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Dear Parents/Carers,

Despite the snowy start to the week, we managed to enjoy the change in weather and keep a positive momentum going throughout the week. Thank you to our Site Manager Mr Mayo for keeping our site safe during this period.

It was also great to see you all turn out (in the bitter cold) for our parental consultations this week. Thank you all for your positive attendance and contributions. It was really lovely to see you all in school.

Our book fair was an enormous success! A percentage of which comes back into school to fund more exciting opportunities for our children. We are also grateful to have raised £343.86 for Children in Need which we hope will make a positive difference to children within and wider than our own community. Our children are really proud of this contribution.



We finished off the week with an amazing workshop, which welcomed parents into school to work with their children on a project together. Look at these amazing moving, flashing robots! Fantastic job everyone! Feedback from parents and children has been overwhelmingly positive. We really have to extend thanks to CLC for providing this valuable and memorable experience for our school. I do hope 'Splash' and 'Sparkle' made it home in one piece. 😊



Next week we look forward to rehearsing and communicating our final plans for the festive period where we once again will enjoy your company in school to rejoice in your children.

We are still taking donations for our Christmas raffle and hamper from staff, families and business. Please send all contributions to the school office or via class staff. We really appreciate any offerings.



Gift Vouchers



Thank you, for your continued support.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs S Searson
Head Teacher

Attendance

A reminder of The Department for Education's new updates to attendance.

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/education-2/school-attendance>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>



Please also be reminded that any late arrival (after registers have closed) is now recorded and classed as an 'Unauthorised Absence' so please make every effort to arrive at school before the registers are closed at **9:15am**.

Attendance this week (whole school) is: 93.39%



Year group winner this week is: Year 2 with 97.6% **WELL DONE!!**

Please be informed that next term we will be contacting any families classed as 'persistent absentees'. **We respectfully encourage all families to take all holidays out of term time. Please do consider the learning lost by absence for your child.**

Reporting Illnesses

When deciding if your child is well enough for school, please consult the NHS link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> Thank you for communicating any absence, appointments and late arrivals via the school office. This is much appreciated. Please be reminded that we need a reason for any absence for our records.

Early Years Foundation Stage

Please be informed that our FS1/Nursery and KS1 classes are now full for this academic year. We have two remaining places in our FS2/Reception year group. For further details please call the school office or Admissions on 01709 823777.

Applying for your School Place

It is that time of year when all families are required to apply for their school primary place. This is for those children aged 3 and 4 years old who are in FS1/Nursery. Please be reminded that it is the Council Admissions team that process applicants. We urge you to apply sooner rather than later to ensure your place is secure at our school. Attending our FS1/Nursery unfortunately is not a determining factor for your child's place. We all usually receive notification in late Spring. <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/homepage/389/apply-for-a-school-place> Since we are an infant school, our current Y2 families are also required to apply for their preferred junior school place. <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/schools-schooling/moving-infant-junior-school> The deadline is January 15th 2025. Telephone: Admissions on 01709 823777 for advice if the website isn't working and request a hard copy sent through the post if possible..

Breakfast Club £4 **PLACES STILL AVAILABLE!**

07:45-08:30am

Breakfast club is available every day to all children. During this session children can enjoy a varied choice of breakfast food and drink as well as access a gymnastics session on a Friday morning. Breakfast club starts at 07.45am. Places are available to book for the whole year. The daily cost includes a choice of food and drinks. During this special time before school children enjoy games, crafts and sports with their friends and are well supported by our happy, caring adults. Please book your child's place and make payment using Arbor.

After School Clubs £3 – **PLACES STILL AVAILABLE!**

Monday – **Football** - 15:05-16:10pm

Wednesday – **Hockey** - 15:05-16:10pm

Thursday – **Movie Night** - 15:05-16:10pm

Friday – **Recorders** - 15:05-16:10pm

Friday – **Gymnastics** - 07:45am – 8:30am

Places are available to book as a half term block using Arbor. Sports clubs are delivered by sports professionals 'Live & Learn'.

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

1 FIRST OFFENCE
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for persistent absence or irregular attendance the fine will be:
£60 per parent, per child if child within 28 days
£120 per parent, per child if child 29 days or over

2 SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for persistent absence or irregular attendance the amount will be:
£120 per parent, per child if child within 28 days
£240 per parent, per child if child 29 days or over

3 THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)
The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £250 per parent, per child.
Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a parent's future DBP certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD
Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Please follow the link for the Publication that will start from 19th August 2024.
www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance



Diary Dates Term 1 2024

Monday 25 th November	EYFS Open Event (for prospective parents/families) 15:30-16:30pm
Tuesday 26 th November	Community Orthoptics in school
Monday 2 nd December	KS1 Visit to Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime at Doncaster, CAST (PM) arrive back approx... 16:20pm
Tuesday 3 rd December	Jack and the Beanstalk performance for EYFS at school (AM)
Wednesday 4 th December	FS1/Nursery Christmas Performance – AM & PM
Wednesday 4 th December	Y2 perform at St Albans Christmas Choir Concert
Thursday 5 th December	FS2/Reception Christmas Performance – PM
Friday 6 th December	FS2/Reception Christmas Performance – AM
Tuesday 10 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance AM & PM
Wednesday 11 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance AM & PM
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day – information to follow
Wednesday 11 th December	FS2 Height & Weight
Wednesday 11 th December	EYFS Open Event (for prospective parents/families) 15:30-16:30pm
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Celebrations at St. Francis Church – information to follow
Tuesday 17 th December	Father Christmas visit & whole school party day – information to follow
Friday 20 th December	Last day of school
Monday 6 th January	Return to school
Friday 10 th January	EYFS Open Event (for prospective parents/families) 15:30-16:30pm

**Subject to change. **More dates will be added in due course to enhance our curriculum and keep you well informed.*

Term Dates for 2024

2nd September – 25th October 2024

5th November – 20th December 2024

6th January – 14th February 2025

25th February – 28th March 2025

14th April – 17th April 2025 (Easter weekend 18th-21st)

22nd April – 1st May 2025 (5th May, May Day)

6th May – 23rd May 2025

2nd June – 23rd July 2025

Inset Days 2024/2025

Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 24th February 2025

Friday 2nd May 2025

Friday 27th June 2025

FS1 and FS2 September 2025



****SAVE THE DATE****

We are pleased to share the dates of our open events for children and families (FS1 & FS2) wishing to join our wonderful school in September 2025.

Sessions will be held in our Foundation Unit between 3.30pm – 4.30pm, please use the entrance on Linden Avenue.

Monday 21st October 2024

Monday 25th November 2024

Wednesday 11th December 2024

Friday 10th January 2024

Please contact the school office on 01709 543061 to book your place or for further information.

We look forward to meeting you and sharing in your child's learning journey.

COPING AT CHRISTMAS

The Added Pressures of Christmas can be Tough, but it's Important to know there's always Someone you can Talk to...



Call 111 & select option 2 to speak to the NHS Mental Health Crisis Response Service 24/7

[Nhs.uk/mental-health](https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health)



Under 35s can Call 0800 068 4141, Text: 88247 or Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org 24/7

[Papyrus-uk.org](https://www.papyrus-uk.org)



Call 116 123 to talk to Samaritans, or email: jo@samaritans.org for a reply within 24 hours

[Samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org)



Call MIND's Mental Health Helpline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 0800 414 8247

[Mind.org.uk](https://www.mind.org.uk)



Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the Shout Crisis Text Line, or text "YM" if you're under 19

[Giveusashout.org](https://www.giveusashout.org)



Mental Health Forum & Chat for Men from 5pm - midnight every day Call or Whatsapp 0800 585858

[Thecalmzone.net](https://www.thecalmzone.net)

[ChristmasCountdown.uk](https://www.ChristmasCountdown.uk)

Sunday 1st December at 4pm

St Francis Church Christingle Service

Come share
the light this
Christingle

St Francis Church, Bramley,
Rotherham, S66 2RQ
bramley.stfrancis@gmail.com

Christmas at St Francis Church

Saturday 23rd November 2pm Christmas Fair

Sunday 1st December 4pm Christingle

Sunday 9th 1.30pm Mother's Union Christmas Service

Thursday 12th 6pm Carols at King Henry

Sunday 15th December 6pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve 4pm Crib Service

Christmas Eve 11.15pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day 10am Family Service