

NEWSLETTER

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EASYFUNDRAISING

You can find our
easyfundraising page at:
[LINK](#)

[LINK TO TERM DATES](#)



Our Worship Focus

This half term our worship
focus is Friendship

“Encourage one another and
build each other up.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11-18

Our Prayer this week

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against
us.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the Kingdom,

the power and the glory are yours.

Now and forever.

Amen



SWEETIE TUESDAY!

Thank you to everyone who helped, donated and supported the
sweetie stall this week. I understand it sold out very quickly and
raised £72.30!

DIAIRY DATES: MEET THE TEACHER

Advance notice of our Meet The Teacher dates in preparation for the
children moving up in September 2024:

Year Group in September 2024	Date and Time
Year 1	Monday 1 st July at 6.00 pm
Year 2	Tuesday 2 nd July at 6.00 pm
Year 3	Monday 1 st July at 5.30 pm
Year 4	Tuesday 2 nd July at 5.30 pm
Year 5	Thursday 4 th July at 5.30 pm
Year 6	Thursday 4 th July at 6.00 pm

WATER BOTTLES AND SUN PROTECTION

Now we are in the summer term and we are at last enjoying some
sunny weather, please can I remind you that all children should bring
their own water bottle to school each day. We have a limited number
of spares that can be lent on occasion if a child forgets.

Please ensure that on days where the weather is forecast to be warm
and sunny that your child has a sun hat in school and either applies
24 hour sun cream before school or brings this with them. Please
ensure that ALL items are clearly labelled. We CANNOT allow pupils
to share or use each other's sun cream due to potential allergies and
allergic reactions. Thank you.

SCHOOL LUNCHES NEXT WEEK

Mrs Dale will continue to offer the reduced menu next week due to
the mechanical issue with the extractor fan in the kitchen. The issue
has been identified and parts are on order. Thank you for your
understanding. Next week's menu will be:

M	Pizza and wedges	Shortbread
T	Cottage pie or veggie pie	Sponge
W	Sausage/veggie sausage and chips	Chocolate mousse
Th	Tomato pasta	Jelly
F	Fish fingers or quorn hot dog and chips	Ice cream
Note	Sandwich option available each day	Yoghurt or fruit also available

MORNING BREAK AND PACKED LUNCHES FROM HOME

May we please remind you that we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL** and
any snack or packed lunches must not contain items
containing nuts. We have several children in school who
are anaphylactic and carry epipens.





**SCHOOL LUNCHES
(reduced menu currently
being served)**

A copy of the usual menu is available on the school website, please see link below.

[School Lunch Menu](#)

Special Diets

If your child requires a special diet due to a diagnosed allergy, intolerance or medical condition you will need to register with Edwards and Ward at the following link: edwardsandward.co.uk/special-diets/

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**MOBILE PHONES ON
SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Please can I remind you that the use of mobile phones on school grounds is not permitted. Please refrain from using your mobile phone at drop off and pick up times. Do not be offended if a member of staff asks you to put your mobile phone away.



Superstar Awards



Awards have been presented to:

Nursery	Hudson
Reception	Albie, Ava, Eva
Year 1	Everly, Illarni
Year 2	George, Khalid
Year 3	Everyone!
Year 4	Franklin, Georgia,
Year 5	Enzo, Joseph G
Year 6	Cerece, Lainey-Rae

Headteacher Award

Children can be nominated to receive a Headteacher's Award from Mrs Lowndes which recognises something special that has been achieved. This could be related to their work, behaviour or attitude to the school community.

This week Mrs Lowndes presented the Headteacher Award to:

Tommy in Year 1
Xander in Year 2
for wonderful writing
and
Everyone in Year 4



What's on?

Week commencing Monday 7th May

Monday	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	Boys' football after school activity (KS2) CANCELLED
Wednesday	Year 5 to PGL No BeeActive today
Thursday	BeeActive After School Activity Year 5 at PGL No Creation Club after school
Friday	Year 5 return from PGL

What's on?

Week commencing Monday 13th May

Monday	SATS week for Year 6 pupils Year 4 football competition after school Girls' football after school activity
Tuesday	pm Year 5 to Newcastle Fire Station Boys' football after school activity
Wednesday	BeeActive after school activity
Thursday	School Census Day Creation Club
Friday	Reminder for Nursery, Reception and Year 6 Bike Week next week for Nursery and Reception Bikeability for Year 6

SAFEGUARDING

At Baldwins Gate Primary School we have a moral and legal duty to keep all our children safe from harm. Harm which can hinder the development of a child can be physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect and sexual abuse.

Where we have concerns in any area we will talk firstly to the child. If we have cause to be concerned, we will make our concerns known to the First Response team at Staffordshire County Council. It will then be their responsibility to investigate further.

Please do not be offended in any way if a member of staff approaches you or discusses a concern with you. Equally if you have any concerns or require any support, please speak to your child's class teacher or one of our safeguarding leads.

We are all committed to giving the children the environment and safety in which to learn.



PE KIT ON PE DAYS

Please ensure that your child wears their school PE kit to school on PE days. Our PE kit consists of:

- White t-shirt
- Navy school sweatshirt or cardigan
- Navy or black shorts
- Navy joggers

Hoodies and any other t-shirts are not permitted. Thank you.

SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA

A reminder of the school's policy with regard to sickness and diarrhoea. A child who has sickness or diarrhoea whilst at school is to be collected immediately and **kept away until 48 hours following their last case of sickness and/or diarrhoea.** If a child reports that they have had sickness and/or diarrhoea whilst at home, the school will contact the parent. If the parent confirms that this is the case, they will be asked to collect their child immediately. This 48 hour rule is essential in order to protect other students or staff from contracting a bug. Unfortunately, this may mean that a student misses a school event.

TEXT MESSAGES FROM SCHOOL

From time to time, we send information via text message to your mobile phone. We can send messages to you for free using the School Gateway App, which is available for you to download.

Please download the app to your phone to ensure you receive all messages.

The set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:

1. Search for "School Gateway" in the Apple App Store/Google Play or on your phone go to www.schoolgateway.com/apple (Apple) or www.schoolgateway.com/android (Android)
2. Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to "Allow Push Notifications"
3. When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school
4. The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you.


As soon as you've got the system set-up, all of the text messages we send you will appear in the app; you'll receive notifications/alerts as normal.

If you've recently changed your email address or mobile telephone number, please let us know so we can update our records.

Thank you for your help.

School Office

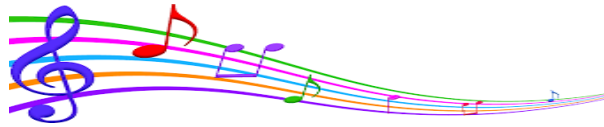
DISCO
Thursday 23rd May. 6.00 – 7.00 pm



We are pleased to let you know that the staff are putting on a school disco for the children.

The cost will be £2.00 per child and this will include a bag of crisps and some juice/water. If your child wants to attend the disco you need to process payment on ParentPay before Tuesday 7th May.

Please be assured that despite ParentPay stating that the charge is £8.00, you will be charged £2.00 per child. Apologies for the confusion.



IMPORTANT – SUMMER MUSIC CONCERTS – DATE CHANGE

Due to the Year 6 induction days at Madeley School, the summer term music concerts will now take place on:

Wednesday 10th July, 9.30 am for Maer and Butterton (Red/Yellow)

Thursday 11th July, 9.30 am for Whitmore and Chapel Chorlton (Green/Blue)

MAY HOLIDAY CLUB

@ BALDWINS GATE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

28TH MAY 2024 - 31ST MAY 2024

EXCLUSIVELY FOR BALDWINS GATE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

OPEN TO AGES 3-11!

**Please note that there is a maximum session duration of 4 hours for any child aged 4 or under.*

FROM 08:00-17:00 EVERY DAY!

£20 Full day
£12.50 Half day (4 hours)

CONTACT US
INFO@VIPEDUCATION.CO.UK
01782 367219

Scan the QR code with your mobile phone camera to create an account and book.

To book, scan the QR code or visit:
<https://vipeducation.magicbooking.co.uk/>

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PARENTPAY

The total outstanding balance today stands at £1013.39

Please check your ParentPay balance today and clear any outstanding balance.

Payment for school lunches, BUZZ and nursery wraparound **must be paid for in advance on a Monday morning.**

Services provided by Baldwins Gate Primary School are no different to those provided by any other business in that meals and other services must be paid for in advance and on demand. Most parents and carers understand that they cannot take their child to McDonald's and expect the provision of food or services without paying. Please check your ParentPay account regularly and ensure your balance is not outstanding. Chasing outstanding money owed to the school causes considerable extra work for office staff and embarrassment for all concerned.

If you require any assistance with ParentPay, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Riley in the office. She will be only too happy to help.

SCHOOL TRIPS – SUMMARY

We are introducing a rolling programme of trips so this list should prove useful for everyone by providing information on trips that your child will access as they progress through school. The list will be updated on a regular basis.

Year Group	Date	Trip	Cost	Deadline date for payment
4	5 th October	River Study	£20.00	
3	15 th November	Stone Age Workshop	£15.00	2 nd October
N/R	22 nd November	Theatre, Crewe	£13.00	6 th November
All	21 st December	Whitmore Church	-	-
1	23 rd January	Nantwich Museum	£15.00	9 th January
6	6 th March	Recorder Festival	£5.00	23 rd February
All	21 st March	Whitmore Church	-	-
4	10 th to 12 th April	York	£165.00	4 th March
2	16 th April	Trentham	£15.00	2 nd February
EYFS	24 th April	Blue Planet	£20.00	1 st March
3	24 th April	Chester Zoo	£23.00	1 st March
3	1 st to 3 rd May	Standon Bowers	£156.00	4 th April
5	8 th to 10 th May	PGL Boreatton Park	£209.00	4 th April
5	14 th May	Newcastle Fire Station	£5.00	7 th May
1	22 nd May	Lakemore Farm Park	£10.00	8 th April
6	26 th to 28 th June	Llandudno	£170.00	31 st May

PARKING

Parking continues to be an issue outside school. Yellow **zig-zag lines** outside schools indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting **is strictly prohibited**. You must NOT park on the zig-zag lines or leave cards unattended on the roundabout to drop off or pick up children from BUZZ club. Could I also stress the importance of not parking in the GP surgery car-park. Staff need to gain access to the surgery throughout the day. Please park safely and with consideration for our neighbours.



School Car Park

May I please remind parents that you must not park on the school car park.

TAX FREE CHILDCARE PAYMENTS

A number of families pay for Nursery Wraparound and BUZZ using the government's Tax-Free Childcare scheme. For every £8 you pay into the TFC online childcare account, the government will pay in £2.00 to use to pay your provider. It can sometimes take 10 days for payments to reach school. Would you please bear this in mind and process payments in advance to avoid your ParentPay account going

into arrears. Information on the Tax-Free Childcare scheme is available at the link below:
<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Fundraising for our school and how you can help

In addition to supporting the various fundraising events organised throughout the year, Baldwins Gate Primary School (School Fund) is now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

We use our School Fund to support trips, resources and fun things for the children, such as the recent pantomime.

You can find our easyfundraising page at:
<http://efraising.org/ELorNbEQrU>

The advertisement features the easyfundraising logo at the top left. To the right, there are two red hearts. The main text reads "Sign up, shop, and earn us a FREE donation everytime". Below this, it says "Scan, join, shop: To unlock the Bonus for Baldwins Gate Primary School - Newcastle". A grid of logos for various retailers is shown: TESCO, Morrisons, Waitrose, Sainsbury's, ASDA, Iceland, Etsy, M&S, Booking.com, Tui, ASOS, and ebay. A large QR code is on the right. At the bottom, there is a QR code for the app and text "Download the easyfundraising App" with icons for the App Store and Google Play.

My Nametags – School Fundraising

The lost property box is bursting with uniform and other items, all unnamed. We have signed up with My Nametags to promote labelling uniform and support school funds. Each time a parent orders online using the link below or inputting our School ID on the website, the school receives commission.

The link is: [MY NAMETAGS LINK](#)

You can order online at www.mynametags.com but please insert the school's ID at the checkout page.

School ID: 32061

The advertisement features a cartoon bear holding a red sign that says "MY NAMETAGS". Below this, it says "NO MORE LOST ITEMS!". The text continues: "Our nametags are perfect to label all of your child's possessions. From clothing to shoes, stationery, toys - everything is identified!". There are three photos: a girl holding nametags, a green backpack with nametags, and a boy holding a nametag that says "Adam". On the left, there are four circular icons with text: "STAYS ON CLOTHES & SHOES", "QUEEN'S AWARD WINNER", "5 STAR RATING FROM 35K+ REVIEWS", and "UK MARKET LEADER FOR 15+ YEARS". At the bottom, there is a red box with "School ID: 32061" and a QR code. The text "Use the school's ID to link your order to its fundraising account" is below the QR code. The bottom of the ad says "Order now on www.mynametags.com".

Woore Cricket Club



Summer Outdoor Training 2024

- Starting Friday 19th April
- Qualified DBS checked coaches
- All abilities welcome
- Matches available at U8- U19 age groups



Just £20 per child for 2024 membership fee including Club top to use for training and matches!

Under 8 & Under 10

(School Year 2—Year 5)

6pm-7pm

Under 12— Under 16

(School Year 6—Year 11)

7pm-8pm

All Star Cricket - Programme for younger children also available, please get in touch for more information

For more information please contact: **Trudie Bloor**
07985731181 trudie_bloor@hotmail.com



Stay & Play
Newborn to
preschool

£4 for 1 child
£1 per child thereafter

Wednesday
(Termtime only)
9.30-11.30am

Baldwins Gate & Whitmore Stay & Play

Are you looking for a relaxed environment where you can meet other mums, dads carers or grandparents whilst letting your little one play or create crafts?
Then this is the group for you

Visit us on Facebook or Whitmore Village Hall, Coneygreave Lane ST5 5HX

