November 2026

Message from Mrs Mathie

Welcome back to the last half term of 2026. I hope that you had an enjoyable half term break.

I trust that those of you who were able to attend, found your recent Parents' Evening appointments informative and it gave you the opportunity to hear how your child is settling back into school. It was lovely to see so many of you in school and to hear the feedback that you shared with us.

Our year 4 children have just returned from the PGL residential trip to Dearne Valley and as always, they had a fun-filled few days and relished the opportunity to develop their independence and learn new skills. I am proud to report that the feedback from the centre and staff was that their behaviour was amazing and they were positive ambassadors for Battling Brook. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all staff involved in this trip especially the staff who gave up their own time to attend the residential. Without these staff such fabulous events would not be possible!

We have lots to look forward to between now and Christmas and lots of opportunities for parents to come into school such as festive performances, the PTFA Christmas Fayre and bauble decorating workshop. We also have our fabulous panto (Beauty and the Beast) taking place on Friday 13th November.

As always if you have any queries or concern, please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office in the first instance.

Kind regards
Mrs Mathie

School Applications

If your child is due to start Reception in Autumn 2027, please make your application prior to 15th January 2027 using the parent portal on Leicestershire County Council.

If you are interested in a full time place for Preschool, our applications for 2027 places are open and we still have a few places remaining. You can collect an application form for the main entrance or if you require further in formation, please call the school office on 01455 634701.

School Closure Procedure

Our school will remain open unless it is deemed unsafe to do so or we do not have sufficient staff to support the children as may of our staff travel a significant distance to work. However, as the cold weather begins, I wanted to remind you of our procedure.

A decision will be made as early as possible and a message sent via Arbor, it will also be posted on the school website and where possible Class Dojo. Please check these main methods of communication rather than calling the school to check as this blocks our phone lines and prevents us from answering important calls. If you do not receive a message then school is open. Please ensure that we hold your most up to date contact details in Arbor to allow us to message you.

Reminders

- Please note that teaching staff do not regularly access Class Dojo during the school day. If you need to quickly get a message to a member of staff or your child, please call or email the school office.
- Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled so that we can quickly return it to them when lost.
- Children are not allowed on site before 8.35am and the use of any equipment before/after school is prohibited.
- For safeguarding purposes, we politely ask that visitors to the site do not use their mobile phones whilst on school grounds.
- If your child is absent from school, please ensure that you contact the school office prior to 9.30 to let us know.
- Poppy merchandise will be on sale in the school office from today.

Considerate Parking

I am sure that a lot of parents will have noticed that we were joined by representatives from Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, the local policing and fire and rescue teams and other agencies on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday last week. We had asked for their support to tackle the issues with parking at drop of and pick up times in the areas around school.

Sadly, we are receiving increasing numbers of complaints from local residents regarding inconsiderate and unsafe parking in the area and want to do all that we can to keep our children and the wider community safe. As I am sure that you are aware we regularly send home reminders regarding this matter and would ask that all parents/carers show consideration during these busy periods.

We request that parents:

- Do not park blocking resident's driveways/dropped kerbs or corners/junctions
- Do not block entrances to local business/organisations, our main school entrances or any areas with yellow zig zags.
- Show consideration and respect to our local community
- Prioritise the safety of all road users when finding a place to park or drop off.

We will continue to work with these agencies going forward. Should you experience any issues regarding these matters, we would urge you to report them to the local policing team. We would like to thank those parents who regularly support us with these matters.

Key Dates

November
Tuesday 3rd : Y1 Theme Day
Wednesday 4th: Y3 Drama Workshop
Thursday 5th: Flu Immunisations
Friday 6th: PTFA Non-uniform Donations Day
Tuesday 10th: PTFA Bauble Event
Wednesday 11th: Y5 Maya Theme Day
Friday 13th: Whole School Pantomime & Children In Need Non-uniform Day
Tuesday 17th: 2TN and Reception Parents' Evening
Thursday 19th: Reception Parents' Evening
Wed 25th-Fri 27th: Year 2 Triumph visits
Thursday 26th: Reception Movie Night
Saturday 28th: PTFA Christmas Fayre

December
Thursday 3rd: Year 3 & 4 Movie Night
Thursday 10th: PTFA Christmas Discos
Friday 11th: Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Lunch Day
Friday 18th: School Closes at 3:15

Christmas Performances

Our fabulous Christmas performances will take place at the following times/dates:

01/12/2026 – Y4 Christmas Performance (pm)
03/12/2026 – Y4 Christmas Performance (am)
16/12/2026 - RSI Nativity Performance (9am)
17/12/2026 – RLB Nativity Performance (9am)

Full details will be sent home closer to to the events.