Breadsall CE Primary School News

September 2026 Newsletter

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A flourishing community built on faith where everyone matters most

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Welcome Back

I hope you all have all enjoyed a good summer break. Myself and all the staff are really looking forward to welcoming the children into class on the morning of Monday 7th September – it is always exciting to be back together again. Please make sure your child is in full school uniform (see details further on in the newsletter). Remember, there is some available in school so if you need any pre-worn items, please ask and a member of staff will be happy to help!

I would like to offer an extra warm welcome to all the new parents/carers of pupils at Breadsall CE Primary and look forward to working in partnership with you as your child starts their school journey. We will do everything we can to help ensure their experience of school life is a happy, healthy and fulfilling one.

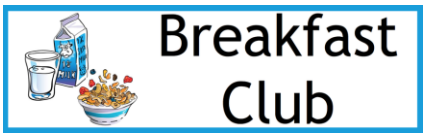
Round up from the end of Summer term 2026:

From a residential at Lea Green to trips to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park to London; from fish and chips to a tough runner challenge, the last 6 weeks of term were action packed at Breadsall! There was also the Junior school play 'Gigglebox' which was a triumph as well as the Leavers' Service where we said goodbye to our wonderful Y6 pupils at the end of their time here at Breadsall.

Here is a small selection of pictures:



Our School Day



Breakfast club will start on Monday 7th September at **7.30am**. Please book via ParentPay as usual. To gain access to the school, please press the Wrap Around care option at the pedestrian gate. Staff are busy setting up in the morning so will not be able to answer the buzzer until 7.30am. Early bird drop-off is at 8.15am.
Just to remind parents, we ask that you make your bookings by a Thursday for the following week. I understand that sometimes parents and carers may need to make an occasional last minute booking - call the school on 01332 831328 if required. If you have had any problems booking places whilst the school has been closed over the summer, please call 01332 831328 on Friday 4th September and Mrs Crick will be able to help you.

For all other pupils, the pedestrian gate will open at **8.35am**. From 8.40am, pupils will go into their classrooms, ready for registration at 8.50am. Please make sure your child in their classroom by **8.50am so the registers can be completed by 8.55am** and everyone can start learning on time every day. Every minute counts!

At the end of the day, the pedestrian gate will be opened at **3.15pm** for parents to collect their child/children. Please note, if your child is in Oak Class (Class 4) and you would like them to walk home / to an agreed location in the village, please complete the letter that will be sent home on the first day to inform us of your choices.

After school club starts daily at 3.20pm and again sessions can be booked via ParentPay. For flexibility, we offer a range of pick-up times up to 6pm. Throughout the year, other clubs will be available for pupils to participate in – further information will be made available to parents later in the term.

Topic overviews, which provide further information about what your child / children will be learning about this term, will be posted on the class pages of the school website by the end of the first full week and also sent out on ParentHub.

Please ensure your child has their reading book and reading record in school everyday once they have given one. Staff in each class will be happy to help if you have any questions about reading books.

Staffing

Exciting news! I am delighted to announce that two new members of staff will be joining our team from September. Miss Bardill will be starting work as a teaching assistant based in Oak Class and Mrs Hunter will be teaching Acorn Class until Mrs Bould returns from maternity leave. A very warm Breadsall welcome to them both – we are thrilled to have you working with us.

Staffing arrangements for each class are detailed below:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants	Planning time covered by
1 - Acorn	Mrs Hunt (until Dec 2026)	Mrs Hunt	Mrs Hunt (Thurs pm)
2 - Maple	Mr Devenport	Miss Mosley	Miss Mosley / Mrs Hunt (Friday pm)
3 - Willow	Mrs Purkis (Mon-Thurs) Mrs Forster (Fri)	Miss Welch Mrs Peace & Mrs Procter (Specialist TAs)	Class teachers
4 - Oak	Mrs Wright	Miss Bardill	Mrs Forster (Wed pm)

- Mr Samuels will be teaching PE to Maple and Oak Classes on a Monday afternoon.
- Amber Valley School Sports Partnership (AVSSP) will be working across the school on a Friday teaching PE and working with groups and individuals to support physical literacy.
- Midday Supervisors are: Mrs Branagan (senior MDS), Mrs Mosley, Mrs Birch, Mrs Lung and Mrs Percival. Relief MDS: Mrs Smyth & Miss Mosley
- Kitchen staff: Mrs Louise Brocklehurst (School Cook)
- School Clerk: Mrs Caroline Crick
- Caretaker: Mr James Walsh
- Music Teacher for individual lessons: Mrs Joanna Cross

Attendance Matters!

Every moment in school counts and it is very important to us that your child is in school every day. Being in school is crucial to your child's achievement, well-being and wider development. However, if your child is not well enough to be in school or there are any other reasons why your child/ren will be absent, please report these to the school office by calling 01332 831328 before school starts. Every half-day absence from school, by law, has to be classified as authorised or unauthorised. This is why information about the cause of absence is always asked for. Please leave a message detailing your child's full name and class and the reason for the absence. If this is illness, please include brief details of this. We ask parents to call on each day that their child is absent. If we do not hear from you, we will call the numbers we have on file for you. If we cannot get through to you, we will then call the emergency contacts you have given us. We may then visit your home or refer to the police if we cannot make contact with you for more than one day, as this is an important safeguarding duty.

The head teacher may grant a leave of absence when warranted by exceptional circumstances. At Breadsall CE Primary School, we always consider each application individually, taking into account the specific facts, circumstances and relevant background of the request. **HOWEVER, please note, it is unlikely that leave will be granted for the purposes of a family holiday.**

The UK government launched a new attendance policy document in September 2024 which can be accessed by clicking the link below:

Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

To summarise, this framework (paragraph 180) sets a new threshold at which fixed penalty notices will need to be considered. The new threshold is any absences totalling 10 unauthorised sessions in a rolling ten-week period. Such unauthorised absences include unauthorised holidays in term time and arriving late after the register is closed (9.30 for the morning). Please note that the rolling ten-week period can run between school years. Therefore, unauthorised absences generated in the coming summer term will fall into that window when we look at attendance in the autumn term.

There will also be an escalation in the penalty notice (paragraph 190). The first may be £80 (if paid within 21 days) and the second will be £160 regardless of how quickly you pay it. The UK government says that, from autumn 2024, the same parent will not get a third penalty notice within a three-year period of the first fine being issued. Instead, other legal processes will be considered, including prosecution. This is a significant step up in what has gone before.

If you need any further support or information about attendance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Class attendance data is included in the monthly newsletters. Our target is to always be above the national average of 95%.

Collective Worship

We gather daily as a community for collective worship that is invitational and inclusive. At the beginning of this new school year, we will help pupils to re-engage (or engage for the first time!) with our school's vision and values. For the remainder of the term, worship will be based around the theme of 'Count your Blessings'.



Worship takes place in the hall at 10.30 each morning:

Monday – Collective Worship is led by Mrs Forster.
Tuesday - Collective Worship is led by a member of Breadsall All Saints' Church or a member of Staff
Wednesday – OPAL Collective Worship
Thursday - 'Stars' Collective Worship led by Mrs Forster or Mr Devenport celebrating achievement.
Friday - Key Stage Collective Worship led by Class Teachers or Pupils (Classes 1& 2 together / Classes 3 & 4 together)

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. This will hopefully help us to avoid the jumper mountain that was left in school at the end of last year!



Hair tied back

Please can you ensure that your child's hair is tied back with a bobble to keep their hair out of their eyes - it also helps stop the spread of headlice in school. Please note that this message applies to **all** pupils. Thank you.

Jewellery

We encourage all students to not wear any jewellery in school (except a watch – no smart watches please) The no jewellery recommendation is is for safety reasons. If you choose to allow your child to wear earrings, these should be stud-type earrings and MUST be removed for swimming and PE. Staff should not assist with this so please make sure your child can remove their own earrings or that they do not wear them on the days they do PE or swimming. Your co-operation is really appreciated with this matter and ensures that pupils spend as much time as possible being physically active in their PE lessons.

Healthy Breaktime snacks

Pupils who are in the infants are provided with free fruit everyday in school at breaktime so there is no need for parents to send in any additional snacks.

We ask that all children have a water bottle in school every day to stay well-hydrated, but this should only be used for water. Please talk to your child about this and do not send in squash and juice.

In the juniors, if your child needs a breaktime snack, we ask for your help to ensure that this is **only** fruit or vegetables.

Not only will this help to keep children healthy, but it will also ensure we can better protect those children and staff with allergies. Thank you for your support.

PTFA – Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

As a parent or carer of a child / children at Breadsall, your family is automatically a member of the PTFA. We are fortunate at our school to have a parents, teachers and friends association (PTFA) that's an integral part of the school community. The PTFA is a registered charity and over the years has raised thousands of pounds, which has been spent on equipment and resources to enhance our children's educational experience, improve the school facilities and provide fun events and activities for the children.

There is a core committee of members who meet each half term to plan events and to discuss funding for projects and activities that benefit all children in school. The PTFA are currently looking for people to get involved in both the committee as well as supporting events so please do come along to the next meeting which is due to be held in school in September (date to be confirmed) when we will begin to plan the Christmas Fair due to held on 4/12/26.

Keeping in Touch

Please note that information/dates for things going on in school will be on the school newsletter that is sent out every month with extra letters in between, if needed. These newsletters/letters are sent out via **Parent Hub** so **please make sure you have downloaded the App to your phone** – phone Mrs Crick in the school office on 01332 831328 if you need any help with this. **Please make sure you read the school newsletter every month so you know what is going on.** There is always a copy on the school website at www.breadsallprimary.com in the parents section.

Due to the large increase in the cost of paper, the school is trying to go paperless so would be grateful if all parents could receive correspondence via Parent Hub or email. However, if you are struggling with this, please phone the school office to talk about alternatives.

Upcoming dates:

Friday 4th September	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils for staff training
Monday 7th September	School re-opens for all pupils
Monday 21st September	Willow Class trip to Creswell Crags
Monday 21st September	Flu immunisations day in school
Monday 28th September	Full Governing Body Meeting
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 19th 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 this half term will be sent out shortly.

Best wishes and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Katie Forster
Headteacher

