

Bagthorpe Primary School

Newsletter – October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks seem to be flying past, and we have already reached that point in the term where autumn is well underway and preparations are in full swing for Let's GLOW! Day. We are looking forward to a fantastic event packed with exciting activities to celebrate our 50th Let's GLOW! Day. Further information can be found on the next page. Please remember to check the diary section carefully, as there are a number of new dates and updates to note.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended our Autumn Term Parents' Evenings. It was wonderful to see so many families and to have the opportunity to share how the children have settled into the new school year. These meetings are always a valuable chance to celebrate the progress the children have made already, discuss their learning, and strengthen the partnership between home and school.
We hope you found the discussions informative and reassuring. If any questions or concerns arise following your appointment, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Harvest Festival Food Bank Collection

Although our annual Harvest Festival is taking place a little later than usual this year, we are still looking forward to coming together to celebrate the importance of gratitude, community and helping others. Following the half-term break, the children will take part in a special Harvest assembly, after which some of our children will help raise awareness by creating posters to encourage donations. Once again, we will be supporting **Selston Foodbank**, and we would be very grateful for any contributions of non-perishable food items. The deadline for donations is **Thursday 12th November**. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support in helping local families within our community.

Let's GLOW! and Celebrate!

We are delighted to be celebrating our **50th** termly **Let's GLOW Day on Friday 7th November**. This special event will see children spending the day outdoors, taking part in a wide range of creative and nature-based activities inspired by our wonderful woodland environment. From creating woodland art and collages to making bird treats, exploring colour quests, designing party decorations and enjoying muddy banquets, every child will have the opportunity to work together, be creative and celebrate the natural world around them.

Parents, families and members of our school community are warmly invited to join us for all or part of the day, but especially from 2:15pm for the Let's GLOW Celebration Party. Children and adults will come together on the top field for music, dancing and a joyful celebration of our school community. There will also be an opportunity for children to contribute to a special time capsule that will be buried as part of the event, creating a lasting memory of this year's celebration.



As we continue to celebrate **Let's GLOW!**, we are looking forward to seeing children, staff, families and friends come together for what promises to be a memorable afternoon filled with fun, creativity and community spirit. We hope as many families as possible can join us for this very special occasion.

Free School Meals Do you think you might be eligible for free school meals? If so, please make sure you register your child with the Local Authority. You can do this by contacting them: https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk ***Not only does this enable them to have a well-balanced hot meal at lunchtime, but it also brings extra support for your child and extra funding into the school, so even if your child is eligible to the Universal Infant Free School meal, it is still advisable to apply.***



Healthy Family Team We have been asked to share the e-Bug website and resources with parents: you can find information and resources here: www.e-bug.eu/news-and-publications

Parking Please can we remind everyone again 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.



Another reminder that the school car park is for Staff Only. This is because we have had an increase in the numbers of staff, including visiting staff, who use the car park, as well as being in the interests of safety. We regret that we are unable to accommodate other users.

Nottinghamshire School Admissions consultation 2028-2029 The consultation period for the proposed changes is from 5th October until 22nd November 2026. These arrangements are relevant for children who will be starting primary school, moving to junior school, moving to secondary school and children transferring school during the school year 2028-2029. You can find out more information and 'have your say' by visiting: https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/school-admissions-consultation

INSET Days A quick reminder for your diary that school will be closed to pupils on **Friday, 16th October 2026, Friday, 27th November 2026, Thursday, 25th March 2027 and Wednesday, 28th July 2027.**

If you ever have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to have a word with myself or Miss Ward. I look forward to seeing you in school at some point.

Best wishes

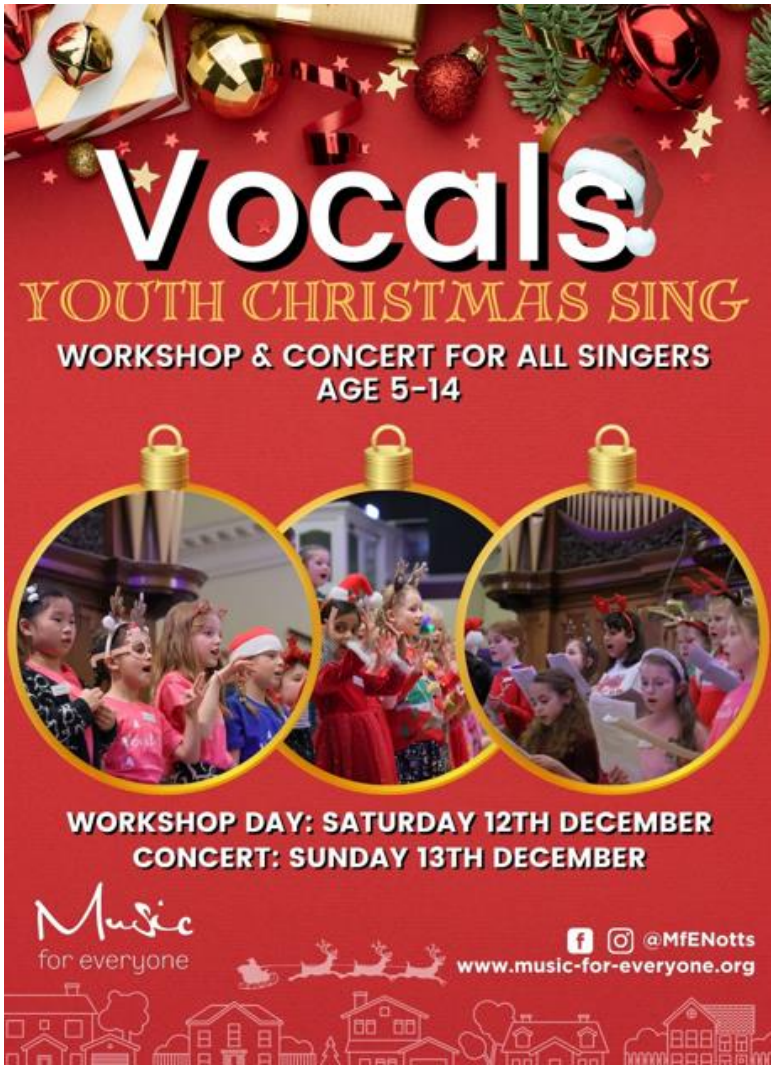
D T Walton (Head Teacher)

Our School Attendance for September 2026

Foundation – Oak Class: 99.21%
Year 1/2 – Birch Class: 98.19%
Year 3 – Cedar Class: 99.31% **Well done, Cedar!**
Year 4 – Elm Class: 97.11%
Year 5 – Pine Class: 97.53%
Year 6 – Willow Class: 97.22%

School Year 2026 – 2027	
Friday, 16th October 2026	**Inset Day**
Monday, 2nd November 2026	**School Re-open to pupils**
Tuesday, 3rd November 2026	Monster Mash: 3.10-4pm – Foundation & KS1 4.15pm – 5.30pm – KS2
Friday, 6th November 2026	Let's Glow day
Wednesday, 11th November 2026	Cedar Class trip to Creswell Craggs
Thursday, 12th November 2026	PTA Film Night
Weds, 18th & Thurs, 19th November 2026	Life Education in school
Thursday, 26th November 2026	Elm class to Cadbury World
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
Tuesday, 15th December 2026	TBC Christmas party day
Friday, 18th December 2026	AM – Singing at front of school **School breaks up for Christmas holiday**
Friday, 15th January 2027	Willow class visit to London
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
Monday, 3rd May 2027	**May Day – School closed**
Friday, 11th June 2027	Let's Glow / LCH Colour Dash
Thursday, 1st to Friday, 2nd July 2027	Elm class camp out
w/c Monday, 7th July 2027	Y6 residential
Thursday, 15th July 2027	Sports Day
Wednesday, 28th July 2027	**Inset Day**

(Updates in red)


Vocals
YOUTH CHRISTMAS SING
WORKSHOP & CONCERT FOR ALL SINGERS
AGE 5-14
WORKSHOP DAY: SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER
CONCERT: SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER
Music
for everyone
@MfENotts
www.music-for-everyone.org


Join us for the
Nottinghamshire
Hospice
Santa
Dash!
at Wollaton Park
Sunday 6th December
from 9.30am
Complete 2km or 5km dressed
head to mistle-toe in festive gear
and raise vital funds for local
hospice care. Fun for the whole
family - all ages and dogs welcome!
FREE
Santa
T-shirt for all
dashers
Sign up online:
nottshospice.org/
santadash
Adults £15 - Under 16's £8
Under 3's Free
Wollaton Park, Nottingham, NG8 2AE
Nottinghamshire
Hospice
Nottinghamshire Hospice is a registered charity 509759
Registered with
FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR



£20 PER DAY | AGES 5-13

19TH - 30TH OCTOBER | MONDAY - FRIDAY | 9:00AM - 3:00PM

WRAP AROUND CARE: 8:30AM-4:00PM



- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- ALL SESSIONS COACH-LED
- SKILL BUILDING & MATCHES

SCAN TO BOOK NOW!

www.mansfieldtownct.net/holiday-camps

Lunch is NOT provided, participants need to bring a packed lunch, suitable outdoor clothes, and a refillable water bottle.
If you have a holiday camp voucher, please get in touch via the email before booking.

For more information, contact: **community@mansfieldtownct.net | 07719 203130**



OCTOBER HALF TERM 2026

MAKE NEW FRIENDS! | **HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES!** | **LUNCH INCLUDED!**

Provided by

£25 PER DAY | AGES 5-13

19TH - 30TH OCTOBER | MONDAY - FRIDAY | 8:30AM - 4:00PM

NOW AVAILABLE AT TWO LOCATIONS!

ONE CALL STADIUM
Quarry Lane, NG18 5DA

DEBDALE PARK SPORTS CLUB
Debdale Lane, NG19 7NS

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Eligible families can use the Government's Tax-Free Childcare scheme to pay for bookings.

Participants must bring suitable outdoor clothes and a refillable water bottle.
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V A C A N C Y

Midday Supervisors (Permanent & Supply)

Required as soon as possible

12noon to 1pm – Monday to Friday (Term Time Only)

(Grade 1, Point 3 - £14.88/hr)

The Governors of Bagthorpe Primary School are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, caring and friendly midday supervisor to join our team of committed midday supervisors.

The staff at our school are caring, experienced and committed to meeting the individual needs of every child and to creating a happy, secure environment in which they learn for life, grow together and achieve their best. We are looking for caring and patient individuals, who love working with children and who have a positive attitude and a strong commitment to teamwork. A commitment to raising standards and a willingness to participate in the full life of the school are essential.

For the ideal candidate, this post could also be available as a 3 day/week post.

Application forms are available to download from the school website: www.bagthorpeprimary.com or contact the Office Manager, Maria Clifton – mariaclifton@bagthorpe.notts.sch.uk.

These posts are subject to an enhanced check through the Disclosure and Barring Service. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful candidates will receive the Safeguarding Policy that outlines the duties and responsibilities of the employer and all employees.