



BYERS GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 22.05.26

It is hard to believe this half term is over already! It has been fantastic to have our MUGA back up and running and I am so grateful we had the opportunity to get it re-surfaced during the Easter holidays. The children are enjoying break times and PE lessons are so much better on the new surface.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Year 6 children for their hard work and effort during SATs week. They showed resilience and tried hard. we always say as long as they tried their best, then we are so proud.

New Starters 2026

On Tuesday 16th June we will be holding a meeting from 3:45 for the parents and carers of our new pupils who will be starting school in September. At this meeting we will ask you to fill out important paper work and signpost you to where you can order school uniform. We will have samples for you to check sizes. Following this, a Moving Up Morning will take place on Friday 26th June where our new Reception pupils can visit our school from 9:05 until 11:30. All other children will move to their new classes at this time for a whole school moving up morning.

Newby Wiske Parents Meeting

On Tuesday 2nd June, at 3:45, Mrs King will be holding a meeting for parents about Newby Wiske. The residential visit will take place from 10th – 12th June. There is no predicting the weather but clothes suitable for outdoor activities come rain or shine will be best. We always suggest old clothes as they may get dirty. The children need to bring their own pillow and quilt or sleeping bag.

Emotional Regulation Coffee Morning

Elaine Atkinson from the EWEL team will be joining us in school on Friday 3rd July from 9:30am to discuss emotional regulation. This is something we do a lot of work on in school and the children are familiar with. We talk about the different zones which relate to feelings. At the coffee morning, Elaine will share strategies to support emotional regulation and I will share with you the toolkits the children have made in each of their classes to support regulating themselves. Refreshments will be available.

Colour Run/Sports Day

Many children and parents mention the Colour Run from 2024 and I am delighted to say I have been able to swap things around and organise this event for the end of the Summer term! We have decided to do this instead of Sports Day. It will take place on the afternoon of Friday 10th July. In the Colour Run, we ask people to wear plain white T-shirts and run through the clouds of powder paint! The wonderful thing about a Colour Run at Byers Green is, the community can get involved and join in and run with their child too. This year, based on ideas raised from families, we are going to invite you to bring deck chairs and picnics to really make the most out of the day. We just need to hope for sunshine! We have a back-up date of 15th July if the weather is poor. I will send more details nearer the time.

Wrap Around Care Enhancements

Monday – General fun

Tuesday – Arts and crafts (3:25 – 4:25)

Wednesday – Gardening/Outdoor Club (3:25 – 4:25)

Thursday – Musical Theatre (3:25 – 4:25)

Friday – General Fun (3:25 – 4:25)

PE days until end of term

PE days for after half term are as follows:

Class 1	Wednesday	Friday
Class 2	Wednesday	Thursday
Class 3	Monday – Swimming	Friday
Class 4	Tuesday	Friday

Attendance

At Byers Green Primary School, we know that *every school day counts*. We have always prided ourselves on hitting National Expectations when it comes to attendance but things have started to slip recently. The Department for Education (DfE) is clear that good attendance is essential for children's learning, wellbeing and future success, and that even a small number of missed days can quickly add up. We ask all parents to ensure their child attends school every day unless they are unwell or there are truly exceptional circumstances. In line with national guidance, holidays during term time are not normally authorised, as family holidays are not considered an exceptional reason for absence. If a child is taken out of school without permission, this is recorded as an unauthorised absence and may result in a penalty notice issued by the local authority. Recent guidance from the attendance team has advised schools that a fixed penalty notice (FPN) should be issued if a child attends school for a morning session, and then is taken out to go on holiday later that day. They have noted that many holidays are equating to 9 missed sessions and have asked schools to be more vigilant around this. As a school, we are committed to working in partnership with families to support excellent attendance and will always offer help where there are challenges, as improving attendance is everyone's responsibility.

Diary Dates

Please see important dates coming up this term

Date/time	Event
22.05.26	Break up for Half Term
01.06.26	School re-opens after Half Term
02.06.26	Newby Wiske Parents' Meeting
10.06.26	Newby Wiske Residential for Class 4 pupils
16.06.26	New Starters Parents' Meeting
17.06.26	Class 1 Visit to Washington Wetlands
26.06.26	Moving Up Morning
03.07.26	Emotional Regulation Coffee Morning with Elaine Atkinson and Miss Dodds
10.07.26 (15.07.26 as a back-up)	Colour Run
16.07.26	Year 6 Leaver's Show
17.07.26	School closes for the summer holidays
More dates will be updated in this table as other opportunities arise – please keep checking.	

Thank you for reading our newsletter. Please get in touch if I can help you in any way.
Kind regards,

G.E.Dodds

Headteacher