

SCHOOL NEWS



Friday 16th
January 2026

YOUR WEEKLY SCHOOL UPDATE

A loving place where we all care, learn and grow together.

Our school vision

At All Saints Academy, it is our vision to provide the 'good soil' for every member of our community to develop deep roots and flourish as a unique individual and achieve their full potential. With the highest of expectations, we nurture and develop each individual so that they can explore who they are and make a positive contribution to our local community and the wider world.



Our school Values

Respect Kindness Honesty Perseverance Courage Empathy

Open door policy:

We would like to remind parents that we have an open-door policy and are always happy to answer questions or discuss any concerns you may have.

Please don't worry about asking—speaking directly to staff helps prevent misinformation and ensures everyone has clear, accurate information to best support your child.

Road safety workshops:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils took part in a road safety workshop this week, delivered by Barnsley Council Safer Roads. The children learned how to keep themselves safe near roads and when riding a bike.

Collective worship:

The focus of our collective worship this week has been joy. We have discussed Louis Armstrong and his philosophy of 'choosing joy' and the challenges he faced. The children have been thinking about how they can 'choose joy' in their daily lives.



Our school attendance target: 96%

Current whole school attendance: 94.4%

Persistent absence (less than 90%): 15.9%

Important Statutory Assessment days.

- Year 6 SAT's, Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026
- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (PSC) W/C Monday 8th June 2026
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Weeks commencing Monday 1st June and Monday 8th June 2026.

Uniform.

We love our children to look smart and take pride in their appearance. Please ensure your child is in the correct uniform for school. We have noticed a number of children in trainers which are not in line with the policy. Full black trainers are acceptable. Also, earrings must be studs only. Hoops and dangly earrings are a health and safety risk.

Remember, we have a bank of uniform in school if you are struggling. Please speak to Mrs Wilkinson in confidence.

Head lice:

Please remember to regularly check your child's hair for head lice and nits.

Early detection helps prevent spread—thank you for your support.

Wombwell has 2 Brownie groups with vacancies for girls age 7 to 10 years (under 7's can pre-register their interest).



25th Barnsley Brownies runs on a Wednesday evening (term time) from 5.30 to 7pm

18th Barnsley Brownies runs on a Thursday evening (term time) from 5.30 to 7pm

Both groups meet at the Methodist Church Hall on Summer Lane, Wombwell.

Please follow link to register any interest.

<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.girlguiding.org.uk%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cenquiries%40das.dsat.education%7C64b0b68a2fd945a0d2af08de512489a2%7C1fd2c4d02021463aa441ee6009a67bc4%7C0%7C0%7C639037414537045143%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIiYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIiAiOiJXaW4zMilsIkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JrEIU9%2FyouGOwPVqyn%2BLG9k1TsRLVNa3QxVrd9A38A8%3D&reserved=0>



National Trust

National Trust Pass:

If you pick up a physical copy of the Daily Star, Daily Mirror or Daily Express by Sunday 18 January, you'll find a free National Trust family pass printed as a voucher. The pass is valid for one visit on any day until Friday 6 March. Typically, the pass would normally cost about £30 to £40 depending on which site you're visiting. It allows two adults and up to three children, or one adult and up to four children (or couples or individuals) to visit one National Trust site for free in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland (Scotland locations and English Heritage sites aren't included). Kids must be 17 or under, though under-fives go free anyway. See all the locations you can use your pass - when we checked, there were just over 200 included sites. There's nothing to pay for entry, but some car parks charge fees, and this pass doesn't get them for free. One pass per household is permitted.

PTFA:

The PTFA meeting on Thursday morning was very productive, with plans made for spending some of the money raised and discussions about activities for the rest of the academic year. New members are always very welcome. The next meeting will take place on Friday 30th January at 9am.



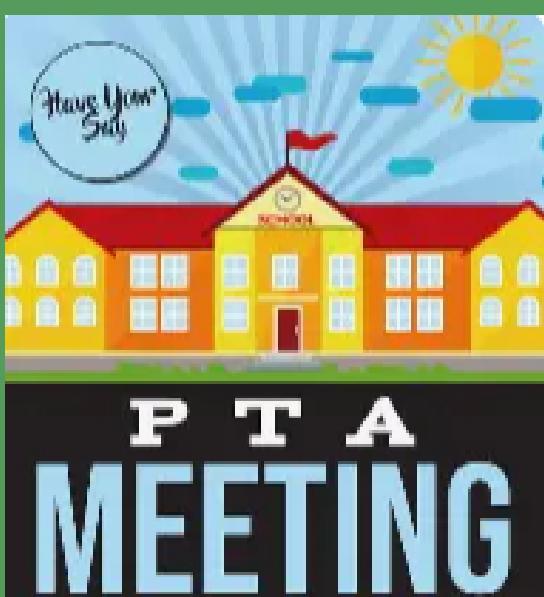
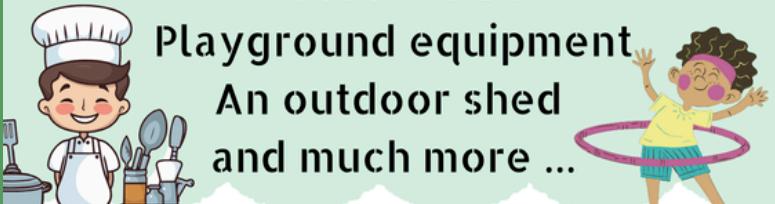
What we did in 2025...
At Christmas we raised
£501

Throughout the year we organised...

- Summer Fair & Disco
- Easter eggs for everyone
- Books for everyone

Coming in 2026...

- Friendship Disco
- Ovens for DT
- Playground equipment
- An outdoor shed
- and much more ...



PTA Meetings

We have updated the dates for the PTFA meetings for the year. Current and new members welcome.

- 30th January @ 9am
- 12th March @ 9am
- 30th April @ 9am
- 2nd July @ 9am

Diary dates for the academic year.

We try our best to stick with the dates selected, however sometimes changes may need to be made. We will give you as much notice as possible.

Young Voices	Monday 9th February 2026
Online safety week	Monday 9th February-Friday 13th February 2026 Inc. Safer Internet Day Tuesday 10th February 2026
World book day	Thursday 5th March 2026
Science week	Monday 9th March – Friday 13th March 2026
Comic Relief	Friday 20th March 2026
Easter service	Wednesday 25th March 2026
Class photographs	Thursday 18th June 2026
Year 6 Bikeability	Monday 15th June- Friday 19th June 2026
Sports 'days' <i>Weather dependant</i>	<i>Specific times will be sent out nearer the time.</i> EYFS: Tuesday 23rd June 2026 PM Year 1 & Year 2 Tuesday 23rd June 2026 AM Year 3 & Year 4 Wednesday 24th June 2026 AM Year 5 & Year 6: Wednesday 24th June 2026 PM
Annual written reports to parents	Friday 10th July 2026
Year 6 Leavers Service	Tuesday 14th July 2026 <i>Provisional until transition dates from secondary schools are confirmed</i>
Internal transition day	Wednesday 15th July 2026 <i>Year 6 pupils will be informed of their secondary transition days once their placement confirmed.</i>
Reception graduation	Monday 13th July 2026
End of year prize giving	Friday 17th July 2026



**BARNESLEY FC
COMMUNITY TRUST**

FEBRUARY FOOTBALL CAMPS

Indoor Training Centre, Grove Street, Barnsley, S71 1ET

Monday 16th February - 20th February 2026

9am - 3pm Ages 5-14

Our holiday courses are delivered by qualified coaches and open to boys and girls of all abilities. Giving them the opportunity to:

- Learn new skills
- Improve their techniques through a variety of activities
- Have loads of fun!



MINI KICKERS

FRIDAY | 10:30AM - 11AM

This session is designed to help budding young football stars!

£4

AGES 2-5



GOAL KEEPER TRAINING

TUESDAY 17TH

Join our goalkeeper sessions and develop key skills in a fun environment!

£65

Per Week

£15

Per Day

£17

**Tournament
Friday**



Includes McDonalds Happy Meal

For more information please contact Aidan.Wearmouth@barnsleyfc.co.uk



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**BOOK
NOW**



You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers.**

First Tuesday of every month

7pm - 8.30pm

Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone



What parents say:

'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel, and I really do feel less alone and more validated. My hope is back'

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism. Sometimes my wife Sally will join in as well.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

<p style="margin: 0;">All Saints Academy</p> <p style="margin: 0;">BARNESLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL</p> <p style="margin: 0;">SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR</p> <p style="margin: 0;">For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools</p>																																																																																																																																																
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