Bakewell Methodist Academy Newsletter

9th October 2026

Welcome

We are excited to send you our fortnightly newsletter and hope you enjoy reading all about our lovely school and what our incredible children have been up to. The children have all settled in to new routines and classes and it feels like forever since the start of term!

As always, if you have any worries or concerns or want to chat to us our door is always open.
Mrs Owens and Mrs Donovan





Chatsworth Class

Year 3 and 4 have been doing some really tricky maths. They have been looking at adding numbers together and what happens to a column when it becomes more than ten. They have tried to add tricky numbers together in their head using mental strategies.

In English, the children have finished reading the book 'Gorilla' and they are working to plan and write a review of the story.

Chatsworth class have enjoyed having their session with their reading leaders this afternoon. They shared reading with the children from Haddon class.



Haddon Class

Year 5 and 6 have been using powerful verbs in their writing this week. They have been film directors and written letters to a film company telling them all about their amazing film ideas.
The children are really enjoying their class book 'Skellig' and are still trying to work out who - or what Skellig is! Ask them about it!

In science, Haddon class have been learning about how the heart works. They have been conducting experiments to do with their heart rates and what happens when they excercise.

Spotlight

New to School!

Zac, Harris and Skylar all joined the school for the first time in September. They joined the year 6 class. They wanted to talk about what they thought of Bakewell Methodist Academy!

Harris: “It’s been brilliant here so far. I have met lots of new friends and everyone is really kind.”

Zac: “Since I moved here the school has been very welcoming and everyone is kind. My favourite thing about school is it’s small so I feel I know everyone.”

Skylar: “ I have found it tricky moving schools but everyone has been really kind. I have loved joining the school choir!”





General Information

Just a reminder that the children do not need to bring large bags to school. We have limited space in our cloakrooms and cannot accommodate rucksacks or bags. Your children only need a book bag (and lunch box if on packed lunches) Children must not bring in any toys or stationary from home. Everything they need is provided at school. Please ask if unsure.

Homework expectations are that your child reads with you three times per week and that you sign their reading record to say they have read. The children also need to access the set work on TT Rockstars which shoul be 21 mins throughout the week. We appreciate your support with this.

Please see below a link to parents and carers webinars sent from Derbyshire inclusion service.



Don’t Forget...

Thursday are PE kit day. Children to wear PE kit and black trainers. If you do not have black trainers please send your child to school in their black school shoes and they can change into trainers for the afternoon.

Proud Moments every **Wednesday this half term at 9.15 am.** Come and celebrate and see the wonderful work that your children are doing. We will be sharing our knowledge with you!

Parents’ consultations are this Monday. Please follow the istructions sent via email to book your appointments.

Please remember that **Friday 23rd October** is an INSET day so school wil be closed to pupils.

Online ND Offer 2026-27

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ND Webinars – for **Professionals and Parent Carers**

All webinars are delivered from 3.45-4.45pm – join using the QR code or the link on:
ISS Webinars - Derbyshire Local Offer

Autumn 2026

< Supporting ND Adults in Your School Community
Monday 14/09/26

> Being Curious About Behaviour
Tuesday 24/11/26

Spring 2027

< Understanding Lived Experience Through the Capture of Authentic Voices
Wednesday 03/02/27

> Executive Functioning Skills
Thursday 18/03/27

Summer 2027

< Supporting Sensory Needs
Monday 19/04/27

> Reducing the Chances and Impact of ND Trauma
Tuesday 29/06/27