



# Bryn St Peter's CE Primary School January 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

If we haven't seen you already - Happy New Year!

We were welcomed back to school by the rain, snow, frost and the storms, which has been a challenge as well as a bit of fun!

We have had a quiet awakening to the term and are now ready to go with lots planned in for the coming term. (Outlined in 'dates for your diary' below.)

### **School Games**

Our school is part of the School Games Network, encouraging all children to be active and to participate in a range of activities.

Last term we had:

- A team of girls from KS1 attend a Disney Football event, encouraging girls to play football.
- Some children from Year 3 and Year 4 attend a multi-sports event at Wigan Youth Zone.
- The whole school participated in the Santa Dash, raising money for our OPAL project.

In addition to this, our Sports Crew have received training from our School Games Officer on how to encourage more children to be active during their playtimes.

We have more exciting events planned for this term.

### **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)**

Thank you for the donations you have sent in so far. We are getting on with organising and planning, ready to launch in the summer term. Please keep watching out for any further requests for everyday equipment that we are looking for. If you have something you think might be of use, but are not sure please give us a call.

### **Inset Day**

Just a reminder that school will be closed on Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb (The day before half term) as our post-Christmas training day was moved, when our trainers had to cancel unexpectedly. Again - thank you for your understanding!

### **Birthday Books**

Thank you to Barney, and Oliver from Y5 for their birthday book donation. They are now in the library, with their names inside the cover. I'm sure lots of children will enjoy reading them in years to come.

### **Worship theme**

This half term's worship theme is 'perseverance'. We are hearing lots of stories about how people don't give up, even when things get difficult. Hopefully your children will be able to talk about how they can be resilient in their lives in the coming weeks.

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## Some dates for your diary

Here are some dates for your diary. More details will follow.

Date	What's happening	Who's involved
Weds 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Ashton library Visit	Year 3
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Outdoor learning with Nomad Rangers	Year 3
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ashton library Visit	Year 6
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Young Voices Concert 12:30pm-10pm	YV choir
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ashton library Visit	Year 4
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Viking Workshop	Year 4
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Jodrell Bank Trip	Year 5
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	PTA film night	Whole School
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ashton library Visit	Year 5
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Break the Rules Day	Whole School
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Teacher Training (School closed)	Whole School
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term break	Whole School
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Back to school	Whole School
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> March	School Games Cup	Selected Y5/6
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Mother's Day workshops	Whole school
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March	The Creepy Crawly Roadshow	Whole School
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March	School Games - Y3/4 Girl's football	Selected Y3/4
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Stockport Air Raid Shelters visit	Year 6
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Greenslate Farm	Year 3

## Attendance Matters

From the 8th January 2024 the government has launched a national campaign named "**Moments matter, attendance counts**" to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance.

The campaign messages aim to reach those parents and carers whose children are taking preventable odd days of absence - or "avoidable absence" - rather than children who face greater barriers to attendance, such as those with long term medical needs or special educational needs and disabilities

Please have a look at the attached links including "Is my child too ill for school?" as you may find it useful when trying to decide if your child can come into school with minor illnesses.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

I am so proud to be the headteacher of our lovely school. So many visitors come in and remark on the warm and calm feel of it. In fact Ofsted mentioned in the report that our school is 'a kind and caring place where (the children) can learn well.'

I also know there is a lot of affection and a long term connection for Bryn St Peter's Primary School for many of you.

In 2025 we will be celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> 'birthday'! If you have any ideas for how we might mark the year we'd love to hear them!

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