



Bailey Green Primary and Nursery School Together with Bailey's Butterflies

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a lovely half term break. As we move into Autumn 2 term we have lots of Christmas activities ahead of us.

Staffing

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Morgan, our Deputy Headteacher, at the end of this term. Mrs Morgan has dedicated an incredible 37 years to Bailey Green Primary School, she has worked alongside many Headteachers during her time but I am so pleased I got to work with her for the past 14 years.

Her commitment, support, and motivation for the children has been amazing. Mrs Morgan's outstanding teaching and leadership will be greatly missed, but I know she is looking forward to starting a new adventure as she steps into retirement. I wish her all the very best as she begins this new chapter, spending more time with her husband, Mr Morgan, and their grown-up children, Beth and Jack. Good luck and happy retirement, Mrs Morgan!

To mark this special occasion, staff are going for a celebration meal. To allow the 'whole staff team' to attend, we would kindly ask that Bailey's Butterflies parents collect their children earlier, or before 5pm, on **Thursday 27th November**. This will enable staff to go home and get ready for the event. Thank you for your support. Also a polite reminder that school have no after school club on this day.

I am also delighted to share more staffing news:

- Mrs Close, currently Assistant Headteacher, has been appointed to the role of Deputy Headteacher. She will officially begin her new role in January 2026, I am certain she will do a fantastic job.
- Mrs Crowthers has now joined our team. Having been with us since October 2024 and is an asset to our team.
- Miss Griffiths, from Bailey's Butterflies, has been appointed as Deputy Team Leader and again I know she will do a fantastic job. The Deputy Team Leaders and Mrs Hook (Team Leader) wear pink shirts so that you can easily spot who the senior leaders are.
- Mrs Bell, our Reception Teacher, has now started her maternity leave. I will update you when the baby arrives. Mrs Bate will continue as the class teacher — Reception parents will already know her well, as she has been working alongside Mrs Bell since September.
- Mrs Allen has decided not to return to Bailey Green after her maternity leave as she has relocated back home to Oxford to be closer to her family. We will miss her lots.

Planetarium

Year 5 had the planetarium in school on **Friday 7th November**. This is a very expensive treat but so worthwhile as they had a wonderful experience.

Year 3 Dolce buy one get one free lunch

As the children in year 3 are in their first year of KS2 and paying for school meals, Dolce has arranged a buy one, get one free session on **Wednesday 12th November**. This allows **one** parent to come in, see the quality of the meals, and help encourage the children to stay for lunch. This still applies to those on benefit related free school meals. You must book your child's meal on school grid and whatever meal option they choose, you will be given the exact same completely free of charge. Unfortunately, this is only open to one parent per child booked in for lunch and does not apply if your child is staying for a packed lunch.

Children in Need

Children can come to school wearing their pyjamas or non-uniform on **Friday 14th November** to support 'Children in Need'. You can make a donation using Scopay, this will be available to view and pay at the beginning of November. This is set to £1 but you can select more than 1 if you wish to donate more than £1. Bailey's Butterflies parents can make a cash donation: a collection bucket will be in the main entrance.

And Christmas begins in school.....

Christmas Trees

Christmas trees will be going up in school on **Thursday 27th November**. There is no after school club on this day.

Christmas Party

We will be having a Christmas party for the school children on **Friday 28th November**, the donations you made towards the fun day have contributed to the cost of this. The children are invited to attend school in their party clothes. All children will be taking part in the school Christmas disco throughout the day. When they are not in the disco with the DJ, they will be making a Christmas biscuit to eat with a drink of juice. There is no charge for this disco and the times are below:

Nursery Bees and Reception	11.00am – 11.30am
Year 1 & 2	1.15am – 2.00pm
Year 3 & 4	2.00pm – 2.45pm
Year 5 & 6	2.45pm – 3.30pm

Please collect year 5 & 6 children at 3.30pm unless they are attending after school club. If your child has permission to walk home they will be dismissed at 3.30pm.

Christmas Performances

We are very excited to invite you back in to school to see your children take part in a Christmas performance. Dolce will be giving out free taster cups of the lunch food at the beginning of the performances for you to try, what a treat!

A special occasion for our **Year 6** parents this year. The nativity will take place at St John's Church. Parents will receive a little treat too (hush, hush, you'll find out on the day)

The performances will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday 3 rd December	Year 6	10.00am at St John's Church
Thursday 4 th December	Year 5	09.30am in the school hall
Friday 5 th December	Year 4	09.30am in the school hall
Monday 8 th December	Year 3	09.30am in the school hall
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 2	09.30am in the school hall
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 1	09.30am in the school hall
Thursday 11 th December	Reception	09.30am in the school hall
Friday 12 th December	Nursery Bees	09.30am in the school hall

Tickets are limited to 2 per child and are £1.00, they are now on sale from the school office or you can send the cash in to school in an envelope with the correct money clearly marked with your child's name. As always, we will be holding a raffle at each performance for the chance to win a hamper, please bring along some change to buy raffle tickets and give any donations to tea and coffee. I don't have a card reader YET! These donations will contribute to the amount we subsidise towards the cost of the theatre as well as any further events we put on during the year. The £1 from year 6 tickets will be donated to the church.

Bailey's Butterflies Christmas Joining in Sessions

You are invited to come along to a joining in session which will be a Christmas sing along with your children, the dates are:

Monday 1 st December	Snowdrops & Sunflowers	10.30am – 11.30am
Tuesday 2 nd December	Poppies & Bluebells	10.30am – 11.30am
Thursday 4 th December	Daisies & Buttercups	10.30am – 11.30am

Choir

On **Friday 12th December** the choir will be visiting Westmoor residential home to sing and make crafts with the residents.

Pantomime

We are so excited to tell you we will be going to the Christmas Panto at Whitley Bay Playhouse this year on **Tuesday 16th December** to watch Beauty and The Beast. We will be taking children from Reception to Year 6. You will receive further information on this in due course.

Bailey's Butterflies and Bailey's Bees will be having Christmas entertainment on this day, the children are welcome to wear their party clothes.

Christmas Jumper Day

On **Wednesday 17th December** we will be wearing our Christmas jumpers in aid of 'Save the Children'. We are aware this is not on the official Christmas jumper day but we have tied it in with Christmas lunch. You can make a donation using Scopay, this will be available to view and pay from the beginning of December. This is set to £1 but you can select more than 1 if you wish to donate more than £1.

Christmas Lunch

We will be having a school Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 17th December**, this is free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 it is the usual lunch cost. It is booked on school grid as usual. It would be lovely for all children who normally have a packed lunch to join us for a hot Christmas lunch on this day.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs L R Taylor
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 12 th November	Year 3 buy one get one free Dolce lunch
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need
Thursday 27 th November	Christmas trees go up in school No after school club
Friday 28 th November	Christmas Party
Monday 1 st December	Snowdrops & Sunflowers joining in day
Tuesday 2 nd December	Poppies & Bluebells joining in day
Wednesday 3 rd December	Year 6 singing at St John's Church
Thursday 4 th December	Year 5 performance Daisies & Buttercups joining in day
Friday 5 th December	Year 4 performance
Monday 8 th December	Year 3 performance
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 2 performance
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 1 performance
Thursday 11 th December	Reception performance
Friday 12 th December	Nursery Bees performance Choir to visit Westmoor residential home
Tuesday 16 th December	Reception – Year 6 Panto at Whitley Bay Playhouse
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Christmas lunch
Thursday 18 th December	No after school club
Friday 19 th December	School and Butterflies close at 1pm, please collect your child promptly

School and Butterflies break up on Friday 19th December at 1pm and return on Tuesday 6th January