

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter October 2026

Dates for your diary

Friday 23 rd October 2026	School closes at 3.15pm
Monday 2 nd November 2026	8.35am School reopens for second Autumn Half Term (Registration at 8.45am)
Monday 9 th November 2026	Reception Class Visit to Whistlestop Valley
Friday 13 th November 2026	Non Uniform Day – Children in Need
Tuesday 24 th November 2026	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 25 th November 2026	Parent Consultations
Thursday 26 th November 2026	Choir singing at the Methodist Church 9.30am
Wednesday 2 nd December 2026	Warm Space in school from 2pm
Friday 4 th December 2026	Rock Steady concert in school
Wednesday 9 th December 2026	Whole school visit to the Pantomime
For more Christmas activity dates, please see below	
Friday 18 th December 2026 1pm	School closes for Christmas break at 1pm and reopens on Monday 4 th January 2027

Our brand new Nursery

We've been absolutely delighted by the wonderful feedback from families about our brand new school nursery. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to share such kind words!

Our three new staff members have settled in brilliantly, and the children have made a fantastic start. They are a real credit to their families, and we are so proud of each and every one of them.

We're now looking forward to welcoming our next group of little ones in January.

If you'd like to secure a place for your child, please contact Mrs Wood via the school office. We'd love to hear from you!



Children in Need



We will be having a non uniform day on Monday 13th November in recognition of Children in Need

We are asking for a small donation to the charity if you can afford it please.



A huge thank you for your amazing generosity this Harvest!

We've been truly overwhelmed by your kindness and all the wonderful donations you've given.

Everything collected will go directly to support families within our school community and those in need locally.

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our Harvest Festival celebrations.

The children loved performing and singing for you, and it was lovely to have so many families joining us. We really do appreciate all the support you continue to give.

Thank you again for being such a big part of our school community. We hope you enjoyed the celebrations and look forward to welcoming you back soon!





You are invited to our Warm Space

On Wednesday 2nd December at 2pm we're opening the doors of our school hall for a special 'Warm Space' event, and we would love you to join us.

Our children will have been busy learning to cook, and they will be preparing a delicious selection of food to share with parents, carers, families and members of our wider community. It's a chance for them to show off their new skills and for everyone to come together, enjoy a warm meal and spend time in good company as the colder weather sets in. There's no charge to attend. Simply come along and enjoy some food, a drink and a friendly chat.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 8th November there will be the annual Remembrance service at St Luke's in Grimethorpe. We will be paying our respects to those who have lost their lives due to conflict.

Some of our children and staff who live locally attend this remembrance service and we will be presenting a wreath on behalf of the school.

We will also be visiting the Cenotaph in Brierley on Wednesday 11th November, to lay a wreath in remembrance.



Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place on:

Tuesday 24th November and Wednesday 25th November, starting from 3:30pm.

Appointments can be booked via Arbor.

Once again, we will be providing the option of either a face-to-face or telephone consultation with your child's class teacher.

By offering both options, we hope to make it easier for all parents to find a convenient time to speak with their child's teacher.

Please remember that our staff are always happy to speak with you throughout the school year—not just during consultation days. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact the school office, and we'll be glad to arrange a call or meeting with the appropriate member of staff.



Christmas



This half term is always one of our favourite times of the year, with Christmas just around the corner and a real sense of excitement in the air!

Over the coming weeks, the children will be working hard (and having lots of fun) getting ready for our festive celebrations and Nativity performances. They're already brimming with excitement, and we know you're in for a treat.

As in previous years, each key stage will have its own performance, so everyone can enjoy the show in comfort. We'll be allocating tickets to help as many people as possible find a seat. Our hall is quite cosy, though, so a few guests may need to stand, and we really appreciate your understanding.

We can't wait to welcome you and share the magic of the season together!

Christmas celebration dates are as follows:

Tuesday 8th December

- KS1 Nativity performance 1.30pm

Wednesday 9th December

- Nursery and Reception Class Nativity performance 9.15am

Wednesday 9th December

- Whole school trip to the Civic Theatre Pantomime 1pm

Thursday 10th December

- KS2 Nativity performance 9.15am
- KS2 Nativity performance 1.30pm

Wednesday 16th December

- Christmas Parties. Non uniform/party wear

Thursday 17th December

- Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Elf Run with Mr Gray
- School Christmas Dinner

Friday 18th December

- Carols around the crib in the yard and Children's Christmas stalls
- Santa's grotto in school- tickets available from the office after half term

On the last day, please send your child to school with a warm coat, hat and please come along yourselves to join in with our singing.

We will be serving hot drinks to keep the cold away.

- **We will close at 1pm on Friday 18th December**

Happy Half Term



Thank you so much for all your support this half term. It has been a joy to see the children grow, learn and have fun together, and we couldn't do it without you.

From all of us at Brierley, we wish you a happy, relaxing break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed for another busy half term!