Breadsall CE Primary School News

November 2026 Newsletter

Hope, Love & Respect

A flourishing community built on faith where everyone matters most

Welcome to November! We hope all our families had a great half term break – it is wonderful to have the children back in school as we start another busy term. The weather has certainly cooled but hopefully we will enjoy some of the amazing Autumn colours for another few weeks. Please make sure that your child has a waterproof coat in school and wellington boots so everyone can continue to enjoy the great outdoors, even in the damp weather. We recommend that children have full waterproof suits / waterproof trousers in school, especially if they enjoy the mud kitchen and digging area!

Our October attendance figures are:



Acorns
97.7 %



Maples
97.8 %



Willows
96.9 %



Oaks
99.2 %

Attendance for the whole school so far in October = 97.9 % Unauthorised absence = 0.87%

*** 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*

Congratulations to our Well-Being Ambassadors – Aelia, Eire, Oliver, Ellen, Bronte, Rosie, Harper and Ava - who have just finished 5 weeks of Well-Being Warrior Training run by Compass Changing Lives. The Ambassadors will now focus on creating an action plan to support well-being across the school for all pupils. Ideas include making some emotions fans for pupils to use and developing a child-friendly mental health policy.

We are *LOVING*

We were delighted to welcome Jane into school to tell us about her trip to Uganda. It was very exciting when we saw photographs of the children in Uganda reading our letters and teachers using the equipment we sent. Some of the children wrote back to us!







We are *Respectful*

A big thank you to Willow Class for leading our joyful Harvest Service in Church. It was great to welcome so many parents to the service. All the food donations that you sent in were taken to church for a blessing and then delivered to the Padley Centre by Mrs Forster and some volunteers from the Well-being Ambassador Team along with all the donations from the congregation of All Saints.







We are a *COMMUNITY*



The PTFA has a new committee – many thanks to those parents and grandparents who have taken on this vital work that supports our school community. Our gratitude too to those who have given their time generously over the last few years to build a strong and successful PTFA. Please remember, all parents and carers are welcome to come along to any meeting and to help out at events.

On Thursday 12th November, the PTFA will be hosting a film night at school from 4.45 to 6.45pm. Children are invited to come along in PJs and bring a blanket to cosy up in. Children will watch 'Arthur Christmas' and a drink and small snack are included in the £4 charge. Tickets must be booked by 8th November: Please remember to put your child's name and any dietary requirements in 'message for merchant' breadsallptfa.sumupstore.com/product/movie-night-booking

The next PTFA meeting is on Wednesday 4th November where plans for the film night will be confirmed and planning for the Christmas Fair will continue.

The **Christmas fair** is due to be held in the school hall on Friday 4th December 2026 from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. There will be stalls and refreshments and the chance to write a letter to Santa and to visit him in his grotto. Information about booking a story with Santa will be sent out shortly. In the meantime, if anyone can source or donate a raffle prize, please speak to Mr Devenport or Mrs Crick to let us know. As usual, we will be holding a **Christmas jumper Day on Tuesday 1st December**, where children can wear a Christmas jumper in return for bringing in a colour themed item to go in the raffle prize hampers (infants) or a bottle to go on the bottle string stall (juniors). Infant class teachers will let you know what colour theme has been given to which year group and a box will be available for items to be collected. We will also be collecting teddies for the teddy tombola. A box is available in school for your teddy donations. The PTFA will also be sending raffle tickets home soon so please do try and sell as many as you can to family and friends.

We look forward to welcoming all our families and friends in the village to the Fair to kickstart the Christmas season.

Coming up……

Poppy Appeal

From Wednesday 4th November until Wednesday 11th November, we will be selling poppies and other items related to the Poppy Appeal on behalf of the Royal British Legion before and after school. Items are priced as follows:

Metal Poppy Pin £2
Snap Bands £1.50
Fabric Wrist Bands £1.50
Traditional paper Poppy £1.00
Reflector Poppy £1.00
Poppy Stickers 50p

Please note, we can only accept cash which goes into a collecting tin so please send the exact money as change cannot be given.

The children have all be making poppy wreaths which we will take over to Church for Remembrance Sunday, which is Sunday 8th November.

Children in Need

We will be celebrating Children in Need Day on Friday 13th November and pupils are invited to wear their own clothes and bring in £1 donation for Children in Need. Your child is welcome to wear their school uniform if they would prefer. Pudsey Bear will visit each class to collect the money from the children! We will also be holding a cake sale after school so if you are able to bake or buy something we could sell, please bring it in on the morning of 13th.

Antibullying Week



Anti-Bullying Week 2026 takes place from Monday 16th to Friday 20th November with the theme: Break the Silence. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. Throughout the week, children will take part in a range of different activities linked to Anti-bullying so we can continue to create a kinder, supportive environment where all children and adults thrive and belong together.

Parents to dinner day – INFANTS (Reception to Y2)

On Friday 20th November 2026, parents and carers with pupils who are in Reception to Year 2 are invited to join their child for a cooked school dinner. Parents will need to arrive in school at 11.45am and will go to their child's classroom before enjoying a meal together in the school hall. A maximum of two adults can join each pupil/s. The menu is a choice between fish fingers / pasta pot (either cheese or tomato) or jacket potato with cheese or tuna for main course and chocolate cake, fruit or jelly for dessert. All meals must be booked by Monday 9th November to allow the kitchen time to order the correct amount of food. Please click on the link below and fill in the form to let us who will be coming and what they would like to eat. Parents To Dinner Day - INFANTS (November 20th 2026) – Fill out form

The meal will cost £4.26 and we ask that this is paid on the day in cash please. After eating, parents will be able to go outside and play with their child until 12.55pm. Please bring suitable footwear if you want to go onto the school field.

Parents to dinner day – JUNIORS (Years 3- 6)

On Friday 27th November, parents and carers with children in Years 3 to 6 are invited to join their child to eat a cooked school dinner. Parents will need to arrive in school at 11.50am and will go to their child's classroom before enjoying a meal together in the school hall. A maximum of two adults can join each pupil/s. The menu is a choice between fish fingers / veggie fingers or jacket potato with cheese, tuna or beans for main course and strawberry sponge with custard, fruit or jelly for dessert. All meals must be booked by Monday 16th November to allow the kitchen time to order the correct amount of food. Please click on the link below and fill in the form to let us who will be coming and what they would like to eat.
Parents to Dinner day - JUNIORS (Y3 - Y6) Friday 27th November 2026 – Fill out form

The meal will cost £4.26 and we ask that this is paid on the day in cash please. After eating, parents will be able to go outside and play with their child until 12.55pm. Please bring suitable footwear if you want to go onto the school field.

Christmas dinner and Christmas Party Food

Christmas dinner for pupils and staff will be held on Wednesday 9th December and Christmas Party Food will be served on Friday 18th December. If your child is an infant and usually has a Universal Free School Meal, we will assume that they will have both meals as usual.

For **junior pupils, please click on the link below and let us know if your child would like to have a Christmas dinner and / or party food.** Christmas dinner will be a choice of chicken or quorn fillet, pigs in blankets, stuffing, roast and mashed potato with seasonal vegetables. Dessert is Christmas pudding cookie or fruit or jelly. Christmas Party food will be a choice of sandwiches, sausage rolls, quorn dippers, crisps, salad sticks and a festive cookie.

Christmas Dinner (9th Dec) & Christmas Party food (18th Dec) 2026 Junior survey – Fill out form

Please complete this form by 13/11/2026 to allow the kitchen enough time to order the correct amount of food.
We understand that some children will prefer to eat their own sandwiches as usual on these days. If this is the case, please select this option on the form.

Wellbeing Crafternoon



On **30th November**, Compass Changing Lives and staff at Breadsall are thrilled to invited parents and carers with children in **Years 1 and 2** to join us for an afternoon of crafting and well-being linked to the book, 'The River' by Tom Percival. Parents and children will spend time together exploring feelings and completing creative well-being activities. The session will run from **2.15pm until 3pm** in the school hall.

Please note, all children in Year 1 and 2 will participate in the activity even if you are not available to attend.

Other news:

Midday Supervisor Role

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Play Supervisor as Mrs Lung will be leaving us on 12th November to start a new midday supervisor role in a secondary school in Derby. We wish Mrs Lung well as she starts her new job and thank her for all her hard work at Breadsall.
If you are interested in the role, or know anyone who is, please click on the link below to find out further information and how to apply. The closing date is 22nd November.
Midday Supervisor

Parent Governor Vacancy

I am sorry to announce that Jo Green has decided to step-down as parent governor now he no longer has a child in school and so we have a vacancy for a new parent governor to join the Governing Body at Breadsall CE Primary. Further information about becoming a governor as well as details of how to apply if you are interested will be sent out via ParentHub this week. Paper copies of this information is also available from the school office – please ask if you prefer to receive the information in this way. After reading the information, if you would like to discuss any details further, please contact Mrs Forster and she will arrange for one of the current governors to talk to you.

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday 10th November	School photographs – families/siblings/individual
Wednesday 11th November	Flag Football Festival 4-6pm Heanor
Thursday 12th November	PTFA Film Night 4.45pm – 6.45pm
Friday 13th November	Children In Need Day and afterschool cake sale
Friday 20th November	Parents to Dinner Day – INFANTS
Friday 27th November	Parents to Dinner Day – JUNIORS
Monday 30th November	Y1 & 2 Parents Well-Being Crafternoon
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
Wednesday 9th December	Christmas dinner in school
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.

Best wishes,

Katie Forster
Headteacher

