



BADSWORTH
CofE School

CARE – Prepare – Believe

'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.'

Philippians 4:13

18th September, 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday, our new Foundation Stage children, and their families, were welcomed to Badsworth CE J&I School at a special service in St. Mary's Church, led by the Area Dean – Father Paul Cartwright. It was lovely to welcome our new children and their families to school.



School Vision – As we start our new school year, it is always a good opportunity to remind families of our School Vision and Christian Values.

Children and staff also use the words of our vision to encourage children and to celebrate their achievements at the end of the week in our Achievement Worship.

Here at Badsworth C of E Junior and Infant School, we ensure everyone flourishes through the way we:

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- **Consider And Respect Everyone** as Jesus taught

- **Prepare** for a bright future

- **Believe** we can make a difference

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Christian Values – We have 6 core Christian Values which we focus on each school year. These are:

Belonging

Kindness

Courage

Forgiveness

Trust

Hope

These will be celebrated and discussed with the children over the school year and will be taught in order to let our school vision grow and all stakeholders to flourish.



Belonging - We start the school year with the value of 'Belonging'. Through our Collective Worships, children will be reflecting on belonging to Badsworth School, to a family, a faith and a community.

Trainee Teachers – We would like to welcome Mrs Murgatroyd to school who is continuing her teacher training at Badsworth School this term. Mrs Murgatroyd will be teaching in Year 1, alongside Miss Bellis and Mrs Franks, and will be with us until Christmas.



FOBS are holding their first meeting of the school year on **Wednesday 23rd September**. These meetings take place in school at 6pm. Old and new members are always welcome to join.



Harvest Festival – We are delighted that we are holding a whole school Harvest Festival in St. Mary's Church again this year. This will take place on Thursday, 1st October, at 2pm.

The week of the service, your child will bring home a ticket for one parent/carer per family.

Please ensure you adhere to our request as the church does not have the capacity for more than this. It is always disappointing when some families are not respectful and two family members attend.

Local Food Bank

Upton Foodbank - Once again, to mark Harvest, we will be supporting a local food bank so please donate for the Upton Food Bank. Unfortunately, as of yet, they have not received any funding from Wakefield Council. Non-perishable items such as cereal, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, soup, dried pasta, rice, toilet rolls and toiletries would be greatly appreciated. Please bring donations into school by Thursday, 1st October, ready for collection.



Christmas Fayre – Christmas Fayre – Saturday, 28th November

The Christmas Fayre is back again this year. It is a great chance to buy some stocking fillers and Christmas presents. Further details will follow nearer the time.

If anyone is interested in having a table at the Christmas Fayre, please email fobs@badsworthceschool.co.uk by **Friday, 30th October**.



Marrick Priory- Next week, our Year 6 children are attending a full week's residential in Marrick near Reeth. Here they will enjoy lots of outdoor adventure activities, including climbing, caving, canoeing and a full day walk. I'm sure the children will have a great time and make lots of memories along the way.

After School Clubs – Just a reminder that on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, the school gates will be locked at the end of the day, as some after school clubs are held outside. Please can I ask that, on these days, families leave the school premises promptly at the end of the school day so no one is locked inside the school grounds.



Parking- Please can I remind all families to park respectfully around the village. Already, we have received complaints from residents of dangerous parking. You will have noticed that last week, the parking officers were monitoring parking and 3 warnings and 1 fine was given out.

Also, just to remind parents that the school car park should not be used at pick up or drop off, including for Breakfast Club and After School Clubs. This is for safeguarding reasons. Please pass this message on to extended family members who may also support at school times.

The 2026 - 27 school calendar is now available:

Half-Term	First Day of School	Last Day of School	Training Days / Bank Holiday
1	2 nd September 2026	23 rd October 2026	1 st September INSET Day
2	2 nd November 2026	18 th December 2026	
3	4 ^h January 2027	12 th February 2027	
4	22 nd February 2027	25 th March 2027	
5	12 th April 2027	28 th May 2027	Monday 3 rd May & Monday 31 st May Bank Holiday
6	8 th June 2027	16 th July 2027	7 th June, 19 th July, 20 th July & 21 st July INSET Days

Dates for this half term:

Wednesday 23rd September – FOBS meeting 6pm at school

Monday 28th September– Year 5 Outdoor Learning

Thursday 1st October – Harvest Festival – 2pm – 1 parent per family. Tickets to be issued w/c 28th September.

Thursday 1st October – Cauliflower Christmas cards to be ordered and returned to school

Wednesday 7th October – Year 4 Outdoor Learning

Thursday 8th October – Year 1 visit – Pontefract Castle
Wednesday 14th October – Year 2 Outdoor Learning
Tuesday 20th October – School Photograph Day
Tuesday 20th October – Seasonal Flu vaccine
Wednesday 21st October – Parents' Evening
Thursday 22nd October – Parents' Evening
Friday 23rd October – Last day of term
Monday 2nd November – First day back to school

Yours sincerely,

Miss J. Griffiths

Headteacher



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

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