



BSP Newsletter - 17th July 2026

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Dear parents/carers,

We have arrived at the end of another academic year. Take a look at the 'year in photos' on the next few pages to remind yourself of the many highlights—from celebrating Harvest back in September to running races at sports day this half term.

I want to thank our staff team for their care, dedication and hard work. Education is not the easiest profession to work in, with many challenges being faced on a daily basis in school and the systems around us being broken. Our staff want the best for all our pupils and we will continue to develop and move forward as we begin the next academic year.

Thank you to you as parents and carers for your support. Whether this is reading with your child at home, getting your child into school and on time, donating items for events or attending events in school. These aspects all support us as a school and benefit your child. We believe in working together with families, where we each play our part to support the children.

It is a sad time of the year when we say goodbye, whether this is to staff or pupils. We wish our Y6 leavers all the best for their next adventures. We hope you will have fond memories of BSP and will have learnt something to help you on the next stage of your journey.

We have said goodbye today to Miss Durrant, Mr Cave, Mrs Jobling and Miss Delaney. We have also waved farewell this week to Mr Greenwood and Mrs Miller (again!). We wish them all the best for the next stages in their journeys.

At the end of each half term we remind the children about safe places to play. Unsafe places include near railway lines, abandoned buildings, water and on the road. We remind children so they understand the dangers of choosing to play somewhere unsafe.

Next year there will be changes for us as a school. We will be converting to become an Academy, although we remain a Church School, joining a 'church aligned' Multi Academy Trust (MAT). Mrs Kearney, our new Deputy Head, will be joining our staff team too.

We hope you all have an enjoyable and safe summer holiday. We look forward to seeing the children at 8.40/8.45 on Thursday 3rd September.

Mrs Esplin

Dates to remember

Training days for 26-27

Tuesday 1st September

Wednesday 2nd

September

Monday 2nd November

Friday 12th February

Monday 7th June

Children return to school

on Thursday 3rd

September.

The school year ends on

Thursday 22nd July 2027.



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Changes for September

We hope you are looking forward to the summer break and thank you for your continued support of our school.

Ahead of returning in September we wanted to let you know about the changes that will be taking place and updates that we need to share with you. We have shared a letter on Seesaw but the summary of the letter is below:

Move to Arbor

Move to Arbor—We are pleased to inform you that, from September, we will be fully moving to the Arbor Parent Portal and Parent App, where you will be able to access all of your information.

As part of this transition, ParentPay will **no longer be used from September**. All bookings, purchases and payments, including those for school meals, educational visits, Breakfast and Afterschool clubs and other school activities, will instead be managed through Arbor.

School Meals

The price of a school meal from September will rise to £3.10. If you have a child moving into Year 3 and wish for them to have a school meal you will need to pay for your child's meals.

The government has changed the thresholds for Free School Meals and any parents/ carers who receive universal credit (UC) will have access to free meals in school. You will still need to apply for approval and the school will be notified by the Local Authority of your approved entitlement. If you do receive UC then please apply at the link below.

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals>

Nursery Fees and meals

From September an additional half day session fee will rise to **£20**. Please make sure you pay your nursery fees promptly.

There will be no charge for wraparound care at lunchtime but if you wish to use **Early Bird** or **After School club** these will continue to be charged. If you bring a packed lunch then there is no charge. If your child has a school meal the cost will be **£3.10**.

Clubs and Fees

Clubs will be set up in Arbor for Early Bird Breakfast Club and After School Club. Debt limits in line with our charging and payment policy will be set. Please make sure you keep up to date with your payments as you will not be able to book or attend one of these clubs if you are not paying promptly for the sessions. You will be refused entry to the clubs if you consistently do not book or similarly if you do not keep up to date with your payments.

In Arbor we have the ability to send weekly invoices from the system which we will do at the end of every week. As with all our payments systems if you think there has been an error then please let us know. Bookings for the above clubs will open in Arbor from **Wednesday 26th August** for bookings from **Thursday 3rd September**.

Cashless Office

From September, with the exception of Charity and sponsored activity days we will become a cashless school. Arbor has the ability to take payments and purchase items such as tickets, uniforms etc through the new school shop section.

Communication

From September we will move our main communication method from SeeSaw to Arbor. We will send information out via the "Parent in app messaging" app or emails if it is a lengthier communication. We will continue to update the website and fortnightly newsletter with key information. We also have a gallery section on the website where we will post the whole range of photographs (subject to permissions) that we have taken at events.



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Our Year in Pictures

September



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