

# NEWSLETTER



Newsletter April 2025



## Breakfast Club

As part of the DfE pilot programme, we will be offering our breakfast club free of charge for everyone after the Easter holidays, during the summer term.

Breakfast club starts at 8am each morning.

We offer a nutritious breakfast and children have the opportunity to meet friends and take part in activities before the school day begins, meaning they are well fed and ready to learn.

If you would like a place, please let our office know.

## Assessments

It is that time of year again when children are preparing for their statutory tests. We appreciate all you do to help your children through these assessments.

Year 6 will be sitting SATS from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May until Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

We will be offering breakfast in class from 8am to these children so they are as prepared and relaxed as possible, ready for the tests.

Year 4 will be taking their times table test over the week beginning 2nd June

Year 1 and some children in Year 2 will be having their phonics screening check. This will take place during the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Also throughout May, our Year 2 children will be undertaking their optional SATs.

As you can see it is a very busy time for assessments and any help at home you can give to your children will really help them prepare. If you need support for how to help your children at home, please speak to your child's class teacher.



## School Dinners

Barnsley Schools Catering Service (BSCS) will cease to exist from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 therefore we are seeking a new company to provide our school lunches.

Unfortunately, BSCS have informed us that, from 1<sup>st</sup> April, they have increased the cost of a school lunch to £3.00 per meal. This charge is passed to parents and we apologise for the increase in financial pressure.



## Easter Break

The Easter break is quite late this year, with the Easter weekend falling right at the end of the holidays.

We will be closed on Bank holiday Monday which is on 21<sup>st</sup> April and we will return to school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to begin our Summer term.



## Comic Relief

Thank you all so much for your kind donations to Comic Relief this year. You have raised almost £150.



## Dates for your diary

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	School closes 3.15pm for Easter Holiday
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	School opens for Summer term. Registration 8.45am
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Y1 visit to Austerfield Study Centre
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2025	School closed for training day (Local Elections)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	School closed for training day
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	School closed – May Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	School reopens. Registration 8.45am
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	School closes 3.15pm for half term holiday
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School reopens. Registration 8.45am

### Attendance

A huge thank you to all who have supported us with our drive to improve attendance at school. We can see results already – you have made a fantastic effort.

We have listened to feedback from parents about our attendance drive.

Of course, some children come to school and meet the target of 96% attendance, but there will always be some who, unfortunately do not manage to reach this. Whilst we will endeavour to be as fair as possible, our intention is to offer an incentive to encourage as many children as possible to meet this target.

Holidays taken in term time have a huge impact on a child's attendance percentage.

We currently offer a variety of rewards aimed at encouraging children to attend.

Each half term, the class with the most attendance wins a party. This half term, the winning class Year 4 Class White. Every child in class has enjoyed a disco and party food as a celebration.

In addition, when children come to school for a full week and are on time, their name goes into our Friday prize draw and they have the chance of winning a prize.

An end of term reward is offered in the form of an outing. This is already planned for the end of the Summer term and will be for those children who meet our target of 96% as well as any children who have vastly improved their attendance across the whole year.

We regularly review our approach to attendance and, as we move towards the end of the year, we will keep you informed of any changes to our strategy.

We thank you again for your support in improving attendance at Brierley.



### Goodbye and Good luck

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Fletcher who has been kindly covering our office on a temporary basis for a little while now. She leaves us at the end of this week and we welcome Miss Tate who will be working with us as our office assistant from the start of next term.

Have a lovely, peaceful Easter holiday.

We will see you in the Summer term.

