



Bramley Sunnyside Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers,



We were excited to experience the first signs of Christmas this week, with the arrival of some mischievous elfs, a Christmas card post box and some wonderful festive decorations around school. We invite children to write to their friends and teachers, posting their Christmas cards in the post box to be delivered by 'Santa's Little Helpers' around school. Our heartfelt thanks to Bramley Parish Council for the donation of the magnificent Christmas tree shining outside our school entrance.

We look forward to the start of our Christmas festivities next week with pantomime visits and visitors and our Nursery and Reception Christmas performances! Our children and staff have been working enthusiastically behind the scenes in preparation for welcoming you into school. Enormous thanks to the school office for co-ordinating the events and organising the tickets! Please be reminded that it is due to health and safety regulations that we have a ticket limit imposed for each show. We hope you can join us in celebrating Christmas and rejoicing in your children during these magical events.

Our school Christmas hamper raffle will be on sale from tomorrow! You can purchase your tickets at the Christmas performances, from the office or from your classrooms.

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 <u>late arrival</u> (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: 96.5%



Year group winner this week is: Year 2 with 95.46% WELL DONE!!

If you child has less than 90% attendance we will be monitoring and contacting you to see how we can support and work together to improve this attendance picture.

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 - THE DEADLINE IS APPROACHING

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 block 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'.

Diary Dates Term 1 2024

Monday 2 nd December	KS1 Visit to lock and the Regnetally Pantomime at Depositor (AST (DM)		
Widhday 2" December	KS1 Visit to Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime at Doncaster, CAST (PM)		
	arrive back pprox 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 4th December	Y2 perform at St Albans Christmas Choir Concert CANCELLED		
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 16th December	Christmas Celebrations at St. Francis Church Reception & KS1 – information to follow		
Tuesday 17 th December	Father Christmas visit & whole school party day – information to follow		
Thursday 19 th December	Y2 School Choir perform at St Francis Church @ 2pm		
Friday 20 th December	Reindeer Dash – More 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

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.

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 4pm Crib Service Christmas Day 10am Family Service





Wednesday 4th December

Sensory Struggles During The Festive

Understanding festive overwhelm through a sensory lens

The festive season can be overwhelming for many children, especially those with sensory needs and/or those who are care experienced. Join us for an insightful online webinar as Sadie Charlton, Sensory OT from Virtual School Rotherham, explores the unique sensory challenges children face during the festive period. Gain essential strategies to minimise sensory overload and create a more enjoyable and inclusive Christmas for every child.

10.30 - 11.30 am

6 - 7pm

School & **Professionals** Session

3.30-4.30pm



To register and receive a link to this event email: virtualschool@rotherham.gov.uk

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 ...



111 online

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

Nhs.uk/mental-health



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

Papyrus-uk.org



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

Samaritans.org



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

Mind.org.uk

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

Giveusashout.org



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

Thecalmzone.net

ChristmasCountdown.uk





Seat Belts and Child Restraints







www.gov.uk/dft

Wearing a seat belt saves lives

For your own and others' safety, the law requires you to use a seat belt if fitted. Children up to 12 years old, or up to 135 centimetres in height, are required to use a child car restraint.

Wearing a seatbelt saves hundreds of lives every year. You should wear a seat belt in both the front and rear seats. Wearing a seatbelt in the back is just as important as wearing one in the front of the vehicle.

If you are sitting in the back of a car without a seat belt and you crash at 30mph, you will hit the front seat – and anyone in it – with a force of 30 to 60 times your own body weight.

This could result in death or serious injury to you and people sitting in the front seat.

Your compensation for injury resulting from an accident may be reduced if you are not wearing a seat belt.

Seat belts: the law

- You must wear a seat belt where one is fitted. There are very few exceptions to this.
- The driver is liable to prosecution if a child aged under 14 years does not wear an appropriate seat belt which, for children aged under 12 years and shorter than 135 centimetres in height, means the correct child restraint.
- A child may wear an adult seat belt when they reach 135 centimetres in height or the age of 12 years old (whichever is reached first).

The law in respect of cars, vans and goods vehicles is summarised in the table on the next page.

	Front seat	Rear seat	Who is responsible?
Driver	Seat belt must be worn if fitted.		Driver
Child under 3 years of age	Correct child restraint must be used.	Correct child restraint must be used. If one is not available in a licensed taxi/private hire vehicle, a child may travel unrestrained.	Driver
Child from 3rd birthday up to 135cms in height (approx. 4ft 5ins), or 12th birthday, whichever they reach first	Correct child restraint must be used.	Where seat belts are fitted, the correct child restraint must be used. Must use adult seat belts if correct child restraint not available: → in a licensed taxi/private hire vehicle; → for a short distance in an unexpected necessity; or → in a car or van (laden weight not exceeding 3.5 tonnes), two occupied child restraints prevent fitting of a third. A child aged 3 years and over may travel unrestrained in the rear seat of a vehicle if no rear seat belts are fitted and the front seat is occupied.	Driver
Child from 12th birthday, or from over 135cms (approx. 4ft 5ins) in height, until 14th birthday	Seat belt must be worn if available.	Seat belt must be worn if available.	Driver
Passengers aged 14 years and over	Seat belt must be worn if available.	Seat belt must be worn if available.	Passenger

Exceptions for passengers in buses, coaches and minibuses

A bus or coach has more than 8 seats in addition to the driver's seat, and a maximum laden weight exceeding 3.5 tonnes.

A minibus has more than 8 seats in addition to the driver's seat, and a maximum laden weight not exceeding 3.5 tonnes.

- Passengers in buses, coaches, and minibuses in which standing is permitted, or which are being used to provide a 'local service', are not required to wear seatbelts.
- Ohildren aged under 14 years in the rear seats of buses and coaches are not required to wear seat belts or child restraints.
- In the front seats of buses and coaches - children from 3rd birthday up to 135 centimetres in height or 12th birthday (whichever is reached first), may travel wearing an adult seat belt, if an appropriate child restraint is not available in the front of the vehicle.

Minibuses

- Ohildren aged 3 to 13 must use a child car restraint if there is one available anywhere in a minibus. Children must use an adult seat belt in the front or rear if child restraints are not fitted or are unsuitable. May travel unrestrained in the rear if no adult seat belts are fitted in the rear of the minibus.
- Children aged under 3 must use a child car seat if there is one available anywhere in a minibus or may travel unrestrained in the rear of the minibus if no child restraint is available.
- → No child under the age of 14 may travel unrestrained in the front of a minibus.
- However, where a minibus is used to take groups of 3 or more children aged 3–16 on a trip, it must have enough forwardfacing seats fitted with seat belts for every child on the trip. All the children must therefore be wearing a seat belt.

Which vehicles does the law affect?

All motor vehicles (except two-wheeled motorcycles), including cars, vans and other goods vehicles, buses, coaches, and minibuses.

What if there are not enough seat belts available?

- Ohildren up to 135 centimetres in height and under 12 years old must wear child restraints with few exceptions.
- It is an offence if the way in which passengers are carried causes danger to any person in the vehicle. Do not overload a vehicle.
- Carrying more passengers than there are seatbelts in the vehicle may affect insurance cover in the event of an injury.
- If you have passengers without a seat belt remember that they can cause injury to others in an accident.
- In a vehicle without seatbelts (e.g. a classic car), children aged 3 to 11 (and under 135 centimetres in height), can only travel in the rear, and those under 3 years old cannot travel at all.

Seat belt use

- Lap and diagonal belts provide more protection and should be used before lap only seat belts.
- Adjust the seat belt so that the lap belt is as low as possible across the hip bones – NOT over the stomach.
- Ensure that the diagonal strap lies across the chest and away from the neck.



- It should slope up and back to the top fix point and not be twisted.
- In many cars, you can adjust the height of the top fitting point to make this easier.
- → Do not leave any slack in the belt.

Do NOT try to improve seat belt comfort with padding or cushions or sit on any mats or cushions.

If your seat belt is really uncomfortable, ask the vehicle manufacturer if they have a recommended comfort device.

Never put the same seat belt around two children, or around yourself and another passenger (adult or child). The centre rear seats of some older cars are fitted with a lap only seat belt that must be adjusted manually.

- It is important that you adjust such belts for a snug fit over your hips, without any slack.
- Do not use child restraints with lap only seat belts as they are usually designed to be used with three-point lap and diagonal seat belts.

Do not allow your child to use the adult belt too early (see pages 7, 9 and 12).

Pregnant women



- Like any other driver or passenger, pregnant women must wear a seat belt.
- → There is no automatic exemption.
- Wearing a seat belt may not be comfortable, but it improves safety for both mother and unborn baby.

The lap strap should go across the hips, fitting under the bump, while the diagonal strap should be placed between the breasts and around the bump.

Disabled person's belts

- Disabled drivers or passengers (adults and children) may need to use specially adapted belts known as 'disabled person's belts'.
- Their design may differ from the standard lap or 3-point seat belt – they are intended for use solely by disabled people.
- Disabled children may need to use child restraints specially designed for them.
- The law allows disabled person's belts or child restraints to be used instead of the standard seat belts and child restraints.

Airbags

- Airbag systems differ from car to car, always check and follow specific advice from the manufacturer or in the owner's handbook. This is particularly important in relation to children and frontal airbags.
- Studies show that airbags reduce severe head injuries in accidents.



Airbags are NOT substitutes for seat belts – they are designed to work with them.

- Given the speed and force with which an airbag inflates, it is vitally important that you always wear your seat belt AND do not sit too close to the steering wheel or dashboard.
- The distance between the centre of the steering wheel to your breastbone should be at least 25 centimetres (10 inches).
- It is illegal to use a rear-facing child restraint in a front seat which is protected by an active frontal airbag. Make sure you deactivate the airbag before you begin your journey.

Child restraint systems

Take time to make sure your child restraints are properly fitted every time you use them.

- Injuries to children can be significantly reduced by using a suitable child restraint.
- New child restraints must conform to the standards of United Nations ECE Regulation 44 or 129.
- There are several types of child restraints
 baby seats, child seats, booster seats
 and booster cushions.
- → You must use the right one for each child.
- Ohildren must use a child seat until they are 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.
- Children aged 12 or older, or taller than 135 centimetres, may use an adult seat belt or an appropriate child restraint, although it is safer to use a booster seat to 150 centimetres tall.
- You can choose a child restraint based on your child's height or weight.

Height-based seats

- Child restraints should be rear-facing until your child is over 15 months old. Your child can use a forward-facing child car seat when they are over 15 months old.
- It is safest to use a rear-facing child restraint up to at least 4 years old.
- You must check the seat to make sure it's suitable for the height of your child.
- To meet current safety standards, height-based child car seats should be United Nations ECE approved. These have a label showing a capital 'E' in a circle and the height range of child for which it is designed.

Weight-based seats

- The seat your child can use (and the way they must be restrained in it) depends on their weight.
- Ohild restraints should be rear-facing until your child is over 9kg in weight. Your child can use a forward-facing child car seat when they are over 9kg in weight.
- It is safest to use a rear-facing child restraint up to at least 4 years old.
- To meet current safety standards, weightbased child car seats should be United Nations ECE approved. These have a label showing a capital 'E' in a circle and the weight range of child for which it is designed.
- You may be able to choose from more than one type of seat in the group for your child's weight.

Child's weight	Group	Seats
0kg to 10kg	0	Lie-flat or 'lateral' baby carrier, rear-facing baby carrier, or rear-facing baby seat using a harness
0kg to 13kg	0+	Rear-facing baby carrier or rear-facing baby seat using a harness
9kg to 18kg	1	Rear- or forward-facing baby seat using a harness or safety shield
15kg to 25kg	2	Rear- or forward-facing child car seat (high- backed booster seat or booster cushion) using a seat belt, harness or safety shield
22kg to 36kg	3	Rear- or forward-facing child car seat (high- backed booster seat or booster cushion) using a seat belt, harness or safety shield

Manufacturers are no longer permitted to introduce new models of backless booster seats for children shorter than 125 centimetres or weighing less than 22kg. This doesn't affect existing models of seats or cushions and doesn't mean that they are unsafe, but will mean that the range of products available on the market in future will be better suited for younger children.

Rear-facing baby seats provide very high levels of protection for young babies, but by law they must not be used where a front seat is protected by an active frontal airbag.

Buying a child restraint

- Before buying a child restraint, you should try it in your car to make sure it fits properly. Ask the seller for a demonstration.
- Beware of old or second-hand restraints which may be damaged or worn out. They may not have proper fitting instructions and may not meet current safety standards.

Installing a child restraint

- → Take time to fit a child restraint in your car – do not rush it!
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- A properly installed restraint fits tightly into an adult seat – push your weight against it while tightening the adult seat belts.
- The seat belt buckle should not bend around the restraint frame.

ISOFix attachment points

- Some vehicles will have ISOFix attachment points.
- An ISOFix child restraint is installed using these and not the adult seat belt (although many can be used with adult belts).
- Some ISOFix seats use the seat belt as a third anchorage point.
- They are quicker and easier to install accurately and safely.
- Always check whether a child restraint is suitable for the ISOFix points in your car – some will differ.

i-Size attachment points

- Oreates a 'Plug and Play' universal ISOFix child restraint category which provides better compatibility between the car and the child restraint system.
- An i-Size child restraint system will fit in any i-Size ready seating position in a car (it will not be necessary to consult a vehicle fitting list).
- Both the child restraint system and the seating position in the car can be recognised by the i-Size logo.

Child restraints and adult seat belts

- Adult belts are best used for adults 150 centimetres or taller – the law allows children to use adult belts from 135 centimetres in height or 12 years old.
- The law requires that children shorter than 135 centimetres in height or under 12 years old must use the correct child seat or booster.
- A booster seat or cushion may not be popular with older children, but it puts them in the right position so that they get the maximum protection from the adult belt.
- It is important to get the belt low across the abdomen from hip bone to hip bone and over the shoulder, away from the neck.

No room for a third child car seat

- → Children under 3 must be in a child car seat. If there's no room for a third child car seat in the back of the vehicle, the child must travel in the front seat with the correct child car seat.
- Children aged 3 or older can sit in the back using an adult belt.

Baby seat

Airbags are powerful safety devices. A rear-facing baby seat in a front seat would be hit by a frontal airbag if it deployed – and could be thrown up and towards the rear of the vehicle. This means that the baby seat and child could be completely unrestrained during a crash.

- The safest type of restraint available for early childhood is the child safety seat.
- → This is because the bone making process isn't complete until the age of 6 or 7 and throughout childhood a child's skull isn't as strong as that of an adult. A relatively small impact can result in significant injury.
- A restraint system needs to limit forward head movement in a frontal impact and provide protection from intrusion in a side impact.
- → These seats can be either forwards or rearwards facing (should be rear-facing to at least 9kg or 15 months, depending on the regulation) and are fitted with an integral harness which secures the child and spreads the crash forces over a wide area.
- They may be fitted using the adult seat belt or where appropriate by the ISOFix system.
- → These seats will last from birth to 13kgs and some up to 18kgs.
- Some child restraints can be converted making them suitable for a broader range of child occupants.



Note that carrycots with restraint straps do not provide the protection provided by purpose designed baby seats. A baby seat is safer and more convenient than a carrycot, although doctors may occasionally advise the use of a carrycot – for premature or very low birth weight babies. New carrycots must comply with UNECE Regulation 44 or UNECE Regulation 129.

Child seat

- A child seat is a separate seat secured either by an adult seat belt, or ISOFix attachment points.
- The child is then restrained by the seat's own harness or safety shield, which has the advantage of being specifically designed for a child.
- Remember to follow the manufacturer's instructions every time when fitting the child seat.
- A child seat harness should include a 'crotch strap' which will prevent the child from sliding out feet first in an accident.
- → These seats can be either rear or forward-facing to 18kg, some to 25kg.
- Remember it is safest to use a rear-facing seat up to at least 4 years old.



Booster seat

- A booster seat puts a child in the right position so that an adult seat belt gives most protection.
- Slots guide the adult seat belt around a child and must be used as instructed by the manufacturer.
- Both the booster seat and the child are restrained by the adult seat belt.
- → Most booster seats are intended to be used with an adult diagonal and lap seat belt.
- Some boosters do not have backs.
- A high-backed booster will provide support for the child and will give a measure of protection from whiplash injury.
- It is safest to use a booster seat until approximately 150 centimetres tall.



Booster cushion



Do not allow your child to use only the adult seat belt too early

- This is designed to raise a child so that the adult seat belt can be used safely.
- It must be used as instructed by the manufacturer.
- It is safer to use a high back booster until the child no longer needs a seat.

Exemptions from seat belt wearing

- → There is a specific exemption from wearing a seat belt on medical grounds.
- → Consult your GP if you think you should not wear a seat belt on medical grounds.
- → They will decide and, if warranted, will issue you a formal "Certificate of Exemption from Compulsory Seat Belt Wearing".
- → This must be kept in your vehicle at all times and produced if the police ask you for it. You must also inform your insurer.
- → For further information on the guidance for GPs when considering this see www.gov.uk/government/ publications/medical-exemptionsfrom-compulsory-seat-belt-wearing

→ For information on other limited exemptions from wearing a seat belt see www.gov.uk/seat-belts-law/when-you-dont-need-to-wear-a-seat-belt

Seat belt requirements in campervans

→ For information regarding seat belt requirements in campervans see www.gov.uk/government/ publications/carriage-ofpassengers-in-campervans/ carriage-of-passengers-incampervans

www.gov.uk/dft





Further information

More information on the fitting and wearing of seat belts can be found on the website of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents at www.rospa.com

The child car seat website at www.childcarseats.org.uk has information about the law, fitting and wearing of child restraints.

The child car seat safety pages at www.goodeggsafety.com have further information on safely using child restraints.

Further information about the fitting and wearing of seat belts and child restraints, and road safety in general can be obtained from the Road Safety Officer at your local County Council. Or in Scotland, the Road Safety Training Officer through your Local Authority.

For information about other THINK! road safety campaigns visit www.think.gov.uk

For wider motoring advice, including how to renew your car tax online, visit www.gov.uk/dft

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