



Bagthorpe Primary School

Newsletter – September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Autumn Term! It's wonderful to see everyone returning after the summer break, and we're also thrilled to welcome lots of new children and families into the Bagthorpe family.

We say a special welcome to our **new Reception children** Jax, Raphie, Willow, Adeline, Elsi, Ethan, Roman, Louie, Archer, Rowan, Hugo, Aubrey, Max, Alice, Charlie ... and also to **our new Year 3** children Manuela, Theodore, Leo, Henry F, Aalayah, Henry G, Alfred, Freddie-Jay, Tobias, Jack, Katie, Sullivan, Eleanor, Jayden, Eve



We're delighted to have you all with us and look forward to sharing many happy years of learning, growing and achieving together — and, of course, making memories to last a lifetime!

Welcome to New Staff

We're delighted to welcome several new members to our Bagthorpe family this year:



- **Miss Ward** – our new Deputy Head Teacher and also Y3 class teacher for Cedar Class
- **Mr Bakewell** – joining us as a Year 6 class teacher for Willow Class
- **Miss Ashdown** – joining us as a class teacher for Year 1 & 2 in Birch Class

We're thrilled to have them on board and hope they'll be very happy working as part of our team. Please do join us in giving them a warm Bagthorpe welcome when you meet them over the coming weeks.

We've had two excellent INSET days to start the year, which gave us the chance to:

- Welcome and introduce our new colleagues and to start our work together as a team
- Spend time together considering what makes Bagthorpe special, revisiting our core values and how these underpin everything we do
- Get everything set up and ready for the children ahead of the new school year

Introducing Class Dojo



Over the coming months, we'll be rolling out Class Dojo across all classes at Bagthorpe. Class Dojo is a whole-school rewards system that enables us to recognise and celebrate positive behaviour in a consistent way across every class. Until we've completed staff training to ensure we're getting the very best out of this resource, there will be a short transition period where

some classes continue to use Tapestry while others begin using Class Dojo. Thank you for your patience while we make this switch. Once fully rolled out, Class Dojo will provide a streamlined and consistent system across the school - making it easier for children, staff and parents alike.

Parents' Information Meetings

On **Wednesday, 17th September 2025**, we will be holding **Parents' Information Meetings** from **2.30pm to 3.10pm**. This is a valuable opportunity to:



- Meet your child's class teacher
- Hear more about the exciting learning planned for this year
- Find out how you can best support your child at home
- Ask any questions early in the year
- Teachers will also be able to talk to you about other aspects of school life.

Isle of Wight Residential Visit – Year 6



Immediately after the Parents' Information Meetings, at **3.10pm**, we'll be holding a short session for parents of our Year 6 children about next summer's residential visit to the Isle of Wight. This trip is always a highlight of the Bagthorpe journey so if your child is in Year 6, please do come along to find out more!

Let's GLOW! Day

Please mark your calendars - 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. And don't forget to wear clothes you don't mind getting a bit muddy! If you'd like to stay for lunch, the cost will be **£3.90** per person. We'll share the menu closer to the date.



Parents' Consultation Evenings

Our Autumn Term **Parents' Evenings** will take place on **Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th November 2025**. This is a chance to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and to raise any early concerns. We'll send booking details nearer the time.

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.

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.

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



We are pleased to announce that from September 2025, Bagthorpe Primary School is now working in partnership with [The Lime Trees](https://www.thelimetrees.co.uk) to provide Breakfast and After-School Club Provision on-site for children from Reception to Year 6.

This has been developed in direct response to parent requests and we are delighted to have made this link with an outstanding provider.

This is now up and running and we are also delighted to welcome The Lime Trees staff Ms Harvey and Miss Jackson. For all the latest news and promotions you can follow them on Facebook and Instagram - just search for The Lime Trees.

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.

Late Pick Ups



We all know how important it is for children to feel secure and settled at the end of the school day. Being collected on time helps the children feel confident and reassured, and it also allows staff to move smoothly into their other responsibilities.

We understand that, from time to time, unexpected delays can happen. However, where late pick-ups become a **regular occurrence**, we do keep a record and may be in touch to **work together** on finding a solution.

If you know that collecting your child on time might be difficult on certain days, please remember that we have **wraparound care** available after school, which you can book in advance.

Thank you for helping us make sure that every child leaves school feeling safe, cared for, and ready to enjoy their time at home.



Medical Appointments & Medication

- Please show the office an **appointment card or letter** when collecting your child during the day.
- Always **sign your child** out at reception for safety and fire regulations.
- To request **medication to be administered in school**, please complete the relevant form available from the office or website.



Parking

Please respect the yellow “**School Keep Clear**” markings at the front of the school. Nottinghamshire County Council continues to monitor the area and fines will be issued to cars parked in restricted zones. We also kindly ask you to be considerate to our neighbours when parking nearby. The **school car park remains staff-only** for safety reasons.

Family Learning Courses - Free Opportunity for Our Families

We're excited to be able to offer some FREE Family Learning courses delivered by Life Education East Midlands for 2025-2026. These courses help develop parenting skills, build confidence, and strengthen family relationships in a supportive environment. Please see the attached letter and the sign-up form.

INSET Days

- Friday, 3rd October 2025
- 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.

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

Best wishes

D T Walton
Head Teacher

School Year 2025 – 2026

Wednesday, 17 th September 2025	2.30pm Parents' Information Meeting followed by Year 6 Isle of Wight Meeting
Thursday, 2 nd October 2025	5pm - Selston High School Open Evening
Friday, 3 rd October 2025	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Friday, 10 th October 2025	Let's GLOW! day
Monday, 13 th October 2025	8am - Individual Photographs
Monday, 20 th to Friday, 31 st October 2025	Half term holiday – school closed to pupils
Wednesday, 12 th November 2025	Elm class trip to Cadbury World
Mon, 17 th & Tuesday, 18 th November 2025	Parents Evenings
Friday, 5 th December 2025	Sports Enrichment day – Healthy Living
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)
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

Friday, 6 th February 2026	Sports Enrichment - Winter Olympics
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
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
Thursday, 18 th June 2026	5pm – Selston High School Transition Evening
Thursday, 2 nd July 2026	9.30am – 11am – Reception New Intake (Day 1)
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
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

