



Ladywood

Primary School



Ladywood Weekly News

Issue 1

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to offer a very warm welcome back to all children, staff, parents and carers. I hope you all enjoyed a fantastic summer break; we were very lucky with the nice weather. It has been a pleasure to see the children this week and to hear them talking about what they have been up to and where they have visited during the holidays. All children have returned with a positive attitude to school; they have supported each other, been enthusiastic about their learning and settled in well to their new classrooms. This morning we celebrated our Special Mention children in assembly but also praised all our pupils for such a great start to the school year. Well done boys and girls!

As we start the new school year can I please take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers of the following in order to ensure the health and safety of all our children:

- Jewellery is not permitted in school – please ensure that all children remove necklaces, bracelets and earrings.
- No pedestrians are allowed to walk down the school driveway – please stick to the path.
- Adult language on school premises MUST be appropriate for children to hear.
- Adults are not permitted to walk freely through school – all visitors MUST sign in and wear relevant badges.

Suzanne, our Tempest School Photographer, will be in school on Thursday the 18th September 2025 to take the children's annual photographs and the NHS Audiology Team will be in school on the 23rd September 2025 to start their checks with the younger pupils. Further relevant information will be provided nearer the time.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs CL Grainger-Roystone

Headteacher

Attendance

Please can we kindly ask that you familiarise yourself with all information within the attendance newsletter and the information below. The attendance newsletter can be found on our website and has been sent via email.

Attendance monitoring & reporting

We are always looking to improve attendance in our school. Our current attendance target is 96%.

Regular attendance leads and enables the children to make, or exceed, expected progress towards their Learning Goals. Irregular attendance has a negative impact on the children's social, emotional and academic development and studies show that this affects their future throughout their school life and beyond.

To encourage regular attendance and to identify any barriers to attendance as early as possible, we do monitor the attendance of all our children but we will continue to monitor children more closely if their attendance drops below our school attendance target of 96%. If there is no improvement following you being made aware of this, you may be invited into school for a meeting to see if we can offer any support.

Illnesses, medical and dental appointments

If your child is absent from school, it is good practice to contact the office with a reason for the absence. It is also helpful for us to receive appointment cards/letters if you are unable to arrange appointments outside of the school day.

Lates

Polite reminder that if your child/ren arrive between 8.55am and 9.15am they will receive a late mark (L) code. If your child/ren arrive after 9.15am they will receive a (U) code which is also an unauthorised late mark and could lead to a fixed penalty. Absences, whether authorised or unauthorised will bring your child/ren's attendance down.

Leave of absences during term time

If you are taking a Leave of Absence (holiday) during term time, please call into the office to collect a leave of absence request form.

We would like to politely remind you of the changes to penalty notices from August 2024, further information around this can be found on the attendance newsletter.

Home visits

Home visits will be carried out to check on the well-being of children who are absent from school. These visits will take place in cases where no contact can be made to establish reason for absence and on day 3 of absence in all cases, and will continue if absence persists. In some cases, dependent on the circumstances surrounding pupil absence, we may make a home visit sooner. If deemed appropriate, the Education Welfare Officer may make the home visit.

Attendance awards incentives 2025-2026

To encourage good attendance, we will continue with our award incentives which are outlined below from September 2025:

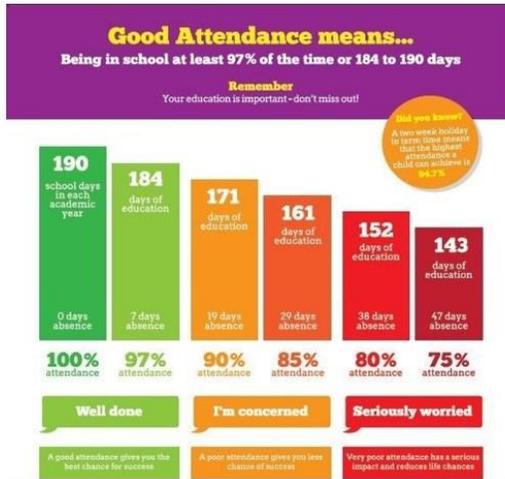
Individual awards

- If your child/ren achieve 96% or above for 1 school term they will receive their Bronze attendance award
- If your child/ren achieve 96% or above for 2 consecutive school term's they will receive their Silver attendance award
- If your child/ren achieve 96% or above for more than 2 school term's they will receive their Gold attendance award
- Any child/ren with 100% attendance by the end of the academic year will receive a special award

Class awards

Our attendance target is 96%. Each week the class with the highest attendance receives an award and £5 credit towards an end of year treat. Last academic year children have chosen some great end of year treats such as, cinema afternoon's, teddy bear's picnic or a class party!

We do thank you for your continued support around attendance but please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Norman our school Attendance Officer if you have any further questions.



When can my child return to school?

If you are worried, please seek further advice from your GP or community pharmacist
★ - Vaccine preventable

Chicken Pox	Conjunctivitis	Diarrhoea & Vomiting	Glandular fever	Cold and Flu like illness (including COVID-19)
5 days from onset of rash and all the blisters have crusted over	No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	48 hours from the last symptoms	No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	No longer have a high temperature and feel well. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19
Hand, foot & mouth	Head lice	Impetigo <small>Think Pharmacy First</small>	Measles or German Measles	Mumps
No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	When sores are crusted & healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotics	4 days from onset of rash and recovered ★	5 days from onset of swelling ★
Scarlet fever	Slapped cheek	Threadworms	Tonsillitis <small>Think Pharmacy First</small>	Whooping cough
24 hours after starting antibiotics	No need to stay off after rash has developed. Inform school / nursery	No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	48 hours after starting antibiotics ★

Hand washing is one of the most important ways of controlling the spread of infections, especially those that cause diarrhoea and vomiting and respiratory disease. Liquid soap, warm water and paper towels are recommended. Supported by the Barnsley Health Protection Board. This information was correct at time of printing (August 2024). This information is based on health protection guidance from Public Health England on managing cases of infectious diseases in schools and other child care settings. More information can be found at the link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infectious-diseases-schools-and-other-child-care-settings>

Awards



Special Mentions	
Reception	- Sienna & Colton
Year 1	- Edie & Rohaan
Year 2	- George & Harry
Year 3	- <u>Jassie & Somto</u>
Year 4	- Xander & <u>Elsee-Mai</u>
Year 5	- Daniel & Dylan
Year 6	- Ryley & Jack T

Always Awards	
Reception	- Harper
Year 1	- Vihaan
Year 2	- <u>Jemily</u>
Year 3	- Swastika
Year 4	- Rosie
Year 5	- Crystal
Year 6	- Tilly

Behaviour Raffle	
Reception	- Frankie
Year 1	- Renesmai
Year 2	- Araya
Year 3	- <u>Zuzanna</u>
Year 4	- Mia O
Year 5	- Heidi
Year 6	- Jack C

Before & After School Clubs

Breakfast club

Breakfast Club is available daily from 8.00am and the cost of this is £2.50 per session. Sessions can be booked via the school gateway app.

After School Clubs

After school clubs available for the new academic year are now live for booking on the school gateway app. These are **free of charge**.

After school club information is as follows:

- Every Monday 3.15pm - 4.15pm Football (KS2, Y3 to Y6)
- Every Tuesday 3.15pm - 4.15pm Handball or Basketball (KS2, Y3 to Y6)
- Every Tuesday 3.15pm - 4.15pm Grassroots Tag Rugby (KS1 & KS2, Y1 to Y6)
- Every Wednesday 3.15pm - 4.15pm Art & Story Club (KS1 & KS2 Y1 to Y6)
- Every Thursday 3.15pm - 4.15pm Grassroots Multi-Sports (KS1 & KS2 Y1 to Y6)

Places are limited.

Schoolcomms Gateway App



The Schoolcomms gateway app is a payment and communication system used across school. Registering on the app will enable you to pay for school meals, trips, give consents, send and receive app messages etc. Please have a look and sign-up.

In order to register you will need to ensure that you have provided school with a valid email address and mobile contact number.

When you do download the app you will receive a confirmation message from our unique Schoolcomms email/SMS addresses, please save these into your address book as this will minimise the risk of messages bouncing back or being marked as SPAM.

If you are having problems registering or if you have any questions about this system, please speak to a member of the office staff.

To download the app on your smartphone search *School Gateway* in your App store and download:

How to activate your account

1. Download the Android or iPhone app.
2. Press 'Sign Up' then enter the email and mobile number your school has on record. If you're not sure if they have the right details, it's best to check and update first.
3. Press 'Send PIN'. You will receive a text message with your unique PIN.
4. You're now ready to log in and start using School Gateway.
5. If you don't have a smartphone or prefer to use a computer, you can set up your account using the web version of School Gateway.

To use the online version on a computer go to: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/get-started/>, click on the web version link and follow the instructions

EXISTING USER | NEW USER

Please enter the email address and mobile number that your school's contact you on and press the 'Send PIN' button. You will then be sent a new PIN number by text message.

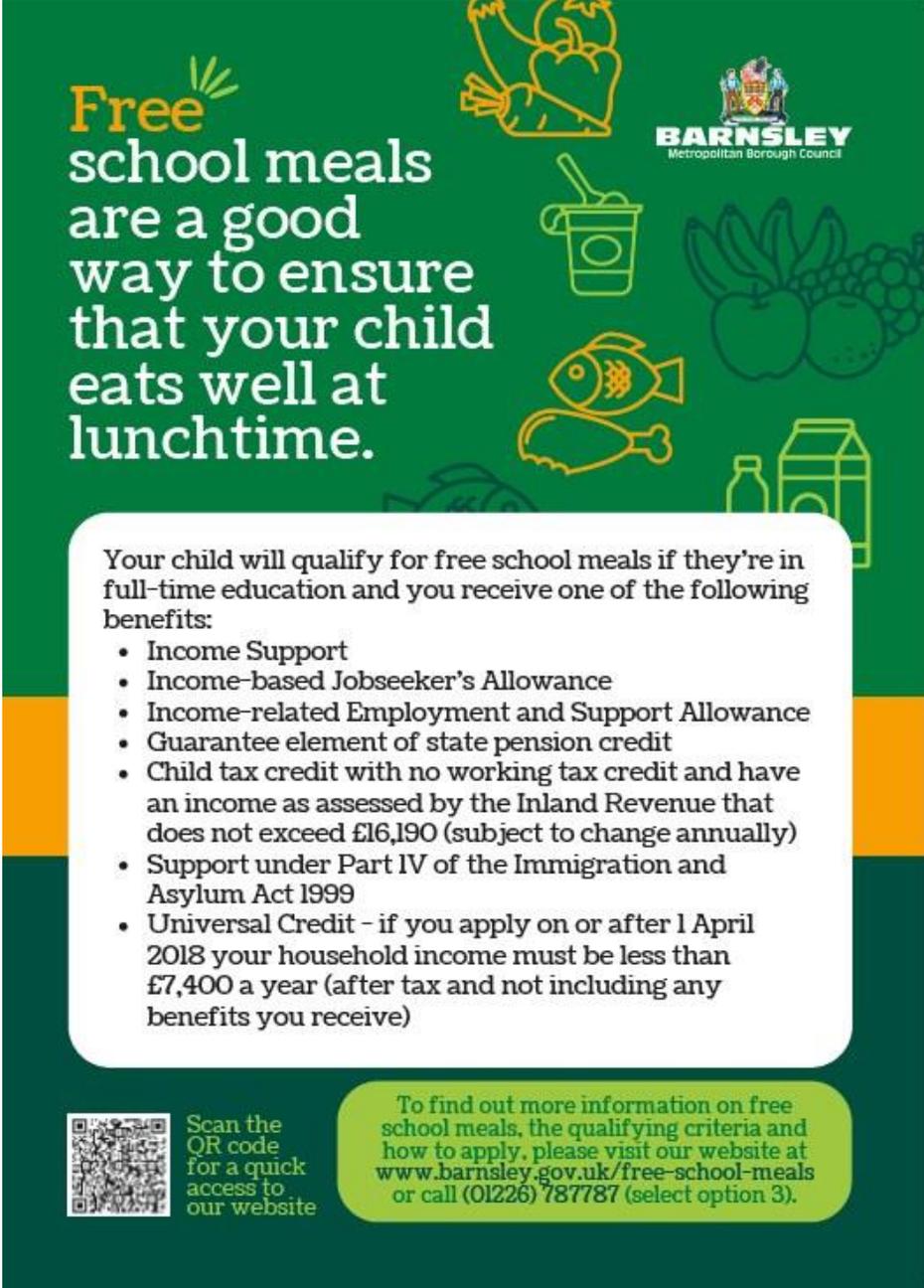
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MOBILE SEND PIN

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Free School Meals

A green poster with white and yellow text and icons. The main text reads 'Free school meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime.' The word 'Free' is in yellow with a sunburst effect. The BARNSELY Metropolitan Borough Council logo is in the top right. Icons of a hand holding a heart, a drink, a fish, and fruit are scattered around. A white box contains a list of benefits. A QR code and a green call-to-action box are at the bottom.

Free school meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime.

BARNSELY
Metropolitan Borough Council

Your child will qualify for free school meals if they're in full-time education and you receive one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit with no working tax credit and have an income as assessed by the Inland Revenue that does not exceed £16,190 (subject to change annually)
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you receive)

Scan the QR code for a quick access to our website

To find out more information on free school meals, the qualifying criteria and how to apply, please visit our website at www.barnsley.gov.uk/free-school-meals or call (01226) 787787 (select option 3).

All children in the Reception class, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free school meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) programme however, if you are in receipt of qualifying benefits you may also be entitled to benefit related Free School Meals (FSM). If you are entitled to FSM we will also provide free school milk for your child, milk is free up to the age of 5 but is then chargeable unless you are entitled to FSM.

In order to check your eligibility to receive FSM for your child there is a short application form to complete and we would strongly encourage all parents to take a few minutes to do this before September. In addition to the benefits a healthy school meal and milk provides for children, schools receive additional funding based on the number of eligible pupils they have, this funding is called Pupil Premium and is used by school to help ensure that we can continue to develop the skills, resources and staff needed to meet the needs of our pupils.

A link to the application form on the Barnsley Council website is below:

www.barnsley.gov.uk/free-school-meals-form

Cool Milk



As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch.

Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised* cost. If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/register. Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5th birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.

Flu Programme



It is time for your child's yearly flu vaccination!

Please complete one consent form for each of your child/children here, please complete the form even if you do not wish for your child/children to receive the vaccine:

www.barnsleysais.co.uk/Forms/Flu



Your unique code for Ladywood Primary is BN106618

Please complete the form even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.

If you experience any problems, please contact the team on barnsleysais@swyt.nhs.uk

With all of us in mind.

Please complete one consent form for each of your child/children by scanning the bar code above, please complete the form even if you do not wish for your child/children to receive the vaccine.

Flu vaccinations are booked to take place in the afternoon of Friday 21st November 2025

PE information

Children require their PE kits on the following days, please note jewellery is not permitted:

Reception Fridays

Year 1 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Year 2 Mondays and Tuesdays

Year 3 Thursdays and Fridays

Year 4 Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Year 5 Mondays and Wednesdays

Year 6 Thursdays and Fridays

Nursery

It has been a lovely first week back at Nursery. We have had lots of new children start and we have enjoyed getting to know each other. We have read the book 'Meesha Makes Friends' and tried to remember what happens in this story.

Next week, we will be discussing ourselves by looking at what we look like and trying to describe ourselves. We will be talking about where we live.

For the following week (the week beginning the 15th September), we will be discussing our own history. Please could you bring in photos of your child from when they were younger and a more recent photo so we can compare the differences. Photos can be brought in or emailed to r.wilding@ecmtrust.co.uk

Please can you ensure that all coats and jumpers are named. Some children this week have not been sure what their clothing looks like and staff are still getting to know children. This will help staff to reunite the item of clothing with the correct child.

Thank you

Applying Online for a Primary School Place 2026-27

This leaflet is for parents of children due to start Primary School in September 2026.



How to apply

Before starting the application process, make sure you have read our Admission to School booklet, you can find this at barnsley.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissions.

1. Create your account

Go online to barnsley.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissions and click 'apply online'. You will be asked to set up an account, make sure you verify your account when asked. Keep your log in details safe as you will need these to log back into your account.

2. Complete the application

Please make sure that the information provided is correct, supplying false or incorrect information may result in the offer of a school place being withdrawn.

You can apply for up to three schools. These can be any primary schools in and outside of Barnsley. You must list your preferred schools in ranked preference order.

3. Make sure you submit your application

When you have read the disclaimer and ticked the box, you must click submit. You will receive a confirmation email. If you don't receive an email, please contact admissions@barnsley.gov.uk.

Making changes to your application

You can make changes to your application as many times as you like before you submit it. If you need to make any changes after you have submitted please contact School Admissions:
• admissions@barnsley.gov.uk

Your school place offer

You can log into your account any time after 12.30am on Offer Day to find out your offer of a school place. We will also send you an email later in the day.

You will receive one offer of a place at the highest ranked school where your child is eligible. If we cannot offer you any of your preferences, we will allocate a place at the nearest school to your home which has places available.

You will receive no further communication from School Admissions following your offer of a school place. The school you have been allocated will contact you directly regarding arrangements for the start of the school year.

Important information

Applications made using an address you do not live at is classed as a fraudulent application. Any school place offered based on fraudulent information will be withdrawn.

Schools that receive more applications than there are places available will have the oversubscription applied to determine which children will be offered a place.

More information is available in our admissions guide on our [website](#).

Important dates

The closing date for Primary School applications is 15 January 2026. Offers of places will be sent out on 16 April 2026.

2 - Information has been circulated regarding applying for your child/ren to move into Reception class September 2026.

We recommend that you apply online at www.barnsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions select **Primary School Places** and click on the **Apply Online** link. Please ensure that you submit your application by the closing date **15th January 2026**.

Reception

A very warm welcome to all our Reception children and families. It has been lovely getting to know everyone.

This week we have been settling in to our new class and learning the class rules. We have been making friends and playing nicely with others both indoors and out.

We have enjoyed listening to lots of stories and have been singing lots of nursery rhymes. We have spoke about our feelings and how we experience many different feelings when starting something new i.e excited, nervous, happy, scared etc.

Next week we will start with our routine of lessons and play provision. I will be holding a meeting for parents to explain our early reading scheme which is RWInc. I will arrange this date shortly within the next 2 weeks.

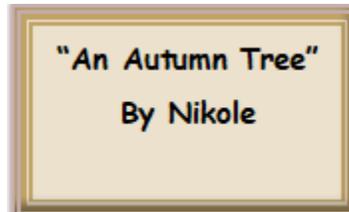
Our P.E. will start next Friday and please see the additional letter to explain this.

A fabulous week Reception children. It has been so lovely meeting you all and getting to know you.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs McQuillan and Reception staff

Picture of the week



Year 1

A huge welcome back to our new Year One children. What a great first week we have had!

The children have settled in really well and have enjoyed their first week of learning in their new class. Boys and girls have been recapping the rules and routines of school and have been able to take part in some free choosing time as well as accessing some focussed learning.

To get an understanding of where children are at this week, we have focussed lots on our letter and number formation, reading ability and independence skills. We hugely appreciate your support at home with regular reading practise and encouraging children to be as independent as possible, as they continue their school journey.

Myself and Miss Morgan have loved getting to know the children this week and we look forward to seeing the progress they make over the coming academic year.

A reminder of PE days - children will need their PE kits on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Children do need to bring book bags every day, if they don't have one, please contact the office staff and this can be arranged.

Please could we ask that you write names on children's uniform's as we often end up with lots of missing cardigans, jumpers etc and as the colder months approach children will be requiring these.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, see you on Monday,

Miss Adams and Miss Morgan

Year 2

This week we have settled in amazingly to our new class and have had so much fun.

In Reading we have started RWInc comprehension where we read about Chicken Licken and his experiences with the sky falling down. We have explored key vocabulary and "find it and prove it" questions which test our knowledge of what we have read. During this we continue to practice reading speed sounds to maintain our knowledge.

In writing we have started our exciting new topic on mining! We have been introduced to Abie Longstaff who is the author of our new book "Danger in the Mine". In this book, she wrote a letter about what she does and loves and fun facts. We are writing a response letter telling her all about ourselves so we can practice our, "Think it, Say it, Count it, Write it, Check it" technique which helps us to write our sentences.

In maths we have been learning place value and make 10 as this core knowledge will help us when we progress to the trickier topics. We found that we can make 10 in lots of different ways and the total does not change if none have been taken away or added.

We have started our Geography topic on maps and the local area and are looking forward to exploring the areas around us as part of this topic.

Year 3

We have had a fabulous first week back at school and the children have settled into Year 3 brilliantly. We have started a new book called "Arthur and the Golden Rope" in Whole Class reading and we have looked at the meaning of new words in the story to make sure that we are reading for meaning.

In English we have also begun to look at our new book called "Leon and the Place in Between". We have written expanded noun phrases to describe some of the things from the story such as 'the stripy, fierce tigers' and 'a flexible, energetic juggler.'

In maths we have been looking at addends and learning that we can add numbers together in any order and still get the same total. We have practised this practically using cubes and part-whole models.

We have begun to look at maps of the UK in Geography and we have discussed where important cities are located in the UK.

In art we have started to learn about a new artist called George Seurat who used the pointillism technique to create his paintings.

In science we have focused on forces and in P.E. we have started our units of handball and gymnastics.

Our P.E. days are on Thursdays and Fridays so please make sure that your child has their kit in school on these days. Also, children are required to take out earrings before school and ensure that long hair is tied back.

Children have been given spellings to practise at home and they will be tested in school every Tuesday. They will also bring home a new reading record and a reading book. Please record when your child has read at home by writing a comment in their reading record book. It would be beneficial for your child if they could read at home at least three times per week.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week!

Mrs Lassu, Mrs Salter and Miss Longbottom

Swimming

In previous years children in both our Year 3 and Year 4 classes have participated in swimming lessons at the Metrodome, in the face of rising costs and budget pressures across all aspects of our school provision we have unfortunately had to make several difficult decisions about bought in services and resources. With effect from the 2025/2026 academic year this sadly means that we have reduced our core swimming offer and lessons will now only be offered in Year 4. This will take place in the Spring term and we will contact parents nearer the time with more details.

We will continue to assess children's progress against the Government's standard for school swimming and any children not achieving this standard will continue to be offered 'top-up' lessons at the Metrodome in Year 6.

Year 4

An excellent first week in year 4 where we have all come in and settled really well. We have got straight on looking at different types of noun in English and next week we will look at adjectives and expanding the noun phrase based on a character.

In maths this week we have looked at how to set out columnar addition and looking for addends and the sum. Next week we will continue to solve 2 and 3 digit additions.

In the wider curriculum this week we have been recapping what we know about capital cities in geography, started our unit of changing states in Science, looked at introducing ourselves in

French and started to look at the Bible in RE. These will all continue next week. We have also completed some passing and shooting drills in PE for handball.

Our PE days will be **Tuesday Morning** and **Wednesday Afternoon** and a reminder that kit is white shirt and black shorts or tracksuit bottoms.

Well done in all your efforts this week year 4 keep it up.

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Year 5

We have had a fantastic week in Year 5 and the children have worked really hard. They have impressed us with their enthusiasm and great contributions during our lessons.

In maths, we began our unit on Decimal Fractions by identifying tenths as part of a whole. We then shaded in one tenth of different representations. Next week, we will describe and represent tenths as a decimal fraction.

In English, we were introduced to our new topic by exploring our ideas about the universe and discussed the things we were curious about. This will lead to us writing a proposal to NASA to request that they build a rover to explore Mars. Next week, we will write formal labels to describe the features of our own rover designs.

In Computing, we were introduced to the idea of a system and began to understand that components can work together to perform a task. We then explored how digital systems can work and looked at smart lockers. Next week, we will link this to our English work about Mars rovers and discuss how their systems would work.

Additional information

Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday.

All children have been given a reading diary and must ensure that these are handed in daily. They will be able to choose a new book from the library and will be able to exchange books in our weekly library session.

Year 6

In Maths, we have been exploring how a combination of different parts can be equivalent to the same whole and then identifying structures within maths stories. We've also been practising some arithmetic skills which will be tested on each week.

In wider curriculum, we have started a science unit on evolution. We've discovered that evolution happens over millions of years and how fossils are used by scientists to give us more information about living things from many years ago. We will continue with this learning next week.

All children have now chosen a reading book from our class library which needs to be read at least 3 times a week. Diaries need to be signed either by a parent or the children themselves and then brought to school each day. Spellings have also been given on Wednesday to be learned for their test next Wednesday. Please encourage your children to practise these and read to support their journey in year 6.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bradbury, Mrs Smith & Mrs Goulding

Frequently asked questions

Q. I live in Barnsley but want to apply for a school in another Authority what should I do?

You should apply to the local authority you pay your council tax to, you can apply for any school in England.

Q. I'm applying for a school that my older child currently attends, what do I need to do?

Make sure that you tick the sibling box on the application and enter their details so that the sibling rule can be verified and applied to your application.

Q. I don't need to put my nearest school because if I don't get offered my preferences I will get that anyway - is this true?

No, if we are unable to offer you any of your preferences you will be allocated the next nearest school that has a vacancy after all other applications have been processed.

Q. If I only put one preference on the form, will I be offered that school?

If you are not eligible for a place, we would allocate a place at the next nearest school with a vacancy. It is recommended that you put more than one preference.

Q. If I'm moving home, should I use my future address on the application?

No, you should always use the address you are living at. You must inform admissions as soon as you move into your new address.

Q. I have family that already attend the school, do I get priority?

Priority is only given to children that have siblings that attend the school when your child starts. See our guide for more details on siblings.

Q. Can I use a family member or friends address to apply for a school if they live closer?

No, addresses are checked and verified. If they're found to be incorrect, any school place offered based on a false address will be removed.



3 - Please see recent email sent to you regarding applying for your child/ren to go to secondary school 2026/2027.

We recommend that you apply online at www.barnsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions select **Secondary School Places** and click on the **Apply Online** link. Please ensure that you submit your application by the closing date **31st October 2025**.

Useful contacts:

School Office Telephone: (01226) 711488

School Office Email: LadywoodPrimary@ecmtrust.co.uk

School website: www.ladywoodprimary.co.uk

School X/Twitter: @SchoolLadywood

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR
 For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

September (22 Days)	October (18 Days)	November (20 Days)
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Denotes Bank Holidays
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185 days in total – including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff

4 - Term dates September 2025 - July 2026

Inset Days

Monday 1st September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 23rd February 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Useful dates

18/09/2025 School Photographs (Individual)

23/09/2025 - Audiology Testing

24/10/2025 - Inset Day (school closed to children)

Week commencing 27/10/2025 - Half term begins

03/11/2025 - School reopens

21/11/2025 - Flu Spray Vaccinations

23/02/2026 - Inset Day (school closed to children)

22/05/2026 - Inset Day (school closed to children)

08/06/2026 - Y6 Bikeability (further information will follow at a later date)

Barnsley Schools Catering

Welcome Back - Autumn 2025

Parent update

Welcome to our Winter term parent update. We circulate these newsletters once a term via your school, where we aim to provide you with information about our healthy nutritious school lunches as well as useful updates from behind the scenes and things to keep an eye out for.

Plan Ahead for Lunchtimes – Pre-Order Your Child’s School Meals!

Sit Back and relax, we've got you covered!

Remember you can pre-order your child's school meals in advance using **ParentPay**, **School Comms** or **Arbor** apps.

- ✔ **Plan the week ahead** – Sit down with your child and choose meals together for the upcoming week
- ✔ **Encourage healthy choices** – Help your child explore new foods while still enjoying family favourites
- ✔ **Avoid the morning rush** – No need to worry about packed lunches or last-minute decisions.
- ✔ **Support your school kitchen** – Pre-ordering helps our catering teams prepare fresh, nutritious meals with less waste

Whether your child loves a classic roast dinner or is keen to try something new, there's something for everyone on the menu!

📱 Log In today and get ahead for next week's lunches!

Social Media

Barnsley Schools Catering provide updates, celebrations and fun food facts each week via our social media platforms. You can find us on Facebook, Twitter (X) and Instagram at the pages below.

So why not give us a follow!

@barnsleyschoolscatering

@barnsleyschoolscatering

@BarnsleySC

Theme Days

Throughout the Year we like to provide fun theme menus for children to celebrate. Take a look at the calendar below that showcases what's on offer up to the end of March 2026. Keep your eyes peeled with communications from your school so your child can get involved.

National School Meals Week

In November, all across the country caterers and schools will be celebrating National School Meals Week. Each day has a unique theme to be celebrated with fun tasty food and resources so school can take part in activities with the children. Keep an eye on our social media pages where we will be bringing the occasion to life!

Have you checked to see if your child is eligible for free school meals?

Could your child be eligible for free school meals? Applying is important, even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and currently gets Universal Infant Free School Meals. When you apply, your school receives extra funding to support your child's education. Check if you are eligible now over at www.barnsley.gov.uk/free-school-meals. Free school meals are a great way to ensure your child eats well at lunchtime.

The below highlights some of the wider benefits of accessing school meals:

- Meals are packed full of goodness, with at least 2 of your child's 5- a day
- Evidence demonstrates that regular consumption of school dinners can improve educational attainment
- Saves you time (and money)! No shopping for sandwiches or preparing packed lunches
- Peace of mind knowing your child is getting a healthy nutritious cooked meal

Spring / Summer Term (Week 1)

All our kitchens operate under a Nut-free environment

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Southern style burger with wedges (V)	Cheese burger pasta and crusty bread roll	Chicken fillet with Yorkshire pudding and mash potatoes	Traditional all day breakfast	Fish fingers or salmon fingers with chips
Rich pasta bolognese with garlic bread (V)	Pizza pin wheel with diced potatoes (V)	Vegetable parcel and mash potatoes (V)	Hearty breakfast (V)	Crispy finger wrap with chips (V)
Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), or coleslaw (V)	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise
Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with coleslaw and salad (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with beans, tomatoes and mushrooms (VE)	Served with a choice of Peas or beans (VE)
Chef's choice of homemade bake (V)	Yoghurts and fruit (V)	Fruit and Jelly (V)	Raspberry bun (V)	Fruity Friday (VE) or Yoghurt (V)

Please be aware that we are unable to guarantee a completely allergen-free environment, as foods containing allergens can use our kitchens

Weeks Commencing:
28th Apr / 19th May / 09th Jun / 30th Jun / 21st Jul / 11st Sep / 22nd Sep / 13th Oct / 03rd Nov

Available daily: Unlimited vegetables (VE)
Unlimited fresh water. Selection of fruit (VE).
Bread basket (V).
V indicates vegetarian and VE for vegan option

Spring / Summer Term (Week 2)

All our kitchens operation under a Nut-free environment

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Homemade tomato pizzo with rice (V)	Beef enchilada with diced potatoes	Sausage and Yorkshire pudding with mash potatoes	Chicken burger in a bun with tomato potatoes and coleslaw	Harry Ramsdens fish and chips
BBQ taco with rice (V)	Creamy mac and cheese with garlic bread (V)	Quorn sausage and Yorkshire pudding with mash potatoes (V)	Swedish vegetable meatballs with tomato potatoes (V)	Quorn sausage roll with chips (V)
Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise (V)	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise (V)	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise (V)	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise (V)	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise (V)
Served with salad (VE)	Served with broccoli (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with sweetcorn (VE)	Served with a choice of Peas or beans (VE)
Chefs choice of homemade bake (V)	Honeywell biscuits (V)	Fruit Jelly (V)	Chocolate or strawberry mousse (V)	Fruity Friday (VE) or Yoghurt (V)

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Weeks Commencing:
 5th May / 16th Jun / 7th Jul / 08th Sep / 29th Sep / 20th Oct

Available daily: Unlimited vegetables (VE)
 Unlimited fresh water. Selection of fruit (VE).
 Bread basket (V).
V indicates vegetarian and VE for vegan option



Spring / Summer Term (Week 3)

All our kitchens operation under a Nut-free environment

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Golden cheese and onion roll with mash (V)	Southern style chicken goujon wrap with golden rice	Chicken parma with tomato spaghetti	Hot dog with new potatoes	Fish fingers or salmon fingers with chips
Breezy beany cheesy topped pie (V)	Crunchy nuggets with golden rice (V)	Spaghetti in tomato sauce (V)	Quorn quarter pounder veggie burger with new potatoes (V)	Curried vegetable pasty with chips (V)
Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise (V)	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise (V)	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise (V)	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise (V)	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise (V)
Served with beans or sweetcorn (VE)	Served with coleslaw and salad (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables or salad (VE)	Served with peas and coleslaw (VE)	Served with a choice of Peas or beans (VE)
Chefs choice of homemade bake (V)	Chocolate and beetroot cake (V)	Fruit Jelly (V) or Yoghurt (V)	Fruit shortbread biscuit (V)	Fruity Friday (VE) or Yoghurt (V)

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Weeks Commencing:
 12th May / 2nd Jun / 23rd Jun / 14th Jul / 15th Sep / 06th Oct

Available daily: Unlimited vegetables (VE)
 Unlimited fresh water. Selection of fruit (VE).
 Bread basket (V).
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Community Notice Board

Barnsley MiCard

The Barnsley MiCard Travel Pass will be available to children and young people aged 5 to 18 years old living in Barnsley. Children and young people can benefit from free bus travel anywhere within South Yorkshire, from 7am to 9pm, seven days a week, as long as the journey starts or finishes in Barnsley local authority area. To apply, click on the following link:

www.travelsouthyorkshire.com



ROALD DAHL WALK ELSECAR

ENJOY A FUN ROALD DAHL SCAVENGER HUNT!

Enjoy an exciting and different walk around Elsecar Park. Bring along your friends, family or just yourself and have a go at our Roald Dahl themed scavenger hunt! Children require a parent or guardian.

When: Thursday 11 September, 6pm-7pm

Who: Unfortunately this route is not wheelchair friendly

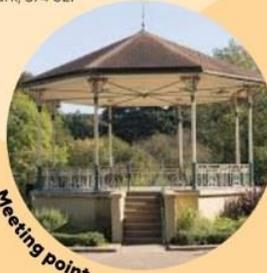
Meeting Point: Bandstand in Elsecar Park

Parking: Free at Wentworth Car Park, S74 8EP

Free of charge



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Meeting point

ROALD DAHL WALK ROYSTON

ENJOY A FUN ROALD DAHL SCAVENGER HUNT!

Enjoy an exciting and different walk around Royston Park. Bring along your friends, family or just yourself and have a go at our Roald Dahl themed scavenger hunt! Children require a parent or guardian.

When: Tuesday 9 September, 6pm-7pm

Who: Everyone! This route is accessible.

Meeting Point: Bandstand in Royston Park

Parking: Free opposite Royston Fish Bar, S71 4QJ

Free of charge



Meeting point

- ✉ sport&activercreation@barnsley.gov.uk
- 📍 Barnsley Sport and Physical Activity Team
- 👤 The Ramblers Barnsley Wellbeing Walks



Sport and Physical
Activity Team

Advice from
your walk
Facilitator



Calling all Junior Chefs!

Are you a gifted and talented chef in the making? This one-day cookery course is for for anyone in Year 6 to Year 11. You will use seasonal produce to cook savoury or sweet dishes to take home.



Junior Chef Main -

Savoury

Tuesday 28 October
10.00am - 3.00pm

Junior Chef Dessert -

Sweet

Wednesday 29 October
10.00am - 3.00pm

Entry Requirements Year 6 - Year 11

Scan the QR code or visit
the link to book:

👉 www.barnsley.ac.uk/catering



£40
Per session