

Friday 13th
February 2026

SCHOOL NEWS

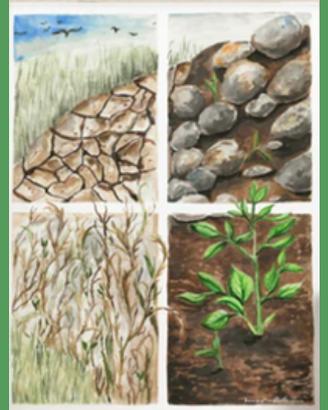


YOUR WEEKLY SCHOOL UPDATE

A loving place where we all care, learn and grow together.

Our school vision

At All Saints Academy, it is our vision to provide the 'good soil' for every member of our community to develop deep roots and flourish as a unique individual and achieve their full potential. With the highest of expectations, we nurture and develop each individual so that they can explore who they are and make a positive contribution to our local community and the wider world.



Our school Values

Respect Kindness Honesty Perseverance Courage Empathy

**Happy
Half Term!**

Happy Half term

Thank you for your continued support throughout Spring 1. We truly appreciate your encouragement, involvement, and partnership in your child's learning — it makes a real difference.

We hope you all have a wonderful and restful half term. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 23rd February 2026.

Collective worship

This week in collective worship we have been thinking about temptation and making links to Lent. The children are all very excited about celebrating Shrove Tuesday next week with pancakes! What is your favourite topping?



Rocksteady

We had special visitors in school on Wednesday...a rock band! Rocksteady came to speak to the children about being part of a band and the benefits of playing and listening to music. Information has been sent out about Rocksteady band lessons which give children the chance to play in their very own band through weekly rock and pop lessons. We hope this is something some of our children will choose to engage in.



Universal Library Membership

We have partnered up with Barnsley Library Service to take part in an exciting project where each child will be automatically given a library card. The project has been agreed for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, however we have managed to negotiate for all children at All Saints Academy to be involved. In the second half of the Spring term all classed from Reception to Year 6 will visit Darfield library. They will have an opportunity to explore the wonderful space and engage with the staff. At the end of the visit, the children will be given their library membership card. If children already have a Barnsley Library Membership card, they can bring it along on the day and they will be given a bookmark so they don't feel left out!

A member of the library service will be coming into school to deliver the session to our Nursery children.

With a library card, children can visit any Barnsley library and borrow up to 10 books for up to three weeks. There is no fine for overdue books.

Research has shown that reading for pleasure from an early stage has direct links to future success.

If you do not want your child to receive a library card, you can opt out by emailing before Monday 16th

February 2026: barnsleylibrariesgcaenquiries@barnsley.gov.uk



Our school attendance target: 96%

Current whole school attendance: 94.2%
Persistent absence (less than 90%): 16.7%

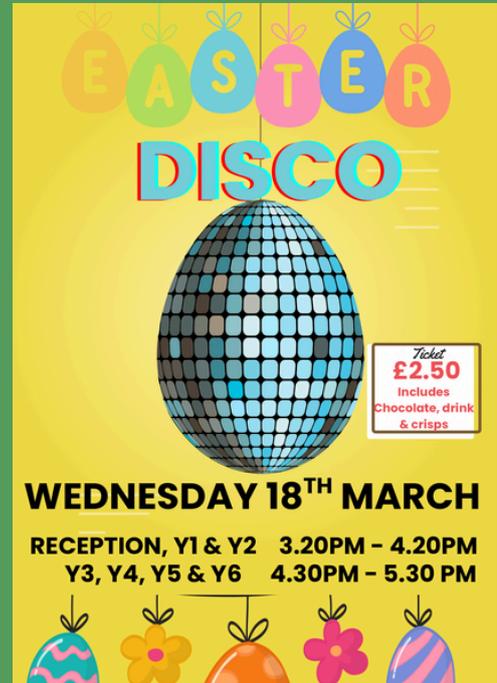
ATTENDANCE BAKING REWARD

The class with the best attendance in the next 2 weeks will be baking with our new ovens funded by the PTA!



- Hands-on baking Activities
- Learn how to be a Master Baker
- Create & Decorate Your Own Treats to take home to your family

You've gotta be at school to win it!



Send money into class for a ticket for the Easter Disco. Put money in an envelope with your child's name.

Young Voices 2026

On Monday a number of our KS2 pupils went to Sheffield Arena to join the Young Voices choir. They spent the afternoon in rehearsals and then performed with hundreds of other children to an audience of parents and family members. The children had a fabulous time. What an experience! Thank you to the staff who helped organise and support this event.



Going for Gold

Huge Congratulations to our pupils who were chosen last week for the Going for Gold awards.

Congratulations!



WORLD
BOOK
DAY[®]

5 MARCH 2026

World Book Day

World book day this year falls on Thursday 5th March. We will be marking this day in school with a number of different events including an optional family craft task. A separate email has been sent out with the details.

The Pantry- School meals

Here is an UPDATED menu for next term, starting Monday 23rd February. You will notice that a fifth sandwich option has been added.

DARFIELD	Date 23 rd Feb, 16 th Mar, 6 th Apr, 27 th Apr, 18 th May 8 th Jun, 29 th Jun, 20 th Jul	Date 2 nd Mar, 23 rd Mar, 13 th Apr, 4 th May, 25 th May 15 th Jun, 6 th Jul, 27 th Jul	Date 9 th Mar, 30 th Mar, 20 th Apr, 11 th May 1 st Jun, 22 nd Jun, 13 th July
	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
MONDAY	Beef Pasta Bolognese (GL) Veggie Noodle Stir Fry (GL,EG,SO) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI) Sandwiches-Ham (GL,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI) Fruity Shortbread (GL) or Fresh Fruit	Loaded Mac 'n' Cheese (GL,MI) BBQ Veggie Burrito (GL,SO) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI) Sandwiches-Ham (GL,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI) Ice Cream (MI) or Fresh Fruit	Pork Hot Dog with Wedges (GL,SO,SE,SU) Vegan Hot Dog with Wedges (GL,SO,SE) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI) Sandwiches-Ham (GL,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI) Apple Cake (GL) or Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Mild Chicken Curry with Steamed Rice Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Rice (SO) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI) Sandwiches-Ham (GL,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI) Apple Crumble & Custard (GL,MI) or Fresh Fruit	Beef Lasagne (GL,EG,MI) Veggie Cottage Pie (GL,SO) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI) Sandwiches-Ham (GL,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI) Fruity Flapjack (GL) or Fresh Fruit	Lemon & Herb Chicken Jollof Rice (SU) Handmade Margherita Pizza with Garden Salad (GL,MI) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI) Sandwiches-Ham (GL,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI) Fruity Shortbread (GL) or Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken with Potatoes & Gravy (SU) Sweet Potato and Mushroom Loaf with Potatoes & Gravy (GL) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI) Sandwiches-Ham (GL,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI) Vegan Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Pork Sausage with Mash & Gravy (GL,SU) Vegan Sausage with Mash & Gravy (SO,SU) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI) Sandwiches-Ham (GL,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI) Oat & Banana Biscuit (G) or Fresh Fruit	Roast Gammon with Potatoes & Gravy (SU) Squash & Spinach Plait with Potatoes & Gravy (GL,SU) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI) Sandwiches-Ham (GL,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI) Vegan Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Pork Meatballs & Tomato Pasta (GL) Handmade Margherita Pizza with Vegetable Sticks (GL,MI) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI) Sandwiches-Ham (GL,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI) Marble Cake (GL) or Fresh Fruit	Salmon Fillet with New Potatoes & Pantry Tomato Sauce (FI) Handmade Margherita Pizza with Sweetcorn Rib (GL,MI) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI) Sandwiches-Ham (GL,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI) Vegan Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Chicken & Sweetcorn Wrap (GL,SO,MI) Squash & Sweet Potato Dahl with Naan Bread & Rice (GL) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI) Sandwiches-Ham (GL,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI) Iced Sprinkle Sponge (GL) or Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Breaded Fish Fingers with Chips beans or peas (GL,FI) Veggie Fajita with Chips (GL) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI) Sandwiches-Ham (GL,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI) Apple & Raisin Biscuit (GL) or Fresh Fruit	Breaded fillet of Fish with Chips beans or peas (GL,FI) Falafel with Chips (GL) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI) Sandwiches-Ham (GL,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI) Chocolate Brownie (GL) or Fresh Fruit	Breaded Fish Fingers with Chips, beans or peas (GL,FI) Loaded Bean & Veggie Chilli with Chips (GL,MI,SO) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI) Sandwiches-Ham (GL,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI) Soft Baked Chocolate Cookie (GL) or Fresh Fruit

VEGETABLES, SALAD, BREAD, AVAILABLE DAILY

BREAD CONTAINS - GL - MI - EG - SO

ALLERGY KEY
CELERY - CE / GLUTEN - GL / CRUSTACEANS - CR / EGGS - EG / FISH - FI / LUPIN - LU / MILK - MI
MOLLUSCS - MO / MUSTARD - MU / NUTS - NU / PEANUTS - PE / SESAME SEEDS - SE / SOYA - SO / SULPHUR - SU

The Pantry are committed to improving the standards of children's meals across every one of our Schools, and fresh, ethically sourced ingredients are used every day across our kitchens.



A few reminders regarding school meals:

- Please ensure you check the menu regularly to ensure your child likes what you have ordered. We have a lot of children saying 'My Mum/Dad has ordered me.... but I don't like it'. We would strongly advise that you sit with your child to complete their food selection.
- If your child will not be taking a meal (eg they have brought a packed lunch) ensure you cancel their order. This will avoid unnecessary food waste.

Important Statutory Assessment dates

- Year 6 SAT's, Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026
- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (PSC) W/C Monday 8th June 2026
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Weeks commencing Monday 1st June and Monday 8th June 2026.

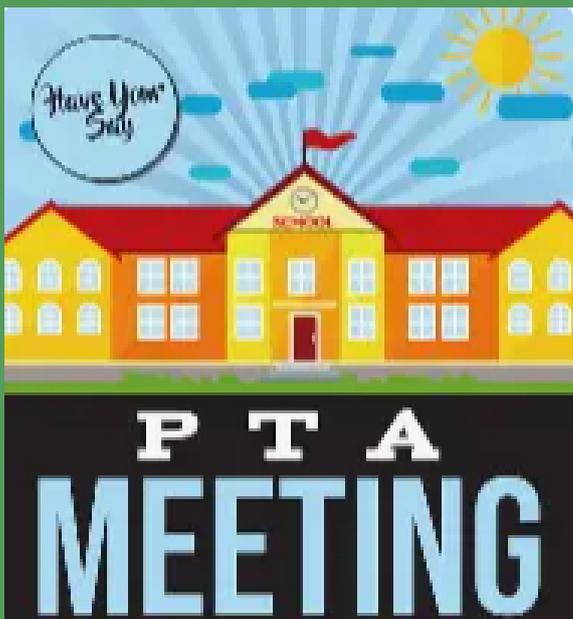
A Magical Nature Adventure with Katie Taylor



17 February 2026
2:00pm until 3:30pm
Darfield Library



Calling all explorers! Come and join us for an outdoor nature adventure inspired by 'The Nature Adventure Book' by Katie Taylor. You'll wave your very own stick wand, bring pinecones to life as fun forest friends, and cook up delicious (and muddy!) recipes in the Darfield library mud kitchen. Encourage your child's creativity, imagination, and love of the outdoors with our hands on activity session. Suitable for ages 3 - 5. Please book a space exclusively for child attendees.



PTA Meetings

We have updated the dates for the PTFA meetings for the year. Current and new members welcome.

- 12th March @ 9am
- 30th April @ 9am
- 2nd July @ 9am

Together at the Town Hall

Monday 16 to Saturday 21 February



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No prior experience needed, staff are on hand to demonstrate how to play, so you can enjoy quality time together. Come play, learn, and relax, a great event for families of all ages.

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more
information
about the
event



Diary dates for the academic year.

We try our best to stick with the dates selected, however sometimes changes may need to be made. We will give you as much notice as possible.

World book day	Thursday 5th March 2026
Science week	Monday 9th March – Friday 13th March 2026
Comic Relief	Friday 20th March 2026
Easter service	Wednesday 25th March 2026
Class photographs	Thursday 18th June 2026
Year 6 Bikeability	Monday 15th June- Friday 19th June 2026
Sports 'days' <i>Weather dependant</i>	<i>Specific times will be sent out nearer the time.</i> EYFS: Tuesday 23rd June 2026 PM Year 1 & Year 2 Tuesday 23rd June 2026 AM Year 3 & Year 4 Wednesday 24th June 2026 AM Year 5 & Year 6: Wednesday 24th June 2026 PM
Annual written reports to parents	Friday 10th July 2026
Year 6 Leavers Service	Tuesday 14th July 2026 <i>Provisional until transition dates from secondary schools are confirmed</i>
Internal transition day	Wednesday 15th July 2026 <i>Year 6 pupils will be informed of their secondary transition days once their placements confirmed.</i>
Reception graduation	Monday 13th July 2026
End of year prize giving	Friday 17th July 2026

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£34,000

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Indoor Training Centre, Grove Street, Barnsley, S71 1ET

Monday 16th February - 20th February 2026

9am - 3pm

Ages 5-14

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- Learn new skills
- Improve their techniques through a variety of activities
- Have loads of fun!

£65

Per Week

£15

Per Day

£17

Tournament
Friday

MINI KICKERS

FRIDAY | 10:30AM - 11AM

This session is designed to help budding young football stars!

£4

AGES 2-5

GOAL KEEPER TRAINING

TUESDAY 17TH

Join our goalkeeper sessions and develop key skills in a fun environment!

Includes McDonalds
Happy Meal

For more information please contact Aidan.Wearmouth@barnsleyfc.co.uk



BOOK NOW

You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers**.

First Tuesday of every month

7pm - 8.30pm
Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone



What parents say:

*'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel, and I really do feel less alone and more validated. **My hope is back**'*

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism. Sometimes my wife Sally will join in as well.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

All Saints Academy

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR

For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

September (22 Days)

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June (22 Days)

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Monday 1st September 2025
Tuesday 2nd September 2025