



# Bagthorpe Primary School

Newsletter – March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

The sunny weekend has brought welcome signs of spring as we all look ahead to the second half of the school year. It's great to see the children so engaged with their learning and making good progress and we look forward to speaking with you about this at Parents' Evenings this week.

## Parents Evenings



Parents Evenings are being held on **Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025** as face-to-face appointments. You should have received a copy of your child's Interim Report, providing a snapshot of how they are getting on at school. We send this out just before Parents' Evenings so it can be discussed as part of the meeting. We look forward to seeing you. Thank you too, to our Year 6 children who will again be welcoming and escorting parents to their appointments.



**Get Ready for World Book Day!**

**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March** will be our World Book Day celebration!

Children are invited to:

- Come dressed as their favourite character
- Bring a prop that represents their favourite character
- Or create a mask of their favourite character to wear in school

We'll be awarding certificates for the best character and most creative character in each class.

Children are welcome to bring in their favourite book to share with friends. There will also be a special 'Readathon' in the library at lunchtime for those who wish to bring a favourite book and to join in. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful characters and sharing our love of reading!



## Winter Weather

A quick reminder that whilst severe weather can cause school closures, we remain open, unless it is absolutely unavoidable. If we do have to close the school, we will let you know by sending you an in-app message. We will also post a note on the Home Page of our website.

An announcement will also be made on Radio Nottingham, where the list of closed schools is kept updated. Unless you hear from us, it's business as usual.

## Handwriting Competition Winners 2024-25



This year, rather than holding our annual Handwriting Competition in October, we decided to leave it until halfway through the school year. As a result, there was a lot of excitement around the event this year – and it was a pleasure to give out the Awards on Friday.

Well done to : Charlie, George, Harriet, Violet, Alex, Brody, George, Max, Finley, Emily, John, Laycee-Leigh who have won prizes for their super handwriting.

## Our School Attendance for February 2025

**Foundation – Oak Class: 98.1%**

**Year 1/2 – Birch Class: 97.22%**

**Year 3 – Cedar Class: 97.33%**

**Year 4 – Elm Class: 98.17%**

**Year 5 – Pine Class: 95.56%**

**Year 6 – Willow Class: 95.7%**

**Target: 97% Actual: 96.91%**

**Well done Elm!**

## Let's GLOW! Update

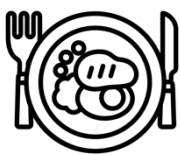


We will be holding our next **Let's GLOW! Day** on **Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. We are again inviting parents and carers to come along and help with the activities on offer. If you are free to join us whether for a couple of hours, or a little longer, please leave a message with your child's teacher or the school office. Don't forget to come in clothes which you don't mind getting dirty – that's part of the fun of joining in on a Let's GLOW! Day.

As usual, the Green Room will be available for parents/helpers throughout the day for refreshments and shelter. If parents/helpers would like to bring their own lunch and stay on site over lunchtime, they are welcome to make use of the Green Room or outdoor seating, alternatively book your school meal at a cost of £3.60, at the school office. We are all looking forward to getting outside for a great day!



## School Meals



We will be serving an Easter Dinner on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, which will consist of Roast Gammon & Pineapple, Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Sweetcorn followed by Easter Krispie Cake with chocolate egg. Please let the school office know, by Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> March if you would like to order a dinner for your child.

Reminder that the cost of a school meal will increase from £3/day to £3.20/day from Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. This is the first increase since September 2023 and is due to the rising Employers National Insurance contribution and food, staff and energy costs. We do ask that meals are paid in advance or on the day so that we can comply with Nottinghamshire County Council's financial requirements. If you think you might be eligible to receive free school meals for your child, please click on the following link: [Free school meals and milk | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

## Food Allergies

We would like 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 nut allergy, we would ask you please, to avoid sending in food/sweets containing nuts, for example 'Snickers' in 'Celebrations'. Many thanks for your help with this.



## INSET Days

Another reminder about this year's inset days:

- Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025
- Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025

As always, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Pearse or myself, if you have any worries or concerns or if we can be of any help.

Best wishes

**D T Walton**  
**Head Teacher**

## School Year 2024 – 2025

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| Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026                                              | NSPCC in school                                                          |
| Mon, 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Tues, 4 <sup>th</sup> , Weds, 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 | Parents' Evenings (face to face)                                         |
| <b>Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>                                      | <b>World Book day</b>                                                    |
| Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2025                                          | 9.45am – Science Showcase (Transform Trust)                              |
| Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2025                                             | Let's Glow! day                                                          |
| Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2025                                             | Elm class trip to The Deep                                               |
| Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2025                                            | 10.30am – Y5/6 Girls' Football Festival (Transform Trust)                |
| <b>Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>                                    | <b>Oak class trip to Crich Tramway Museum</b>                            |
| <b>Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025</b>                                       | <b>Shine Cricket sessions for KS2</b>                                    |
| Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025                                           | Height & Weight Checks for Oak & Willow classes                          |
| Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025                                              | AM - Easter Service at Church<br>School breaks up for Easter holiday     |
| Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> to Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025                  | <b>Easter holidays – school closed</b>                                   |
| Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025                                            | <b>Children return to school</b>                                         |
| Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April to Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2025            | KS2 Practice SATs week                                                   |
| Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025                                                | <b>May Day Bank holiday – school closed</b>                              |
| Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2025                   | KS2 SATs Test week                                                       |
| Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2025                                               | Sports Enrichment day – Introduction to new sport                        |
| Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025                                               | <b>Inset Day – school closed to pupils</b>                               |
| Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025                   | <b>Spring Bank holiday – school closed</b>                               |
| Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025                                               | <b>Children return to school</b>                                         |
| Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2025                   | Y4 Multiplication Tables Check weeks                                     |
| Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025                                               | 9.30am – Transform Trust Choir                                           |
| Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2025                                               | Let's Glow! day                                                          |
| Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2025                   | Y1 Phonics screening week                                                |
| Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2025                                            | Y2 Sports Festival (Transform Trust)                                     |
| Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2025                                             | PM – District Sports at Harvey Hadden Stadium                            |
| <b>Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>                                        | <b>Pine class trip to Sherwood Observatory</b>                           |
| Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> June & Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2025              | Year 6 Transition days at Selston High School                            |
| Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2025                                              | Y2/3 Transition day                                                      |
| Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025                                             | New Reception Intake Transition Day 1                                    |
| Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025                   | Year 6 visit to Isle of Wight                                            |
| Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2025                                            | New Reception Intake Transition Day 2                                    |
| Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025                                             | PM – Open Afternoon (Cedar & Elm)                                        |
| Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2025                                           | PM – Open Afternoon (Pine & Willow)<br>PM – Open Afternoon (Oak & Birch) |
| Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2025                                            | New Reception Intake Transition Day 3                                    |
| Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2025                                            | Y5/6 Kwik Cricket (Transform Trust)                                      |



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| Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025                             | AM – KS1 Sports Day<br>PM – KS2 Sports Day                                                    |
| Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025                          | 1.30pm & 5.30pm – Year 6 Performances                                                         |
| Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2025                           | Reserve Sports Day                                                                            |
| Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2025                             | 9am – Year 6 Leavers' Service<br>12.45pm – Year 6 Leavers' Banquet<br>Last day of summer term |
| Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 | <b>Inset Day – school closed to pupils</b>                                                    |
| Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2025                          | <b>School Summer holiday begins</b>                                                           |
| Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025                         | <b>Inset Day – school closed to pupils</b>                                                    |
| Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025                        | <b>Children return to school</b>                                                              |

(Updates in red)

### **BAGTHORPE LET'S GLOW! LUNCH – FRIDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024**

#### **Return to school before Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**My child** would like the following: please tick/indicate below:

Fish, Oven Chips, Sweetcorn & Mushy Peas & Vanilla Muffin

Jacket Potato with cheese / beans / cheese & beans / tuna & Vanilla Muffin

**I would like** to order \_\_\_\_\_ (no) jacket potatoes with cheese / cheese &

beans / beans / tuna filling for the following helper:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





# Underwood Scarecrow Festival



2025



We need your  
scarecrows!

Underwood Scarecrow Festival  
2025 Saturday 26th and Sunday  
27th April



**Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th April**

This year we have a Disney theme but you are welcome to make any type of Scarecrow

It is a great weekend for all ages to either make a scarecrow or to walk/run or drive around looking at them all.

*Prizes for: The Funniest, most Imaginative, & most Artistic Scarecrows*

Entry forms are available from Penny, Rachel, in church on our facebook page or via the QR code

Any queries please phone Penny 07743363112



[www.facebook.com/underwoodscarecrow](https://www.facebook.com/underwoodscarecrow)



**"Rewind through the decades"**

a concert with the

**Rock 'n' Soul Singers**

**SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2025 7PM**

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH UNDERWOOD**

All proceeds in aid of Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes  
and St. Michael's Church reordering

Refreshments will be provided

**TICKETS - Adults £8 under 16s £5**

available from choir members or online at

[www.trybooking.com/uk/EMLM](http://www.trybooking.com/uk/EMLM)

Use the QR code  
or call Helen 07597 921171



# Sunday CELEBRATION

5pm

**ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS**

