



Dear Parents and Carers



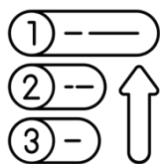
The first month of the school year has flown by, our new recruits (both children and staff!) are settling in well, and the Bagthorpe school year is in full swing. Preparations are now underway for Let's GLOW! Day which is shaping up to be a fantastic event, packed with exciting activities. Please see further details below. Do also take a moment to check the diary too, as a few new events and updates have been added.

Harvest Service



As part of our autumn celebrations, we will be holding a special Harvest assembly in school before half term. This will be an opportunity for the children to reflect on gratitude and giving and we would like to invite families to contribute donations for the **local food bank**, if you are able to. Non-perishable items such as tins, pasta, and cereals are especially appreciated. Donations can be brought into school **up until the end of the day on Wednesday, 15th October**, ready for delivery to the foodbank before the half-term break. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

School Development Priorities



We're pleased to share our School Development Priorities for 2025-26, which outlines our key focus areas for the year ahead. This year we're concentrating on four main areas: developing **confident writers** through consistent principles throughout school, **ensuring learning sticks** through regular practice and revision, empowering **children as leaders** in school life, and strengthening our **early years** foundation. Please find the full overview below, showing how we'll continue improving outcomes for every child at Bagthorpe Primary.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for the following 'supply' posts. These are to cover for staff training/absence.



1. **Midday Supervisors** – 1 hour/day from 12noon to 1pm – term time only
2. **Care Assistants** – as and when – term time only

If you are interested in either/or vacancy, please contact Mrs Clifton:

mariaclifton@bagthorpe.notts.sch.uk.

Attendance Matters



Regular attendance and punctuality are two extremely important areas of school life, so each half term we let parents know if their child's attendance is giving cause for concern.

Although absences may have been unavoidable due to illness, we still have to keep you informed. If you ever have any difficulties in this area, please do not hesitate to have a word with your child's class teacher or myself.

Our School Attendance for September 2025

Foundation – Oak Class: 98.17%

Year 1/2 – Birch Class: 98.67%

Year 3 – Cedar Class: 96.79%

Year 4 – Elm Class: 99.29% (Best Class)

Year 5 – Pine Class: 96.77%

Year 6 – Willow Class: 95.36%

**Overall
97.45%**

Thanks to our new **Attendance Champions** Thomas & Darcy who are bringing reminders to the whole school each week.

🌸 Poppy Appeal – Starting Monday 6th October 🌸

Support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal by purchasing a poppy from our School Council. They will be selling poppies in the **library at break times** starting **Monday, 6th October**. Every donation helps support veterans and their families. Thank you for your support!

Let's GLOW! Day



Another reminder that our first **Let's GLOW! Day** of the year will take place on **Friday, 10th October 2025**. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for all or part of the day. If you'd like to take part, please let your child's class teacher know. If you'd like to stay for lunch, the cost will be **£3.90** per person. A letter was sent out last week so that you could complete the slip with your food order. Deadline for orders is *Thursday, 2nd October*. Thank you.

Keeping everyone safe is our top priority on Let's GLOW! Days, so we do ask for your help and co-operation to ensure a smooth-running and safe day. There will be some reminders around school on the day to help this. A reminder too that vapes are not allowed on the school site at any time. Thanks.

...and finally, it may be muddy too, so please remember to wear suitable clothing - and don't forget your wellies!



Individual School Photographs

The photographer will be in school from 8.15am on the morning of Monday, 13th October to take individual photographs of pupils in time for Christmas. If you have other siblings you would like to include who do not attend Bagthorpe, please bring them along and assemble in the school hall from 8.15am.

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**. We will send out a letter closer to the dates explaining how to book your appointment on Arbor. We look forward to seeing you and discussing your child's progress. Thanks.



End of Day Arrangements

For safety reasons we have recently reviewed our **end of day procedures** in relation to children walking home alone, walking up or down the footpath and/or being collected by someone under the age of 18. If you would like your child(ren) to leave the school site for any of these reasons, please contact the school office for a copy of the letter with the consent form, which should be signed and returned as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support to ensure all our children are safe.

School Records – Data Collection Sheet

You should have received a copy of your child's data collection sheet—please check it and return it to the school office as soon as possible. If your **contact details change** during the year (eg, emergency contacts, phone numbers, email), let the office know by sending a note or emailing office@bagthorpe.notts.sch.uk. Some updates can also be made directly in Arbor.



Staying in Touch



- **Newsletters** are issued in the first week of each month. Please keep an eye out for them!
 - **Website:** www.bagthorpeprimary.com
 - **Home-School Diaries** will be coming home shortly, containing key information and spaces for communication.
 - **Class Dojo/Tapestry** – please see note above.
- Good home-school communication is really important to us and we hope these tools make it easy for us all to stay connected.

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.

Bagthorpe PTA

Our PTA does an incredible job organising events and raising funds for school. Activities include:



- **Summer Fayre**
- **Termly Discos and Film Nights**
- **Autumn & Christmas Fayres**

If you'd like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you! Whether you can attend meetings or just lend a hand at events, your help makes a real difference. Please contact the office if you'd like to get involved – or just to be added to the '**Happy to Help**' list. We really appreciate any support you can offer.



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.

Wraparound Care

The Breakfast Club 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, 3rd October 2025
- Friday, 22nd May 2026
- Friday, 24th July 2026
- Monday, 27th July 2026

A big 'THANK YOU'

A number of parents/carers have recently donated monetary sums to school and we thank you very much for your kindness. This money will go towards your children's education.

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.

Looking forward to a great term ahead with everyone working together.

Best wishes

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

D T Walton
Head Teacher

School Year 2025 – 2026

Friday, 10 th October 2025	Let's GLOW! day
Monday, 13 th October 2025	8am - Individual Photographs
Wednesday, 15 th October 2025	9.30am- Dental check for 5yr olds
Thursday, 16 th October 2025	PTA Film Night – Film TBC
Monday, 20 th to Friday, 31 st October 2025	Half term holiday – school closed to pupils
Monday, 3 rd & Tuesday, 4 th November 2025	IEP meetings
Friday, 7 th November 2025	Elm class Diwali day
Monday, 10 th & Tuesday, 11 th November 2025	IEP meetings
Wednesday, 12 th November 2025	Elm class trip to Cadbury World
Friday, 14 th November 2025	PTA 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
Thurs, 4 th & Friday, 5 th December 2025	Y6 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	PM – Pantomime at Nottingham Playhouse (Sleeping Beauty)
Friday, 12 th December 2025	PM – PTA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday, 16 th December 2025	TBC Foundation/Y1/Y2 Christmas Party
Wednesday, 17 th December 2025	TBC Y3/Y4 Christmas Party
Thursday, 18 th December 2025	TBC 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	PTA Film Night
Monday, 16 th to Friday, 20 th February 2026	Half term holiday – school closed to pupils
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
Thursday, 21 st May 2026	PTA Film Night
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
Thursday, 18 th June 2026	5pm – Selston High School Transition Evening
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)
Friday, 17 th July 2026	PTA Film Night
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



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.





TIN HAT CENTRE HALLOWEEN PARTY

THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER
2:30-4:30PM

FANCY DRESS (OPTIONAL)
LUCKY DIPS
SPOOKY GAMES
CREEPY ACTIVITIES
DISCO

INCLUDES HOTDOG & CHIPS
AND A GLASS OF JUICE

£7.50 PER CHILD (UNDER 1'S GO FREE)

BOOK IN AT RECEPTION TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE



Halloween bracelet making and
biscuit decorating at the
Tin Hat Centre

10am 22/10/2025

£7.50 per child

Cake & drink included

TRICK
OR
TREAT

FUNKY DOODLING WORKSHOP

Adult and Child Half Term Special
£10pp- All Materials Provided



Witch with a Wonky Hat

Learn how to use watercolour pencils and create your own unique Witch painting.

Friday 31st October

1pm - 3pm

The Tin Hat Centre, Selston, NG16 6BW

Contact - The Tin Hat Centre 01773 864510

Get ready for a new adventure



To sign up for holiday activities during the Spring (Easter), Summer, Autumn (October) and Winter (Christmas) breaks, visit:

Nottinghamshire.gov.uk/HAFactivities

You can search by postcode to find activities in your area or view the list of providers and the type of activity they offer.

Find out more or contact us:

Nottinghamshire.gov.uk/Hafprogramme

0115 9774 999 (line open 10am-2pm, Monday to Friday).

haf@nottsec.gov.uk

Sign up NOW!

Laser tag is epic and I think I'm Addicted!

Karting is waaaaaay the best thing ever. Can't wait to come back!



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Nottinghamshire

Holiday activities and food

Find out about FUNDED school holiday activities and food for eligible children and young people in Notts!

If your child is: 5-16 years old (4 if in school Reception) lives in Nottinghamshire, and receives benefits-related free school meals

Then they are eligible for **FUNDED** school activities and food this school holiday!

Your adventure starts here...



Nottinghamshire County Council

Funded by



Department for Education

The Nottinghamshire holiday activities and food (HAF) programme is here to help children to stay active and happy during the school holidays. HAF can also help families with parents who need to work, or have other people to look after.

What is the holiday activities and food (HAF) programme?

We make sure children and young people have access to fun activities and meals during school holidays. They can get involved in a variety of face-to-face activities ranging from sports, to drama, and crafts. Each day they attend, they will be provided with a meal and healthy snacks.

HAF does not offer food vouchers, all activities are face-to-face with food included.

Who can take part?

Children and young people **5-16 years** (4 if in school Reception), **must be receiving benefits-related free school meals** to qualify for a place.

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals but not currently receiving them, you can apply here:

gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

What kinds of things can children do?

There are lots of fun activities to choose from, such as sport, dance, drama, crafts, cooking, forest school and day trips out to local attractions.

All activities run for a minimum of 4 hours each day (2.5 hours for 11-16 years).

The HAF team can also help to signpost families to other support services, some of these services can be found here:

Nottinghamshire.gov.uk/FinancialSupport

Some amazing HAF feedback

From the parents:

“Thank you for our visit to Nottingham castle. We had a fantastic time. When we got home we looked at the prices of admission and food. We couldn't believe it and it really gave us an opportunity that we would never be able to have as we wouldn't have that money spare. The crafts really made their day as well, they are very proud of everything they have made. My husband was worried that we would be treated differently to other visitors and the children singled out, but this was not the case at all. Inclusion seemed very important, and everyone was so friendly and laid back.”

“My kids haven't stopped raving about this! It's been brilliant! Thank you so much for hosting!”

From the kids:

Just been karting. A dream come true

I'm covered in glitter and I loved it!



10 September 2025

Dear parent

Keeping your children well this winter

As the winter months approach, you may have concerns about your child's health as coughs, colds and other minor illnesses increase.

Right care at the right time

We have created some web pages which offer you helpful advice about common conditions in babies and children and the symptoms to look out for. We hope this information will help you decide when you can treat your child at home, when you need to seek medical help and which service to choose.



Please visit: www.notts.icb.nhs.uk/childrens-health-and-wellbeing

Please be assured that GPs and health services will want to see your child if you have concerns about their health and welfare. We know that babies can decline rapidly, and GPs will continue to prioritise care for babies and toddlers up to two years old. You should keep a watchful eye on how symptoms develop and trust their instincts.

Your General Practice Team is made up of a range of healthcare professionals who work at your practice and in the wider community to help you and your family get the right care when you need it. Depending on their needs, your child may be seen by another general practice team member such as a Nursing Associate or Advanced Physiotherapist.

If you are unsure, use 111.nhs.uk or phone 111 to get assessed and directed to the right NHS service.

Pharmacies

Most Community Pharmacies are offering the Pharmacy First service which includes NHS medicines where appropriate to treat the following in children:

- Sinusitis in those aged 12 years and over
- Sore throat in those aged 5 years and over
- Impetigo (a type of skin infection) in those aged over 1 year.
- Infected insect bite in those aged over 1 year



- Earache in children 1 -17 years (please note: this cannot be provided by distance selling pharmacies)

Your GP practice may refer you to this service, but you can also walk into your local pharmacy and ask how they can help you.

As well as the Pharmacy First service, over the counter medicine from your local pharmacy can help manage symptoms of many minor illness, including paracetamol, ibuprofen and eye drops. Pharmacists can provide advice on the use of these medicines and instructions are provided in the packaging.

Vaccinations

One of the main ways that you and your family can stay well over the winter months is by making sure you are protected from illness.

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a common cause of coughs and colds. The RSV vaccine protects newborn babies and is offered at 28 weeks of pregnancy. If you are 28 weeks pregnant or over, speak to your GP or maternity team about this vaccine.

Your GP and some community pharmacies will be delivering flu vaccines to children who are aged two and three and your GP will also be delivering flu vaccines to children aged two to 17 with certain long-term health conditions. All other eligible children will be able to get a flu vaccination through the school immunisation team. All flu vaccines for children are given through a nasal spray rather than an injection. Getting the flu vaccine can protect your child from serious illness this winter. Last December, 93 children under five were hospitalised due to flu in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

It's not too late for your child to catch up on their MMR vaccination. The MMR vaccine is normally given at 12 months and the second dose at three years and four months. But older children and adults can have it if they were not vaccinated when they were younger. Two doses give life-long protection.

Speak to a GP to arrange an appointment if you think you or your child needs to catch up.

Find out more about vaccine eligibility and how to book at:
www.notts.icb.nhs.uk/vaccinations



Absence from nursery

If your child is unwell and cannot attend nursery, you don't need a sick note from your GP.

If your child feels well in themselves, you can request that their nursery administer over the counter medicines to treat their symptoms as needed. **This is at the nursery's discretion** and only covers those medicines where it would be detrimental to your child's attendance if they are not given. This includes non-prescription medicines such as paracetamol, ibuprofen and antihistamines. **A doctor's prescription is not required for this.** The

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notts.icb.nhs.uk/

medicine should be clearly labelled with your child's name and include the packaging so that staff can follow the generic age-related instructions.

Coughs and colds

If your child has a cough or cold, try to encourage them to cough or sneeze into a tissue, throw it away and wash their hands afterwards. We also recommend that they don't visit grandparents and other vulnerable people when they are poorly.

Make sure you also have liquid paracetamol or ibuprofen at home to deal with mild fever.

We are very grateful for your support of your local NHS.

Yours faithfully



Dr Dave Briggs
Medical Director
NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire