

NEWSLETTER



Spring First Half Term 2025



We are reviewing our approach to school attendance.

The DfE have published revised guidance which we are following and this means looking at how we can improve attendance at Brierley.

Mrs Wood will be your point of contact if you need to discuss attendance from now on.

We are working more closely with the Education Welfare Service whose role is to promote attendance in schools.

Each week, those children who have come to school every day and on time will go into our prize draw where they will be able to choose something they want from our selection of goodies.

At the end of each half term, the class with the best attendance, will be given a party – just for them! This will take place one afternoon towards the end of half term, in school.

In addition, we are introducing a series of incentives that we really hope you will jump on board with:

At the end of each full term, if your child reaches at least 96% attendance, they will be eligible to join us on one of our trips.

In Autumn, just before Christmas we will take those children with at least 96% attendance to the cinema.

Just before Easter, will take the children with at least 96% attendance bowling.

Just before the summer holidays, we will take the children with at least 96% attendance to the seaside.

If your child does not have a single day off, not only will they have attended all three trips, they will also receive a 100% trophy.

As you can imagine, the children are very excited about all the rewards we are offering, so please help us and get as many children into school as possible, enjoying these treats.



Free Breakfast Club

We have been accepted onto the DfE pilot scheme for running school breakfast clubs.

This means, that straight after the Easter holidays, we will start our new, **free breakfast club which is available to all children.**

The club starts at 8am in school, and finishes in time for class registration in the morning. Anyone who normally attends our existing breakfast club will also be eligible for a free place.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children to start their day with a good breakfast and be ready to learn. It also really helps with getting children into school on time.

Please contact our school office for further information or if you would like to book a place for your child.



Dates for your diary

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| Friday 14.02.2025 | 3.15pm School closes - Half Term |
| Monday 24.02.2025 | School reopens. Registration at 8.45am |
| Friday 28.02.2025 | Y3/4 boys football tournament at Cudworth |
| Wednesday 05.03.2025 | Y5 Show and Tell Assembly 2.30pm |
| Thursday 06.03.2025 | World Book Day |
| Monday 10.03.2025 | Y5 Bikeability |
| Tuesday 11.03.2025 | Parent Consultations from 3.30pm |
| Wednesday 12.03.2025 | Parent Consultations from 3.30pm |
| Tuesday 01.04.2025 | Chocolate Bingo 3.30pm |
| Wednesday 02.04.2025 | Reception Class Show and Tell Assembly 2.30pm |
| Friday 04.04.2025 | 3.15pm School closes for Easter Holidays |
| Tuesday 22.04.2025 | School reopens. Registration at 8.45am |



School Meals

Free school meals are available to every single child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Please do consider taking up this offer to ensure your child receives a tasty, nutritious, hot meal each day.

We offer a delicious choice of main courses and desserts that are prepared in our school kitchen by Mrs Brennan and her assistants.

If you think you may qualify for free school meals because of your family income, regardless of your child's age, please click the link below. School receives funding to support pupils who qualify for free school meals based on family income and it ensures that your child will continue to receive a free meal once they move up to Key Stage 2. <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/>

Unfortunately, we have been informed by the Local Authority that the price of school meals is increasing to £3 per meal from April this year. We apologise for this increase, however, with the rising cost of services and materials, they have no choice but to increase their charges, and have had to pass these on to parents.

After School Clubs 3.15 to 4.15pm

Tuesdays - Gymnastics
Wednesdays - Football
Thursdays - Street Dance



After school clubs are open to all children from Year 1 upwards.

The clubs are designed to suit both boys and girls.

Please can the children bring a suitable kit for indoor/outdoor depending on the weather?

Chocolate Bingo and Raffle



We will be holding our annual Chocolate Bingo and Raffle on Tuesday 1st April at 3.30pm

There will be bingo, a quiz and raffle with refreshments at half time.

A limited number of tickets will be on sale after the half term break.

We do hope you can join us.



Mrs Webster has had a variety of roles over the years here at Brierley and we wish her the very best as she retires at the end of this week.

We hope she enjoys plenty of rest and relaxation after working so hard.

She will be missed.

World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March. Please encourage your child to come into school as a one of their favourite characters from a book.

