Weekly Bulletin

W/E 16/10/2026

Autumn 2026/2027

PE Days Reminder

Children should come to school in their PE kit on their PE day (except EYFS).

These dates are for next week only.

PE Days:

Class 1: Monday
Class 2: Monday
Class 3: Tuesday
Class 4: Wednesday (swimming)
Class 5: Tuesday
Class 6: Wednesday

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

R: 95.7%
Y1: 96.6%
Y2: 91%
Y3: 98%
Y4: 97%
Y5: 98.5%
Y6: 95.7%

Whole school:94.7%



School Events

Harvest Festival Donations

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we would love to support families in our local community who may be facing difficult times.
We are kindly asking families, where possible, to donate any **tinned foods or dried goods**, such as soup, beans, pasta, rice or cereals.

Our Key Stage 1 children will be helping to spread kindness by delivering the donations to our local food banks, learning about the importance of helping others and making a positive difference in our community. We understand that times can be challenging for families, so please don't feel under any pressure to donate. We'll greatly appreciate every contribution, no matter how small.

Thank you those who have donated so far!

Scarecrow Workshop

On Wednesday 21st October, we will be hosting a scarecrow workshop for children in FS1 and FS2. They will have the opportunity to design and create their own scarecrow using a variety of materials. They will work together to plan, build, decorate and dress their scarecrow, encouraging creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills in a fun, hands on activity.

The workshop will start at **9:10am** and will finish at **10:15am.**

Any donations of old clothes are welcome.

Please book your place via Arbor.



Halloween Disco

Wednesday 21st October

Crisps and juice will be provided, and your child will take home some Halloween-themed sweets.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
3PM- 4PM

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6
4:30PM- 5:30PM

EYFS and KS1 children can bring their costumes to school to get changed into before the disco.

The last day to pay for your child to attend the school disco is the **16th October**. Please remember to book your child a place via Arbor.

Harvest Festival

Year 1 and Year 2

On Tuesday 20th October, KS1 will be performing their harvest festival at **9:15 am.** Children will be sharing their artwork and performing songs for our audience, giving them the opportunity to showcase the hard work, creativity and effort they have put into their learning.

This will be a wonderful chance for them to build confidence, celebrate their achievements and enjoy performing in front of family members, friends and the wider school community.



THE MILL ACADEMY

Pumpkin Carving Competition!

Get ready to show off your creativity!

Bring your pumpkin into school
Tuesday 20th October

Judging takes place
Wednesday 21st October

Winners will be announced during assembly.

CERTIFICATE

A certificate and a prize for every child who enters!

Our winners will each receive a Halloween hamper!

We can't wait to see your fantastic pumpkin creations!

School Information

Parents evening

Our Parents' Evening will take place on the 20th October. This is a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress, achievements and next steps in learning. We look forward to sharing how your child has settled into school and celebrating their successes.

Time slots are bookable via Arbor.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you need help with making an appointment: 07855 514491



Year 5 Bikeability Training

Throughout the week commencing **Monday 19th October**, our Year 5 pupils will be taking part in Bikeability training!

This is a fantastic opportunity for children to develop their cycling skills, build confidence and learn how to stay safe when riding their bikes on the road. We are looking forward to seeing our Year 5 pupils develop their skills and become safer, more confident cyclists!



Upcoming INSET Days & October Half-Term

A polite reminder that school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October for staff INSET days.

The October half-term holiday will take place from Monday 26th to Friday 30th October.
We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Monday 2nd November.**

After-School Clubs

A polite reminder that there will be no after-school clubs next week (week commencing Monday 19th October) due to Parents' Evening and our Halloween Disco.

We are busy planning another exciting range of clubs for Autumn Term 2! Our new after-school club offer will be shared in next week's bulletin.

School Remembrance

PHOTO REQUEST

Please bring in photos of any family members who fought in the war, or who are currently serving in the military.

DEADLINE:
Monday 19th October 2026



Help us honour their service and sacrifice.

THE MILL ACADEMY
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every day is a learning day.

SEPTEMBER

Class breakfast treat

At the end of September, the class with the highest attendance will enjoy a special class breakfast treat!



OCTOBER

Halloween hampers

Pupils whose attendance meets our 97% target will be entered into a draw to win one of four Halloween hampers. In the final three days of term, we will reveal one surprise each day!



NOVEMBER

Mystery box

Attend school throughout November for the chance to open our mystery box and discover a surprise!



DECEMBER

Countdown to Christmas

Each school day in the build-up to Christmas brings a new daily event for children who are in school.



Inspire, Achieve & Grow

Our attendance target: **97%**

Key Dates

October 2026

W/c 19th October
Y5 Bikeability

Monday 19th October
Flu Immunisation

Tuesday 20th October
Y1 and Y2 Harvest Festival
9am – 9:45am in the school hall. Please book via Arbor trips.

Tuesday 20th October
Parents evening from 15:40 in the school hall. Booking available via Arbor

Tuesday 20th October
Pumpkin Carving Competition opens. Entries will be judged on Wednesday 21st October. More information will be sent via email.

Wednesday 21st October
Nursery and Reception Scarecrow workshop from 9:10am in the school hall. Please book via Arbor under trips.

Wednesday 21st October
Halloween Disco. Book available via the Arbor shop. £3 per ticket. Crisps, sweets and juice will be served.
FS2 and KS1 3pm – 4pm.
KS2 4:30pm – 5.30pm

November 2026

Monday 9th November
School Photographs

Wednesday 11th November
Remembrance Day

Monday 9th – Friday 13th November
Anti-bullying week

Friday 20th November
Children in Need

INSET DAYS 2026/2027

Thursday 22nd October 2026
Friday 23rd October 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Friday 12th February 2027
Thursday 25th March 2027
Friday 25th June 2027



THE MILL ACADEMY

ARTS & CULTURE

STORY WRITERS WANTED!

Get ready for the 500 WORDS COMPETITION!

Let your imagination run wild and write a story you would love to read!

WHO CAN TAKE PART?

The competition is open to all children aged 5–11.

Ages 5-7

Ages 8-11

WHAT TO WRITE?

You can write a story on any theme.

Stories must be **500 words or fewer.**

HOW TO ENTER

All eligible pupils will receive a 500 Words task via Seesaw this Friday.

If you would like to be considered for our school competition, please complete your story and submit it through **Seesaw by the school deadline.**

OUR SCHOOL DEADLINE

Friday 30 October 2026

This is one week before the official deadline to give us time to read the entries, select our school winners and complete the submission process.

OFFICIAL DEADLINE

Friday 6 November 2026 at 9:00pm

SCHOOL WINNERS

Miss Clayton will read all the stories submitted and select one winner from each age category to represent The Mill Academy.

Our two school winners will receive a special certificate and be celebrated during our Celebration Assembly.

ENTER INDEPENDENTLY TOO!

Pupils are also welcome to enter their stories separately and independently through the 500 Words website. However, to be considered for our school competition, stories must be submitted through Seesaw by our school deadline.

Stories can change the world... we can't wait to read yours!

At The Mill Academy, we value and celebrate **ARTS AND CULTURE**

THE MILL ACADEMY

The Mill Academy Christmas Events

DECEMBER 2026

Friday 4 December

- **Christmas Read with Me** EYFS & KS1 • 9am–10am
- **Elf Run** • Years 2–6

Wednesday 9 December

- **KS1 Nativity** • 2:15pm

Thursday 10 December

- **Nursery Sing-along**
- **Reception Class Nativity** 2:15pm

Friday 11 December

- **Christmas Jumper Day**
- **Christmas Read with Me** KS2 • 9am–10am

Monday 14 December

- **Christmas Fayre**

Tuesday 15 December

- **Years 1 & 2 Christmas Party**

Wednesday 16 December

- **Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party**

Thursday 17 December

- **Years 5 & 6 Christmas Party**

Friday 18 December

- **EYFS Christmas Party**
- **Christmas Party Food Lunch**

THE MILL ACADEMY

Applying for a Secondary School

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, it's time to apply for a school place for your child to start in Secondary school from September 2027.

The closing date to apply for a place 31 October 2026.

How to apply

The easiest way to apply is online at **barnsley.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissions** or scan the QR Code.

Select Secondary School Places, then click on the apply online link.





Admission to School Guide

Please read the Admission to School Guide which includes important information about applying for your preferred schools.

If you have not received admissions information from your child's primary school, please email admissions@barnsley.gov.uk.

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COMMUNICATIONS

ARBOR

Arbor is our chosen method to communicate with parents. Wherever possible please download the app. All Teachers and office members have access to the email function. The school bulletin is always sent out every Friday via Arbor and is on the sch-ool website for your convenience.

Arbor

SEESAW

Seesaw

Seesaw is used by Class Teachers for sharing home learning. Spellings and home learning tasks will be visible here as well as school work where Seesaw has been used.

BULLETIN

Our weekly-Bulletin holds useful information such as near future workshops, trips, clubs and any activities in school. The bulletin is sent out every Friday evening. This is sent out via email. You can access the bulletin in the main reception and is updated every week.

TELEPHONE

Staff are always contactable via telephone, if they are teaching or in a meeting, please leave a message on the ans-wer phone and we will always get back to you. Remember to contact school via telephone if your child is going to be absent and leave a message by pressing 1.

THE MILL ACADEMY MENU WEEK 1

Week 1

Week Commencing: 31/08/26 & 28/09/26

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Bolognese	Breakfast Muffin	Chicken Fillets & Yorkshire Puddings	Quorn Dipper Wrap	Fishcake
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Bolognese	Vegetarian Breakfast Muffin	Quorn Fillet	Cheese & Onion Roll	Quiche
Served with	Pasta, Peas & Sweetcorn	Hash Brown, Baked Beans & Tomatoes	Diced Potatoes, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Carrots & Gravy	Homemade Wedges & Baked Beans	Chips, Peas & Carrots
Jacket	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Pasta with Pasta Sauce	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Pasta with Pasta Sauce	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Dessert	Marble Sponge & Custard	School Cake	Malt Loaf	Chocolate Cookies	Frozen Yoghurts

Unlimited fresh salad/vegetables/crusty bread available from the refrigerated salad bar daily
A selection of fresh fruit/cheese, crackers & yogurts available daily
Water available daily.
Food allergies and intolerances: information can be obtained by talking to staff.
Where a diet plan can be arranged to suit dietary requirements.

All our meat is locally sourced wherever possible from Yorkshire and UK farm assured.
All vegetables are fresh from a local supplier. All fish used in our dishes are from sustainable sources.
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THE MILL ACADEMY MENU WEEK 2

Week 2

Week Commencing: 07/09/26 & 05/10/26

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Lasagne	Pork Hot Dog & Onions	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Puddings	Hunters Chicken	Battered Jumbo Fishfingers
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Lasagne	Vegetarian Quorn Sausage	Quorn Burger	Quorn Fillet	Cheesy Pasta
Served with	Garlic Bread, Peas & Sweetcorn	Croquettes & Baked Beans	Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots & Gravy	Rice, Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrot Mix	Chips, Baked Beans & Peas
Jacket Potato/Pasta	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Pasta & Pasta Sauce	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Pasta & Pasta Sauce	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Dessert	Ginger Cake & Toffee Sauce	Raspberry Buns	Malt Loaf	Rice Pudding & Jam	Decorated Tray Bake

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THE MILL ACADEMY MENU WEEK 3

Week 3 — Week Commencing: 14/09/26 & 12/10/26

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Meatball Sub	Chilli Con Carne	Roast Pork & Yorkshire Puddings	All Day Breakfast	Battered Fish
Vegetarian Option	Quorn Sausage	Quorn Mince	Quorn Fillet	Vegetarian All Day Breakfast	Tomato Pasta Bake
Served with	Homemade Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn	Rice, Peas & Carrots	Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots & Gravy	Hash Browns, Baked Beans & Tomatoes	Chips, Peas & Carrots
Jacket Potato/Pasta	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Pasta with Pasta Sauce	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Pasta with Pasta Sauce	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Dessert	Lemon Drizzle Muffins	Apple Crumble & Custard	Malt Loaf	Flapjack	Cheesecake

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THE MILL ACADEMY MENU WEEK 4

Week 4 — Week Commencing: 21/09/26 & 19/10/26

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Pizza	Quorn Southern Style Burger in a Bun	Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Puddings	Mild Chicken Curry	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Pizza	Quorn Southern Style Burger in a Bun	Quorn Sausage	Vegetarian Quorn Curry	Macaroni Cheese
Served with	Homemade Wedges, Baked Beans & Peas	Diced Potatoes, Carrots, Peas & Sweetcorn Medley	New potatoes, Broccoli, Carrots & Gravy	Rice, Peas & Sweetcorn	Chips, Mushy Peas or Baked Beans
Jacket	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Pasta with Pasta Sauce	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Pasta with Pasta Sauce	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Dessert	Chocolate Muffins	Flapjack	Malt Loaf	Strawberry Mousse	Fruit Ice-cream

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