

## NEWSLETTER

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### EASYFUNDRAISING

You can find our  
easyfundraising page at:  
[LINK](#)

### [LINK TO TERM DATES](#)



### Our Worship Focus

This half term our worship  
focus is Friendship

“Encourage one another and  
build each other up.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11-18

#### Our Prayer this week

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against  
us.

Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For the Kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours.  
Now and forever.

Amen

Dear Families

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year. The year has flown and we have lots planned for the next few weeks.

### SPORTS DAY – FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE

One of the favourite events during the summer term is Sports Day. Sports Day this year is due to take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June starting at 1.30 pm.

We do hope you can come along and support the children. You will need to bring your own chairs/picnic blankets.

Should poor weather prevent Sports Day going ahead on 21<sup>st</sup> June, we have a contingency date of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

### OPEN EVENING

We are holding an Open Evening on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. If you know any families with pre-school age children who are starting to think about school, please do mention this event to them.



**Baldwins Gate CE Primary School**  
Everyone learning together in faith, truth and love

## OPEN EVENINGS 2024

**Wednesday 19th June and  
Wednesday 18th September  
Between 6.00pm and 7.00pm**

If you are looking for a nursery or reception place for 2025, or planning for the future, our Open Evenings provide the perfect opportunity to see what we can offer. We look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school.



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## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> June:  
Week 1

A copy of the menu is available on the school website, please see link below.

[School Lunch Menu](#)

## Special Diets

If your child requires a special diet due to a diagnosed allergy, intolerance or medical condition you will need to register with Edwards and Ward at the following link: [edwardsandward.co.uk/special-diets/](http://edwardsandward.co.uk/special-diets/)

## MORNING BREAK AND PACKED LUNCHES FROM HOME

May we please remind you that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL and any snack or packed lunches must not contain items containing nuts. We have several children in school who are anaphylactic and carry epipens.



## MOBILE PHONES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please can I remind you that the use of mobile phones on school grounds is not permitted. Please refrain from using your mobile phone at drop off and pick up times. Do not be offended if a member of staff asks you to put your mobile phone away.



## CHICKENPOX IN SCHOOL

We continue to have a few cases of chickenpox. The most noticeable symptom for chickenpox is an itchy skin rash with red blisters. There are also other symptoms of chickenpox that parents should be aware of, which may appear before or after the rash:

- a high temperature
- aches and pains, headache, and generally feeling unwell
- loss of appetite

Information regarding chickenpox is available on the NHS website [NHS Guidance](#). Children with chickenpox should be kept at home until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about five days after the spots first appeared.

## DIARY DATES: MEET THE TEACHER

Advance notice of our Meet The Teacher dates in preparation for the children moving up in September 2024:

Year Group in September 2024	Date and Time
Year 1	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July at 6.00 pm
Year 2	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July at 6.00 pm
Year 3	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July at 5.30 pm
Year 4	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July at 5.30 pm
Year 5	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July at 5.30 pm
Year 6	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July at 6.00 pm

## SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

VIP Education will be providing their holiday club for the first four weeks of the summer holiday from Monday – Thursday.



The booking portal is open

<https://vipeducation.magicbooking.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login>

## WATER BOTTLES AND SUN PROTECTION

Now we are in the summer term and we are at last enjoying some sunny weather, please can I remind you that all children should bring their own water bottle to school each day. We have a limited number of spares that can be lent on occasion if a child forgets.

Please ensure that on days where the weather is forecast to be warm and sunny that your child has a sun hat in school and either applies 24 hour sun cream before school or brings this with them. Please ensure that ALL items are clearly labelled. We CANNOT allow pupils to share or use each other's sun cream due to potential allergies and allergic reactions. Thank you.

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## SAFEGUARDING

At Baldwins Gate Primary School we have a moral and legal duty to keep all our children safe from harm. Harm which can hinder the development of a child can be physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect and sexual abuse.

Where we have concerns in any area we will talk firstly to the child. If we have cause to be concerned, we will make our concerns known to the First Response team at Staffordshire County Council. It will then be their responsibility to investigate further.

Please do not be offended in any way if a member of staff approaches you or discusses a concern with you. Equally if you have any concerns or require any support, please speak to your child's class teacher or one of our safeguarding leads.

We are all committed to giving the children the environment and safety in which to learn.



Mrs S Maude  
Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Designated Staff - Looked After  
Children  
Lead Professional for Single  
Early Help Assessments



Mrs L Lowndes

Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs F Boulton  
Chair of Governors  
Nominated Governor for Safeguarding  
Nominated Governor for Looked  
After Children

## PE KIT ON PE DAYS

Please ensure that your child wears their school PE kit to school on PE days. Our PE kit consists of:

- White t-shirt
- Navy school sweatshirt or cardigan
- Navy or black shorts
- Navy joggers

Hoodies and any other t-shirts are not permitted. Thank you.

## SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA

A reminder of the school's policy with regard to sickness and diarrhoea. A child who has sickness or diarrhoea whilst at school is to be collected immediately and **kept away until 48 hours following their last case of sickness and/or diarrhoea.** If a child reports that they have had sickness and/or diarrhoea whilst at home, the school will contact the parent. If the parent confirms that this is the case, they will be asked to collect their child immediately. This 48 hour rule is essential in order to protect other students or staff from contracting a bug. Unfortunately, this may mean that a student misses a school event.

## Superstar Awards



Awards have been presented to:

Nursery	Whole class
Reception	Whole class Daisy
Year 1	Whole class
Year 2	Whole class
Year 3	Finn, Tannah
Year 4	Gracie-Mae, Harvey, Lucy, Violet
Year 5	Flo, George
Year 6	Arthur, Evelyn

## Headteacher Award

Children can be nominated to receive a Headteacher's Award from Mrs Lowndes which recognises something special that has been achieved. This could be related to their work, behaviour or attitude to the school community.

This week Mrs Lowndes presented the Headteacher Award to:

Ivy in Reception for being very helpful to Mrs Lowndes



## What's on?

Week commencing Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Monday	INSET Day
Tuesday	
Wednesday	BeeActive after school activity
Thursday	Year 6 Goblin Car Event
Friday	Mrs Walker from Madeley School visiting Year 6 pupils



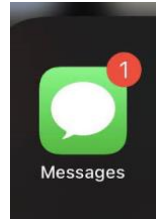
## IMPORTANT – SUMMER MUSIC CONCERTS – DATE CHANGE

Due to the Year 6 induction days at Madeley School, the summer term music concerts will now take place on:

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30 am** for Maer and Butterton (Red/Yellow)

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30 am** for Whitmore and Chapel Chorlton (Green/Blue)

## TEXT MESSAGES FROM SCHOOL



From time to time, we send information via text message to your mobile phone. We can send messages to you for free using the School Gateway App, which is available for you to download.

**Please download the app to your phone to ensure you receive all messages.**

The set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:

**1. Search for “School Gateway” in the Apple App Store/Google Play or on your phone go to [www.schoolgateway.com/apple](http://www.schoolgateway.com/apple) (Apple) or [www.schoolgateway.com/android](http://www.schoolgateway.com/android) (Android)**

2. Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to “Allow Push Notifications”

3. When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select ‘New User’ and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school

4. The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you.

As soon as you’ve got the system set-up, all of the text messages we send you will appear in the app; you’ll receive notifications/alerts as normal.

**If you’ve recently changed your email address or mobile telephone number, please let us know so we can update our records.**

Thank you for your support.

## PARENTPAY

**The total outstanding balance today stands at £1606.16**

**Please check your ParentPay balance today and clear any outstanding balance.**

Payment for school lunches, BUZZ and nursery wraparound **must be paid for in advance on a Monday morning.**

Services provided by Baldwins Gate Primary School are no different to those provided by any other business in that meals and other services must be paid for in advance and on demand. Most parents and carers understand that they cannot take their child to McDonald’s and expect the provision of food or services without paying. Please check your ParentPay account regularly and ensure your balance is not outstanding. Chasing outstanding money owed to the school causes considerable extra work for office staff and embarrassment for all concerned.

If you require any assistance with ParentPay, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Riley in the office. She will be only too happy to help.



## SCHOOL TRIPS – SUMMARY

We are introducing a rolling programme of trips so this list should prove useful for everyone by providing information on trips that your child will access as they progress through school. The list will be updated on a regular basis.

Year Group	Date	Trip	Cost	Deadline date for payment
4	5 <sup>th</sup> October	River Study	£20.00	
3	15 <sup>th</sup> November	Stone Age Workshop	£15.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> October
N/R	22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Theatre, Crewe	£13.00	6 <sup>th</sup> November
All	21 <sup>st</sup> December	Whitmore Church	-	-
1	23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Nantwich Museum	£15.00	9 <sup>th</sup> January
6	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Recorder Festival	£5.00	23 <sup>rd</sup> February
All	21 <sup>st</sup> March	Whitmore Church	-	-
4	10 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> April	York	£165.00	4 <sup>th</sup> March
2	16 <sup>th</sup> April	Trentham	£15.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> February
EYFS	24 <sup>th</sup> April	Blue Planet	£20.00	1 <sup>st</sup> March
3	24 <sup>th</sup> April	Chester Zoo	£23.00	1 <sup>st</sup> March
3	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Standon Bowers	£156.00	4 <sup>th</sup> April
5	8 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> May	PGL Boreatton Park	£209.00	4 <sup>th</sup> April
5	14 <sup>th</sup> May	Newcastle Fire Station	£5.00	7 <sup>th</sup> May
1	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Lakemore Farm Park	£10.00	8 <sup>th</sup> April
6	6 <sup>th</sup> June	Goblin Car	£11.00	4 <sup>th</sup> June
6	26 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Llandudno	£170.00	31 <sup>st</sup> May
5	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	National Arboretum	£7.60	7 <sup>th</sup> June

## PARKING

Parking continues to be an issue outside school. Yellow **zig-zag lines** outside schools indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting **is strictly prohibited**. You must NOT park on the zig-zag lines or leave cards unattended on the roundabout to drop off or pick up children from BUZZ club. Could I also stress the importance of not parking in the GP surgery car-park. Staff need to gain access to the surgery throughout the day. Please park safely and with consideration for our neighbours.



## School Car Park

May I please remind parents that you must not park on the school car park.

## TAX FREE CHILDCARE PAYMENTS

A number of families pay for Nursery Wraparound and BUZZ using the government's Tax-Free Childcare scheme. For every £8 you pay into the TFC online childcare account, the government will pay in £2.00 to use to pay your provider. It can sometimes take 10 days for payments to reach school. Would you please bear this in mind and process payments in advance to avoid your ParentPay account going into arrears. Information on the Tax-Free Childcare scheme is available at the link below:

## Fundraising for our school and how you can help

In addition to supporting the various fundraising events organised throughout the year, Baldwins Gate Primary School (School Fund) is now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

We use our School Fund to support trips, resources and fun things for the children, such as the recent pantomime.

You can find our easyfundraising page at: <http://efraising.org/ELorNbEQrU>



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