



Welcome back to a brand-new academic year! It's wonderful to see our school community buzzing with energy once again. It's hard to believe that we've already completed our first eight weeks together.

We are especially delighted to welcome our newest members: 26 enthusiastic children in Nursery and 6 bright new faces in Reception. I'm proud to share that all of our children have settled in beautifully. Our school is now full in almost every year group, with waiting lists in several classes—a true reflection of the wonderful community we've built together.

We are thrilled that 95% of families attended our recent parent evenings—an incredible turnout that highlights the strong partnership we share in supporting every child's learning and wellbeing. Your positive feedback and encouragement mean so much to our staff—thank you for your ongoing support.

To see what your child will be learning next half term, please visit the 'Classes' page on our website. You can also catch up on all the exciting things happening across the school via our School Ping updates.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead—filled with fun, creativity, and countless memorable moments!

Mrs J Potts - Headteacher

KEY DATES

- Monday 3rd November – Halloween Disco
- Tuesday 4th November - Year 1 Safe Touch talk
- Tuesday 4th November – KS2 UK Parliament Assembly
- Wednesday 5th November – Family Photograph Day
- Friday 7th November – Y5/6 Internet Safety Talk
- Monday 10th November – Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying Week
- Wednesday 12th November – KS1 Gymnastics Festival
- Tuesday 18th November – Beyond Academy ASPIRE Awards Assembly
- Wednesday 19th November – Reception and Y6 Height and Weight
- Thursday 20th November – Y5 Science Trip to Laurel Academy
- Monday 24th November – Y5 High 5 Netball Competition
- Wednesday 26th November – Nursery ASPIRE event at 8:50am
- Wednesday 26th November – KS2 Gymnastics Festival
- Thursday 27th November – Reception ASPIRE event at 8:50am
- Monday 1st December – Y3 ASPIRE event at 9am
- Tuesday 2nd December – Y2 ASPIRE event at 9am
- Wednesday 3rd December – Y6 ASPIRE event at 9am
- Thursday 4th December – Y5 ASPIRE event at 9am
- Friday 5th December – Y4 ASPIRE event at 9am
- Friday 5th December – Y1 ASPIRE event at 2pm
- Tuesday 9th December – Early Years Christmas concert 10:45
- Wednesday 10th December – Early Years Christmas concert 10:45
- Monday 15th December – Y3 and Y4 Christmas performance 9am and 2pm
- Tuesday 16th December – Y5 and Y6 Christmas performance 9am and 2pm
- Wednesday 17th December – Y1 and Y2 Christmas performance 9am and 2pm
- Thursday 18th December – School Christmas Day including visit from Reverend Twigg, Christmas jumpers/party clothes, Christmas dinner and a special visitor!
- Friday 19th December – Training Day

#TEAMBARNBURGH

Well done to our newly elected Junior Leaders for this year.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Einstein: Olly & Molly

Mandela: Jessica & Angelica

Hawking: Evelyn & Ethan

Teresa: Tommy & Eden

DIGITAL LEADERS:

Mey, Heidi, Tommy, Logan, Poppy, Molly, Oliver, Ethan and Kale

NEW LIBRARIANS:

Year 5: Louie, Jaxon, Florence, Isabelle

Year 6: Harrison, Betsy, Evelyn, Millie, Ava, Hettie, Eloise, Fletcher

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS:

Year 1: Allegra & Zakir

Year 2: Bella & Johnathan

Year 3: Ivy & Nicholas

Year 4: Emmie & Ella

Year 5: Fletcher & Pearl

Year 6: Oliver (Chair) and Lacey (vice chair)

Secretary: Millie

Treasurer: Kale

Publicity and Communications: Eloise

GENERAL JUNIOR LEADERS

Ava, Noah, Millie, Jerome & Freddie

Hall: Henley, Lewis & Milly

Displays: Jessica

HARVEST

On Friday 10th October, all our children from Reception to Year 6 walked to St Peter's Church to take part in a wonderful Harvest Celebration led by Revd. Jo Twigg. During the service, the children sang songs, recited poetry, shared prayers, and listened to stories about the harvest. We would like to say a huge thank you to all our families for their generous food donations — we were truly overwhelmed by your kindness. Your items were displayed by our School Council who then packed everything into bags and helped Miss Allison load them into her car before delivering them to the Goldthorpe Food Bank at the Salvation Army, where they were gratefully received. A huge thank you to Miss Allison for doing this.



LEFT: our church service
 ABOVE: School Council with our harvest collection
 RIGHT: Children learning about where cotton comes from

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Year 3 for winning the Attendance trophy this half term with an impressive 98.3% attendance.

Our whole school attendance for Autumn 1 is:

96.7%

HOUSE WINNERS

Congratulations to Einstein House for winning the House Point trophy this half term with an impressive 1661 house points.

TRUST AWARDS

A HUGE congratulations to Mrs Kay and Betsy M (year 6) for winning the Leger Education Trust award for this half term.



SPORT COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to all our children who represented our school at sports competitions and festivals this half term. The results from Autumn 1 are listed below:

EVENT	DATE	YEAR GROUPS	POSITION
Tag Rugby Festival	24.09.25	3, 4, 5 & 6	n/a
Football Competition	01.10.25	1 & 2	7th and 5th
Boy's Football Competition	01.10.25	3 & 4	1st
Girl's Football Competition	01.10.25	3 & 4	2nd
Boy's Football Competition	01.10.25	5 & 6	Joint 1st
Girl's Football Competition	01.10.25	5 & 6	2nd
Tag Rugby Festival	15.10.25	1 & 2	n/a