

Weekly Bulletin

Autumn Term
2025

28/11/25

Hello
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PE Kit

School Menu Autumn Term 2

Monday

Southern style burger with diced potatoes
Pizza pin wheel with diced potatoes
Jacket potato

Tuesday

Keema curry and rice with naan
Tomato and cheese pasta bake
Jacket potato

Wednesday

Chicken fillet, yorkshire pudding and mash
Mighty meatballs, yorkshire pudding and mash
Jacket potato

Thursday

Traditional all day breakfast
Hearty breakfast
Jacket potato

Friday

Fish/salmon fingers and chips
Golden cheese and onion roll with chips
Jacket potato

Please remember to wear your PE kit to school on your PE day
PE Kit is:

- Black shorts / athletic leggings / joggers or tracksuit bottoms
- Black sweatshirt or hoodie (this does not include the usual school uniform hoodies and tops but not sports branded tops with logos)
- Trainers or pumps

As per our policy, any pupils who arrive at school wearing clothing that is not part of our school uniform will be loaned an appropriate item from our uniform store to wear for that day.

No jewellery is allowed other than small studs for earrings which should be able to be removed by pupils for PE.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.00%

Nursery : 98.00%

Reception: 95.5%

Class 1: 98.2%

Class 2: 96.5%

Class 3: 97.3%

Class 4: 92.5%

Class 5: 99.00%

Class 6: 89.6%

Class 7: 97.9%

Class 8: 96.00%

Class 9: 98.1%

Autumn Term 2

Christmas Jumper Day

National Christmas Jumper Day on 11th Dec this year, however, as a school Summer Lane will be allowing pupils to come in their festive jumpers on Friday 12th December 2025. Please send any donations for the NSPCC to your class teachers on Friday 12th Dec. If you have any pre-loved jumpers, please bring them in a bag to our office so we can share with any pupils who do not have one. Please be aware, you do not have to send children in jumpers, they may wear normal uniform on this day. Thank you.

Christmas Lunch 10th December

An email has been sent out with a link for you to indicate whether your child will be having Christmas dinner on Wednesday 10th December. A vegetarian option is also available for any children who require it. A few parents have asked about the menu, which will include: turkey, carrot and swede, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, mashed potatoes, roast potatoes, stuffing, and gravy. The vegetarian meal will be the same, with the turkey replaced by Quorn chicken.

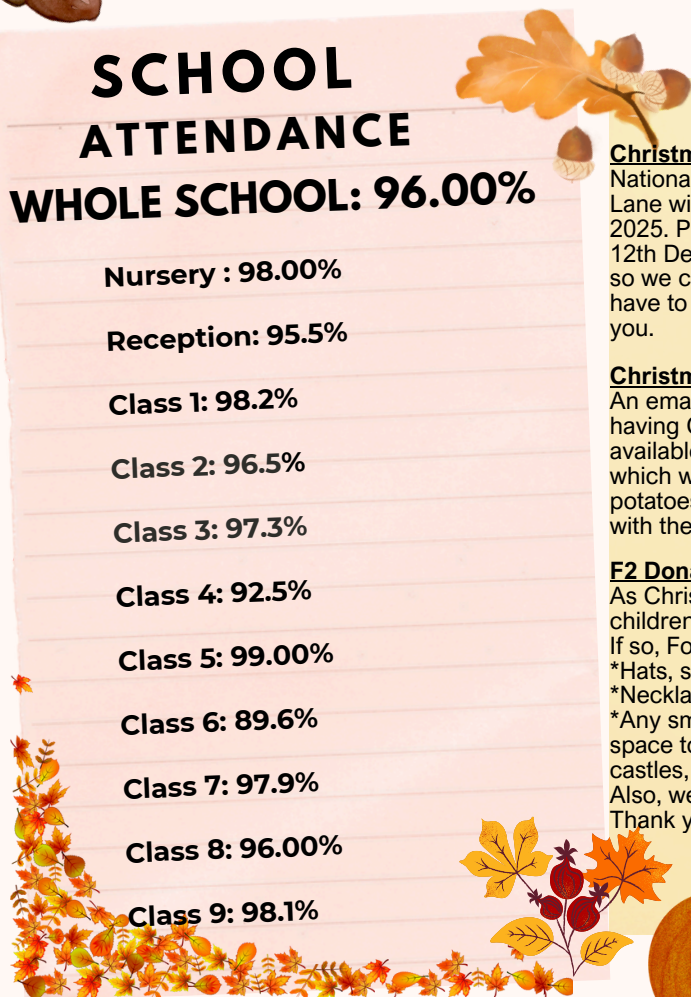
F2 Donations

As Christmas is fast approaching, some of you may be having a clear out before the children are inundated with new toys. You may also be clearing out your wardrobes. If so, Foundation 2 are in need of the following:

*Hats, scarves, handbags, purses, boots, coats and pretend wigs for role play.
*Necklaces, bangles and belts.

*Any small world toys- cars, diggers, construction vehicles, fire engines, play people, space toys, buses, aeroplanes, wooden play food, pirate ships, boats, sea animals, castles, dolls and fairies (we don't need any dinosaurs!).

Also, we don't need any dressing up costumes.
Thank you so much for your continued support!



SCHOOL CLUBS:

Monday

KS2 Hockey 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Tuesday

KS2 Football
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday

KS2 Handball 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Thursday

KS1 Multi-skills 3.20pm - 4.20pm

Personal Development & RSE

Respect and close positive relationships

Religious Education

Question 1: Why are some places special?

Absence Reporting

When reporting your child's absence, please contact the school office at **01226 205363** and leave a recorded message on the absence line. Be sure to include your child's name, class, and the specific reason for their absence. We kindly remind parents that simply stating "not well" or "ill" is not enough. We need to know the specific illness your child is experiencing

PE Days

Monday:

Class 2
Class 3

Tuesday:

Class 5
Class 4

Wednesday:

Class 6
Class 9

Thursday:

Class 7
Class 8

Friday:

Class 1
FS2
Nursery

KEY DATES

Autumn Term 2

INSET DAYS

Monday 24th November 2025
Friday 13th February 2026
Friday 22nd May 2026
Friday 3rd July 2026
Monday 20th July 2026

05.12.25 - Y5/6 Athletics (selected pupils)
10.12.25 - Christmas Lunch
12.12.25 - Rock Steady Concert - 2pm (Rock Steady students only)
15.12.25 - EYFS Singalong 10.30am (F1, F2)
15.12.25 - KS1 Nativity 1pm (C1, C2, C3)
15.12.25 - UKS2 Coffee & Carols 2.30pm (C7, C8, C9)
16.12.25 - KS1 Nativity 9.30am (C1, C2, C3)
17.12.25 - LKS2 Coffee & Carols 9.30am (C4, C5, C6)
17.12.25 - LKS2 Coffee & Carols 1.30pm (C4, C5, C6)
18.12.25 - UKS2 Coffee & Carols 9.30am (C7, C8, C9)
19.12.25 - Class Christmas Parties
19.12.25 - Break up for Christmas
05.01.26 - Return to school

Please note - we will never take pupils out of school without informing you and gaining permission first. Children will be chosen for events and we try to ensure every pupil gets the invitation to attend at least one event over the course of the year. Please do not assume your child is attending the event just because it states their year group here. Thank you.

This Weeks Assembly Focus:
Mutual Respect and Attitude

Follow us...

Ensure we always have your most up to date contact info on Arbor please

Our Values

- Pride
- High Expectations
- Attitude
- Our new school rules:
 - Be Ready, Be Respectful,
 - Be Safe

BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR

For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

September (22 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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29	30					

October (18 Days)						
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November (20 Days)						
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December (15 Days)						
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April (14 Days)						
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June (22 Days)						
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July (14 Days)						
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August						
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Denotes Bank Holidays



Denotes School Holidays

195 days in total – including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff

Thursday 27th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staffing Changes

I am writing to share important changes to staffing which take effect from 1st January 2026. Mr B Lamb will be leaving us at Christmas and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his continued contribution to Summer Lane and dedication to our pupils. We would like to wish him the best for his future.

Miss Parr, will also be leaving us to commence her maternity leave December 17th. We would like to wish her well and we look forward to welcoming her back next academic year.

We have secured a teacher for Nursery on Weds/Thursday/Fridays working with Miss McCord who will still teach the other half of the week

In class 5, we have secured a teacher half of the week Weds/Thurs/Fri working with Mrs Petty who will now teach Mon-Weds.

Miss D Barker will be in Nursery from January 2026 part time. She will also be in school to meet pupils and around after school to meet parents on **Mon 1st December** at the end of the day. Please come and see her to ask any questions or queries you may have.

Mr D Firth will be taking up the role of part time teacher in class 5. He will also be in school to meet pupils and will be around on **Weds 3rd December at 3.15pm** for any parent queries or questions – he will be outside class 5 on the playground at this time.

I am sure you will welcome them to our school community and continue to work closely with them as you have previous staff.

Thank you, as always, for your continued trust and commitment to our school.

Yours sincerely,

J McClure (Head of school)



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TEACHING
ALLIANCE



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- GCSEs (grade 4/C or above) in English and Maths
- Plus Science GCSE if you want to teach Primary
- Right to work or study in the UK

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Email: deemarsh@tykestsa.education

Telephone: 01226 782233

Applications open now!



**Exchange
Teacher Training**

Caring for Children's Smiles!

Winter is a season full of celebrations, and with it often comes an abundance of sweet treats for children. While enjoying these festive moments is important, it's equally vital to look after children's teeth during this time. Establishing good oral health habits from an early age is essential for their overall health and wellbeing.

Keeping smiles healthy during Autumn & Winter



Even during the excitement of Halloween, Bonfire Night, Hanukkah and Christmas, keeping up with brushing routines is the best gift you can give your child's smile!

- ❖ Brush twice a day for 2 minutes once in the morning and again at night. Night-time brushing is especially important, as it clears away the day's plaque and food debris before sleep.
- ❖ Spit out excess water after brushing but **do not** rinse with water, as this washes away the fluoride.
- ❖ Children **up to age 7** should be supervised while brushing, why not make it fun and brush together to a toothbrushing song - [Sing along with The Toothbrush song from Hey Duggee - CBeebies](#)
- ❖ Using a Fluoride toothpaste helps strengthen teeth and prevent tooth decay

Did you know that Supermarkets own branded toothpastes can often be cheaper to buy than branded toothpaste, just check the ingredients and make sure it contains **fluoride**. More information can be found here: [NHS](#)

- ❖ All children are entitled to free fluoride varnish application, speak to your dentist about this.



Top tips during Autumn & Winter Celebrations

- ❖ Serve sugary snacks or drinks with meals during winter celebrations to help reduce the risk of tooth decay while still enjoying the festivities.
- ❖ Tooth-Friendly Trick-or-Treat Swaps such as stickers, stationary, or trinkets
- ❖ Create a themed toothbrushing chart such as Santa's smile tracker.
- ❖ Swap sugar treats for healthy alternatives like fruit, cheese or plain yogurt. Visit [Healthier Food Swaps](#) or download FREE [NHS Food Scanner app](#)
- ❖ Why not consider other alternatives to chocolate and sweet treats such as books, arts and crafts, bath bombs, puzzles.



Fun Fact...

Unlike bones, teeth can't repair themselves once enamel is damaged, it's gone for good.

Sugary treats and drinks can wear down enamel, especially when eaten often throughout the day.

You only get one set of teeth, so spread the word to look after them!

The Children and Young People's Public Health team have created a '[Oral Health Guide](#)' which is a lifelong guide to promoting good oral health habits and useful [resources](#). why not take a look

For more advice, visit the [NHS website](#) or speak to your dentist.

Newsletter created by the Children and Young People's Public Health Team



Have you asked your dentist about fluoride varnish?



What do you need to know?

Fluoride varnish is strongly recommended for all children and some adults who are at higher risk of tooth decay. NHS dental care, including fluoride varnish is **FREE** for all children and some adults.

What happens?

A sticky gel is painted onto the teeth with a soft brush. It only takes minutes to apply and dries quickly.

How does it work?

It helps to strengthen the hard surface of the tooth which helps to prevent tooth decay and the need for dental treatment such as fillings or extractions. It can also reduce tooth sensitivity.

Why is it important?

Tooth decay can cause pain, infection, and other problems that affect our overall well-being. It's also one of the most common reasons for children to have to go to hospital for teeth to be removed.



How do I get it?

Ask your dentist about fluoride varnish for you and your family. To find information about local dentists, visit:

The NHS website:
nhs.uk/find-a-dentist



For more advice about looking after teeth and gums, including information about who is eligible for **FREE** treatment, visit:

The Healthier Together
webpage on oral health.
bit.ly/3BO2s8u



South Yorkshire
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ONLINE SAFETY GUIDE

Helping families navigate the online world safely.

NOVEMBER 2025



This month, Anti-Bullying awareness week is the 10th-14th November. Studies in 2024 show that 67% of young people who experience cyberbullying report significant emotional distress, including anxiety, depression, and social withdrawal. Social media sites continue to be the leading platforms where cyberbullying takes place. Open conversations about what young people are accessing and experiencing online is vital to making sure young people who experience cyberbullying know they are not alone, there is help available to support them.

UNDERSTANDING CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying is when someone uses technology, particularly the internet, to intentionally hurt, harm, or upset another person. It can happen through social media platforms, text messages, group chats, emails or even online games. As a parent/carer, it's important to understand that cyberbullying isn't just about online arguments or disagreements, it involves repeated, deliberate actions aimed at targeting and distressing someone. Cyberbullying can have a serious and long lasting impact on young peoples mental health and wellbeing.

TOP TIPS

HEALTHY ONLINE HABITS...

Make talking about your child's life online a part of your daily conversations. The more you talk about the internet together, the more comfortable your child will be to come to you when they need support. Take an interest in the things they like online, what YouTuber they watch? which influencer do they like? Why? Does anyone or anything make them feel negative online?

HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT OF CYBERBULLYING

The impacts of cyberbullying can be profound and long-lasting. When bullying takes place online it is often harder to escape, and can have both immediate and long-term consequences.

Talk to your child about;

- ✓ How to be respectful to peers online, what language to use and why that's important.
- ✓ Online Peer Pressure - why it is not ok to join in cyberbullying to fit in with peers.
- ✓ Sharing other peoples information without consent - sharing images of peers, personal information which will embarrass, humiliate them.
- ✓ Using group chats - isolating peers on purpose. How would that make them feel?
- ✓ Talk about the consequences of cyberbullying - mental health impact, social media rules and laws within the Online Safety Act.

TOP TIPS

MANAGING TIME ONLINE

In our class workshops young people tell us often they are sometimes on technology, accessing the internet until early hours in the morning. It's crucial for parents/carers to support their child in managing their time online. Allowing children to access the internet or their phones late at night can expose them to several risks that affect both their physical and mental health, as well as their social well-being

Establish rules for all devices, where can they use their device? What time can they use it till? Where are devices kept at night?

Use parental controls and set time limits.

Model healthy habits for your child to learn

Support your child with a good night time routine.

ONLINE PEER PRESSURE

Young people can often feel forced to act or look a certain way because of what others do or expect on social media. It can often make people seek approval through likes or trying to fit in with online trends. It can often feel like there is no escape from online pressure. Help your child focus on their unique strengths and values, rather than seeking approval online. Encourage hobbies or activities that boost their confidence offline, like sports, music, or volunteering.

Young people don't always tell adults when they are experiencing cyberbullying, they might struggle to explain what is happening or be afraid it may get worse. It is vital they know they are not alone and support is available to help them. Share the below online support services with your child, so they are aware that they are there, if they ever need them.





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SESSION.

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17:00 - 18:30

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MUSIC, DANCE, DRAMA . .
.BASICALLY ALL THINGS
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SUPPORTIVE AND
ENCOURAGING
ENVIRONMENT..

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11-14 YEAR OLDS

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