



Autumn Term Dates & Information 2024

Week 1: Beginning 2nd September

Theme:				Prep: Week A
Day	Date	Time	Event	Notes
Monday	2 nd		Staff Inset Day	School and MTN are both closed today for staff inset
Monday	2 nd		ECA Sign Up Closes	This is your last chance to sign up for any extra-curricular clubs and activities – sign up closes at 5pm
Tuesday	3^{rd}		Staff Inset Day	No school today, however Holiday Club and Nursery are open
Tuesday	3 rd	8.30- 9.30am	Pre-Reception and Reception Settle Session	A chance for children who are starting Pre-Reception and Reception in September 2024 to become familiar with their new environment and have the opportunity to meet staff members ahead of the start of term. No uniform is needed on this day.
Wednesday	4 th	8:00am	Start of Autumn Term and the 2024-2025 Academic Year	All Pre-Reception through to Year 6 start back at school.
Wednesday	4 th	In games time	Saddler Tennis workshop for Year 5 and Year 6	This will take place in the pupils' regular games lessons and will not carry any extra charge
Thursday	5 th	4.30pm	Meet the Teacher	Pre-Reception -Year 6 parents are invited to come and meet their child's teacher. Learn about their new year group and visit their classroom
Friday	6 th	2.15pm	Under 11 and Under 9 Tag Rugby with Queen Ethelburga's at BGS	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this
	6 th		Curriculum Overviews to parents	
	6 th	From 3.30pm	PTA Welcome Back Picnic	A lovely event to start the academic year and getting to know new families to BGS
Saturday	7 th		Ripon Grammar School Entrance Exam	For those Year 6 children sitting this exam
Sunday	8 th			

Week 2: Beginning 9 th September					
Theme:				Prep: Week B	
Day	Date	Time	Event	Notes	
Monday	9 th		ECA Programme Starts this week (Extra-Curricular Activities)		
Monday	9 th		Year 6 Prefect Applications and Interviews take place this week		
Tuesday	10 th				
Wednesday	11 th	In games time	Saddler Tennis Workshop for Year 3 and Year 4	This will take place in regular games lessons and will not carry any extra charge.	
Thursday	12 th				
Friday	13 th		Roald Dahl Day	A whole school event to celebrate the wonderful books Roald Dahl has written. Further information will be shared closer to the time.	
Friday	13 th	1.45pm start	Under 11 and Under 9 Tag Rugby Festival at Giggleswick	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.	
Saturday	14 th				
Sunday	15 th				

Week 3: Beginning 16th September

Theme: Prep: Week A

Day	Date	Time	Event	Notes
Monday	16 th			
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Tuesday	17 th			
Wednesday	18 th	2pm	Under 9 Tag and introduction to contact Rugby workshop with Aysgarth at BGS	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
	18 th			
Thursday	19 th			
Friday	20 th	3:30- 4:30pm	Book Fair	Your chance to visit the school book fair every day from Friday 20th - Thursday 26 th September. All money raised will go back into buying new books for school.
Friday	20 th	2pm	Under 11 Netball vs Westville at BGS	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
Friday	20 th	3.30pm	PTA Cake Stall	All families from Magic Tree Nursery through to Prep School are invited to the Front Hall to purchase treats!
Saturday	21 st			
Sunday	22 nd			

Week 4: Beginning 23rd September

Day	Date	Time	Event	Notes
Monday	23 rd			
Tuesday	24 th			
Wednesday	25 th			
Thursday	26 th	8.30am	Macmillan Big Coffee Morning (Book Fair open 8:30-9:30am)	Come and join us for coffee and cake while supporting a worthwhile cause. The school book fair will also be open on this morning for you to browse.
Friday	27 th			
Saturday	28 th			
Sunday	29 th			

Week 5: Beginning 30th September

Theme: Prep: Week A

Day	Date	Time	Event	Notes
Monday	30 th		Individual and Sibling Pupil Photographs	Arts Photography will be in school today taking photographs of our pupils
Tuesday	1 st			
Wednesday	2 nd		Making Choices beyond Year 6 Event	An event to help parents think about life beyond BGS. A representative from NYCC admissions team will be in attendance along with a staff from a range of independent senior schools.
Thursday	3 rd		Year 5 Giggleswick Challenge (TBC)	Year 5 pupils are invited to take part in the Giggleswick Challenge. There will be no charge for this trip.
Friday	4 th	2pm	Under 11 Rugby Workshop with Giggleswick and Ghyll Royd at BGS	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
Friday	4th	2.15pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Netball Workshop at Queen Ethelburga's	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
Saturday	5 th			
Sunday	6 th			

Week 6: Beginning 7th October

Themes: Dyslexia Awareness Week & World Space Week Prep: Week B

Day	Date	Time	Event	Notes
Monday	7 th			
Tuesday	8 th	4.15pm	KS2 Swimming Gala at BGS vs Richmond House	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
Wednesday	9 th	All Day	No Pen Day	To celebrate Dyslexia Awareness Week we will be having a day where no pens will be used in lessons.
Thursday	10 th	8:45- 9:45am	See your Child in Action	All parents from MTN through to Year 6 are invited into school to see your child in action. Refreshments available from 8.30am in the Front Hall.
Thursday	10 th	All Day	Open Day for Prospective Parents	Throughout the day, prospective parents will be touring.
Friday	11 th	2pm	Under 9 Tag Rugby at Westville	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
Friday	11 th	2.15pm	Under 11 Netball with Queen Ethelburga's at BGS	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
Friday	11 th	3.30pm	PTA Cake Stall	All families from Magic Tree Nursery through to Prep School are invited to the Front Hall to purchase treats!
Saturday	12 th			
Sunday	13 th			

Week 7: Beginning 14th October

Theme: Prep: Week A

Day	Date	Time	Event	Notes
Monday	14 th	AM	Pre-Reception and Reception trip to Menwith Hill	Children in Pre-Reception and Reception will enjoy a morning at Menwith Hill to further their learning about 'people who help us'.
Tuesday	15 th			
Wednesday	16 th	TBC	Whole School Harvest Festival	A showcase of music and poems from children in Pre-Reception up to Year 6. Donations for the Harrogate Foodbank will be gratefully received.
Wednesday	16 th	Following Harvest Festival	PTA AGM	Please come along to the annual AGM which is where the new PTA Committee will be formally elected and appointed.
Wednesday	16 th	2pm	Under 11 Rugby Workshop with Aysgarth at BGS	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
Thursday	17 th	АМ	Whole School Owl Assembly and focus workshop for Years 3 and 4	Yorkshire Owl Experience will be visiting school to give the children in Years 3 and 4, first-hand experience of these fascinating birds of prey.
Friday	18 th	2pm	Under 8 and Under 9 Netball (2 teams) v Westville at BGS	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
Friday	18 th	2pm	Under 11 Football v Highfield at BGS	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
Friday	18 th	After school	Halloween Disco	Children are invited to dress up in their best Halloween costumes and join us for fun, dancing and games at our Halloween disco.
Saturday	19 th			
Sunday	20 th			

Week 8: Beginning 21st October

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Day	Date	Time	Event	Notes
Monday	21 st			
Tuesday	22 nd	3:40-7pm	Parents' Evening MTN – Year 6	Teachers invite parents to Parents' Evening for an opportunity to discuss how the term has started and any next steps required
Tuesday	22 nd	12.50pm	Golden Table	Selected pupils in Years 3 to 6 have lunch with Mrs de Gracia for demonstrating our school values throughout this half term.
Wednesday	23 rd	All Day	Enrichment Day - Himalayan Gardens Grewelthorpe	Reception to Year 6 will explore the Himalayan garden and sculpture park with planned activities to participate in. This will be a chargeable trip.
Wednesday	23 rd	4pm	Break up for half term	Normal school hours on this day. Holiday Club and Magic Tree Nursery remain available and open during half term. Pre- Reception to Year 6 return to school on Monday 4 th November 2024.
Thursday	24 th			
Friday	25 th			
Saturday	26 th			
Sunday	27 th			

Week 9: Beginning 4th November

Theme: Prep: Week A

Day	Date	Time	Event	Notes
Monday	4 th			
Tuesday	5 th			
Wednesday	6 th			
Thursday	7 th			
Friday	8 th	2pm	Under 11 Hockey workshop at Giggleswick Prep School	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
Friday	8 th	2.15pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Football with Queen Ethelburga's at BGS	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
Friday	8 th	Evening	PTA Bonfire	PTA welcomes you to join in with our annual Bonfire Celebration with fireworks, food and lots of fun for all of the family.
Saturday	9 th			
Sunday	10 th			

Week 10: Beginning 11th November

Theme: Anti-bullying Week Prep: Week B

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Day	Date	Time	Event	Notes
Monday	11 th	11am	Remembrance Commemorations and 2 minute silence	The whole school community will come together for a 2 minute silence in the Poppy Courtyard to reflect on those who gave their lives.
Monday	11 th	Afternoon	Flu Immunisations	These are for children in Reception to Year 6 – further information on how to register to follow
Tuesday	12 th	4.30pm	KS2 Swimming Gala at Queen Ethelburga's	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
Wednesday	13 th	All Day	Odd Socks Wednesday	All children and staff from MTN to Year 6 will wear odd socks to explore anti-bullying week and why differences are a positive thing.
Wednesday	13 th	2.30pm	Under 11 Hockey Workshop at Aysgarth	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
Thursday	14 th			
Friday	15 th	All Day	Children in Need	Our theme this year will once again be - small change making a BIG difference. It will also be wonderful for children and staff to attend school in spotty and fun attire.
Friday	15 th	2pm	Under 9 Rugby Workshop with Giggleswick Prep School at BGS	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
Friday	15 th	2pm	Under 11 Netball at Highfield	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
Friday	15 th	3.30pm	PTA Cake Stall	All families from Magic Tree Nursery through to Prep School are invited to the Front Hall to purchase treats!
Saturday				
Sunday				

Week 11: Beginning 18th November

Theme: Prep: Week A

Day	Date	Time	Event	Notes
Monday	18 th			
Tuesday	19 th	All Day	Year 1 and 2 Trip to Studley Deer Park	Year 1 and 2 will explore Studley, thinking about seasonal changes and autumnal colours.
Wednesday	20 th	2.30pm	Under 9 Hockey Workshop at Aysgarth	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
Thursday	21 st	3.30pm	PTA Film Night	Pre-Reception -Year 2 are invited to join us a special movie night at school. Film choice to be shared closer to the time.
Friday	22 nd	2.15pm	Under 11 Hockey Workshop at Queen Ethelburga's	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
		4pm	PTA Film Night	Year 3-Year 6 are invited to join us a special movie night at school. Film choice to be shared closer to the time.
Saturday				
Sunday				

Week 12: Beginning 25th November

Day	Date	Time	Event	Notes
Monday	25th			
Tuesday	26th			
Wednesday	27th	2pm	KS2 Swimming Gala v Brackenfield at BGS	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
Thursday	28th	2pm	Whole School trip to the Pantomime	Pre-Reception - Year 6 children will enjoy Beauty and the Beast at Harrogate Theatre in the annual BGS pantomime trip. This is a chargeable trip.
Friday	29 th	2pm	Under 9 Hockey Workshop at Giggleswick Prep School	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
Friday	29 th	2.15pm	Under 11 Football at Queen Ethelburga's	Team sheets will be shared with parents during the week leading up to this.
			PTA Cake Stall	All families from Magic Tree Nursery through to Prep School are invited to the Front Hall to purchase treats!
	29 th		Clubs and Activities end	All clubs and activities will end at 6pm today.
Saturday				
Sunday				

Week 13: Beginning 2nd December

Theme: Prep: Week A

Day	Date	Time	Event	Notes
Monday	2 nd			
Tuesday	3 rd	AM	Tree Tops and Pre-Reception Christmas Singalong	Tree Tops and Pre-Reception invite parents to join in with their Christmas songs before joining them for Christmas crafts in the classroom.
Wednesday	4 th	AM	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will present their Christmas play with songs.
Wednesday	4 th	PM	Year 3 to Year 6 Carol Service	Years 3-6 would like to invite parents to join them at St James' Church, Birstwith for their Christmas Carol Service for an afternoon complete with songs and poetry
Thursday	5 th		Christmas Lunch	A delicious Christmas lunch will be had by all pupils prepared by our fantastic chef, Mr White.
Friday	6 th	All Day	Horticap Workshops	Horticap are once again in school helping the children to make wreaths and table decorations. This is a chargeable event
Friday	6 th	5pm	Spring ECAs go live to parents	Spring ECA opens at 5pm
Saturday			PTA Christmas Market	Join us for an afternoon with local stalls, music and a visit from Santa.
Sunday				

Week 14: Beginning 9th December

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Day	Date	Time	Event	Notes	
Monday	9 th				
Tuesday	10 th	5pm	Spring ECAs closes	ECA sign up closes at 5pm	
Wednesday	11 th		Golden Table	Selected pupils in Year 3 –6 have lunch with Mrs de Gracia for demonstrating our school values throughout this half term.	
Wednesday	11 th	in games time	Prep House Swimming	Pupils will represent their houses in our termly house swimming competition	
Wednesday	11 th	End of the day	Reports to Parents	MTN-Year 6 parents will receive an end of term report summarising their learning and achievements over the autumn term.	
Wednesday	11 th	6pm	Christmas Concert	This is an opportunity to come and see the work of Prep students who have participated in music ensembles. Some older students from prep will also feature with solo items. Do come and join us for this festive musical concert!	
Thursday	12 th				
Friday	13 th		Christmas Jumper day	Please wear a festive jumper over your school uniform to celebrate Christmas Jumper Day. A small donation of £2 is suggested in aid of Save the Children UK.	
Friday	13 th		Christmas Sing-a-Long and Goodbye	A festive end to the term before we break for the Christmas Holidays	
Friday	13 th	12pm	END OF TERM	THIS IS AN EARLY FINISH! Please collect your children at midday, or sign them up for Holiday Club.	
Friday	13 th	РМ	Curriculum Overviews to parents, term dates to parents, timetables	Parents will receive the spring term information, as well as a curriculum overviews for Reception to Year 6.	
Saturday					
Sunday					

Looking Ahead ...

Date	Time	Event	Notes			
Monday 23 rd December 2024	6pm	MTN Closes for Christmas	(re-opens Thursday 2 nd January 2025)			
Monday 6 th January 2025	All Day	Staff INSET	No school today, however Holiday Club is available and Nursery is open			
Monday 6 th January 2025	9am	ECA Sign up opens	If you missed the sign up process in December, this is the last chance to sign your child up for ECA's.			
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	8am	Start of Spring Term	All children from Pre-Reception through to Year 6 start back at school.			
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	5pm	ECA sign up closes	ECA sign up closes			



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TERM DATES 2024-2025

SPRING TERM 2025

Thursday 2nd January

Monday 6th January

Tuesday 7th January

Friday 14th February

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Monday 24th February

Thursday 3rd April

Thursday 17th April

Friday 18th April

Monday 21st April

MTN Reopens (8:00am)

School Closed (Staff Inset)

Term Starts (School Opens at 8:00am)

School Closes for Half Term Holiday (End of day)

Half Term Holiday

School Reopens (8:00am)

School Closes for Easter (12 noon)

MTN Closes (6:00pm)

MTN Closed (Good Friday)

MTN Closed (Easter Monday)

SUMMER TERM 2025

Tuesday 22nd April

Wednesday 23rd April

Wednesday 23rd April

Thursday 24th April

Monday 5th May

Friday 23rd May

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May

Monday 26th May

Tuesday 27th May

Monday 2nd June

Wednesday 9th July

Monday 25th August

MTN Closed (Staff Inset) MTN Reopens (8:00am)

School Closed (Staff Inset)

Term Starts (School Opens at 8:00am)

School and MTN Closed (Bank Holiday)

School Closes for Half Term Holiday (End of day)

Half Term Holiday

MTN Closed (Spring Bank Holiday)

MTN Reopens (8:00am)

School Reopens (8:00am)

School Closes for End of Term (12 noon)

MTN Closed (August Bank Holiday)