

# Byley Primary School and Nursery - Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026



**A message from Miss Whittingham:** Happy New Year and welcome back to the new term. It was not the start back we had planned but thank you for your understanding and support with the decision to close on Tuesday. It really was quite treacherous on the roads around school.

**Welcome:** we have welcomed Mr Hughes into year 3/4. He has enjoyed getting to know the children this week.

**A Guide for Parents on Managing Children's Digital Lives:** this new guide has been recently published by the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, and can be accessed here: [What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives](#)

**Byley Busy Buddies:** Just a reminder that we run great Breakfast and After School Clubs every day - at very reasonable rates!

The times and costs are:

**Breakfast Club:** Monday - Friday 7:45 until start of school - £5.00 (£3.50 per sibling)

**After School Club -** Monday - Friday end of school until 4:15pm (no snack) £4.50

Monday - Thursday full session until 5:30 £9.50 (8.00 per sibling)

**Reading:** please continue to encourage your child to read at home. Every Monday morning, children's reading diaries are taken in. If a child has read 3 or 4 times in the week, they get 1 spot on their chart. If they have read 5 times or more, they get 2 spots. Once they reach 20 spots, they will receive a certificate in our Friday Celebration Assembly. Reading regularly - or being read to - very much supports children with developing their understanding, confidence, reading fluency and writing. Well done to the children receiving their Bronze awards today.

Thank you for your continuing support, Elizabeth Whittingham (Head teacher)

## Our Weekly Attendance Figures

**Whole School - 97%**

Reception - 100%

Years 1/2 - 98%

Years 3/4 - 97%

Years 5/6 - 93%

## School Dinners

Please remember dinner money is now **£2.95** and paid via

**PARENTPAY**

**3-week menus are on the school website.**

Next Week's Lunch Menu: **Week 2**

Cost for the 8 weeks the children are in school - **Spring 1**

Daily £2.95

Weekly £14.75

Half term £85.55 (29 days)

## Important Diary Dates:

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Jan**

FaB disco - 3:20pm at school

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Break for half term at 3:20pm

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb**

School reopens at 8:40am

**Wed 4 - Fri 6 Mar**

Year 5/6 Residential to Whitehall

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Years 1/2 - Learn with Me - Maths - 9am in school

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Mar**

EYFS - Learn with Me - Maths - 9am in school

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Parents Evening - 4pm -7pm - more info to follow

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Parents Evening - 3:30pm- 5:30pm - more info to follow

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Odd Sock Day - more info to follow

**Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Years 3/4 - Learn with Me - Maths - 9am in school

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Break for Easter Holidays at 3:20pm

FaB Quiz Night - more info to follow

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April**

School reopens at 8:40am

## Friends at Byley (FaB)

Parents are invited to join the Parents of Baileys Facebook page and the all-years Messenger group. It's a friendly space where we help each other with homework questions, spelling, missing items, reminders, and updates throughout the year. We also share notices about class collections, including the one happening now, so everyone can easily chip in and stay connected.

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/646156772154250/?ref=share>

If you are not on messenger we can add anyone from the parent page. Link above.

Please help raise funds for our school by checking out through the easy fundraising website. It's easy to do and costs nothing. Go to the link:

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/byleypta/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/byleypta/)

Click on support cause and then create an account. This means you can then visit thousands of websites through the easyfundraising site and the retailers will make a small donation to the FAB.

You can also set up reminders on your toolbar so that when you visit one of the named sites it will ask you if you want to donate - this will not cost you ANYTHING and saves you visiting easyfundraising to see your chosen shopping site is listed.

Any funds the FaB make go straight back into making our school an even better learning environment for our children, so any help is greatly appreciated.

If you need any more information, please contact: Catherine Peake-Wildman [wildmanc19@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wildmanc19@yahoo.co.uk)



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