

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter July 2026

Dates for your diary

Monday 20 th July 2026	School closes for summer at 1pm
Tuesday 1 st September 2026	8.35am School gates reopen for Autumn Term. Registration at 8.45am.
Tuesday 8 th September 2026	<u>Y6 trip to London. Setting off at 6am back at 7pm</u>
Friday 23 rd October 2026	School closes for half term holidays
Monday 2 nd November 2026	8.35am School gates reopen for Autumn Term. Registration at 8.45am.

New School Year

School will open for the new school year on
Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 8.35am.

New Classes

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we would like to share some staffing updates.

Mr Gray will be teaching Year 6, something he has aspired to do since beginning his teaching career. We know he is looking forward to supporting our oldest pupils as they prepare for the next stage of their education.

Mrs Waterhouse has joined the school leadership team and will be moving to Year 3. Her caring nature and ability to help children feel confident, valued and included make her ideally placed to support our newest Key Stage 2 pupils as they begin their junior school journey with a strong sense of belonging.

Mr Willetts will be moving to Year 4, where he will build on the excellent work Mr Gray has established, particularly in developing pupils' confidence and success with multiplication tables. We are sure the children will continue to thrive under his guidance.

From September, our classes are as follows:

Nursery – Mrs Hollyman, Mrs Weeks, Mrs Burkill
Reception Class Donaldson – Miss Raynor, Mrs Riordan, Mrs Charlesworth,
Y1 Class Potter – Miss Fullerton-Smith, Mrs Marshall, Miss Bretton
Y2 Class Armitage – Mr Morris, Mrs Stone
Y3 Class Dahl – Mrs Waterhouse, Mr Levers, Mrs Rose
Y4 Class White – Mr Willetts, Mr Levers
Y5 Class Tolkien – Miss Groves, Mrs Arnold
Y6 Class Dickens – Mr Gray, Mrs Martindale

We hope all of our children settle quickly into their new classes and enjoy getting to know their teachers. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning, growth and success.

INSET Days

Changing our INSET days this year has been received really well by the whole school community, so we are going to do the same again next year and will be closed the week before May half term break 2027.

Thank you for all the positive comments we have received. We really appreciate your kind words.

We will be closed for INSET on:

Monday 24th May 2027
Tuesday 25th May 2027
Wednesday 26th May 2027
Thursday 27th May 2027
Friday 28th May 2027

Brierley School Nursery

We are delighted to announce that our brand-new nursery will be opening this autumn, welcoming the very first children to our newest class.

As many of you know, each of our classes is named after a celebrated author. It is therefore only fitting that our new nursery class continues this tradition. We are pleased to introduce Class Murphy, named in honour of the much-loved children's author Jill Murphy, whose wonderful stories have inspired generations of young readers.

We are incredibly excited to have the opportunity to nurture, inspire and support the youngest members of our community as they begin their learning journey with us.

If you would like to secure a nursery place for your child, or know someone who is looking for a nursery place, please get in touch with the school. Our team will be happy to answer any questions and provide further information.

Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

Our Breakfast Club will continue to run from 8am free of charge to all families. Please contact the office if you would like a place for your child. You do not need to be in receipt of Universal Credit or any other benefit to be able to join our free Breakfast club.

After school clubs are arranged in the Autumn term and we will confirm details in early September.



Award Winners



Last Friday morning, we held our annual Awards Ceremony on the school field, where we celebrated the many achievements of our pupils. It was a wonderful occasion, with our Year 6 children receiving their Records of Achievement packs and farewell gifts. We are very proud of each and every one of them and wish them every success as they move on to the next stage of their education.

This year, we also presented our Outstanding Girl and Outstanding Boy awards for each class. These awards were chosen by class teachers, who had the difficult task of selecting pupils who have consistently demonstrated excellent attitudes, effort and achievement throughout the year. Congratulations also go to our Class Dojo champions, who earned the highest number of Dojo points across the school year through their hard work, positive behaviour and commitment to our school values. As a reward, we had a delicious afternoon tea.

We were delighted to present two Sports Personality Awards. Selected by our PE Leader, Mr Gray, these medals recognise pupils who have shown exceptional teamwork, leadership and sporting spirit during PE lessons and sporting events throughout the year.

Our final House Point totals have also been counted. A huge well done to everyone for contributing to their house teams. Congratulations to St Luke's, who were crowned our overall House Point champions this year. To celebrate this fantastic achievement, pupils will enjoy a movie and popcorn treat early in the new term. Congratulations too, to St Mary's, who were the winners of this year's Sports Day.

Well done to all of the children who achieved 96% or higher attendance this year, and special congratulations to those who achieved an outstanding 100% attendance, coming to school every single day. Your commitment to learning is something to be very proud of.

Finally, we would like to thank our wonderful Head Boy and Head Girl, Harrison and Maddie, for being outstanding ambassadors for our school throughout the year. They have carried out their roles with maturity, enthusiasm and pride, and we are extremely grateful for all they have done.

Following a staff vote, we are delighted to announce that Tommy and Mia have been appointed as our new Head Boy and Head Girl. Congratulations to you both! We know you will be fantastic role models and leaders for our school community and we look forward to seeing all that you achieve in your new roles.

A huge congratulations to every child who received an award this year. Your hard work, determination and achievements have made us all incredibly proud.

Well done to you all!



Award Winners

A huge congratulations to all our children and staff for another fantastic year of excellent results. We are incredibly proud of the dedication and commitment shown by our staff, who work tirelessly to help every child achieve the very best outcomes. We are equally proud of our children, whose hard work and determination throughout the year ensure they leave each class having reached their full potential.



A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our Summer Fayre.

It is always a pleasure to see so many friendly faces. The children did a super job of designing and making things to sell and it was a pleasure to have a local business and other new faces contributing to our fayre.

Congratulations to the raffle winners:

Lena in Year 2, Nola in Year 2 and Jacob B in Year 4

Our name the teddy winner was Amelia in Y2 and the sweet jar winner was Daisy in Reception.

Thank you to everyone for your donations and support. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful Brierley community who turn out and join in with our events—we are truly blessed and grateful.



A fantastic time was had by all at our annual Year 6 Prom!

The children thoroughly enjoyed an evening of dancing, games, delicious food that they had prepared themselves, refreshing mocktails and fantastic goody bags. It was wonderful to see everyone celebrating together after all of their hard work this year.

The children looked absolutely amazing as they arrived, although by the end of the evening they were certainly a little hotter, sweatier and, from what we've heard, a little wetter too, thanks to the memorable water fight in the park! It was the perfect way to celebrate the end of their primary school journey and create some lasting memories with friends.

This special evening would not have been possible without the incredible efforts of our Year 6 parents and families, who worked so hard to raise the funds needed to make the prom such a wonderful event. Your generosity and commitment gave the children a celebration they will remember for years to come.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped to make the evening such a tremendous success.



Goodbye and Good luck 1

We have a few changes as we close for the summer.

Mrs Barker, our Year 3 teacher, is leaving us as his contract comes to an end. We wish him every success as he moves on to his new role.

Goodbye too, to Miss Roberts who leaves us today. We wish her the very best of luck in her new role.

Finally, we would like to wish our wonderful Mrs Matterson all the very best as she prepares to welcome her new baby. We will miss her greatly as she begins her maternity leave, but we are so excited for her and her growing family during this very special time.

We wish her every happiness and look forward to welcoming her back to school later in the year.



Goodbye and Good Luck 2

It is time for another farewell—this time to our incredible Year 6 children.

Throughout their final year with us, they have been outstanding ambassadors for our school, consistently demonstrating resilience, kindness, determination and maturity.

They have embraced every opportunity, overcome challenges and achieved so much, making us all immensely proud.

While we are sad to see them leave, we are excited to see what the future holds for each and every one of them. As they begin the next stage of their journey, we hope they take with them happy memories, lasting friendships and the confidence to pursue their dreams.

Year 6, thank you for everything you have contributed to our school community. You will always be a special part of our school family and we hope you will never forget us as we certainly won't forget you.

Good luck, Year 6. Keep believing in yourselves, aim high and continue to shine. We are incredibly proud of you all.



Uniform

As previously shared, we have made the decision to allow children to wear plain black trainers as part of our school uniform. We recognise that some children find traditional school shoes uncomfortable and we hope this change will help them feel comfortable throughout the school day, while still maintaining a smart and appropriate appearance.

On PE days, children may come to school dressed in their PE kit. Please ensure that PE clothing consists of:

A plain T-shirt

Plain dark shorts, tracksuit bottoms, or leggings

Please note that football shirts and clothing with large logos or branding are not permitted.

We keep a number of spare PE kits in school. If a child forgets their PE kit, they will still be expected to participate in lessons using the spare kit provided.

On all non-PE days, children should attend school in full school uniform.

School Uniform

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan
- White shirt, blouse, or polo shirt
- Dark or mid-grey trousers, shorts, skirt, or pinafore dress
- Red and white gingham dress (during warmer weather)
- Black shoes, sandals, or plain black trainers (no coloured footwear)
- Suitable black boots may be worn during the winter months
- White, grey, or black socks or tights

Jewellery

To ensure safety and consistency, jewellery should be kept to a minimum.

- Children may wear one pair of small stud earrings.
- Hoop earrings, dangling earrings, or multiple pairs of earrings are not permitted and will need to be removed if worn to school.
- Earrings cannot be covered with tape for PE or sporting activities and must be removed before taking part.
- A simple wristwatch may be worn; however, smartwatches are not permitted.
- Necklaces, bracelets and other items of jewellery are not allowed unless prior approval has been given by the Headteacher.

P.E. Kit

- Black shorts
- White T-shirt (No coloured or football shirts)
- Tracksuit and trainers (if outdoors)

Swimming Kit

- Dark one-piece swimsuit for girls
- Swimming trunks (not shorts) for boys
- Towel
- Swimming cap if desired
- All jewellery must be removed for swimming lessons

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain high standards of appearance while ensuring children are comfortable and ready to learn.

From all of us, we hope you have a lovely summer. Thank you so much for all your support this year. We'll see you all back safe and sound in September.

