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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a full and exciting week enhancing and enriching our curriculums. Thank you very much, for your support.

Children were extremely keen to learn about road safety with our specialist visitor from the 'Rotherham Road Safety Team'. Ellie talked to us about how to stay safe in the community and on our roads and streets. All of our children in our school took part in this important safety workshop learning practising how to cross the road safely.

"We need to cross the road safely. We need to stay safe." Flora Unit 4

"When the man is red you need to stop, when it is green you can cross the road." Alfie P Unit 4



Our children and parents/carers had a wonderful time in the curriculum enhancing Creative Family Learning Workshop on Wednesday. Following the theme of 'Under the Sea', children enjoyed quality 1:1 time with their adult and created their own 'ocean in a jar'. As well as this, they also had time to make a magnetic ocean themed game! Our visitors were amazed by our children's geographical knowledge and their knowledge of the ocean layers. Excellent learning Y2!

'They've taught me something I never knew!' (parent)

'I would never have been able to name all the ocean layers at that age!' (parent)

'Thank you for such a relaxed afternoon.' (parent) 'We've had a lovely time together.'

This week we have also raised awareness about children's mental health, sharing 'our authentic selves' with one-another and talking about what makes us who we are. It was so pleasing to see and hear the interest, acceptance and respect. 'National Number Day' was also a great success today. We saw many creative and inventive versions of 'dress as digits' – amazing job parents/carers! Please see class Dojo for more stories.

It is brilliant to see Mystery Readers coming into school for story time. Alex's Dad had Class 8 'in stitches' as he shared some funny poems with them this week. If you're interested in becoming a Mystery Reader for your child's class, please contact the class teacher on ClassDojo to arrange a date. Our children really love it!

Thank you, for your continued support.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs 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 note that ALL term time holidays are classed as unauthorised.

Please also be reminded that any late arrival (after registers have closed) is recorded 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: 95.7% ↑

Weekly year group highest attendance: Year 1 with 98.63% 🙌🙌

Weekly year group lowest attendance: FS1/Nursery with 96.41%

This week Class 7 win the BEST ATTENDANCE with 100% ★🏆

Thank you to all parents and carers!

If your child has less than 90% attendance it is categorised as persistence absence. You will be sent a letter to alert you and to offer support. If your child's attendance declines further, you will be invited into school for a meeting to discuss how support might improve your child's attendance.

Reporting Illnesses

When deciding if your child is well enough for school, please consult the NHS link: <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. We notice that we have allocated a high number of medical appointments during the school day and ask you, where at all possible to take these out of school hours or in the school holidays.

Breakfast Club £4

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. 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.

New school clubs starting 24th February 2025!

Please note that places are only available to book as a half term block payment using Arbor. The after-school clubs cost between £3-£3:50. Sports Clubs are delivered by sports professionals 'Live & Learn'. Other clubs are delivered by school staff.

Monday – All **Football** -15:05-16:10pm (Live & Learn)
Monday – KS1 **Library Club** - 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Rushton)
Monday – KS1 **Cooking Club** – 15:05-16:30pm (Mrs Frost & Mrs Ford)

Tuesday – KS1 **Science Club** – 15:05 – 16:10pm (Mrs Frost & Mrs Ford)

Wednesday – All **Mini V/FIT Trampolining Club** – 15:05-16:10pm (Live & Learn)
Wednesday – KS1 **Gardening Club** - 15:05-16:30pm (Mrs Ford & Mrs Frost)

Thursday – All **Movie Night** – 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Taylor & Mrs Chilcott)
Thursday – KS1 **Designers & Makers** - 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Frost & Mrs Ford)

Friday – All **Gymnastics** – 07:45am – 8:30am (Live & Learn)
Friday – KS1 **Recorders** - 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Searson & friends)

Look out for news about a Tag Rugby club and a Phonics Check Booster club!

ATTENDANCE WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.
Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.
£160

2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.
+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160
4 children & 1 parent = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE 10 IN 10
If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.
1 Day = 2 Sessions

3 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS
+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160
4 children & 2 parents = **£1280**
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

4 2ND TIME
2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280
No discount for early payment

3RD TIME
A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child.
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...



School Uniform

Please can we remind you about school uniform and jewellery from a safety perspective. We ask that you ensure children are in suitable footwear for school and wear only stud earring – no other jewellery. Children who come to school wearing inappropriate items will be asked to put them in their school bag. We have lots of spare school uniform at the front of school should you need it. Please help yourselves. We also ask that if you find that you have uniform items at home that do not belong to your child, please return them to school. www.bramleysunnysideinfant.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/School-Dress-Code-2023-24.pdf

Safeguarding

Are you in an abusive relationship? Please reach out for help and support and know that you are not alone. Learn more about the Domestic Abuse Coordinated Community Response (DACCR) Service - <https://hopian.org.uk/domestic-abuse-coordinated-community-response-service/> Useful Numbers - <https://hopian.org.uk/resources/organisations-that-can-help/>



Diary Dates Term 2 2025

Monday 10 th February	Anti-bullying Workshops for children
Tuesday 11 th February	Internet safety day – Activities for children in school
Thursday 13 th February	End of half term disco – Information sent on Arbor. Don't miss out – get your ticket today!
Friday 14 th February	Last day of half term – Celebrating our school value 'LOVE'
Monday 24 th February	Inset day – school closed for children
Tuesday 25 th February	Return to school
Wednesday 26 th February	Y2 Titanic Drama Workshop
Thursday 6 th March	World Book day
Week 10 th -14 th March	Science week
Wednesday 12 th March	WonderDome experience
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose day
Thursday 27 th March	Easter Disco
Friday 28 th March	Last day of half term

*More dates to follow

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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WIZZ

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

12+ App Store
Teen Google Playstore

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Wizz is a networking app which allows users to connect and chat with other people around the world. Its principle is similar to a dating platform: users have a profile with up to three photos, along with optional interests and hobbies tags. This allows other like-minded people to be recommended in searches. If a user likes what they see on someone's profile, they can initiate conversation through the instant message feature; otherwise they swipe on. The app does use age verification technology when an account is created and groups users by age.

OVER-SHARING

Immediately after setting up an account, users start receiving friend requests (mainly from the opposite gender). For many young people, this will be exciting and a boost to their confidence. As young people tend to be more trusting online and may believe what others tell them, however, this can lull them into dropping their guard and revealing personal information to strangers.

CATFISHING AND PREDATORS

Wizz uses Yoti, a digital ID system, to verify users' age. The AI only detects approximate age, though – so an older person who looks younger could be grouped with teens (or vice versa). Also, profile pics on Wizz don't have to match the face of the person who did the initial age verification: it would be fairly easy to create a fake account using another person's photos with a made-up name and age.

EXPLICIT CONTENT

During our research, conversations on Wizz very quickly turned sexual. Users frequently suggested 'taking it to Snapchat' (Snapchat's disappearing image feature can make it conducive to sharing explicit selfies), connecting on other social media, swapping nude or semi-nude pictures, or holding sexual chats. These users created an impression of the platform being sleazy and unsafe for young people.

INTIMATE IMAGES

It's not unheard of for young people to be coerced into sending suggestive images of themselves over apps of this kind. Given that Wizz connects users with strangers, who may not be honest about their real intentions, a teenager might conceivably be persuaded to share sexually suggestive selfies by someone who they believed they had a trusting relationship with.

NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

The app claims to provide a secure and inclusive environment, but our researcher couldn't find any parental controls or safety features in evidence. If you report another user for inappropriate behaviour, you are offered the option to block them – but there's no indication as to whether the block has actually been successful, and there was no follow-up contact from the developers.

SECRETS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Wizz sent our researcher occasional 'mystery' friend requests from a blurred-out profile. To discover the sender's identity, users can either watch a video (usually an ad for a game or app) or take out a monthly subscription. Cynics might suggest this could be a way to exploit young people's curiosity into making them pay for the app, and that the 'secret admirers' are bots rather than real people.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT OUT

If your child has downloaded Wizz, talk to them about why they like it and who they've chatted with. Have they shared any personal details with this person or connected with them on other social media platforms? Refresh your child's memory of the various risks that can arise from engaging with strangers online and get them to consider using a similar app with more robust safety features.

BE SUPPORTIVE

When connecting with strangers on apps like Wizz, seemingly innocent chats can quickly progress to become sexually explicit and lead to nudes being sent. Make sure your child knows to come to you if they're uncomfortable about anything they've been sent or been asked to send. If they've already shared something that they now regret, reassure them that you'll support them no matter what.

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Young people are far more inclined to see the good in others; they often overlook the fact that scammers set up fake accounts on apps like this with the intention of getting money or personal data. Remind them that not everyone online is who they claim to be, how easy it is for someone to create a bogus profile, and why it's vital to think twice about sharing anything on networking apps.

KEEP THINGS TRANSPARENT

It might feel awkward, but regular chats about your child's online life can be beneficial. If they seem suddenly anxious or secretive around their phone or tablet, they may have something they need to get off their chest. You could also consider not allowing digital devices in their bedroom, especially overnight – that's when a lot of the riskier conversations on apps like Wizz tend to take place.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Southwood is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



Sources: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=info.wizzapp&hl=en_GB&gl=US | <https://www.met.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/sexual-offences/sexting/>

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WHAT'S ON - EARLY HELP SOUTH

Baby Massage - Four Week Programmes



A baby massage programme is delivered over FOUR weeks, one session per week.

You need to be able to attend all four sessions.

To book a place please speak to a member of the Outreach Team or message through Facebook.

Location	Times	Dates	Session
Maltby Stepping Stones Family Hub	10am to 11am	Fri 17 Jan Fri 24 Jan Fri 31 Jan Fri 7 Feb	1 of 4 2 of 4 3 of 4 4 of 4
Kiveton Library	1pm to 2pm	Wed 5 Feb Wed 12 Feb Wed 19 Feb Wed 26 Feb	1 of 4 2 of 4 3 of 4 4 of 4
Thurcroft Children's Centre	1pm to 2pm	Thu 27 Feb Thu 6 Mar Thu 13 Mar Thu 20 Mar	1 of 4 2 of 4 3 of 4 4 of 4
Mark Grove Neighbourhood Centre	10:30am to 11:30am	Tue 4 Mar Tue 11 Mar Tue 18 Mar Tue 25 Mar	1 of 4 2 of 4 3 of 4 4 of 4

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STAY AND PLAY

Children can explore, learn and develop their skills with different themes each week.

Activities include play, games, singing, story time, and much more!

Suitable for Confident Walkers to 5 years



Free of charge

Term time only

No need to book



Mondays	Maltby Stepping Stones Children's Centre and Family Hub	1:00pm to 2:30pm
Fridays	Dinnington Family and Children's Centre	10:00am to 11:30am

For more information
Call: 01709 334417
Facebook: Rotherham Early Help South

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WHAT'S ON - EARLY HELP SOUTH

Additional Sessions

0 - WALKERS



Play and Self Weigh

Suitable for ages 0-Walkers

FREE-No need to book



Location	Date	Time
Kiveton Library	Wednesday 15 January	1:00pm to 2:30pm
Sunnyside Community Centre	Tuesday 21 January	12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Mark Grove Neighbourhood Centre	Tuesday 25 February	10:00 am to 11:30 am
Kiveton Library	Wednesday 12 March	1:00pm to 2:30pm
Sunnyside Community Centre	Tuesday 18 March	12:00 pm to 2:00 pm



These are **extra** sessions, for detail of our wider programme please see our Facebook below.
Or call us on: 01709 334417

Or Register for Family Hubs information at:
<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/xfp/form/1301>



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0 - WALKERS

Activities will include stories, sensory play, singing and more. There will also be a chance to self weigh your baby.

Suitable for families with children who are newborn up to confident walkers.



Free for families to attend
No need to book
Term Time only



Tuesdays	Dinnington Family and Children's Centre	1:00pm to 2:30pm
Wednesdays	Maltby Stepping Stones Children's Centre and Family Hub	1:00pm to 2:30pm
Thursdays	Thurcroft Children's Centre	10:00am to 11:30am

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Please contact music@rotherham.gov.uk for further information

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