



Newsletter

5th September
2025



Welcome back everyone!

It has been wonderful to have everyone back in school this week and to see how much the children have grown over the summer holidays. The children look amazing in their school uniform and their behaviour and manners are impeccable, as always. Feedback from class teachers is that all children are so engaged in learning and we are looking forward to having lots of fun together across this academic year.

Year 6 Pupil Governors

At the end of last term our new pupil governors were appointed by their peers. These six children have the responsibility to act as ambassadors for our school and assist everyone. They have made an amazing start to this role and have impressed us with their commitment and the kindness they have shown. They completed their first assemblies this morning (a very nerve-racking experience let me assure you) and did brilliantly. I am so looking forward to working with them this year.

School Council Elections

Elections to our new school council, which will be composed of pupils from Year 1 to Year 6, will be held the week after next. Manifesto templates



have been distributed to classes by our pupil governors and handed out to children today. If your child would like the opportunity to be considered for our school council, they should complete the manifesto to say why they would be a suitable member of our school council. They can also think of a campaign slogan and include a photo or a drawing of themselves on the manifesto template. These should be returned to school by early next week so they can be displayed in classrooms and shared with their classmates prior to the ballot which will take place from Monday 15th September. We look forward to seeing lots of completed manifestos next week.

School entry and exit times.

The school Playground gates will be opened for entry onto the premises at **8.30am**



The school teaching day officially begins at **8.45am**.
Children should be in classrooms at this time.

The outer Key Stage doors will open at **8.40am** for a flexible entry and children are expected to come straight into school and engage with their morning learning. This early morning learning is an important part of the school day and is a planned teaching lesson used to allow children to revisit and recall prior learning. Teachers lead these sessions as children enter school and use the time to effectively prepare children for the day's learning and to deliver one to one support if needed.

The exterior key stage doors will close at **8.55am** and once the doors are closed entry will need to be made via the main school entrance. Children who arrive

after 9.00am will be allocated a late mark and the period missed will be added to the school register. This will be monitored by our attendance officer.

School Exit

Doors will be opened by teachers at **3.15pm**. Parents should stand near classroom exits and teachers will hand over children directly to adults.

School Uniform

A reminder that our school uniform is worn by children from Nursery to Y6. Our children are proud to belong to the school community and value the identity our uniform provides.

Our uniform is intended to be smart, practical and economical and adds to the sense of family and belonging we have in our school. We expect all children to be neat and tidy and to take pride in their appearance.

Our uniform consists of:

- School tie, navy blue and red;
- Navy blue jumper, tank top or cardigan embroidered with the school logo;
- Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers;
- White shirt/blouse;
- School fleeces/raincoats embroidered with the school logo;
- Flat, black sensible shoes (preferably with Velcro fastenings for younger children). Trainers and open toed/heeled sandals are **NOT** allowed.
- Red gingham summer dresses or shorts may be worn during the summer term/first part of autumn term.
- Jewellery is not permitted.

- Children's hair should be their natural colour and not an extreme style/cut.



P.E.

All children will participate in at least 2 hours of physical activity each week.

Children will only be excused from PE if a written note from a parent is received in school stating the reason they must be excused and the duration of the illness. If a reason for non-participation is for a period of more than 2 weeks, medical information or advice must be provided to the school.

Children must wear their school PE kit on the allocated PE days and we will inform you of this via Marvellous Me and Facebook. We have tried to minimise day changes as much as possible but part of our curriculum is delivered by specialist coaches at points in the academic year, their visits to school may be on different dates and necessitate some changes.

It is vitally important that as children wear PE kit to school for a full day and they must wear our school P.E. kit which consists of:

- Navy tracksuit (jogging bottoms and sweatshirt/zip up top)
- Plain white t-shirt/polo shirt,
- Navy shorts
- Trainers

If children do not wear the appropriate kit a spare school set may be allocated to them on PE days. Sportswear such as football tops etc is not permitted.

Below are the dates for this half term.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nursery			✓		
Reception			✓		
Year 1		✓		✓	
Year 2	✓	✓			
Year 3			✓		✓
Year 4			✓		✓
Year 5	✓			✓	
Year 6	✓			✓	

Our policy is no jewellery in school but I am aware that some children do wear earrings. These must be removed on PE days or covered with tape/plasters. Children should be responsible for managing this task independently.

Marvellous Me!

The Marvellous Me! Communication platform continues to be a huge success and has been updated this week. Short messages and reminders from class teachers will be sent using this system and we will be improving our use of it to celebrate and share children's achievements during the school day.



If you have not yet signed up to Marvellous Me! or have any difficulties accessing it, please contact the school office and we will ensure that your individual log on details and guidance on downloading the app are sent out to you.

School – Home Communication

We will continue to use the IRIS email system to send all whole school communication directly to parents. Please ensure email address are kept up to date in the school office and if you don't receive communication please call to let them know.

Congratulations Hugo!

A huge well done to our very own Hugo! Hugo is part of Guisborough Under Tens and he recently took part in the 3V3 UK national football finals at St George's Park (the England national team's training ground). This came after beating off competition from 110 other teams in the regional heats which took place in May. I am so proud to tell you that Hugo and his team-mates became 3V3 national champions! What an incredible achievement Hugo! We are all hugely impressed and very proud of you!



Classrooms In the Clouds – Nepal

I am very excited to tell you that this year, we will be working closely with an a charity called Classrooms in the Clouds -Nepal (CITC-Nepal). This excellent organisation supports the education of children in very poor, mountainous and rural regions of Nepal and we have elected to work in partnership with a school in Solu-Dudhkunda Rural Municipality of the



Solukhumbu region. The school itself is called the Shree Garma School and it is in the remote village of Garma. CITC has been supporting the school since 2020 and it currently sponsors two teachers and assists the wider community through training in first aid, Early Years education and menstrual health provisions for the older girls.

The Shree Garma school has 500 pupils on roll from Nursery to Grade 12 and, like many other schools in the region, it was badly impacted by the 2015 earthquakes. As you can see from the photograph, much of the building was destroyed and what is left is unstable and unsafe. There are plans to rebuild the school and provide a two-storey block of 6 primary classrooms built with earthquake resistant technology.

Much of the work of our Y6 Pupil Governors and our wider school council will be aimed at fundraising for Shree Garma and strengthening ties between our school and our partner school in Nepal. I hope that you will agree that this partnership provides us with a unique opportunity to enrich the education of our pupils and to learn lots about the lives of children living in a very different part of the world.

Well Done Noah!

More sporting success to report on and a huge congratulations to Noah! Noah excels in tennis and over the summer, he played three tennis tournaments. I am proud to report that he won two out of the three tournaments that he



competed in! Noah also played in the 'County Closed' tournament where he competed against some of the very best players in the UK. Unbelievably, Noah is now ranked as the third best player in the UK in the under 10 category! A staggering achievement Noah! We are all so proud of you!

Barley Fields' Remembrance Garden

I know that it is a little early to be talking about Remembrance, but Mrs Shildrick met with our Pupil Governors this week and they had a lovely idea about how to raise money for the Royal British Legion and to commemorate Remembrance here at Barley Fields. The children had the idea that we could buy the small wooden crosses from the Royal British Legion and make our own Remembrance Garden in the school grounds. Crosses could be personalised to thank our veterans- past and present- and this provides an excellent opportunity to delve into family history. To purchase a cross from the British Legion, it costs £3. We are asking for donations, however small, to come into school as of next week so that we can start early to raise funds for the Royal Legion so that we can place an order in time.



If you would like to support this very worthy cause, please ensure that money comes into school in a sealed envelope with your child's full name and class written on the front. Thanks for your support.

Attendance

May I remind parents that leave of absence requests will only be authorised by the school in very

exceptional circumstances as outlined in the school attendance policy (available on the website or in the school entrance). All other requests will be categorised as unauthorised and the school attendance policy followed which may include the issuing of fixed penalty notices. Details of this are on the school website.

Lunchtime Arrangements

The cost of school lunches is £17.50 per week, which should be paid via ParentPay. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are part of the Universal Free School Meals programme and are entitled to a free meal each day. If your child recently moved into Y3 and stays for school lunch, please remember to access this, as they now need to pay.

Can I remind parents that if you are eligible for free school meals, it is important that you let the school know as it allows us to claim additional Pupil Premium Funding on your child's behalf. As a school, we use this funding to improve the quality of education and to ensure all children can participate fully in school activities. Further details on this funding and parental eligibility can be obtained from the school website or you can contact a member of the office staff. All enquires will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Packed Lunches

For children who are bringing a packed lunch to school, we have a policy outlining our expectations for the content of lunchboxes on the school website. We have several children in school who have severe nut allergies and request that parents do not include nuts or any nut-based products in packed lunches.



Children must also bring their own drink (not fizzy) and a spoon for yoghurt or jelly. Staff based in the dining hall will monitor children on packed lunches and will encourage them to eat all items provided – please only add to a lunchbox the food you expect your child to eat. Children are also expected to bring their waste items home for disposal.

Fruit

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered a piece of fruit each day. Children in other year groups are permitted to bring in a healthy snack to eat at playtime. This must be a piece of fruit or a similar option. Please ensure that fruit such as grapes are cut into small pieces and not sent in whole as they are a choking hazard. We do not allow biscuits, crisps or chocolate for a breaktime snack.

School Playground Safety

Please ensure children are fully supervised on the yard at all times. In the interest of safety children are **not permitted to use the Timber Trail or climbing equipment** on the yard before or after school. I would also like to remind everyone that bikes and scooters should not be used on the school playgrounds and children should walk with them once on school site.

Nursery admission

This week we welcomed lots of new children into school but we still have some places left in our nursery provision for children who turned three before 1st September 2025. If you are aware of anyone who is looking for a nursery place, please ask them to contact the school office for details.



We will be reviewing nursery and allocating places to children who may turn three this term in the next few weeks.

Term Dates

We are just at the final stage of planning our school calendar of events for this term and I will issue the detailed list in the next school newsletter. In the meantime, I have added a copy of the annual dates for this academic year for your reference.

And finally,

It has been a very busy and enjoyable week. It has been a pleasure to see the children again and hear about their summer adventures – although some children have grown so much they are almost unrecognisable!

We are looking forward to yet another year with our amazing Barley Fields Family.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Taylor

Head Teacher



Term Dates 2025-26

	AUGUST 2025					SEPTEMBER 2025					OCTOBER 2025					NOVEMBER 2025					
Monday		4	11	18	25		8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Tuesday		5	12	19	26		9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
Wednesday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Thursday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Friday	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
	DECEMBER 2025					JANUARY 2026					FEBRUARY 2026					MARCH 2026					
Monday	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25	
Thursday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26	
Friday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27	
Saturday	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28	
Sunday	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29	
	APRIL 2026					MAY 2026					JUNE 2026					JULY 2026					
Monday		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13		27
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Sunday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	

Blue shaded areas denote holiday dates

Grey indicates Bank Holidays

PD Day - School closed to children