

SCHOOL NEWS



Friday 30th
January 2026

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

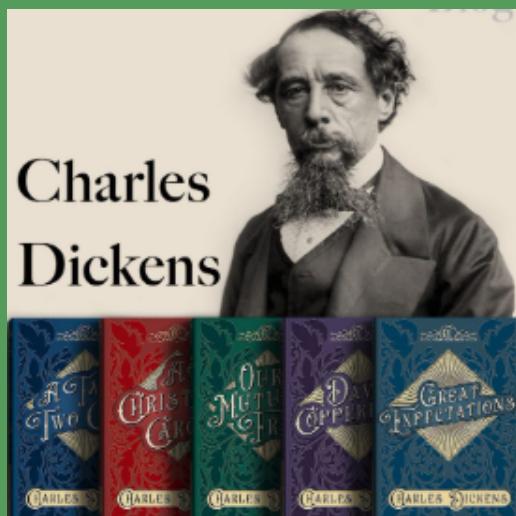
Respect Kindness Honesty Perseverance Courage Empathy

Open door policy:

We would like to remind parents that we have an open-door policy and are always happy to answer questions or discuss any concerns you may have. Please don't worry about asking—speaking directly to staff helps prevent misinformation and ensures everyone has clear, accurate information to best support your child.

Collective worship

The focus of our collective worship this week has been compassion. We learnt about the famous author Charles Dickens and about how many of his books focus on his experiences of living in poverty. He used his stories to teach people to show compassion towards others. We then linked this to Proverbs 31: 8-9, 'Speak up for people who cannot speak for themselves. Help people who are poor or need help.'





**Attendance
Matters**

Every student. Every day.

Our school attendance target: 96%

Current whole school attendance: 94.4%

Persistent absence (less than 90%): 17.7%

Year 1 drop off

We would like to kindly remind Year 1 parents to encourage children's independence during the morning drop-off. We have noticed an increase in parents entering the cloakroom, which is a very small area and can become easily congested. To help ensure a calm and safe start to the day for everyone, we ask that parents say goodbye at the door. Staff will be on hand to support the children and ensure they are settled happily into school. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

**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. A separate email has been sent out with the details.

PE uniform

We have noticed a large number of children wearing incorrect PE kits. As stated in the uniform policy:

All children from Year 1 to Year 6 change from their normal clothing for Physical Education. Please supply a named bag for all PE clothing. These can be hung easily on your child's peg.

Children will need:

- White t-shirt: round neck or polo neck
- Plain black shorts or plain black tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- Sweatshirt: Emerald green sweater with the school logo or a plain black hoodie.
- Trainers: These must be flat soled and appropriate for sporting activity.

Going for Gold

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



PTFA news

The PTFA have been busy spending the money raised on items to benefit the children across school. They have bought four table top ovens, a portable speaker and are busy filling a shopping basket of new playground equipment. Upcoming events include an Easter themes disco and an Easter raffle. Further information will be shared so watch this space....

Important Statutory Assessment days.

- 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.

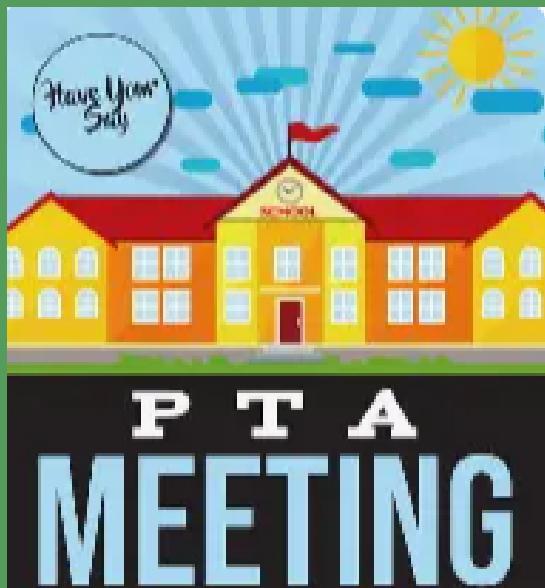


A Magical Nature Adventure with Katie Taylor

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

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.

Young Voices	Monday 9th February 2026
Online safety week	Monday 9th February-Friday 13th February 2026 Inc. Safer Internet Day Tuesday 10th February 2026
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 placement confirmed.</i>
Reception graduation	Monday 13th July 2026
End of year prize giving	Friday 17th July 2026



**BARNESLEY FC
COMMUNITY TRUST**

FEBRUARY FOOTBALL CAMPS

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

Monday 16th February - 20th February 2026

9am - 3pm Ages 5-14

Our holiday courses are delivered by qualified coaches and open to boys and girls of all abilities. Giving them the opportunity to:

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



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!

£65

Per Week

£15

Per Day

£17

**Tournament
Friday**



Includes McDonalds Happy Meal

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



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**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.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

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