Iced School Cake
Friday, 12 th December	Fish Finger Wrap, French Fries, Sweetcorn & Peas; Chocolate Flapjack

Free School Meals

If you think your child might be eligible for **free school meals**, please apply via **Nottinghamshire County Council**: <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk> Even if your child receives a Universal Infant Free School Meal, registering your eligibility helps us secure additional funding for your child's learning — so we encourage all families to apply where possible.

School meal payments continue to be managed through **Arbor**, so please ensure your account remains topped up.

Wraparound Care

Reminder about Breakfast Club which runs from 7:30am, and the After-School Club finishes at 6:00pm. To **make a booking**, visit www.thelimetrees.co.uk and select the 'Book Now' option from the top left drop-down menu. For all the latest news and promotions you can follow them on Facebook and Instagram - just search for The Lime Trees.



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.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact Miss Ward or myself, if you have any worries or concerns or if we can be of any help. Looking forward to seeing you in school at some point before the holidays.



INSET Days

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

Christmas Sing-Along

...and finally, at 9am on Friday 19th December, we will once again be having a Christmas Sing-Along at the front of school, for around 30 minutes. This has been a great success in recent years - and also very well attended. We would love to see as many of you as possible as we gather as school community to enjoy some Christmas songs and festive cheer together!

Thank you for all your ongoing support. We look forward to seeing you in school at some point – hopefully several times, over the festive period!

Best wishes

D T Walton
Head Teacher

School Year 2025 – 2026

Tuesday, 2 nd & Weds, 3 rd December 2025	Y5 Bikeability
Friday, 5 th December 2025	Sports Enrichment day – Healthy Living
Monday, 8 th & Tuesday, 9 th December 2025	Y6 Bikeability
Tuesday, 9 th December 2025	Oak & Birch Nativity
Wednesday, 10 th December 2025	Christmas Dinner
Thursday, 11 th December 2025	1.10pm – Pantomime at Nottingham Playhouse (Sleeping Beauty)
Friday, 12 th December 2025	1.30pm – Christmas Fayre & Meet Santa 6-7pm – Christmas Singing at the Dixie's Arms
Tuesday, 16 th December 2025	Foundation/Y1/Y2 Christmas Party
Wednesday, 17 th December 2025	Y3/Y4 Christmas Party
Thursday, 18 th December 2025	Y5/Y6 Christmas Party
Friday, 19 th December 2025	9.00am - Christmas Singalong at front of school
Monday, 22 nd Dec to Friday, 2 nd Jan 2026	Christmas holiday – school closed to pupils
Thurs, 15 th & Fri, 16 th January 2026	Willow Class 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