

Bagthorpe Primary School

Newsletter – September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Autumn Term!

It has been wonderful to see everyone returning to school after the summer break and we are delighted to welcome lots of new children and families into the Bagthorpe family.

We extend a particularly warm welcome to all of our new Reception and Year 3 children. We hope that they and their families will spend many happy years with us, learning, growing and achieving together and, of course, making memories to last a lifetime.

Traditionally, our September newsletter includes a photograph of all of our new starters. However, as our newsletters are shared online, we have taken the decision not to do this, this year Instead, class teachers will be sharing photographs, updates and important information directly with families through ClassDojo, so please keep an eye on your notifications.

🌟 Welcome to New Staff

We are also delighted to welcome two new members of staff to the Bagthorpe family this year. Miss White joins us in the role of Care Assistant, while Miss Webb joins our lunchtime team as a Midday Supervisor. It's great to have them both onboard; we trust that they will be very happy working with us in the months and years to come and hope that you will join us in giving them a warm Bagthorpe welcome when you see them around school.

🚧 Exciting Arrival on the Playground!!

Many of you will already have noticed the arrival of our new swimming pool on the playground. Over the next couple of weeks there will continue to be construction activity and work taking place around the pool as contractors complete the installation and surrounding area. Every effort is being made to minimise disruption and as always, the safety of our children is our highest priority. Thank you for your patience and support whilst these final stages are completed.

🚧 Swimming Lessons

We are delighted to confirm that swimming lessons will begin on Monday 21st September. Swimming sessions will be prioritised for our older children in order to support the requirements of the National Curriculum, which expects pupils to be able to swim competently, confidently and proficiently by the end of Key Stage 2.

These lessons will run for three weeks and further details regarding arrangements will be shared directly with the families of the children involved. We know many children are extremely excited about this opportunity and we look forward to seeing them develop their swimming skills, water confidence and understanding of water safety.

🌟 Bagthorpe School Improvement Priorities 2026-27 🌟

At Bagthorpe, our vision is simple: 📖 Learn. ❤️ Grow. ⭐ Achieve.

This year, we are focusing on four key priorities to help every child thrive.

Confidence, Consistency & Challenge
Strengthening reading, writing and maths so more children succeed and achieve highly.

Readiness, Routines & Resilience
Building strong foundations in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 so children are confident, independent learners from the start.

Connections, Community & Commitment
Developing pupil leadership and strengthening partnerships with families to ensure everyone feels valued and connected.

Retrieval, Recall & Retention

Helping children remember more of what they learn so knowledge sticks and supports future success.

Our Three Ambitions
- Learn for Life
- Grow Together
- Achieve More

Together, we will continue to provide the knowledge, skills, confidence and character our children need to flourish now and in the future.

Meet The Teacher!
On Tuesday 15th September, we will be holding our annual **Parents' Information Meetings** from 2.30pm until 3.00pm.
These meetings provide an opportunity to:
- Meet your child's teacher
- Hear about the exciting learning planned for the year ahead
- Find out how you can support your child at home
- Ask any questions early in the school year

Immediately afterwards, at 3.00pm, there will be a short meeting for parents of Year 6 children regarding next summer's **Isle of Wight Residential Visit**.
We hope to see as many families there as possible.

Staying in Touch
Good home-school communication is incredibly important.
This year, **ClassDojo** will continue to be our main platform for sharing class information, reminders, photographs and celebrations. Please ensure that notifications are enabled so that you don't miss important updates from your child's class teacher. Our **monthly newsletters** and **school website** will continue to provide key information about school events and developments.

Upcoming Dates
Tuesday 15th September
Parents' Information Meeting (2.30pm)
Tuesday 15th September
Year 6 Isle of Wight Meeting (3.00pm)
Monday 21st September
Swimming Lessons Begin
Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th October
Parents' Consultation Evenings
Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October
Half-Term Holiday
Friday 6th November
Let's GLOW! Day

🚗 Parking Reminder

Please can we remind everyone to respect the yellow "School Keep Clear" markings outside school and to park considerately around the local area.
We continue to receive requests from local residents asking that driveways are not blocked and that parking is carried out safely and responsibly.
The school car park remains staff-only for safeguarding and safety reasons.
Thank you for your support with this.

💊 Medical Appointments and Medication

A quick reminder that if you need to collect your child during the school day for a medical appointment, please provide the office with an appointment card or letter wherever possible. Children must always be signed out at reception before leaving the school site. If medication needs to be administered in school, please contact the office who will be happy to help.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to have a word with your child's teacher, contact the school office or get in touch with myself or Miss Ward.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead with everyone working together.

Best wishes



D T Walton
Head Teacher

School Year 2026 – 2027	
Monday, 21st & Tuesday, 22nd September 2026	Y6 Bikeability
Friday, 25th September 2026	Flu vaccinations
Monday, 21st to Friday, 9th October 2026	Pop-Up Pool – Swimming lessons
Monday, 12th October 2026	Individual Photographs
Monday, 12th & Tuesday, 13th October 2026	Parents Evenings
Thursday, 15th October 2026	**School breaks up for October half term holiday**
Friday, 16th October 2026	**Inset Day**
Monday, 2nd November 2026	**School Re-open to pupils**
Friday, 6th November 2026	Let's Glow day
Thursday, 12th November 2026	PTA Film Night
Wednesday, 11th November 2026	Cedar Class trip to Creswell Craggs
Weds, 18th & Thurs, 19th November 2026	Life Education in school
Friday, 27th November 2026	**Inset Day**
Tuesday, 8th December 2026	Oak/Birch class Nativity – 10am & 2pm
Wednesday, 9th December 2026	Christmas dinner day
Thursday, 10th December 2026	Pantomime (Aladdin) (Nottingham Playhouse)
Friday, 11th December 2026	PM – Christmas Fayre After-School – Christmas Event at Dixie's Arms
Friday, 18th December 2026	AM – Singing at front of school **School breaks up for Christmas holiday**
Monday, 8th & Tuesday, 9th February 2027	Parents Evenings
w/c Monday, 22nd February 2027	Annual Handwriting competition week
Thursday, 25th March 2027	**Inset Day**
Friday, 26th March 2027	**Easter holiday begins**
Monday, 12th April 2027	**Children return from Easter holiday**
Thursday, 29th April 2027	PTA Film Night
Friday, 11th June 2027	Let's Glow / LCH Colour Dash
Monday, 5th to Friday, 9th July 2027	Y6 trip to Isle of Wight
Thursday, 15th July 2027	Sports Day
Wednesday, 28th July 2027	**Inset Day**

Beavers at 2nd Brinsley Underwood Scout Group will have some places available to start later this year for boys and girls aged 6-8. Waiting list link: https://www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk/waiting-list/2nd-brinsley-underwood-scout-group-beaver-waiting-list/70f46280-9540-40a3-847e-16ff366c03f8/apply