

Byley Primary School and Nursery - Newsletter

Friday 30th January 2026



A message from Miss Whittingham: this week seems to have gone quite quickly. I attended a meeting about children's writing on Tuesday. We looked at the Government's new writing framework. I also had the great opportunity to observe a lesson in another school as well as look at books from other schools - it made me even prouder of the work we do at Byley.

STEM Skill Clubs: these are returning to the **Grange School Sports Centre in Hartford this half-term** for children aged **8-13**. These are fun, educational holiday clubs that give children the chance to explore science, technology, engineering and maths through hands-on activities. See the attached leaflet for more details.

FaB Disco: thank you to FaB for arranging the disco yesterday. The children had a great time. These events are so important as they raise the much needed funds to pay for coaches, new books, equipment etc. We are currently hoping to save enough money to replace the laptops and iPads in school.

REMINDERS:

- **Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school every day - or at least on the days they have P.E.**
- **Pick up:** if you wait outside school for your child (mainly parents/carers of Year 6 children), please can you remind them to walk close to the fence as they come to meet you. We have had a couple of incidences recently where children haven't been able to get passed cars and have gone round on to the road.
- **With the above point in mind, please can I ask that you remain mindful when parking. I know it can be tricky, particularly at pick up, but please do be aware of children and families walking back to cars, crossing the road etc.**
- **Parking:** please do not park in the staff car park. There is not a great deal of room and staff are also arriving and leaving throughout the day.

Byley Busy Buddies: we run great Breakfast (Mon-Fri) and After School (Mon-Thurs) Clubs at very reasonable rates.

The times and costs are: Breakfast Club: 7:45 until start of school - £5.00 (£3.50 per sibling)

After School Club - end of school until 6pm - £9.50 (£8.00 per sibling)

Call into the school office to pick up forms. All bookings to be made/paid for through ParentPay. Lots of exciting activities are planned for the upcoming term.

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

Our Weekly Attendance Figures

Whole School - 93%

Reception - 96%

Years 1/2 - 93%

Years 3/4 - 96%

Years 5/6 - 90%

Well done to Year 2 for achieving 100% attendance this week!!

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 1**

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:

Weds 4th Feb Year 5/6 Parents Information Evening - Whitehall Residential - 3:30pm in hall

Fri 13th Feb Break for half term at 3:20pm

Mon 23rd Feb School reopens at 8:40am

Wed 4 - Fri 6 Mar Year 5/6 Residential to Whitehall

Thurs 5th Mar Years 1/2 - Learn with Me - Maths - 9am in school

World Book Day - children can come into school dressed up as their favourite characters from a book.

Mon 9th Mar EYFS - Learn with Me - Maths - 9am in school

Tues 17th Mar Parents Evening - 4pm -7pm - more info to follow

Thurs 19th Mar Parents Evening - 3:30pm- 5:30pm - more info to follow

Fri 20th Mar Odd Sock Day - more info to follow

Weds 25th Mar Years 3/4 - Learn with Me - Maths - 9am in school

Fri 27th Mar Break for Easter Holidays at 3:20pm

FaB Quiz Night - more info to follow

Mon 13th 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/

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

