



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

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year!

Welcome to Spring term 2026!

### **Staffing**

Miss Beedham – Teaching Assistant at Bailey's Butterflies will be leaving us to start her new career as cabin crew. We wish her lots of luck in her new job and thank her for her commitment and support in the Nursery over the years.

Mrs Bell reception teacher who gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Ted in November.

Congratulations to Mrs Rutherford year 5 teacher, Mrs Moat year 6 teacher and Miss Graydon year 1 teacher who are all expecting babies in the coming months.

Mrs Rutherford will start her maternity leave on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Mrs Morgan will be returning to teach the class until Mrs Rowland returns from her maternity leave on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Mrs Rowland will be in school on a number of days over the next couple of months getting to know her class.

I will update you on the replacement for Miss Graydon and Mrs Moat nearer the time.

### **Jewellery**

I have noticed that some children are wearing 'dangling earrings' which are dangerous for school. If your child wears earrings, please ensure they are small studs only.

No rings or necklaces should be worn in school. If a child comes to school wearing jewellery, they will be asked to remove it, and it will be placed in an envelope and returned at home time.

### **Uniform**

We expect all children to wear school uniform and school shoes, NO trainers!

School uniform consists of grey school trousers, skirt, or pinafore, worn with a school jumper or cardigan and a white polo shirt. During the summer months, children may wear grey shorts or a summer dress in the school colours. Black school shoes or boots should be worn, wellies may be worn in the winter months but please remember to bring school shoes to change into.

If your child needs to wear a black trainer with support for medical reasons please send a doctor's note into the school office.

We do hold a supply of good used uniform in school and Bailey's Butterflies. If you need support, please get in touch with the school office who will be happy to sort out an item of uniform for you.

We do not allow extreme hairstyles, shaved heads or dyed hair and no bright coloured nail polish to be worn in school.

### **PE Kit**

For indoor PE (all pupils)

Black and green polo shirt with logo on one side and name on the other, black and green shorts or skirt and black Velcro or elastic pumps or black trainers. Again we have very good used PE kit so please let us know and we will try and support you.

For outdoor PE (KS2 Y3/4/5/6)

Plain black track bottoms, black and green polo shirt, black shorts and trainers.

(Key Stage 1 children do not require an outdoor kit).

We wear a black hoodie for outdoor PE.

PE bags are provided in school, and the kit will remain in school except when sent home for washing. If your child does not have PE pumps, or if their current ones are becoming too tight, we will notify you via the school app.

Please ensure that ALL uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

### **Attendance**

Great news class 2A had the best attendance for Autumn term 2 and will be rewarded with a class treat.

Please see below the school attendance for last half term:

Class	Week1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Overall
RB	97.3	98	88.8	98.7	95.6	98.7	97.3	96.3
RM	93.9	98.7	94	98.7	93.8	95	97.4	95.9
1G	92.7	98	95.3	97.3	95.3	96.7	90.7	95.1
1BG	96.3	97.3	95.3	98	93.3	99.7	94.7	96.4
2A	98.3	99.3	93.1	98.6	97.2	98.6	98.6	97.7
2Y	96.3	95.3	93.3	98.7	97	98	94.7	96.2
3C	95	95.6	95.3	98.4	97.8	95.9	96.6	96.4
3P	93.1	92.5	98.8	93.8	98.8	98.8	96.3	96
4CO	95.1	97.1	100	92.9	96.5	91.3	96.8	95.7
4N	99.4	98.7	97.4	97.4	94.8	98.7	96.1	97.5
5J	93.9	97.5	91.4	95	93.6	99.3	98.6	95.6
5R	90.7	97.9	97.1	95	96.8	94.1	97	95.6
6F	97.7	96	96	85.3	91	92.8	88.3	92.8
6M	93.9	93.1	99.2	95	97.7	98.5	93.1	95.7

We aim for 97% attendance or above, well done to those classes achieving this. Come on 6F you need to improve.

### **Absence**

If your child is going to be absent from school, please inform us via the app or by calling the absence line. For dental or doctor's appointments, we require a copy of the appointment letter emailed to the school for our records. When emailing please remember to give us your child's name and class or it can be quite difficult 'guessing who you are'.

Please remember if your child is off with a sickness and diarrhoea bug, they will be required to stay off school for 48 hours after the last bout.

### **Holiday requests**

All holidays will be unauthorised and you may be fined if you take your child out of school during term time. Exceptional circumstances will be looked at on an individual basis.

### **School Lunches**

We have no debt on school lunches, thank you for your support with this.

All lunches must be booked and paid for in advance through school grid for all children in Reception to Year 6. The system will not allow any further lunches to be taken if the account is in debt. If this is the case you will be contacted to clear the debt or bring in a packed lunch. Children in Reception – Year 2 receive free

school meals but you do still need to book them through school grid. If you are having any problems please contact the school office.

### **Our School Day**

The school gates open at 8.30 – 8.45am, some children are always very late! Please see a reminder of the times below:

Nursery Bees	08.30am – 11.30am or 12.00pm – 3.00pm
Reception	08.40am – 3.00pm
Year 1 & Year 2	08.40am – 3.05pm
Year 3 & Year 4	08.30am – 3.05pm
Year 5 & Year 6	08.30am – 3.05pm

Please ensure your child is on time for registration and they are collected on time at the end of the day. If you arrive earlier than your time you will still be able to come into school and if a year 3-6 child has a sibling in the younger groups, all children can arrive at the earlier time.

### **Fun Lunch**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January** is our Spring Census Day in school, we would love as many children as possible to stay for a school lunch on this day. The number of children having a meal on this day directly affects the funding our school receives – so every meal really does count! To make it extra exciting, we'll be hiding some golden tickets in lunch trays and the lucky winners will receive a prize. Even if your child usually brings a packed lunch, please encourage them to enjoy a meal on census day, this especially applies to our KS1 children where the meal is free, it really helps our school and gives them a chance to win.

### **Joining in Time and Look and Learn**

If you have not been in for a joining in session or a look and learn with your child, this will be arranged by the class teacher and a date sent out to you via parentapp.

### **That History Bloke**

Year 4 children have a very exciting workshop happening on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January** with 'That History Bloke'. He will be delivering an interactive session with both classes bringing to life their new History topic and looking more closely at the Vikings. The children will be given the opportunity to learn Viking greetings, dress up in costume, and look at replica Viking weapons. We love having 'That History Bloke' in school.

### **World Book Day**

We are excited to be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. Throughout the day, a variety of book-themed activities will take place to celebrate our love of reading.

Here are some of the exciting things we have planned...

#### **Costumes**

Children can come to school in fancy dress if they wish. They might choose a favourite book character, author or illustrator. (Some really simple but effective ideas last year involved wearing basic t-shirts with drawn on book covers, jokes or facts!) Alternatively, they can wear yellow which was author Roald Dahl's favourite colour.

#### **Masked Readers**

Back by popular demand, the masked reader is returning to Bailey Green! Will children be able to guess the member of staff who are mystery readers?

#### **Bailey Green Book Hut**

Our Book Hut will be open **every day** after school to pick up a book! Why not pop by and collect a book of your choice to take home, borrow or keep!

#### **Local Storyteller:**

We have local author Jodie James leading sessions throughout the day on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

### **Dance Festival**

The Dance Festival will take place at Whitley Bay Playhouse on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, more information will be sent out to the children who will be dancing. Auditions will be taking place over the next two weeks.

### **The Sill – Year 3 Residential**

On **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** Year 3 will be going on their 1 night residential to The Sill. a parent meeting will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February in the KS2 hall, please arrive for 3.15pm.

### **Red Nose Day**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** is Red Nose Day: the children can come to school wearing something red. We will have a selection of red noses to sell. You will receive a message when they are due to go on sale.

### **Bailey's Butterflies Joining in Days**

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sunflowers and Snowdrops	10am-11am
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Bluebells and Daisies	10am - 11am
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Poppies and Buttercups	10am- 11am

### **Parent Consultation Day**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** and **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** will be consultation days in main school, you will receive a slip home from the class teacher to book a slot. They are held face to face, but if you would prefer a telephone call that is absolutely fine.

### **Spring Fling**

On **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** children in school and Bailey's Butterflies are invited to come in non-uniform. During the day the children will take part in a fun disco and decorate a boiled egg. The school will provide the boiled eggs along with a range of decorating supplies. However, children are very welcome to bring in any additional decorations they would like to use to personalise their egg. There will be prizes awarded for the best decorated eggs, so we are looking forward to seeing lots of creativity.

### **Ford Castle – Year 4 Residential**

On **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March** Year 4 will be going on their 2-night residential, a parent meeting will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March in the KS2 hall, please arrive for 3.15pm.

### **No After School Club**

On **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** and **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** we will have no after school club, please collect your children at normal time.

### **High Borran's – Year 5 Residential**

On **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** Year 5 will be going on their 3-night residential, a parent meeting will be held closer to the time.

### **Year 6 SATs Week**

SATs week will be the week commencing **11<sup>th</sup> May** for our Year 6 children. We provide a calming environment for the children and they are provided with plenty of treats to keep them going through the week. Please do not book any holidays this week.

### **Newby Whiske – Year 6 Residential**

On **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June** Year 6 will be going on their 3-night residential, a parent meeting will be held closer to the time.

### **Sports Day**

#### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Bailey's Butterflies	9.00am	School Field
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#### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Nursery & Reception	9.00am	School Field
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**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 1 & 2                      9.00am              School Field

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 3 & 4                      9.00am              School Field

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 5 & 6                      9.00am              School Field

All sports days will be approximately 1 hour long. Please bring a chair or a picnic blanket to sit on. We will always try to let you know a few days before if we have to cancel due to the weather.

**Sports Award**

We will be holding a Sports award morning again this year to recognise the sporting achievements of your children. This is by invite only on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June** at 9.15am and more information will follow from Mrs Patrick.

**Reception Graduation**

You will receive more information on this with regards to the time slot for your child, the graduation will be on the morning of **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July**.

**Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Disco**

The parents of year 6 children are invited into the main school hall at 9.00am on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July** for a leaver's assembly, bring your tissues!. The assembly will last for approximately 1 hour, the children can then go home with an adult if they wish and return back at 3.30pm for their leavers disco which will be on until 5.00pm.

**Summer Fun Day**

After a successful event last year, we are organising a 'Fun Day' in school on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**, children can come to school in non-uniform and pay £1 donation which will go towards further events in school.

I have shared all of the dates above in advance so you can note them in your diary. As always, these dates may be subject to change, but you will be given plenty of notice should this happen.

We break up for February half term on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** normal time and School returns on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February**.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs L R Taylor  
Headteacher

### **Dates for your Diary**

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	That History Bloke – Year 4
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Fun Lunch in school – Census Day
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	The Sill Parent Information Meeting

### **Break up for Half Term on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February and return on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day Ford Castle Parent Information meeting
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Festival
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 at The Sill for 1 night
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sunflowers and Snowdrops joining in session
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultation Day Bluebells and Daisies joining in session
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultation Day Poppies and Buttercups joining in session
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Fling
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 at Ford Castle for 2 nights
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	No After School Club
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	No After School Club

### **Break up for Easter on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and return on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday, School is closed
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 at High Borrans for 3 nights
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week

### **Break up for Half Term on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and return on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Newby Whiske for 3 nights
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Butterflies Sports Day 9.00am
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery & Reception Sports Day 9.00am
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 & 2 Sports Day 9.00am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day 9.00am
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 & 6 Sports Day 9.00am
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Award – Invite only
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Graduation

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.00am  
Year 6 Leavers disco 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Summer Fun Day

**Break up for the Summer on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm**