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Friday 9th January 2026

Dear parents/ carers

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas. It has been lovely to see how quickly the children have settled back into the normal routines, after all the excitement of Christmas.

#### **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/>

#### **Barnsley Youth Choir**

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January, we are welcoming Barnsley Youth Choir to school. They will be having two sessions with our children – one for KS1 and one for KS2. We know that many of our children already part of this amazing and nationally (and internationally) recognised choir. It will be a wonderful opportunity for all our children to experience.

#### **Class 2**

It has been lovely to welcome back Mrs Wright, after her maternity leave, for some 'keeping in touch days'. Mrs wright will return to her teaching position the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

#### **Tesco tokens**

A huge thank you to all those of you who have been collecting Tesco token to help provide additional resources for our breakfast and after school wrap around provision. The voting is still open until mid-January and then we should find out how much money we will receive.

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 18<sup>th</sup> 2026

Key stage 2 SATS May 11th to 14th 2026

## **Calendar Dates**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January- children return

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February- break up for half term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February- return to school

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March- break up for Easter

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April- return to school

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May- bank holiday

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May-children break up for half term

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May- INSET day

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June- return to school

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July children break up for summer

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July- INSET day