

Newsletter 26 Spring Term 28th March 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

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

This term we have had many opportunities to work together for the greater good including team work at the sporting festival and also at the 80's fitness fundraising challenge.

We have celebrated the end of the spring term with many new experiences such as riding a steam train, learning to play the Glockenspiel, understanding space through the experience of the 'WonderDome' and providing a very 'British' experience with an afternoon tea for our families. Our staff and children have built knowledge and skills and shared them. Well done!

The attendance initiative has continued to progress and improve. End of term 100% certificates and stickers have been awarded as well as medals for 'most improved' attendance. We are working with the Local Education Authority (SAMP team) to improve overall attendance for our children (mostly in term holidays and persistent short-term absence) and work together to implement the guidance because we know that it really does impact on children's academic progress, outcomes, well-being and confidence at school.



As we head into the spring break, we hope you enjoy valuable 'family time' and keep safe and well. We look forward to hearing of your experiences and adventures and sharing them in classrooms when we return.

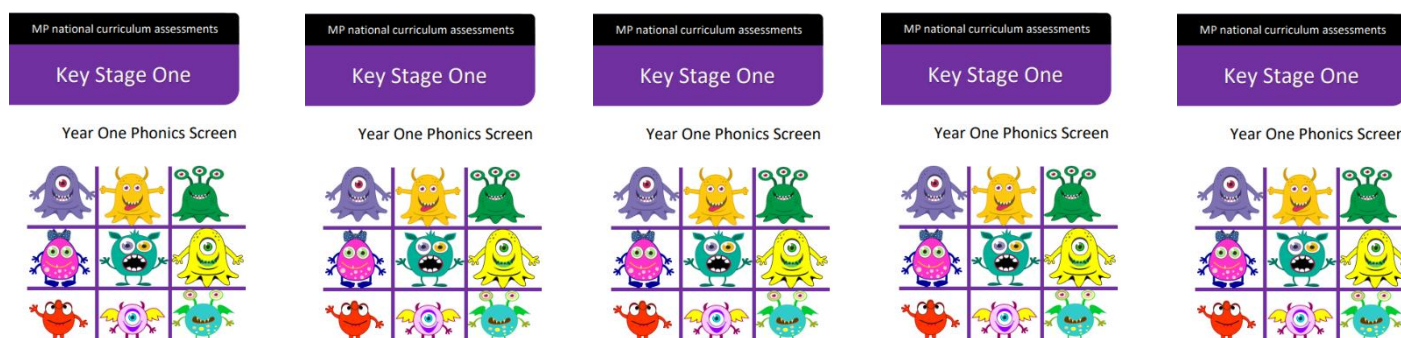
Thank you for your continued support.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Searson
Headteacher

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Workshops for Parents

A huge thank you to the parents/carers who attended our Year 1 Phonics Screen Check workshops. The morning and after-school sessions were both well-attended. It was wonderful to hear our families joining in with Fred talk and learning the phonics strategies that we teach in school. Our mantra to support decoding word reading is "Special friends, Fred talk, read the word." The positive comments we received were greatly appreciated. The session's slides will be sent out to all Year 1 parents. Due to the positive feedback, we are hoping to put on an extra session after Easter. We have offered out Phonics Breakfast Booster sessions to children that we have assessed as benefitting from an extra focussed group. The national pass score has been 32 out of 40 words decoding marks in recent years so we are working toward this and beyond. We will be informing families individually with invitations to Phonics Breakfast Booster Clubs for Summer 1 term.



Whistlestop Valley Railway



This week class 5, 6, & 10 visited the Whistlestop Valley Railway. We were greeted by our train driver and guard. Then we travelled on 'Sian' from Clayton West Station to Shelley Station. We saw some very picturesque views on our travels; we spotted horses, calves and cows, Elme Moor Mass and travelled through an extremely dark tunnel!

Thank you to Matilda, Juniper, Eldon & Leo for helping the guard to turn Sian the steam train on the turntable at Shelley so we could travel back to Clayton West.

During our visit the guards spoke to us about how a steam engine works building on our knowledge of the 'Father of the Railways' George Stephenson. We sketched the train and carriages in our art books before travelling on the miniature railway train. The staff at Whistlestop Valley commented "your pupils were a joy to have on site and a credit to your school".



This experience and comments from the organisation make me very proud indeed. I would also like to thank parent volunteers for your time, care and commitment to school – I know it was a very tiring day! 😊

Active Fusion Festival of Sport

This week representatives from our year 2 pupils attended the Sheffield Institute of Sport for an exciting day showed great effort despite participating in some events they had never experienced before. These ranged from rugby, long jump and track to axe throwing and fencing. It was an amazing day which showcased some of the sporting talent we have in our school. Thanks to fundraising initiatives such as School Discos we were able to fully fund this life-changing experience.





Look at those smiles! Amazing teamwork #TEAMBSI Thank you for representing our school and shining brightly.

Fundraising

On behalf of everyone at Bramley Sunnyside Infant school, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support and participation in our recent fundraising efforts. Thanks to your kindness, enthusiasm and support towards the charities most close to our heart. It is truly inspiring to see our school community come together with such generosity and commitment. NSPCC Number Day raised £127.75 for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Easter Bonnet Parades

As part of our Easter celebrations, we will be having an **Easter Bonnet Parade**. Children are encouraged to make their own bonnet to wear in a traditional Easter Bonnet Parade which parents will be invited to enjoy. We know your efforts will be both creative and inventive and look forward to seeing them all! There will be a prize for the lucky winners in each class. We will also be having a school Easter Egg Hunt. Look out for Easter Bunny.... 🐰 🐰 🐰 🐰 🐰 🐰 *change to dates*

Tuesday 15th April – KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade

Wednesday 16th April- EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade

Thursday 17th April- Easter egg hunt and egg raffle extravaganza!



We will be selling raffle tickets £1 a strip, 20p a ticket from Monday 14th April and the raffle will be drawn before we break up for the Easter weekend in an egg-stended assembly!

Thank you for donations from families, school staff and Morrisons. There is still time for companies, organisations and charities to donate to our children.

We are still taking donations.

Happy hopping to our BSI Bunny Squad. 🐰 🐰 🐰 🐰 🐰 🐰

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 offer advice where we can.

A reminder of The Department for Education's new updates to attendance. <https://www.therham.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**.

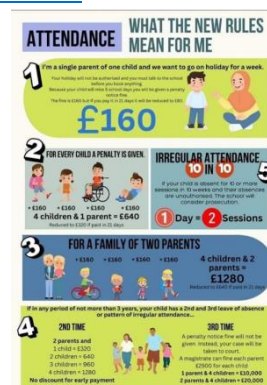
Attendance this week (whole school) is: **93%** ↑

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' at 50% is categorised as 'severe 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.

Breakfast Club £4

07:45-08:30am Now available to book on Arbor up until Summer! Please note that places are available to book as a **block booking payment. F2-Y2** (under consultation)
During this session children can enjoy a varied choice of breakfast food and drink. 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.



Wraparound Consultation and School Offer

We are pleased to be able to move forward with our wraparound care offer which will be implemented in stages during the forthcoming months. The wraparound offer criteria is not yet available to FS1 children. We are able to offer a breakfast club initially to a raised number of 30 pupils (F2-Y2) from 7:45-8:30am with a block extended booking. We aim to make the breakfast club available from 7:30am in due course, available for block whole year booking. This is in support of the Government agenda for working families.

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 – F2-Y2 **Cricket and Rounders** -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 – F2-Y2 **Mini V/FIT Trampolining Club** – 15:05-16:10pm (Live & Learn)

Wednesday – KS1 **Gardening Club** - 15:05-16:30pm (Mrs Ford & Mrs Frost)

Thursday – F2-Y2 **Movie Night** – 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Taylor & Mrs Chilcott)

Thursday – KS1 **Designers & Makers** - 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Frost & Mrs Ford)

Friday – F2-Y2 **Gymnastics** – 07:45am – 8:30am (Live & Learn)

Diary Dates

Monday 14 th April	FS2 & KS1 Easter Church Visit
Tuesday 15 th April	KS1 Easter Bonnet Parades
Wednesday 16 th April	EYFS 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

School Menus

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					

RIVERSIDE CATERING SCHOOL MEALS

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

LEARN TO PLAY GUITAR IN SCHOOL



**WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO LEARN TO
PLAY THE GUITAR IN SCHOOL?**

GROUPS LESSONS £68 PER TERM

PAIRED LESSONS £89 PER TERM

INDIVIDUAL LESSONS £106 - £189 PER TERM

OPTIONAL INSTRUMENT HIRE £10 PER TERM

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Please contact music@rotherham.gov.uk for further
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LEARN TO PLAY PIANO IN SCHOOL



**WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO LEARN TO
PLAY THE PIANO / KEYBOARD IN SCHOOL?**

**INDIVIDUAL LESSONS
15MINS £106 PER TERM
20 MINS £144 PER TERM
30 MINS £189 PER TERM**

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LEARN TO PLAY WOODWIND IN SCHOOL



**WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO LEARN TO
PLAY A WOODWIND INSTRUMENTS IN
SCHOOL?**

GROUPS LESSONS £68 PER TERM

PAIRED LESSONS £89 PER TERM

INDIVIDUAL LESSONS £106 - £189 PER TERM

INSTRUMENT HIRE £10 PER TERM

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Did you know that pharmacies can now offer clinical appointments with medication available if required for four clinical conditions particularly relevant to school age children?



- **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?

Call the Operation Encompass Teachers' Helpline

0204 513 9990

(Charged at local rate)

Monday to Friday 8.00am to 11.00am

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**ARE YOU
EXPERIENCING
DOMESTIC ABUSE
& NEED IMMEDIATE HELP?
ASK FOR ANI**



STEP 1 If a pharmacy has the **ASK FOR ANI** symbol on display, this means they are ready to help.

STEP 2 Approach a member of staff and **ASK FOR ANI**.

STEP 3 They will offer you a private space, provide a phone and ask if you want a 999 police response or to speak to a domestic abuse support helpline.

For further information
VISIT: [GOV.UK/DOMESTIC-ABUSE](https://gov.uk/domestic-abuse)

Action Needed Immediately

#YOUARENOTALONE





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Download the **NEW**

TRFT–Children's Health Service App

NEW



Scan the QR code or search for
'TRFT–Children's Health Service App'
www.therotherhamft.nhs.uk



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.



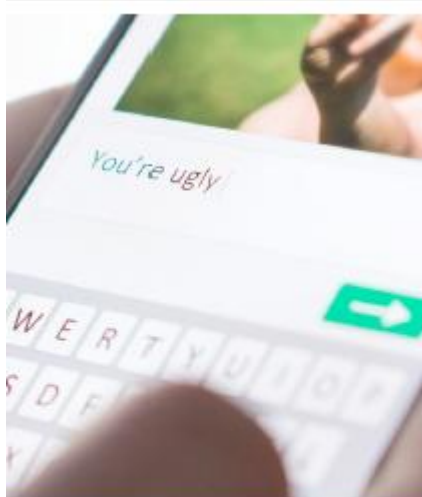
**With Me in Mind- A Parent Session
'Supporting Your Child with Worry'**

**Maltby Stepping Stones Childrens Centre
Wednesday 16th April,
9.30am to 10.30am**

**Come and join us at our FREE session
Book your place via Eventbrite (see QR code)**

supporting you to support your child's mental health





What is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is any form of bullying that is carried out through the use of electronic media devices, such as computers, laptops, smartphones, tablets, or gaming consoles

Impact of cyberbullying

- It can be anonymous, so the victim does not know who is sending the messages.
- It can occur 24/7 as the perpetrator can target the individual out of school and during holidays
- Hurtful posts or messages can be seen by others as these can be shared on social media or group messaging apps.
- Sometimes the posts can remain onsite for long periods of time.



Parents info sheet on

Cyberbullying

Types of cyberbullying

Impersonation – Create a false profile or impersonate someone the victim may know

Humiliation – spread rumours and/or edit images

Flaming – sending vulgar, aggressive comments to start a fight

Sharing Private Images – sharing private/embarrassing messages

Doxing – Researching and broadcast private information.

As a parent, what can I do?

It is important to have a regular digital dialogue with your child about their online life. If they are being cyberbullied, look at the following:

- Look at **BLOCKING** the account of the individual who is sending or posting messages
- Many apps, social networks and gaming platforms have a **REPORTING** system which you can use to report the cyberbullying.

You may also want to talk to your child's school about the issue.

Signs my child may be being cyberbullied

- They can be withdrawn or showing signs that they are depressed.
- There is a reluctance from them to use technology e.g. smartphone, games console
- They easily become aggressive when they are confronted with issues.
- In the worst case scenario, they might be self-harming or use illicit substances.



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