



Bagthorpe Primary School

Newsletter – November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

It's good to see everyone back after the half term holiday; we do hope you all had a good break and that you are all feeling ready for this busy (and always very exciting) half term ahead!



Harvest Assembly – Thank You!

Just before half term, we held a special Harvest collective worship in school, giving the children a chance to reflect on gratitude and giving. Thanks to your kind donations, we were able to deliver a substantial collection of non-perishable food items to the local foodbank, including tins, pasta, cereals, and more.



A huge amount of generosity was shown by our school community and we know this support will make a real difference to families in need this season. Thank you once again for your continued generosity and for helping us nurture a spirit of compassion and community amongst our children.

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](#).



Individual School Photos

The photograph proofs are being sent home with children this week. Don't forget to order as soon as possible to take advantage of the early order discounts.

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> Please take particular note about **punctuality** and also about **2nd and 3rd fines**. Thank you.

Our School Attendance for October 2025

Foundation – Oak Class: 95.56%

Year 1/2 – Birch Class: 94.03%

Target: 97%

Year 3 – Cedar Class: 95.98%

Actual: 95.68%

Year 4 – Elm Class: 96.13%

Year 5 – Pine Class: 97.58%

Well done Pine!

Year 6 – Willow Class: 94.64%

Parents' Consultation Evenings



We look forward to seeing you at our **Autumn Term Parents Evenings** which will take place on Monday, 17th & Tuesday, 18th November, or Thursday 20th November (depending on your child's class teacher's availability). We will be sending out a letter over the next few days explaining how to book your appointment on Arbor. We look forward to seeing you and discussing your child's progress.

New Parent Governors

We are delighted to announce that following the recent parent governor election, we received two nominations for the two available vacancies. We warmly welcome **Mr Scott Walters** and **Mrs Lauren Whyte**, who will be joining our governing body. They will play a vital role in supporting the school's development, always keeping the children at the heart of every decision as we continue to move forward.

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!

Spotlight on Children's Leadership: Transform Trust Children's Parliament



We're Nancy and Oscar, and we're proud to be Bagthorpe's new School Parliamentarians! After joining School Council in Year 5, we've taken on lots of roles—Reading Ambassadors, ECO Team, Worship Leads, Football Ambassadors—and now we help lead School Council with our friend George, who's been involved since Year 3.



What is Children's Parliament?

As part of Transform Trust's Children's Parliament, we meet with other children from 27 other schools to share ideas and make improvements. It's helped children meet new friends, organise events like *Good to Be Me Day*, and even host *Community Action Week*, where we welcomed local visitors and did a litter pick together.

What next?

We're excited to learn what makes other schools different and to connect with them - especially as Bagthorpe is a small school. Children's Parliament gives us a voice, helps us lead, and makes school even better for everyone.

🎄 Save the Date: Christmas Singing at Dixies Arms 🎵

We're excited to let you know that **on Friday, 12th December at 6.00pm**, our school choir will be performing at the **Dixies Arms Christmas Special**, alongside the Pye Hill Male Voice Choir. Following the success of previous events, we're delighted to be returning again for another festive community event filled with music, fun and food! This year, Miss Ward is going to lead our choir as they join the performance. Further details about how children can get involved in the choir will be coming home shortly. We do hope to see many of you there supporting our singers and enjoying what promises to be a great evening, together.



Whole School Trip to Pantomime

Our visit to see Sleeping Beauty at Nottingham Playhouse is on Thursday, 11th December. A reminder that your payment of £24.10 for your child's ticket needs to have been made in full by 28th November. As school has already paid for the tickets, unfortunately we are unable to give any refunds.

Class Trips & Payment Deadlines

Class	Visit to/date	Payment deadline
Whole School	Nottingham Playhouse Pantomime – Thursday, 11 th December If your child will NOT be attending, please inform the school office ASAP.	Friday, 28 th November 2025
Y6	London – 15 th -16 th January 2026	Friday, 9 th January 2026
Y6	Isle of Wight – 7 th – 11 th July 2026 PLACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE – please contact the school office by Fri, 14th November if you wish your child to attend	Tuesday, 2 nd June 2026

Many thanks in advance of your help in enabling us to meet these payment deadlines.

Join In with Our PTA – Make a Difference!

Our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) plays a vital role in enriching the lives of our children at Bagthorpe Primary School. From organising fun events like fayres and film nights to raising funds for exciting extras such as outdoor play equipment and curriculum resources, the PTA helps create a vibrant and supportive school community.

Whether you can spare a few minutes or a few hours, your help (big or small!) makes a huge impact. All parents and carers are automatically members, and we welcome everyone to get involved, share ideas, or simply lend a hand. If you would like to get involved in this important way of making school life even more special for our children, please have a word with Miss Ward, our Deputy Head, any of the PTA team, or through the school office. Thank you!

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.

Family Learning Courses - Free Opportunity for Our Families

You will recall that we advertised some training opportunities, earlier in the term. After a low initial response, but we have now received some further indications of interest so we will request involvement in available courses in the new year.



Help Required – Hearing Children Read

We're always on the lookout for parents, grandparents and carers who can volunteer to **hear children read** during morning sessions (up to **9.30am**). If you can help — even occasionally — please speak to your child's class teacher. Volunteers will need to complete a **DBS check** and short training.



Charity Fundraising

On Friday, 14th November we will be raising funds for **Children in Need – wear something spotty for £1**. We will also begin selling the Children in Need badges from next Monday, 10th November. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

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.



INSET Days

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

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with myself or Miss Ward and we will be happy to help.

Best wishes

D T Walton
Head Teacher

School Year 2025 – 2026

Friday, 7 th November 2025	Elm class Diwali day
Monday, 10th November 2025	AM – 5-year-old dental check
Wednesday, 12 th November 2025	Elm class trip to Cadbury World Deadline for return of Xmas for Schools paperwork
Thursday, 13th November 2025	1pm – PTA meeting
Friday, 14th November 2025	Children in Need – Wear something spotty - £1
Mon, 17 th & Tuesday, 18 th November 2025	Parents Evenings
Weds, 19 th & Thurs, 20 th November 2025	Life Education in school
Tuesday, 25 th November 2025	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday, 2 nd & Weds, 3 rd December 2025	Y5 Bikeability
Friday, 5 th December 2025	Sports Enrichment day – Healthy Living
Monday, 8th & Tuesday, 9th December 2025	Y6 Bikeability
Tuesday, 9 th December 2025	Oak & Birch Nativity
Wednesday, 10 th December 2025	Christmas Dinner
Thursday, 11 th December 2025	PM – Pantomime at Nottingham Playhouse (Sleeping Beauty)
Friday, 12th December 2025	PM – Christmas Fayre & Meet Santa
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	Christmas Singalong

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	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
Thursday, 2 nd July 2026	9.30am – 11am – Reception New Intake (Day 1)
Monday, 6 th to Friday, 10 th July 2026	Willow class residential to Isle of Wight
Thursday, 9 th July 2026	8.40am – 12noon – Reception New Intake (Day 2)
Thursday, 16 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

Digital Primary Health Magazines

Working with families through our popular Stop, Look and Listen sessions in school we have developed 3 new resources to share health and wellbeing messages.

The families were very keen to have 3 versions: early years, KS1 and KS2 😊

The links are below:



EYFS:

<https://healthforunder5s.co.uk/nottinghamshire/local-advice-and-events/advice/early-years-health-magazine/>

<https://health-for-under-5s-media.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2025/10/01135547/EYFS-Health-Magazine-2025.pdf>



Primary (Y1-4):

<https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/nottinghamshire/primary-school-health-magazine-years-1-4/>

<https://health-for-kids-media.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2025/10/01143120/Primary-Y1234-HWB-Magazine-FINAL.pdf>



Primary (Y5-6):

<https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/nottinghamshire/primary-school-health-magazine-years-5-6/>

<https://health-for-kids-media.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2025/10/01145320/Primary-Y5-6-HWB-Magazine-2025-FINAL.pdf>

Nottinghamshire Healthcare  Foundation Trust

Health For Under Fives
www.healthforunder5s.co.uk

Health For Kids
www.healthforkids.co.uk

Health For Teens
www.healthforteens.co.uk

All feedback welcome 😊



**Broxtowe Christmas Lights
Switch On Events**

Beeston
Saturday 15 November
12.00pm – 7.00pm
Beeston Square NG9 2JG

Kimberley
Friday 21 November
4.30pm – 9.00pm
Toll Bar Square &
Victoria Street Car Park NG16 2NJ

Eastwood
Saturday 22 November
3.30pm – 7.00pm
Eastwood Square NG16 3GB &
Scargill Walk NG16 3AY

Stapleford
Saturday 29 November
1.00pm – 7.00pm
Walter Parker VC Memorial
Square NG9 7AR & Derby Road
Central Car Park NG9 7AS

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT
www.broxtowe.gov.uk/ciso

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