



CARE – Prepare – Believe

**'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me'.
Philippians 4:13**

3rd July, 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of term, I am now in a position to share the staffing position for next academic year.

Sadly, for September 2026, Badsworth School is losing some long-standing staff members. Their hard work and dedication to the school has had such a positive impact on the children and school growth. Their skills and expertise will truly be missed.



Retirement - Firstly, Mrs Smith has made the decision to retire from her position as teaching assistant at the end of this school year. Mrs Smith has worked at Badsworth School for 25 years, predominantly in upper Key Stage 2. I am sure she will enjoy her well-earned retirement.



Good Luck - Secondly, Mrs Parker will also be leaving to work for Wakefield WISEND. Her new position as an Advisory Special Educational Needs teacher for Early Years. This will be an exciting opportunity for Mrs Parker and we wish her all the best in her new position.

Finally, Mr Thomson has been successful securing a position as Deputy Headteacher in Barnsley as part of an academy trust. Mr Thomson's skills will certainly help and support his new school to flourish.

September, 2026 - This obviously means some changes for Badsworth School and, behind the scenes, there have been recruitment processes taking place.

We have appointed two teachers and welcome Miss Percival and Miss Kearns to the staff team. Both teachers will be in school next week to meet the children so they can begin to get to know their new classes.

The teaching staff for next academic year will be:

Foundation Stage- Miss Jenkins
Year 1 - Miss Bellis
Year 2- Miss Hogan
Year 3 - Miss Farrar-Kearns
Year 4 - Mr Iliffe
Year 5 - Miss Percival
Year 6 - Miss Parkin

Miss Bellis has been appointed as the School SEND Co and will be shadowing Mrs Parker at the SMTLP meetings on Friday 3rd July.



SACRE Spirited Art Competition - Last half-term, children took part in a spirited artwork competition and we are now in a position to announce the winners. These were Jack and Harry C in Foundation Stage for Infants and Juniper, Frankee-Jo and Ronnie in Y6 for Juniors. These children will receive their certificate in achievement worship today. Also, their work, along

with the other competition winners from across the district, is on display at Wakefield Cathedral until the beginning of August. So, head down there to view our children's artwork.

Winning entries:



School Picnic – After the success of last year's end of year picnic, we will be holding this event again. On Tuesday 14th July, the ISS school lunch menu will be a picnic. The menu consists of:

Selection of Sandwiches
Ham, tuna or cheese

Mini Pizza Finger
Cheese Roll

Selection of cookies

If you would like your child to take part, please order your child's lunch in the usual way.



Lumi Nova - app to help children with anxiety! Wakefield have created a new app, LumiNova, designed to support young people aged 7-12 who are experiencing worries or anxieties. Lumi Nova has been funded by the NHS and is available to all families across Wakefield. It is an intergalactic adventure game to support young people to fight fears and manage worries. Whilst exploring planets, customising characters and earning treasure, your child breaks their fears and worries down into manageable steps, learning life-long skills and building resilience. Watch this short, animated video to learn more: [Lumi Nova Introduction Video](#)

Who can use Lumi Nova?

Lumi Nova was created for 7 - 12 year-olds, who are having difficulties with fears, worries, or anxiety related to social situations, separation or phobias. Lumi Nova is ideal for children who may:

- lack confidence to try new things
- seem unable to face simple everyday challenges
- find it hard to concentrate
- have problems with sleeping or eating
- have angry outbursts
- have negative thoughts about what's going to happen
- be avoiding everyday activities, eg. going to school, seeing friends
- become irritable, tearful or clingy

How do you access Lumi Nova?

Accessing Lumi Nova is quick and easy. Use the link below to register and you will receive a text message to guide you through getting started.

[Luminova.app/wakefield](https://luminova.app/wakefield)

To find out more visit luminova.app or join a [Parent Information Webinar](#).



Registration is now open for our **Happy Healthy Holidays Summer Sports Camps 2026** at A1 Football Factory! If your child is eligible for **Free School Meals**, their place is **fully funded**, including meals, activities and their weekly reward trips. The camps run **Monday to Thursday, 9:00am to 3:00pm**, giving children a full day of fun, sport and adventure in a safe, inclusive environment. This summer A1 Football Factory are delivering four fantastic weeks of sport, fun and adventure, with every week ending in an amazing reward trip or experience.

Weekly reward trips include:

Thursday 30th July – Flip Out Leeds

Thursday 6th August – Bridlington Beach

Thursday 20th August – Mission Out Leeds

Thursday 27th August – Inflatable Bouncy Castle Experience at A1 Football Factory

Important Information

To qualify for each week's reward trip or activity, children **must be booked onto all four days of that week** and attend **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday** before taking part in the Thursday trip or activity. This allows the team to build relationships with the children, ensure everyone is comfortable and maintain the highest standards of safeguarding during off-site visits.

Book your child's place here:

<https://eequ.org/book/happy-healthy-holidays-summer-sports-camp-with-yorkshire-health-and-sport-a1-football-factory-24938>

For those families that are not eligible for Free School Meals, paid places are still offered which can be booked via our reception (details below) or via <https://a1footballfactory.ezfacility.com/Package>

Key dates for next half-term:

Tuesday 7th July – Year 5/6 Production – 2pm & 5.30pm

Wednesday 8th July – Summer Serenade – 5.30pm

Thursday 9th July - Year 3 visit to Coal Mining Museum

Tuesday 14th July – School Picnic for lunch

Wednesday 15th July – Mini-Olympics - Children to come to school wearing PE kit

Wednesday 15th July – FOBS Disco - EYFS, KS1 – 3.30pm – 5pm. KS2 – 5.15pm – 6.30pm

Friday 17th July – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – 9.30pm Year 6 parents/carers only

Friday 17th July – Last day of term

Yours Sincerely,

Miss J. Griffiths
Headteacher



The Designated Senior Lead (DSL) for Safeguarding & Child Protection is the Headteacher, Jenny Griffiths, supported by the Deputy Headteacher Jake Thomson, Dominique Jenkins EYFS and KS1 Team Leader and the SENDCO and Designated Safeguarding Leader for Early Years Marie Parker.

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