



# Langwith Bassett Junior Academy

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Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a brand-new term and a new school year.

It was lovely to catch up and chat with so many of you before the summer as I began my return to the academy and to normality. Thank you so much for all the well wishes and messages that I received. It was really appreciated and helped tremendously as I adjusted to being back after my absence.

I am now back full time in the academy and well on the way to a full recovery, with just a few appointments left to attend. I am really looking forward to catching up with parents old and new over the coming weeks.

As you will be aware the Academy had rather a turbulent year last year with several staff changes and illnesses on top of my own absence. It was a difficult time for everyone, and I would like to thank the staff for the tremendous effort and hard work they continued to put in. I am extremely grateful for their commitment and dedication through a very difficult period. I would also like to thank Mrs Carter who was overseeing the academy whilst I was away as well as running her own school. Everyone's help and support was, and is still, very much appreciated.

I would also like to offer my particular thanks to parents, carers and families who have supported us and stuck with us through such an unsettling period. Thank you so much for your patience and trust. I am very grateful to parents, who have taken the time to pop in and see me, to raise concerns or worries about certain issues. I can assure you all that plans are in place to address any issues raised. Please feel free over the coming months to let me know of any concerns experienced or things you would like to see happen in the academy. We are all here, staff and parents alike, to provide children with the best experiences possible during their primary schooling. Working together brings the best results. I can't act on things I am not made aware of, and an in-



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person conversation is far more productive than a social media post. Please contact the school office if you wish to arrange a conversation at a mutually convenient time.

Staff have spent two very productive INSET days in the academy this September, preparing for the return of our wonderful children and there have been several changes to the building too, over the summer. We are excited and eager to welcome everyone back today and have so many plans to strengthen our provision over the coming year.

I'd like to welcome Mrs Anna Agatowska who has joined us in class 1 with our Foundation and Nursery children. She will be leading the early years team alongside Mrs. Harrison, Miss Jennings and Miss Robbins during Mrs Dunphy's absence. We were thrilled to be able to welcome our new Foundation pupils and their families into school during our Friday INSET to meet her in preparation for their very first day of school. She is a very experienced Early Years practitioner and is looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks.

Unfortunately, Mrs Coleman is unwell this week so I shall be teaching Class 2 in her absence. We were already due to be sharing class 2, with Mrs Coleman teaching Monday to Thursday and myself teaching on a Friday. I feel that this will provide consistency for the children until her return. Please accept my sincere apologies that I am not in school with you all today. It is my daughter's University graduation ceremony in Lincoln so I am on "very proud mum duty" for the day however will see you all tomorrow.

Please keep an eye out for the school calendar for 2025-2026 which will be coming to you later this week with lots of important dates for your diary over the coming year.

Wishing everyone a wonderful year ahead.

Best wishes,

Sarah Bacon  
Principal.

<b>Term dates 2025-2026</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> September – 24 <sup>th</sup> October 3 <sup>rd</sup> November – 19 <sup>th</sup> December 5 <sup>th</sup> January – 13 <sup>th</sup> February 23 <sup>rd</sup> February – 27 <sup>th</sup> March 13 <sup>th</sup> April – 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 1 <sup>st</sup> June – 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>INSET days</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> of September 2025 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2026 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
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