

Byley Primary School and Nursery - Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2026



A message from Miss Whittingham: at the beginning of the week, I spent a day at a school in Doncaster with leaders from other schools. This was linked to the Learning Without Limits work I am doing with the Cheshire Academy Trust. It is a school with a real team culture - as we have in Byley. I will be sharing more about this and how it works as my learning journey continues.

Lunchtime Stars: I very much enjoyed having lunch with Rayna on Wednesday. I am looking forward to having lunch with more children over the next few weeks. Well done for reaching your 10 stars!

Little Princess Trust: Lois - our Head Girl last year - is donating her hair to the Princess Trust at the end of March. Please donate, if you can, to support Lois and this fabulous charity by following the link: https://www.justgiving.com/page/rebecca-gate-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM

Laptops: thank you to Nigel Richmond - one of our governors - for the 4 pre-owned laptops he has donated to school. This has started our laptop replacement off well and is much appreciated.

World Book Day: what a lovely day it was yesterday seeing all the children - and staff - in their costumes. I know the children very much enjoyed sharing their favourite books and reading with other year groups. Nellie was slightly less impressed with her costume but did enjoy seeing everyone else in theirs! There are photos on our Facebook page.

Reading at home: well done to children receiving their reading certificates today. It has been great to see so many children continuing to read at home and work towards getting their certificates. Many children are already well on the way to getting their Gold Award. This means that they have read at least 5 times a week since we came back to school in September. Please continue to encourage your child to read at home. Reading regularly - or being read to - very much supports children with developing their understanding, confidence, reading fluency and writing.

Whitehall: the Year 5/6 children have really enjoyed the last three days on their residential trip at Whitehall in Buxton. I was so proud to hear how brilliant they have been. They have entered into all the activities with enthusiasm and enjoyment - achieving so much. Thank you to Miss Shackleton, Miss Donaldson and Mrs Bebbington for accompanying the children on the trip.

FaB Quiz: March 27th in the School Hall. Don't forget to purchase your tickets. Information was emailed out last week.

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

Our Weekly Attendance Figures

Whole School - 99%

Reception - 100%

Years 1/2 - 99%

Years 3/4 - 99%

Years 5/6 - 99%

Well done to Reception, Years 1, 4 & 5
for achieving 100% attendance this

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 3**

Cost for the 8 weeks the children are in school - **Spring 2**

Daily £2.95

Weekly £14.75

Half term £85.55 (29 days)

Important Diary Dates:

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

Thurs 12th Mar Years 1/2 - Learn with Me - Maths - 9am in school

Mon 16th Mar Years 5/6 - 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 - starts at 6pm in school hall - (doors open at 5:30pm)

Mon 13th April School reopens at 8:40am

Thurs 16th -

Fri 17th April Year 3/4 Residential to PettyPool

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

