Breadsall CE Primary School News

October 2026 Newsletter

Hope, Love & Respect

A flourishing community built on faith where everyone matters most

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Welcome to October! The first month of school has gone by so quickly and it has been brilliant to watch the children working hard and enjoying their learning. Thank you for your support with getting your child into school on time each day (they should be in class by **8.50am** please) and for arranging non-essential appointments to be out of school hours.

Our September attendance figures are:



Acorns
98.4 %



Maples
97.8 %



Willows
97.4 %



Oaks
97.5 %

Attendance for the whole school so far in September = 97.7 % Unauthorised absence = 0.36%

* National average of 95%

Please see our website for further information about attendance or contact Mrs Forster if you need any support or advice: [Attendance | Breadsall CofE VC Primary School (secure-primarysite.net)]

We are *HOPEFUL*







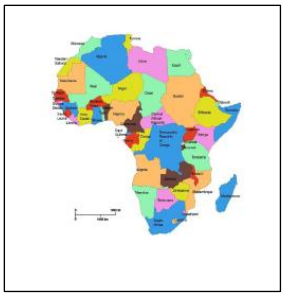
to our amazing OPAL team and pupils who have just been achieved a PLATIUMUM award for developing outdoor play and learning opportunities at Breadsall CE PRIMARY

This is the highest level of OPAL accreditation and a great testament to all the hard work that has gone on over the last two years in school. Our Opal Assessor, Wendy Syalon, was in school on the afternoon of Friday 25th September to complete the assessment and was very impressed with what she saw from the play team and pupils at lunchtime. She said, ***"Children have opportunities to be imaginative, resourceful and adventurous; to negotiate, collaborate and solve problems; to take appropriate risks, make decisions and learn from their experiences. Most importantly, experience the sheer joy of playing – with their friends, with their environment and with their own ideas."***





We are *LOVING*



We are very proud to support our friend Jane Williams from Breadsall All Saints' Church on her current visit to Uganda where she is working alongside a team of volunteers to help improve the buildings at a school in Kumi. Jane will also be working with teachers from the school to offer training and resources they can use in their classrooms, which can have over 100 pupils at one time! Jane has taken some new maths resources like number lines and number cards that Breadsall CE Primary bought to donate to the school in Uganda as well as some letters that the children wrote to the children in the school. A big thank you to all the children who wrote a letter and we look forward to Jane coming back into school to tell us about her visit. Who knows? She may even bring some letters back for us.

We are *RESPECTFUL*



Willow class had an amazing trip to Creswell Crags where they were told stories in a cave by a 'caveman', had a go at building some basic shelters using traditional materials, threw 'spears' at a target to see how good they would be at hunting and put together skeletons of animals that would have been alive during the Stone Age at Creswell Crags. The children showed great interest in all the activities and asked some amazing questions about life in the Stone Age.



We are a *COMMUNITY*

The first PTFA meeting was held on 23rd September – a big thank you to all the parents and carers who came along and to those who volunteered to become the new chairs, secretary and treasurer. The whole school community is grateful for the wonderful work the PTFA does. Keep an eye out for some exciting events and activities coming up over the next year including the Christmas fair, school disco, movie night and quiz night for adults.

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SPORTS AT BREADSALL CE PRIMARY

It is great to see so many children already taking part in sports clubs at school – we have football, tag-rugby, karate and athletics clubs currently running either during school time or afterschool. We have entered the Derby Tag rugby league and the football league again and matches start this week! We also have a number of indoor athletics competitions coming up run by Amber Valley School Sports Partnership (AVSSP). Please try to respond quickly to any forms sent out requesting availability for matches and competitions as this really helps Miss Welch to make sure she has the right number of people in the right place! Many thanks for your support with transport and cheering our teams on at these events – it is very much appreciated by the children and by the school.

Coming up……

Harvest Festival



On Thursday 1st October, the children in Willow Class will be leading our harvest festival. The service will start at 2.30pm in Breadsall All Saints Church. All pupils will be attending and we ask that they bring in a few food items (list sent out on ParentHub and attached again at the end of the newsletter) that will be taken to church for a blessing before we collect all the food items next week and take them to the Padley Centre in Derby. If you are not able to send anything in on Thursday, items can be donated to school up until Tuesday 6th October.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be held in the school hall on Monday 12th October from 2.30pm to 5.30pm and on Wednesday 14th October from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Letters will be sent out at the end of this week for you to let the teachers know when you are available to come in for a face-to-face meeting. Please send the slips back into school as soon as possible. Staff will then let you know the specific 10-minute slot that has been allocated for your appointment. If you cannot attend on these dates but would like to meet with your child's teacher, please contact them directly to arrange an alternative time and date. We look forward to welcoming you into school.

New website

Mr Devenport is very pleased to announce that he has been working with our website provider, Primary Site to redesign and update our school website. The new look website will be launched on Monday 5th October. Please take a look!

Open afternoon for Prospective parents

We have an open afternoon for parents with children due to start school in September 2027. It will be held on Tuesday 20th October 2026 between 1.30 and 3.30pm. If you know anyone who may be interested in attending, please pass on the time and date. There is no need to book – parents and carers can come along on the day, with or without their child.

Uniform

Please see our website for information about school uniform: Uniform | Breadsall CofE VC Primary School (breadsallprimary.com). The PTFA have a range of second-hand school uniform available - ask a member of staff if you need any items.

Please name your child's belongings!

I cannot emphasise how important it is that your child's name is in all their clothing and on their bags and even in their shoes as many pupils have the same styles. You don't have to sew in labels – please write your child's name/initials on the labels preferably with a clothes marker but biro works just as well! You can also purchase stick in labels.

Can I also ask parents and carers to check that all items of uniform that they have at home belong to their child. We have several children in school whose named items of clothing have gone missing but are not in school.

Upcoming dates:

Thursday 1st October	Harvest Festival in Church 2.30pm led by Willow Class
Monday 12 October	Parent Consultations in school 2.30 – 5.30pm

Wednesday 14th October	Parent Consultations in school 3.30 – 6.30pm
Tuesday 20th October	Prospective Parents September 2027 Open Afternoon 1.30pm
Friday 23rd October	Break up for half term
Monday 2nd November	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils for staff training
Tuesday 10th November	School photographs – families/siblings/individual
Monday 30th November	Full governing body meeting
Tuesday 1st December	Christmas Jumper Day in school
Friday 4th December	PTFA Christmas Fair 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 15th December	Acorn and Maple Class trip to the theatre in Derby
Wednesday 16th December	Infant Nativity 2.30pm and 6pm in school
Thursday 17th December	Carol Service led by Oak Class 9.30am All Saints Church
Friday 18th December	Christmas Parties in school & break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January 2027	School re-opens for all pupils

New dates will be added to the calendar on the school website regularly so please check this for the latest information, which will include afterschool sports clubs and other activities. We will also be competing in the interschool rugby and football leagues again this year as well as AVSSP tournaments and festivals.

INSET days for the 2026/2027 academic year:

Friday 4th September 2026

Monday 2nd November 2026

Monday 22nd February 2027

Friday 25th June 2027 – NB: there is only one INSET Day in June this year unlike previous years.

Monday 26th July 2027

Further dates and information about other after school clubs and upcoming events next half term will be sent out shortly.

Best wishes,

Katie Forster
Headteacher



Our Harvest Wishlist:

- ☐ Instant noodles/noodle pots
- ☐ Rice pots
- ☐ Microwave rice
- ☐ Tuna snack pots
- ☐ Tinned tuna
- ☐ Cereal (up to 700g boxes)
- ☐ Coffee
- ☐ UHT milk
- ☐ Sugar
- ☐ Custard
- ☐ Tinned fruit
- ☐ Baked beans
- ☐ Tinned vegetables (carrots, peas, sweetcorn)
- ☐ Tinned potatoes
- ☐ Tinned tomatoes
- ☐ Brown sauce
- ☐ Tinned meat meals
- ☐ Tinned soup
- ☐ Cooking sauces (jars)
- ☐ Snack pot porridge
- ☐ Kitchen roll
- ☐ Toilet roll
- ☐ Washing powder / gel
- ☐ Eggs
- ☐ Self-raising flour
- ☐ Golden syrup

There are some items we don't need / cannot accept

- ✗ Fresh veg
- ✗ Bags of Dry Pasta
- ✗ Bags of Dry Rice
- ✗ Household cleaning products
- ✗ Medical products
- ✗ Tinned lentils and pulses
- ✗ Used toiletries

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