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Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear parents/ carers

X/Twitter

We wanted to let you know that we are looking into alternatives to using the X/Twitter platform. This is because of recent reports that its AI component, Grok, has been involved in generating inappropriate imagery.

We hope to have something else in place by half term. In the meantime, we have made our account private and disabled the Grok option. Safeguarding children is our highest priority. We trust you will understand the importance of taking this step to ensure we maintain a safe and responsible online presence.

British Sign Language assembly

This week Annabelle Smith from class 5 and some of her friends have helped to teach all of our children some BSL. We were very lucky to have a member of the deaf community (who has been teaching Annabelle) And Annabelle's mum come to teach everyone too.



Make-up and nails

We have noticed that an increasing number of children are wearing make-up for school. May we politely remind parents/ carers that children should not be wearing make-up for school. There are also a number of children who are wearing false nails or having gel nails. For health and safety reasons these should not be worn for school.

Severe weather

We will always endeavour to keep school open if it is safe to do so. If we should have to close for any reason, you will receive a message on Parent Pay. We will also report any partial or full closure on the Council's website. See the link below.

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/schools-currently-closed/>

As always, thank you for your continued support.
Kind regards

Dawn Bradshaw
Headteacher

Statutory Tests Dates 2026

Below are the statutory test dates for 2025/26. Can we politely ask that parents/carers avoid these dates for any appointments/ holidays.

Year 1 phonics screening check June 8 to Friday, June 12, 2026

Year 4 multiplication tables check June 7th to June 18th 2026

Key stage 2 SATS May 11th to 14th 2026

Calendar Dates

Friday 13th February- break up for half term

Monday 23rd February- return to school

Friday 27th March- break up for Easter

Monday 13th April- return to school

Monday 4th May- bank holiday

Thursday 21st May-children break up for half term

Friday 22nd May- INSET day

Monday 1st June- return to school

Friday 17th July children break up for summer

Monday 20th July- INSET day