



## Dates for your Diary

<b>TERM DATES 2024-25</b>	<b>INSET DATES: School closed for children on INSET DAY's</b>
<p><b>Autumn term (73 days)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 4 September 2024 to Friday 25 October 2024</li> <li>• Monday 4 November 2024 to Friday 20 December 2024</li> </ul>	<p>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025</p>
<p><b>Spring term (60 days)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 6 January 2025 to Friday 14 February 2025</li> <li>• Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 4 April 2025</li> </ul>	<p>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025</p> <p>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025</p>
<p><b>Summer term (62 days)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 23 May 2025</li> <li>• Monday 2 June 2025 to Thursday 24 July 2025</li> </ul>	

### HEAD TEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parent/carers  
Welcome back to Autumn 2!

I hope you all had a lovely break, and the children are rested ready for the next half-term. I know that the children were ready for a break along with staff.

As this is a very busy half term with lots of events happening, we have made the decision to spread parent events out across the school year.

From this year the following events will be organised for you to come into school to celebrate with your children:

- Early Years/KS1 children will perform a Christmas Nativity Show (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9.15pm and 2.45pm)
- Yr 3/4 will do a performance at the end of the spring term just before we break up for Easter (Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2.45pm)
- Yr 5/6 will do a performance at the end of the summer term, because the size of the year 5/6 cohort there will be 3 performances in the last week of the school year. Dates and times will be communicated nearer the time.
- Yr 6 – A Year 6 leavers performance will also take place at the end of the summer term, dates and times will be communicated nearer the time.

Friends of Borrow Wood have already held three very successful Halloween discos before half term – there were some very scary ‘beings’ in school. They are also in the process of organising a craft event and Christmas Fair. Your support with these is always welcomed.

If you have any questions or concerns you want to raise, I am on the lower playground most days between opening and closing the gate.

Many Thanks  
Zoe Fletcher



### SCHOOL UNIFORM AND WINTER COATS

Now the weather is getting colder, please make sure your child arrives to school in a warm waterproof coat! Can you please make sure that all **uniform/lunch boxes/water bottle** is clearly labelled. We currently have jumpers/cardigans/coats left at school with no names. Any uniform not labelled/not claimed are washed and placed in our pop-up shop.

Parents/carers are welcome to obtain free, nearly new uniform from our pop-up-shop in Silver Birch

You can also visit our drop-in sessions for families - Silver Birch Hub every Tuesday morning 8.45am-9.30am.

### SCHOOL MONEY

We are a cashless school and therefore all trips/dinner money/the nest are to be paid via our school money facility. If for any reason you are unable to access your school money account, please email [admin@borrowwood.odysseyct.org.uk](mailto:admin@borrowwood.odysseyct.org.uk) and we will check your account. **On request we can now add a 2<sup>nd</sup> parent onto school money, please email [admin@borrowwood.odysseyct.org.uk](mailto:admin@borrowwood.odysseyct.org.uk) for this request.**

**SCHOOL DINNERS ARE NOW £2.70**

#### **Dinner Top Up**

If you would like to top up your child's dinner account, then this will be found in the Dinners section of the options menu on the left-hand side of your screen.

When you click on dinners it will come up with a screen that shows your child's dinner balance with an option to top up below.

To top up, change the cost in the green box to the amount you would like to pay and click the + sign. This will add the cost to your basket on the right.

[All dinners/nest payments MUST be paid in advance. If for any reason you have difficulty in paying, please contact the school immediately, \(all calls will be confidential\).](#)

### APPLY FOR A RECEPTION PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

When to apply - You can make an application from 3 November 2024 until 15 January 2025. Please see link: [Apply for a reception or junior place for September 2025 - Derby City Council](#)

### SCHOOL

Just a reminder that the electronic school gate opens at 8.40am. Children are not allowed on site before this time unless they are attending the nest or attending a morning workshop.



**PARENTS' EVENING 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Our parents' evenings will be on the Wed 13<sup>th</sup> November and 20<sup>th</sup> November. Booking system is now open. **PLEASE NOTE THE BOOKING SYSTEM CLOSES ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER FOR BOTH DATES** If for any reason you are having difficulty in booking a time, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. **At parents' evening you will be asked to check and sign contact details for your child to ensure that we are holding up to date details including emergency contact and email address.**

**INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

The school photographer will only take a photograph of your child(ren) if you have completed the online form.

This consent will cover all individual photographs whilst your child attends Borrow Wood Primary School. Proofs will be sent home with your child with instructions on how to purchase a copy of the individual photograph. SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 8.00AM AT THE UPPER SCHOOL HALL ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.

**CHILDREN IN NEED 15<sup>TH</sup> November 2024**



On the 15th November children can wear a spotty/colourful top, **NON-UNIFORM TOPS ONLY**. Children must wear school uniform, i.e. school trousers/skirts. **UNIFORM BOTTOMS**

Please **DO NOT** bring any money to school.

If you would like to donate, please visit the official website.  
<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

**SCHOOL TRIPS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>EVENT:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>
National Stone Museum Trip (Year 3 and 4)	25 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> November
Choir Club at Derby Cathedral	27 <sup>th</sup> November (rehearsal am and performance in the evening)
Height, weight, hearing and sight (Reception Class)	2 <sup>nd</sup> December
Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Services Education Visit in School Year 2 and Year 6	3 <sup>rd</sup> December
Christmas Event EYFS and KS1- <i>will be communicated nearer the time.</i>	17 <sup>th</sup> December 9:15am and 2:45pm
Christmas Dinner – <i>Menu will be communicated nearer the time</i>	18 <sup>th</sup> December



**NURSERY AND RECEPTION OPEN EVENINGS SEPTEMBER 2025**

<b>Nursery Open Evenings:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Location:</b>
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 24	4.30pm-5.00pm	Lower school Nursery classroom
<b>Reception Open Evenings:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Location:</b>
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 24	4.30pm-5.00pm	Lower school Reception classroom

**FOOD 4 THOUGHT**

Message from: Derbyshire food for thought. Thank you for your support.

*I just wanted to thank you so very much for the incredibly generous donation I have just collected from your school. Please do thank all pupils, parents, and staff for the phenomenal amount of food they have collectively donated to DF4TA for making up food parcels for food banks across the city. This will have a real impact on peoples' lives."*



**POPPY APPEAL**

Thank you to our Year 6 children, as they have been busy over the last couple of weeks selling poppies at break-time. Thank you to those who have also supported the poppy appeal by buying the merchandise through the school shop.

**FRIENDS OF BORROW WOOD UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Please check your emails – for all the Friends of Borrow Wood Events, email sent out on the 8<sup>th</sup> November to all parents/carers. Thank you!**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Christmas Craft Workshop	29 <sup>th</sup> November after school – please book online £5 per child limited places.
Wear what you want day	29 <sup>th</sup> November – donations of chocolate and bottles for the Christmas Fair
Christmas Fair	6 <sup>th</sup> December 3.40 to 5.00pm