



Bagthorpe Primary School

Newsletter – January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a good Christmas break with your families and as we enter 2025 we wish you all a very Happy New Year!

As well as information about school activities, we have also included reminders about some of our routines which help to ensure school runs smoothly and safely for everyone.



Farewells & Welcome

In the late autumn term, we said goodbye to **Mrs Karen Jones**, who stepped down as community governor after over 15 years of service. Karen's love for the children and her dedication to ensuring their needs were always considered and have been invaluable to the school's progress and direction.

We also said farewell to **Miss Laura Iremonger**, who left Bagthorpe after 18 years. Laura has worked with and supported so many children over the years with patience, kindness and care.

Both Karen and Laura will be greatly missed, and we thank them for their many contributions to our school community.

We would like to welcome 2 new members of staff and look forward to working with them:

- **Mrs Leonardo Tonani** – Temporary Care Assistant
- **Miss Haslam** – Midday Supervisor

Bagthorpe's Key Priorities – One-Page Summary

At the end of this newsletter, you'll find a *one-page summary* of our **School Improvement Plan**. It's short, simple, and gives you a clear picture of the key areas we're focusing on this year. From working as a team to support every child, to inspiring a love for learning and developing leadership opportunities, this plan is all about ensuring Bagthorpe continues to thrive. Please take a look—we're looking forward to working together to make it happen!

Bagthorpe Primary – Wraparound Care Survey



Following previous parental feedback, we are now taking some next steps in exploring the need for an on-site Wrap Around Care provision. To help us with this, please can you take two minutes to fill out this short survey? All responses are confidential and anonymous. [Bagthorpe Primary School - Wrap-around Care Survey](#)

Cyclability Success



Congratulations to our Y6 children who took part in the recent Level 2 Cyclability training just before Christmas and congratulations to Finley, Lacey, Jack and Oscar who have been invited to Level 3 training.

Parents Evenings – 'Save the Date'



Parents Evenings will be held on Monday, 3rd, Tuesday, 4th and Wednesday, 5th March 2025 and these sessions will be face to face appointments. We look forward to seeing you to talk with you about how your child is getting on at school. We will let you know about booking arrangements nearer the time.

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 a text 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. Please take advantage of these, rather than phoning school each day. Unless you hear from us, please assume it is business as usual – thanks!

Safe and Sound

Food Allergies



A quick reminder that some children in school have 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 anything containing nuts, for example Snickers in Celebrations. Many thanks for your help with this.

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 let 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. You can leave a message on the answerphone, if you wish. 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.

Smartphone Free Childhood

We know parents often express concern about issues around children's phone use at home. If this is the case, you may find it useful to explore www.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk This movement offers resources and guidance for those navigating the challenges of introducing smartphones to their children. It highlights risks like mental health issues, cyberbullying, and online safety concerns, while offering practical alternatives. The website can help parents make informed decisions and foster healthier digital habits for their families.



Musician of the Month

For many years we've had a Musician of the Month, but we have recently bought into a six-year programme covering over 60 musicians, giving children a rich and varied musical experience during their time at Bagthorpe. Each month we'll share our **Musician of the Month** with you through our newsletter. This includes links to YouTube and Spotify and is a brilliant way to discover new music together and learn more about iconic and diverse musicians.

This month, we're catching up by sharing *December's* musician — **Elton John**—alongside January's selection — **Florence Price**. We hope your children enjoy sharing what they've learned in school as you explore some of these musical greats at home together. **Happy listening!**

INSET Days

Another reminder about this year's inset days:

- Friday, 23rd May 2025
- Monday, 28th & Tuesday, 29th 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

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

D T Walton
Head Teacher



School Year 2024 – 2025

Wednesday, 8 th January 2025	3.15pm – Fun Together Photography Club starts (Places still available – contact the school office)
Tuesday, 14 th January 2025	Year 5 trip to the Open Centre, Derby
Wednesday, 22 nd January 2025	10am – Y3/4 Paceball Festival (Transform Trust)
Weds, 22 nd & Thurs, 23 rd January 2025	BU Hub to work with Y5 and Y6
Friday, 7 th February 2025	Sport Enrichment Day – Healthy Living
Monday, 17 th to Friday, 21 st February 2025	Half term holiday – school closed
Monday, 3 rd to Wednesday, 5 th March 2025	Parents Evenings (Face to face)
Monday, 24 th February 2025	Children return to school
Monday, 3 rd March 2026	NSPCC in school
Mon, 3 rd , Tues, 4 th , Weds, 5 th March 2025	Parents' Evenings (face to face)
Wednesday, 12 th March 2025	9.45am – Science Showcase (Transform Trust)
Friday, 14 th March 2025	Let's Glow! day
Tuesday, 25 th March 2025	10.30am – Y5/6 Girls' Football Festival (Transform Trust)
Wednesday, 26 th March 2025	TBC – Elm & Cedar class sleepover at The Deep, Hull
Friday, 4 th April 2025	TBC – AM - Easter Service at Church
Monday, 7 th to Monday, 21 st April 2025	Easter holidays – school closed
Tuesday, 22 nd April 2025	Children return to school
Monday, 28 th April to Thursday, 1 st May 2025	KS2 Practice SATs week
Monday, 5 th May 2025	May Day Bank holiday – school closed
Monday, 12 th to Friday, 16 th May 2025	KS2 SATs Test week
Friday, 16 th May 2025	Sports Enrichment day – Introduction to new sport
Friday, 23 rd May 2025	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Monday, 26 th to Friday, 30 th May 2025	Spring Bank holiday – school closed
Monday, 2 nd June 2025	Children return to school
Monday, 2 nd to Friday, 13 th June 2025	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check weeks
Monday, 2 nd June 2025	9.30am – Transform Trust Choir
Friday, 6 th June 2025	Let's Glow! day
Monday, 9 th to Friday, 13 th June 2025	Y1 Phonics screening week
Thursday, 12 th June 2025	Y2 Sports Festival (Transform Trust)
Thursday, 17 th June 2025	PM – District Sports at Harvey Hadden Stadium
Monday, 30 th June & Tuesday, 1 st July 2025	Year 6 Transition days at Selston High School
Tuesday, 1 st July 2025	Y2/3 Transition day
Thursday, 3 rd July 2025	New Reception Intake Transition Day 1
Monday, 7 th to Friday, 11 th July 2025	Year 6 visit to Isle of Wight
Thursday, 10 th July 2025	New Reception Intake Transition Day 2
Tuesday, 15 th July 2025	PM – Open Afternoon (Cedar & Elm)
Wednesday, 16 th July 2025	PM – Open Afternoon (Pine & Willow) PM – Open Afternoon (Oak & Birch)
Thursday, 17 th July 2025	New Reception Intake Transition Day 3
Thursday, 17 th July 2025	Y5/6 Kwik Cricket (Transform Trust)



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

(Updates in red)

FREE COURSES FOR FAMILIES AND STAFF

The AIM Group deliver Free Online Level 2 Accredited Courses to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing, along with a range of other qualifications.

Subjects include:

- Neuroscience in the Early Years - Children and Young Peoples Mental Health - Understanding Autism - Specific
- Learning Difficulties - Nutrition and Health - Adverse Childhood Experiences - Bullying in Children and Young
- People - Distressed Behaviour in Children - Mental Health Awareness - Counselling - Team Leading - Business
- Administration - Customer Service - Functional Skills English/Maths

Eligibility: Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2024; have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years; not already on a Government funded course.

More info: complete the following link: <https://theaimgroup.co.uk/booking-form/001Q500000RA1j> or contact Shane Cooke on 0203 923 4013 / shane.cooke@theaimgroup.co.uk





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Our School Development Priorities 2024-25

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.

1. Working Together as a Team



We're strengthening teamwork across the school to ensure everything works smoothly and consistently. Leaders will work closely to align key areas, such as maths and SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) support. A new system will involve staff, governors, and families to help everyone understand and support our goals.



2. Inspiring a Love for Learning



Our curriculum is ambitious, inclusive, and designed to challenge every child. This year, we'll adapt teaching further to meet the needs of children with SEND and improve assessments to identify and close learning gaps. Practical science will be a focus, building teacher confidence to deliver engaging, hands-on lessons.



3. Supporting Every Child's Needs



We are committed to making sure every child feels supported, especially those with SEND. Teachers will use approaches like Zones of Regulation to help children manage their emotions. We'll adapt learning to ensure all children get the right level of support and challenge.



4. Growing Leaders and Living Our Values



We want every child to have leadership opportunities. This year, we're expanding roles like Digital Ambassadors and ensuring our school and Trust values, such as kindness and respect, are part of everyday learning. We're also focusing on improving attendance by working closely with families.





HOME INFORMATION



December's Musician of the Month

Elton John



About: Sir Elton John (born Reginald Kenneth Dwight; 25 March, 1947) is a British singer, pianist and composer. Acclaimed by critics and musicians, particularly for his work during the 1970s and for his lasting impact on the music industry, his music and showmanship have had a significant impact on popular music. His songwriting partnership with lyricist Bernie Taupin is one of the most successful in history.

Genres: R&B/Soul, Jazz

Active from: 1962 - Present

Origin: Middlesex, United Kingdom

Books to read...



If you like Elton John, try...

- Billy Joel
- Tina Turner
- Phil Collins



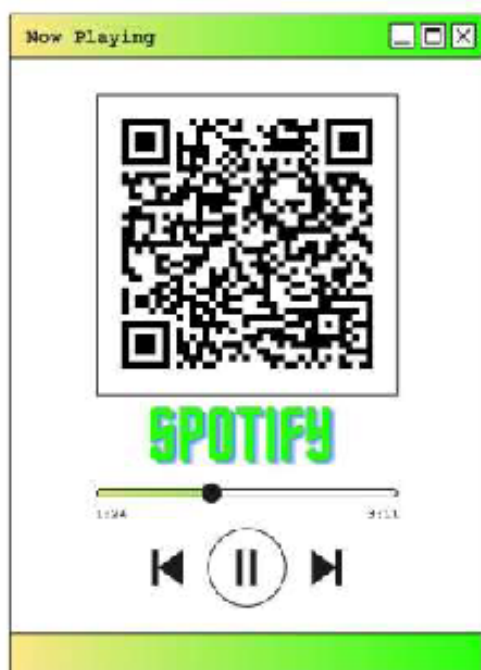


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January's Musician of the Month

Florence Price



About: Florence Beatrice Price (1887 – 1953) was an American classical composer, pianist, organist and music teacher. Price is noted as the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra. In 2009, a substantial collection of her works and papers was found in her abandoned summer home.

Genres: Classical

Active from: 1927 - 1953

Origin: Arkansas, U.S.A.

Books to read...



- William Grant Still
- Shirley Thompson
- Errollyn Wallen

