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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week our children are **shining** showing our school value **love**. ☀

RED NOSE DAY – 'Working together for a just world free from poverty'.

We have had a purposeful and wonderful day raising awareness and fundraising for a world cause and, our children's future. Thank you to 'Live and Learn' for providing some inventive 'retro fitness work outs' with lots of laughs for all concerned. We were all so very impressed by children's outfits today – well done!! The whole school really was very vibrant.

Today you will find the official Ofsted report from our recent inspection in February, in your inbox. We are very proud and grateful for the role everyone played in ensuring this positive result. We know that you, like us, will continue to champion our school towards its next level of success. Our children, we know, are our biggest credit and blessing.

I would like to thank all of our families that could attend our Class 7 and 8 curriculum celebrations. It was really wonderful and an extremely high-quality display of the learning in our classrooms. We saw an exceptional performance from our children. Well done all.

Next week, we have a number of activities to commemorate the end of the half term, including the Easter Disco. The after-school discos are quickly becoming one of the 'best all-time favourite events' at our school. These events are of course, much more than a disco. We have already seen children grow in independence, resilience and confidence as a result of attending these events and it is a much-treasured period of time to forge some extended relationships between staff and children.

We are also very busy completing the necessary assessments ahead of the forthcoming parent consultants where we aim to ensure we share detailed information regarding your child's progress and attainment. We have asked staff to be available on two evenings to facilitate these meetings. We will not be able to ask staff to facilitate additional meetings outside of these arrangements so we really do encourage you to make a booking within the options available.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Searson
Head Teacher

Attendance

Please speak to our Attendance Lead, Miss Cheshire when you are considering booking time away from school to consult on your attendance profile and triggers. We are here to help and advise where we can.

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**.

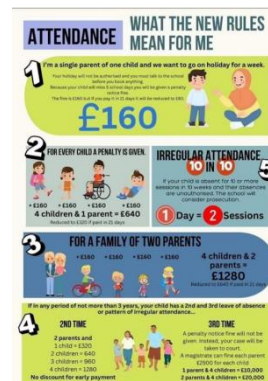
Attendance this week (whole school) is: **93%**

Weekly year group highest attendance: FS1/Nursery with **94.87%** 🙌🙌

Weekly year group lowest attendance: Year 2 with **91.6%**

Thank you to all parents and carers that are supporting good attendance of 90%+

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. If this continues the Local Authority will issue with an official Notice to Improve and proceed with the Rotherham SAMP process. You can view your current attendance on Arbor.



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.

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

School Admissions / Transitions

FS1/Nursery

We have allocated our new FS1/Nursery school children places for September 2025 and transition has begun. We look forward to welcoming new children and families into school to meet us in the coming weeks. We have some limited places still available if you would like to visit and consider starting with us in September 2025. Please contact the school office with your enquiries. Open events will run through the summer term. We look forward to seeing you there.

FS2/Reception

Families that have applied to start school in our FS2/Reception classes in September 2025 should have places confirmed very soon – on or around 16th April.

Y3 Junior School transition

Transition planning has begun between our infant school and the Junior school. We will refine this and communicate this in due course.

Easter Egg Raffle

We are still collecting Easter donations for the Bramley Sunnyside Easter Egg Raffle! Children are getting super excited about this. Raffle tickets will be on sale soon!!!! We will be drawing the raffle the last day before the Easter weekend. Thank you for your contributions.



Fun Fitness!



We loved the Comic Relief inspired fitness sessions today! It was 80's style all the way, and our children and staff all looked amazing and so colourful! Oakley (U2) shouted "It's the best day ever!"

Science Poster Winners

We are very proud to announce the winners of our space poster competition which the children took part in during science week. It was extremely difficult to judge as all the children's posters were amazing. A big thank you to all the children for taking part. Poster will be up and around school for others to learn from.

The winners are:



FS1 – Violet Marshall – Unit 1



FS2 – Eliza Hicks – Unit 3



Year 1 – Frankie Unsworth - Class 10



Year 2 – Ethan Marsh - Class 7

A big congratulations to these children!

School Assemblies



In Music and Singing assembly the children were reviewing their understanding of 'pitch' – how high or low a note is.

The children were treated to a live performance of Debussy's 'La Cathedral Engloutie' which tells the mythical story of the cathedral emerging from the ocean. The children critiqued Mr Missing's rendition with the level of expertise, enthusiasm and generosity that we have come to expect!

Open The Book Assembly

This week our friends from 'Open the Book' visited and retold the story of Zacchaeus from the New Testament to our Reception and Key Stage One children. The children listened so very respectfully and learned a song about when Jesus met the unpopular tax collector and how he changed his unscrupulous ways!

Hattie (Class 7) said, "I love Open the Book Assemblies! The stories are always really fun and exciting!"

Penny (Class 5) reflected upon what she liked about the story, "I just loved it when Zacchaeus turned good!"



Curriculum Celebration

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Class 7 and 8 Curriculum Celebration this week. The children were delighted to share their geography learning about the Blobfish a creature which was voted the ugliest creature in the ocean which our children thought was a terrible injustice! They also performed 'Funny Fish' by one of their favourite poet's, Joseph Cohelo and a drama about what life was like as a passenger aboard the Titanic. They finished with songs they have been learning as part of our R.E. topic on 'What does Easter mean to Christians'. Thank you for being such an appreciative audience!

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.



School Clubs

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)
Monday – KS1 **Recorders** - 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Searson & friends)

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)

Diary Dates

Monday 24 th March	Active Fusion Festival of Sport at the English Institute of Sport
Monday 24 th March	FS2 Unit 3 – Afternoon Tea Party for parents
Tuesday 25 th March	Y1 & Y1/2 – Whistle-stop Valley Visit – Steam Train Ride
Tuesday 25 th March	FS2 Unit 4 – Afternoon Tea Party for parents
Wednesday 26 th March	Y1& Y1/2 Family Learning – ‘It’s a Bugs Life’
Thursday 27 th March	Easter Disco
Friday 28 th March	FS2 Unit 2 – Afternoon Tea Party for parents
Friday 28 th March	Last day of half term
Monday 14 th April	FS2 & KS1 Easter Church Visit
Tuesday 15 th April	EYFS Easter Bonnet Parades
Wednesday 16 th April	KS1 Easter Bonnet Parades
Thursday 17 th April	Easter Egg Hunt & raffle
Friday 18 th April	Closed for Easter Bank Holiday Weekend
Monday 21 st April	Closed for Easter Bank Holiday Weekend
Tuesday 22 nd April	Parent Consultations 15.15-17.00pm
Wednesday 23 rd April	FS2 White Post Farm Visit
Thursday 24 th April	Parent Consultations 15.15-18:30pm

*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

Please find below the new school meal menus starting April 2025.

RIVERSIDE CATERING SCHOOL MEALS THREE CHOICE MENU - CHILLED CHOICE

From April 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	Pasta Bolognese	Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Fajita	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding	Fish Fingers
	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Quorn Enchilada (V)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)	Quorn Sausage Roll (VG)	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings
14/04/25	Chilled Choice Cheese or Ham	Chilled Choice Cheese or Tuna	Chilled Choice Cheese or Ham	Chilled Choice Cheese or Tuna	Chilled Choice Cheese or Ham
05/05/25	Garlic Bread	Creamed Potatoes	Savoury Rice Potato Wedges	Roast & Creamed Potatoes	Chips
02/06/25	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
23/06/25	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
14/07/25	Chocolate Brownie	Lemon Shortcake & Custard	Iced Sponge	Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Muffin
08/09/25	Cookie & Milk	Ice Cream & Fruit	Cookie & Milk	Strawberry Mousse	Cookie & Milk
29/09/25					
20/10/25					

RIVERSIDE CATERING SCHOOL MEALS THREE CHOICE MENU - CHILLED CHOICE

From April 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 2	Lasagne	Quorn Burger (V)	Cornish Style Pasty	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding	Battered Fish
	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Salmon Fishcake	French Bread Pizza (V)	Quorn Dippers (VG)	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings
21/04/25	Chilled Choice Cheese or Ham	Chilled Choice Cheese or Tuna	Chilled Choice Cheese or Ham	Chilled Choice Cheese or Tuna	Chilled Choice Cheese or Ham
12/05/25	Diced Potatoes	Potato Wedges	Sliced Potatoes	Roast & Creamed Potatoes	Chips
09/06/25	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
30/06/25	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
21/07/25	Jam Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Crunch	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fruit Crumble & Custard	Muffin
15/09/25	Cookie & Milk	Fruit Jelly	Cookie & Milk	Rice Crispy Bun	Cookie & Milk
06/10/25					

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THREE CHOICE MENU - CHILLED CHOICE

From April 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 3 28/04/25 19/05/25 16/06/25 07/07/25 01/09/25 22/09/25 13/10/25	Chicken Tikka Masala, Boiled Rice & Naan Bread	Chicken Enchilada	Cottage Pie	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding	Fish Fingers
	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Quorn Hot Dog (VG)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Cheese Flan (V)
	Chilled Choice Cheese or Ham	Chilled Choice Cheese or Tuna	Chilled Choice Cheese or Ham	Chilled Choice Cheese or Tuna	Chilled Choice Cheese or Ham
		Savoury Rice Diced Potatoes	Potato Wedges	Roast & Creamed Potatoes	Chips
		Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
	Chocolate & Orange Sponge & Chocolate Sauce Cookie & Milk	Australian Crunch Ice Cream & Fruit	Flapjack Cookie & Milk	Jam Whirl & Custard Rice Crispy Bun	Cupcake Cookie & Milk

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX

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Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable in smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pence up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at GAMINGBIBLE.



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Book your place via Eventbrite (see QR code)

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- **Earache** (children aged 1-17)



- **Sore throat** (over 5s)



- **Infected insect bites** (over 1s)



- **Impetigo** (over 1s)



Think 'Pharmacy First'

GP practices are busy and it can be difficult to get a same-day GP appointment. When your child is off sick from school with any of the above conditions, by going straight to your local pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained clinical professional and receive advice and even medication if it is needed, meaning they could be on the road to recovery and back at school as soon as possible.



For more information, speak with your local community pharmacy.

To find your nearest pharmacy, see:

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/pharmacy/find-a-pharmacy>

Or scan the QR code:



OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Are you concerned about a child or children in your school who are experiencing domestic abuse?

Would you like FREE advice and a professional dialogue with an Education Psychologist about how to best support them?

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(Charged at local rate)

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For further information
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Rotherham's Children's Public Health Nursing Service (0-19)

Rotherham Children's Public Health Nursing Service (previously known as Rotherham 0-19 Service) delivers a public health based service across Rotherham from late pregnancy up to 19 years (some cases up to 25 years).

The Rotherham Children's Public Health Nursing Service incorporates the health visiting and school nursing teams along with other community practitioners to:

- promote healthy lifestyles
- provide advice and support for children, young people, families and carers.

We hope to empower them to achieve their full potential, be healthy and stay safe. We can help them take a more targeted approach when needed.

Download the Rotherham Children's Public Health Nursing Services app by scanning the QR code or search TRFT-Children's Health Service App.

The APP hosts important information around school readiness, child development, healthy life styles, sleep health, SEND support and much more.