



Headteacher Newsletter - Autumn 2

Dear pupils and parents,

I hope you've all had a restful half term and are ready for the many exciting events we have arranged for the upcoming half term, including Christmas events! Our new logo is now in use and will be available on new purchases of clothing. Please do not feel under any obligation to replace current uniform items.

Mon 3 rd Nov	Back to School
Thur 6 th Nov	Willow Class trip to Cromford Mill
Thur 6 th Nov	Oak Class to HVC – Infants Fundamentals
10 th Nov – 14 th Nov	Breakfast Club attendance collection week
Thurs 13 th Nov	Photo Day. Tidy hair and clean jumpers!
Thurs 13 th Nov	Ash & Willow to HVC – Cross Country TBC
Fri 14 th Nov	Flu Vaccines
Fri 14 th Nov	PTFA AGM 18:00 All Welcome!
Mon 17 th Nov	Derbyshire Fire and Rescue visit Yrs 1&2, 5&6.
Wed 19 th /Thu 20 th Nov	Parent Consultation meetings
Thurs 20 th Nov	Willow Class to HVC - Karate
Fri 21 st Nov	Children In Need – Details to follow
Wed 26 th Nov	Infants Sports session with Aiden
Fri 29 th Nov	PTFA Christmas Quiz
1 st Dec – 19 th Dec	Christmas Jumpers can be worn!
Mon 1 st Dec	Puppet Assembly
1 st Dec & 3 rd Dec	Yr6 Level 2 Bikeability
Thurs 4 th Dec	Yr 1&2 to HVC - Dance Festival
Wed 10 th Dec	School Christmas Dinner
Thurs 11 th Dec	Whole school trip to the Panto!
Wed 17 th Dec 09:30 & 18:00	Bamford perform Aladdin!
Thurs 18 th Dec	Christmas Party Day
Fri 19 th Dec	End of term (return to school Mon 5 th Jan)

PFTA

We are fortunate to have the most fabulous PTFA here at Bamford – Thank you to everyone who volunteers and supports the events.

Here are a few updates on how the money have raised is being spent.

Solar Project – The fabulous abseil seems like ages ago now! We have fund raising (from the abseil) and donations totalling more than £15000 so far! Amazing! We expect the project to cost around £25000 and are in the final stages of getting permissions from DCC. School and PTFA have agreed to fund the balance between them so it shouldn't be too much longer now!

Forest School – PTFA have kindly agreed to fund a shed. We are hoping to be using the Joan Lane site very soon. Watch this space for updates!

Trim Trail – You will have noticed the new monkey bars and “snake”. These are nearly finished. The PTFA have kindly agreed to pay for these exciting additions.

Breakfast Club- Data Collection week

As you know school are in the pilot “Early Adopters” breakfast club scheme. We can offer all children FREE breakfast from 08:10.

AN IMPORTANT APPEAL – Government funding for Autumn/Winter is based on attendance at Breakfast club for the week of 10-14th November. We are appealing for as many as possible to attend Breakfast Club during this week! Please let Mrs Stoddart know if you are not a “regular” but would like to try Breakfast Club during this week.



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Sporting events

The children have really enjoyed the wide range of sporting events on offer this year so far – many thanks to Mrs Bland for organising these enrichment events. Thank you also, to the parents for continuing to support these events by collecting from Hope Valley College. We appreciate it isn't always easy for everyone but it helps to keep costs to a minimum and ensures the children continue to lead active lives.

After school Clubs

There are still spaces available in all clubs, but some are filling up fast.

Lego and T'ai Chi are light on numbers. Let Mrs Stoddart know if you would like a free trial session. Please request places here <https://forms.office.com/e/KGsU0BgXq3>

Healthy Schools

We would like to remind you that your child should only bring water in to school. For those who prefer to bring their own snack, please keep it healthy. No sweets, crisps or chocolate please. We offer fruit snack for break times. Children in Oak class receive this for free. For children in Ash and Willow we ask for 70p a week. We aim to be a 'nut-free school', so please keep lunches and snacks nut-free. Thank you.

Parent Pay

Your prompt payments are appreciated and help school to run smoothly. As always, if you are struggling to pay, please come and speak to Mrs Gemmell or Mrs Stoddart in strict confidence.

Christmas

Christmas officially starts in school on Monday 1st December and from this date until the end of term, children may wear Christmas jumpers / t-shirts as part of their uniform. This is of course optional. Any Christmassy headwear can be saved for our party day.

Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday 10th December, Emma will be making Christmas Dinner. This is open to all children. A form for Packed lunch children to opt -in will be sent out 3 weeks before this date.

Panto Trip 2025

We are pleased and excited to confirm that the whole school will be attending Winding Wheel in Chesterfield on Thursday 11th December to enjoy the pantomime Jack and The Beanstalk. We are attending the morning performance which starts at 10am. A Form will be set out in due course to give consent for your child to attend.

Christmas Performance

Bamford pupils enjoyed themselves so much last year when they performed their very own panto, that they have asked to do another one (Oh no they haven't! Oh yes they have!) Watch out for updates on our Aladin performance and see the calendar for dates and times.

Sept 2026 intake

If you have a little one who is due to start school in Sept 2026 and you would like to visit, please contact the school office to book an appointment. If you have friends or family with a child due to start school in Sept 2026, please let them know they are welcome to contact us to arrange a tour of our school. Applications can be made via the Council website and they close on 15th January 2026.

Kind regards

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Kate Gemmell, Executive Headteacher