NEWSLETTER

Newsletter May 2026

School Uniform

We are pleased to inform parents and carers that from September, children will be allowed to wear plain black trainers as part of the school uniform.

To ensure consistency and maintain a smart appearance, trainers must be fully plain black, including soles and logos where possible. Bright colours, large branding, flashing lights, or fashion-style trainers will not be permitted.

We hope this change offers families greater flexibility and comfort for children while continuing to support our high standards of uniform and presentation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 6 Residential

On Monday 13th July to Wednesday 15th July, our Year 6 children will be heading off on their exciting residential visit to Dobroyd Castle.

This is a very exciting time for the children as they learn new skills, enjoy new experiences and make lasting friendships. We hope they all have a fantastic time.

Mrs Waterhouse, Mrs Martindale and Mr Willetts will be accompanying the children on the trip, while Mrs Gough will remain in school teaching the Year 5 children.

Year 6 Assessments

This week, the children in Year 6 sat their end of Key Stage Two Assessments (SATs).

They have certainly made us proud. They all worked extremely hard and showed great resilience throughout the week. They are fantastic role models to our younger children and demonstrated a positive attitude, determination and maturity in everything they did.

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

When we return to school after the holiday, children in Year 1 and Year 4 will be taking part in their assessments.

Year 1 children will complete their Phonics Screening Check from Monday 8th June, while Year 4 children will begin their Multiplication Tables Check from Monday 1st June.

Please continue to practise at home as much as possible so that the children feel confident and well prepared for these important assessments.

We would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support and encouragement at home - it really does make a difference.

School Dinners

Over the past few weeks, we have been gathering the children's views and opinions about school dinners, including what they enjoy most and any changes they would like to see. Pupil voice is very important to us, and we want lunchtime to be a happy, positive experience for every child.

After the half-term holiday, we will be meeting with the catering service to share the children's feedback and discuss ways we can continue to improve our lunchtime provision. It has been wonderful to hear so many thoughtful ideas from the children and we are looking forward to working together to make positive changes.

We will keep families updated with any news regarding menus and future developments over the coming weeks.

Dates for your diary

Monday 1st June 2026	School reopens (Gates open from 8.35am)
Monday 1st June 2026	Y4 Multiplication tables testing period
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	Y2 trip to Magna
Wednesday 3rd June 2026	Y5 trip to Coal Mining Museum
Friday 5th June 2026	Girls Football tournament at Dorothy Hyman Centre
Monday 8th June 2026	Y1 Phonics screening test week
Monday 8th June 2026	Reception Class trip to Worsbrough Mill
Wednesday 17th June 226	Y3 Trip to RSPB Centre
Monday 22nd June 2026	Y4 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Wednesday 24th June 2026	Y4 Show and Tell assembly for parents 2.30pm
Monday 29th June 2026	Y6 Transition day to Shafton Outwood
Wednesday 1st July 2026	Y3 Show and Tell assembly for parents 2.30pm
Thursday 2nd July 2026	KS1 Sports day 1.30pm
Friday 3rd July 2026	KS2 Sports day 1.30pm
Tuesday 7th July 2026	Children and parents new to Reception class visit - including lunch 11.45am – 2.30pm
Wednesday 8th July 2026	Y5 Show and Tell assembly for parents 9am
Wednesday 8th July 2026	Y6 Prom 5pm – 7pm in school
Thursday 9th July 2026	Transition for children in Reception to Y5 to spend time in their new classes
Friday 10th July 2026	Summer fayre 1.30pm
Friday 10th July 2026	Awards ceremony at school 9.00am
Monday 13th July to Wednesday 15th July 2026	Y6 Residential to Dobroyd Castle
Friday 17th July 2026	Children new to Reception in school from 1.15pm to 3.00pm
Friday 17th July 2026	Year 6 Leavers' assembly in school 9am
Monday 20th July 2026	School Closes for Summer Break at 1pm

Brierley School Nursery

Our nursery will be opening in the autumn term and will provide a welcoming, caring and stimulating environment where children can learn through play, build confidence and begin their school journey with us. We are very excited to extend our school family and offer high-quality early years provision for local children.

If you have a child who is three years old, or will soon turn three, and you would be interested in a nursery place, for the new school year, please contact the office for more information.

We would be very happy to discuss our nursery provision and answer any questions you may have.

Have a wonderful half-term holiday! Please stay safe while you're out and about, and we look forward to seeing you back happy and refreshed after the break.

After School Clubs

Next half term, we will be offering the following after-school clubs:

- Monday – Outdoor Sports
- Wednesday – Lego Club
- Thursday – Sports Day Practice

If you would like your child to attend any of our after-school clubs, please book their place using Arbor.

Transition

As we begin to look ahead to the new school year, our Early Years team are busy preparing to welcome the new cohort starting in September. If your child will be joining us in the autumn term, you will soon be receiving information regarding transition arrangements and opportunities to visit.

Children already in school will be spending time with their new teachers over these coming weeks. Children who require additional transition support will be offered extra visits so they feel confident and prepared for their next class.

Our Year 6 pupils will soon be visiting their secondary schools as they prepare for the journey ahead.