



Ladywood

Primary School



# Ladywood Weekly News

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Friday 5th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an exciting week in school. The Christmas Tree and decorations have gone up and all the children and staff have been working hard on their Christmas Performances. If you haven't had chance to buy tickets yet, please call at the school office. Initially we limited tickets to two per family – from Monday they are available on a first come, first served basis should you wish to purchase extras.

Today I spoke to the children about **Santa's Secret Store**. This is something that we used to do at Ladywood every year. Children were able to buy a small gift from the store for their parents, grandparents, carers etc which we wrap with them at school to keep it a surprise. The children were very enthusiastic about this idea and would like Santa's Secret Store to return so, next Friday afternoon they will be able to buy and wrap gifts. The gifts will be about £2 each – I will confirm this at the start of next week so please look out for a text message with details.

You may remember that I informed you a few weeks ago that Mrs McQuillan will be sadly retiring at Christmas. We are now in apposition to share details of her replacements. Mrs Hopson will be joining our early years team as the EYFS Leader. Mrs Hopson has been coming into school over the last few weeks whenever she can and has already built some lovely relationships with the Reception children. Mrs Bradbury will become our new Deputy Headteacher from January; she will remain in Year 6.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

***Mrs CL Grainger-Roystone***

***Headteacher***

## **Attendance**

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 week, **Reception** achieved the highest attendance of 79.5%. **WELL DONE!**

## **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.

### **Illnesses**

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. Please see illnesses information below.

Polite reminder that if your child/ren are unwell, please ensure contact is made to the office, via the app or leaving a voicemail on 01226 711488. Please ensure a reason for absence is provided daily.

### **Appointments in school time**

Polite reminder that medical/dental appointments need to be arranged outside of school hours, on occasions this may be unavoidable, please always ensure appointment confirmation cards/letters are provided to the school office at the earliest opportunity so these can be added to your child/ren's record.

### **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.

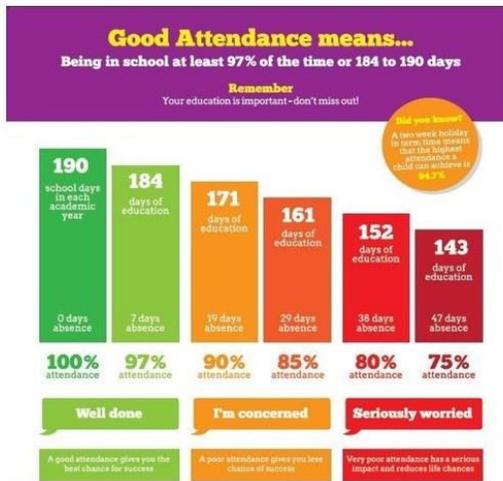
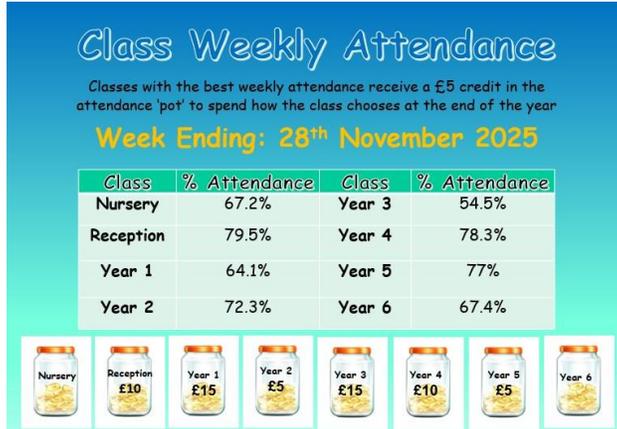
### **Leave of Absences**

Penalty Notices are requested from schools and **issued by the Local Authority** to the parents/carers of statutory school age children, and can be issued per parent, per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for leave of absence in term time could result in **each** parent/ carer receiving 3 separate fines at the below rates.

- **First offence** - The first time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be: £80 per parent, per child paid within 21 days. This fine increases to £160 per parent, per child if paid after day 21, until day 28.
- **Second Offence (within 3 years)** - the second time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- **Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)** - the third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case may be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court under s.444 of the Education Act (1996) or other legal

interventions considered. The Magistrates' Court can order fines up to £2500 per parent, per child.

**Failure to pay a Penalty Notice will render you liable to criminal proceedings in the Magistrates Court under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996.**



### 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**  
5 days from onset of rash and all the blisters have crusted over

**Conjunctivitis**  
No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed

**Diarrhoea & Vomiting**  
48 hours from the last symptoms

**Glandular fever**  
No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed

**Cold and Flu like illness (Including COVID-19)**  
No longer have a high temperature and feel well. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19 ★

**Hand, foot & mouth**  
No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed

**Head lice**  
No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed

**Impetigo** ★ This Pharmacy First  
When sores are crusted & healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotics

**Measles or German Measles** ★  
4 days from onset of rash and recovered

**Mumps** ★  
5 days from onset of swelling

**Scabies**  
24 hours after first dose of chosen treatment

**Scarlet fever**  
24 hours after antibiotics

**Slapped cheek**  
No need to stay off after rash has developed. Inform school / nursery

**Threadworms**  
No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed

**Tonsillitis** ★ This Pharmacy First  
No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed

**Whooping cough** ★  
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-childcare-settings>

## Awards



### Special Mentions

Reception:	Jett & Ella
Year 1:	Vihaan & Irina
Year 2:	Logan L & Willow He
Year 3:	Kian & Riley
Year 4:	Eva & Grace
Year 5:	Winter-Lily & Evie B
Year 6:	Maja & Amelia Lu

**Always Award**

Reception:	Nikole
Year 1:	Isabel
Year 2:	Charlie
Year 3:	Maya
Year 4:	Mihai
Year 5:	Nadine
Year 6:	Layla

**Behaviour Award**

Reception:	Harper
Year 1:	Rohaam
Year 2:	Davie
Year 3:	Gracie
Year 4:	Sawyer
Year 5:	Theo
Year 6:	Ella

## Christmas Performances



From Monday 8th December any remaining tickets will then be available on a first come first served basis for each Christmas Performance.

Tickets will be priced at £1 each with proceeds going towards school funds and our Christmas celebrations for the children in school.

## Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been looking at the season of 'Winter'. We have been discussing different signs that we may see. In Maths, we have been exploring weight and trying to describe different objects.

Next week, we will be discussing Christmas and the reason why we have Christmas. In Maths, we will be exploring positional language and trying to move objects into different positions

As the weather is getting colder, please make sure that you are sending your child to school with war clothes and accessories. We have some spare gloves and hats but there are not enough for all children to use.

## Reception

This week we have been reading, "One Snowy Night" by Nick Butterworth. We have explored the different events in the story. We have spoken about how the animals worked together to resolve a problem.

In our curriculum lessons we have been talking about Christmas and how we prepare for this. We have also been reading "The Nativity" story. We have been using our Nativity scene in the classroom to talk about the significant events.

In our Mathematics we have been adding 1. We have used lots of resources to aid our understanding of this. We have been writing our own number sentences to record our calculations.

Our RWInc lessons continue to take place each day. Children are now focussing on blending sounds to read words. We are also focussing on correct letter formation and spelling simple 3 letter words.

A super week Reception. Remember to please bring your book bag to school each day and we change our library books every Thursday.

Mrs McQuillan and Reception staff

## Year 1

**We have had a lovely week in Year One- it was great to have everyone back!**

**In Maths**, the children have been learning how to use the **add symbol**. We have practised adding groups of objects, writing simple addition number sentences, and using practical resources to help us understand how numbers grow when we add them together.

**In English and Science**, we have been learning about **winter and seasonal changes**. The children enjoyed talking and writing about what winter looks and feels like. They used fantastic vocabulary to describe snowy weather, shorter days, and colder temperatures. We also created some lovely winter-themed writing and pictures.

**Over the week**, the class has been very busy **practising for our Christmas play**. The children are working hard to learn their lines, songs, and actions. We are so proud of their enthusiasm and can't wait to share the performance with you soon!

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Adams and Miss Morgan

## Year 2

What a fantastic week we've had in Year 2! The children have continued to amaze us with their enthusiasm, hard work and growing independence.

In Reading, we've enjoyed even more wonderful sessions exploring new texts and sharing our ideas. The children have been especially fascinated by our History learning about school life 100 years ago in Victorian times. There was lots of giggling (and relief!) when they discovered that children used to wear dunces hats and write on chalkboards—we are very glad things have changed!

In Writing, the class has impressed us again with their fantastic efforts. This week we focused on contracted words and how to use apostrophes correctly. The children are becoming much more confident with this skill, and it will really support them as they prepare for their next final writing piece.

In Maths, we have become experts in doubles and near doubles, and we've now begun to explore adding two addends. The children quickly realised how their knowledge of doubles can help them work out these calculations—brilliant mathematical thinking!

Our Christmas concert practice is coming along beautifully. The children have shown great focus and excitement, and we were all very proud when Mrs Grainger had a sneaky watch and was extremely impressed!

In DT, we have been busy designing pouches for the miners. The children showed thoughtful design ideas and can't wait to begin putting their sewing skills to the test very soon.

Next Week:

We are looking forward to planning our Big Write, which will include a big problem for the children to solve in their story. They'll be using all the writing skills they've learned this half term—contractions, suffixes, prefixes and conjunctions. In Maths, we will be applying our skills in adding three digits to new problems, and we're hoping to begin making and sewing our DT pouches too.

Well done, Year 2—another brilliant week of learning!

### Year 3

This week in literacy, we have finished writing our letters as evacuees and we have edited our own work to make sure we have included our objectives such as apostrophes and conjunctions.

In maths, we have been practising addition and subtraction with multiples of one hundred and we have also practised answering mental arithmetic questions.

We have continued to learn about life during World War 2 and why rationing was introduced. We have also designed our own Anderson shelter in D.T. and some of us have started to make a model of one out of cardboard and other materials.

In science, we have continued to focus on skeletons and we have found similarities and differences between vertebrates.

In French, we have named the days of the week and we spoke about different activities that might be done on each day.

We have also practised for our Christmas concert this week too.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Mrs Lassu, Mrs Salter and Miss Longbottom

## Year 4

Another week that has flown by. We have been working hard on assessments this week in maths and reading as well as completing our unit on perimeter by looking at adding all the sides and more efficient ways of doing this. We have also looked at finding the missing lengths when we are given the perimeter. In the wider curriculum we have continued to design our bags in DT, printed our designs in art and started a unit of basketball in PE. We attended the tag rugby event and despite the changes to the event the year  $\frac{3}{4}$  children competed well finishing top of their group before losing in the final. A great effort and engagement were had by all the children especially the ones who stepped in at the last minute due to all the illness last week. Thank you to parents for getting kits up to school so quickly.

Next week we will be moving onto the 3 and 6 x tables in maths and we will be completing with our Iron Man writing.

## Year 5

In Maths, we completed some assessments using our knowledge on decimal numbers and began our new topic on money. We looked at one tenth of 10p, one tenth of £1 and one hundredth of £1. Next week, we will continue by comparing amounts of money. In English, we used cohesive devices to make links between sentences and also to think about the systems on our rovers and how the parts work together. In topic, we completed our 'Fish Free Fridays' posters and then looked at the science behind some Viking food production methods, and found out about the modern production of dairy foods. We then carried out our own investigations and made Viking butter.

## Year 6

Year 6 have had a productive and festive week, balancing excellent academic focus with lots of Christmas concert preparation!

In English, we began the week by exploring the key features of informal letters, looking closely at tone, structure and cohesion before identifying these features in a WAGOLL. The children then practised adjusting formality, rewriting a formal paragraph into an informal version to reflect a character writing home from Camp Green Lake. Later in the week, they added extra detail to sentences using parenthesis and relative clauses, producing rich descriptive work about the Camp Green Lake setting. To finish the week, pupils revisited adjectives and adverbs, identifying them accurately and using them to enhance their writing further.

In Maths, the children deepened their understanding of large numbers by exploring the composition of seven-digit numbers, then applying this knowledge to solve problems involving place value and number relationships. They also practised mental addition and subtraction, learned how to add multiples of powers of 10, and ended the week by subtracting across the millions boundary, showing fantastic resilience and reasoning skills throughout.

Our Geography lesson built on our desertification topic, with the children engaging in a role-play interview. They worked in pairs to film themselves interviewing a “farmer” impacted by desertification, helping them understand the human experience behind environmental change in a creative and memorable way.

A large part of our week was dedicated to Christmas concert practice, and Year 6 have shown wonderful teamwork, enthusiasm and growing confidence as they prepare for their performance. We rounded off the week with Music, continuing our jazz unit, and French, building vocabulary and confidence in speaking.

It has been a fantastic week, and Year 6 should be extremely proud of their hard work and positivity!

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**BARNSELY 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

  Denotes School Holidays

185 days in total – including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff

*1 - Term dates September 2025 - July 2026*

*Inset Days*

*Monday 23rd February 2026*

*Friday 22nd May 2026*

*Monday 20th July 2026*

**Useful dates**

- 12/12/2025** - Christmas Festive Themed Lunch
- 15/12/2025 10.00am** - EYFS Christmas Performance
- 15/12/2025 2.00pm** - EYFS Christmas Performance
- 16/12/2025 5.00pm** - KS1 Christmas Performance
- 17/12/2025 10.00am** - KS1 Christmas Performance
- 17/12/2025 5.00pm** - KS2 Christmas Performance
- 18/12/2025 9.30am** - KS2 Christmas Performance
- 18/12/2025** - Christmas Dinner Day

19/12/2025 - Last day of term

05/01/2026 - School reopens

14/01/2026 - Height and Weight check for Reception and Y6 children

26/01/2026 - 30/01/2026 - Y5 Cober Hill

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)

24/06/2026 - Y5 Music Festival Metrodome

20/07/2026 - Inset Day (school closed to children)

## Barnsley Schools Catering

### Autumn / Winter Term (Week 1)

All our kitchens operate under a Nut-free environment

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Southern style burger with diced potatoes (V)	Keema curry and rice with a naan	Chicken fillet with Yorkshire pudding and mashed potato	Traditional all day breakfast	Fish fingers with chips or salmon fingers
Pizza pin wheel with diced potatoes (V)	Rich tomato and cheese pasta bake (V)	Mighty meatballs with Yorkshire pudding and mashed potato (V)	Hearty breakfast (V)	Golden Cheese and onion roll 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 a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with beans, mushrooms and tomatoes (VE)	Served with beans or peas (VE)
Chefs choice of home bake (V)	Chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce (V)	Fruit and Jelly (V) or Yoghurt (V)	Honeywell Biscuit (V)	Fruity Friday (VE) or Yoghurt (V)

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

Weeks Commencing:  
10th Nov / 07th Dec / 12th Jan / 02nd Feb / 23rd Feb / 16th Mar

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



### Autumn / Winter Term (Week 2)

All our kitchens operation under a Nut-free environment

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Calzone with wedges (V)	Chicken pasta bake with garlic bread	Sausage and Yorkshire pudding with mashed potatoes	Beef burger with wedges	Harry Ramsdens fish and chips
Creamy broccoli and cheese pasta bake (V)	Breaded Quorn burger with diced potatoes (V)	Quorn sausage and Yorkshire pudding with mashed potatoes (V)	Herby Quorn sausage roll with wedges (V)	Crispy fingers and 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 a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with beans (VE)	Served with a choice of Peas or beans (VE)
Chefs choice of home bake (V)	Brownie (V)	Fruit Jelly (V) or Yoghurt (V)	Parkin (V)	Fruity Friday (VE) or Yoghurt (V)

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Weeks Commencing:  
17th Nov / 08th Dec / 19th Jan / 09th Feb / 02nd Mar / 23rd Mar

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



# Autumn / Winter Term (Week 3)

All our kitchens operation under a Nut-free environment



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mac and cheese (V)	BBQ Meat feast pizza	Chicken fillet with Yorkshire pudding with roast potatoes	Crispy chicken burger with diced potatoes	Fish fingers with chips or salmon fingers
Campfire chili and rice (V)	Classic Cheese and tomato pizza (V)	Seasonal vegetable parcel with roast potatoes (V)	Onepot cheese burger pasta and a crusty roll (V)	Crunchy Quorn dippers and 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 a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables or salad (VE)	Served with a choice of Peas or beans (VE)
Chefs choice of home bake (V)	Jam sponge and custard (V)	Fruit Jelly (V) or Bûche (V)	Raspberry buns (V)	Fruity Friday (VE) or Yoghurt (V)

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Weeks Commencing:  
24th Nov / 15th Dec / 05th Jan /  
26th Jan / 09th Mar

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

