

Newsletter 33 Summer Term 6th June 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week our children are **shining** showing our school value **CHALLENGE** ✨

We have enjoyed a wonderful first week back at school after the half term. It has been lovely to welcome our children and families back. This week children have been super busy challenging themselves with learning new curriculum content, discussing anti-bullying scenarios and also producing the most amazing artwork for the Rotherham 'Picture This' Project.

During the coming weeks we have many exciting opportunities planned for our children including excursions to Withernsea and Cadbury World. Our *Sunnyside Songbirds* will be singing their hearts out at the Magna 'One Voice' concert and our very youngest children will be meeting and greeting some very captivating creatures in an animal handling session. We are all very excited for the KS1 African Drumming sessions too!

Next week though, our Year 1 children (and a group of Y2 children) will complete their statutory Phonics Screen Check. Breakfast and lunch time booster clubs will continue next week until Thursday, as well as additional classroom lessons. It is vital that all children attend school during this time, if possible. Please communicate and liaise with us. As a school and staff team we will continue do our very best to prepare all children to reach their full potential on the day and would like to extend our thanks to you, our parents and carers for your full support and encouragement in preparation for this.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Searson
Headteacher

The Phonics Screen Check 2025 is next week!



We strongly urge you to not book a holiday during this period or incur any unnecessary absence. This could result in your child being required to re-sit the check the following year in Y2 2026. **What is the Phonics Screening Check?** Children throughout the country will all take the check during the same week: **Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June.**

Children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not achieve the required outcome when in Year 1 (32/40). The Phonics Screening Check is designed to allow schools to assess whether children have made expected progress within their phonics learning and have reached the expected standard. **What Happens During the Screening?** The phonics screening check will not be stressful for your child. We have prepared children well for it, and it will not be referred to as a 'test'. The test contains 40 words to read. Some of these words are real words and some are 'nonsense words'. The children can identify the nonsense words by the cartoon alien next to them. The check will take around 10 minutes per child, although children are allowed to work at their own pace and there is no time limit. A break can be given if needed. Each child will sit one-to-one with a familiar adult and will be asked to read the words out loud. Scores will be reported to parents/carers in the end of year Record of Achievement.

Practice decoding the Set 2 and 3 Green Words. "special friends, Fred talk, read the word."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XtDTwfjXM4>

Practice papers are available on-line

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-2024-materials>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-2023-materials>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-2022-materials>

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: **92.71%**  [Help us to get back above 96%!](#)

Weekly year group highest attendance: Year 1 with **95.84%**



Weekly year group lowest attendance: Year 2 with **88.57%**



Thank you to all parents and carers that are supporting good attendance. If your child has less than 90% attendance it is categorised as 'persistence absence' at 50% is categorised as 'severe absence'.

When your child's attendance reaches 92%, you will be sent a letter to alert you and to offer support in order to prevent this dropping further to 90%. 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.

Spotlight Days

Watch out for our 'Spotlight Day' coming up in Summer Term! Our Spotlight Days encourage and celebrate 100% attendance. All children that are in school on this special day will receive an exciting surprise!

Punctuality

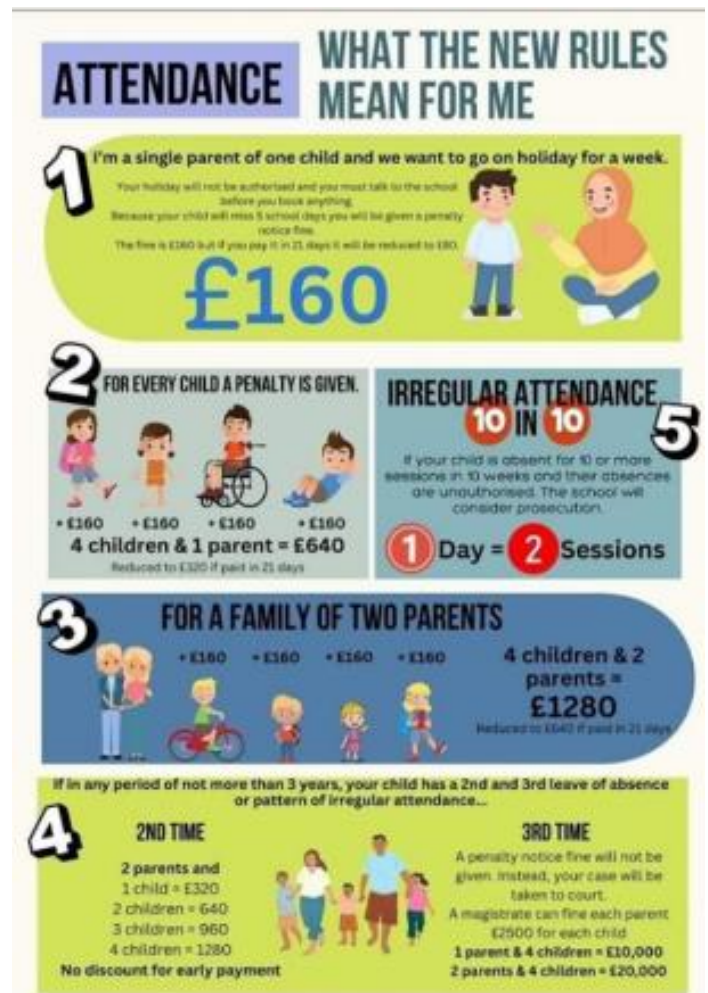
Phonics lessons starts at 8:45am so arriving at school on time is crucial. We conduct routine register checks each day. At the end of the half term, if we feel that your child's punctuality is a concern, we will issue you a letter to offer our support.

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



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 • £180
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

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...

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 £2000 for each child.
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000



'One Voice' Singing Event

Thank you to all the parents who have given their consent for their Year 2 children to attend the One Voice singing event at Magna Science Park on **Wednesday 18th June**. The choir, *Sunnyside Songbirds* are busy learning the songs and preparing for the performance. If your child is a member of the choir, it would be incredibly helpful if they could practise the songs at home – as we have 12 to learn! They can be found using the following link: <https://www.rotherhammusic.co.uk/one-voice>

On the day, the children will come to school at the normal time, be taken by coach to Magna Science Park for a rehearsal and will then share lunch together. They will need a packed lunch either from school or home. The concert will take place from 1pm – 2.20 and then we will bring the children back to school. If you would like to attend the concert, it is now possible to purchase tickets directly from the Rotherham Music Hub by using the following link: <https://www.rotherhammusic.co.uk/events/tickets> Please be aware that the One Voice singing event will take place over two separate days – but our children will only be participating on the 18th June and so when purchasing tickets – please click on 'Day 2'.



Sports Day 2025

FS1 sports day – Wednesday 2nd July (9.15am for morning children and 1.15pm for afternoon children. 30 hours children will participate in both, so parents are welcome to attend either of these). Please ensure children come to school in suitable clothing, including trainers. No specific PE kit/colours are required – just safe, practical clothing.

FS2, Year 1 and Year 2 – Friday 4th July (9.15am for all classes).

We will compete in a range of events in 3 colour teams. Children are invited to wear their team colours or could even decorate a white t-shirt in their team colours.

The teams will be:

Red Team: Unit 2, Class 5 and Class 7

Yellow Team: Unit 3, Class 10 and Class 8

Blue Team: Unit 4 and Class 6 (as class 6 have year 1 and 2 pupils their score will be doubled to make this fair).



Each team will collect points in events ranging from relay, to javelin, to football. The scores from each class will be combined with the other classes in their team colour to find our winners. These classes will then be presented with a trophy, and we will cheer them on as they do a victory lap. We will also hold the sprint finals for each year group and give out medals to our winners. The heats for these finals will be held in PE sessions and our finalists will compete on the day. All children will need to wear trainers, and all jewellery will need to be removed. We will keep an eye on the weather forecast and post reminders about sun hats/sun cream and water bottles on Class Dojo. We can't wait to see you there cheering us on and joining in with us.

New Musical Instruments from UKSE

You may have spotted an article in the Rotherham Advertiser/Yorkshire Post/Telegraph or Sheffield Star last week featuring the new class sets of musical instruments that were kindly funded by UKSE for our EYFS classes. If you would like to read the article – click on the link below:

<https://www.thestar.co.uk/community/new-instruments-spark-musical-creativity-at-rotherham-infant-school-5150202>

We send our thanks to UKSE. If you know a company that could support or contribute to our school offer and experience, please do get in touch.



Breakfast Club £4

07:45-08:30am Now available to book on Arbor up until Summer! You can book block bookings or ad hoc. Daily cost includes a choice of healthy 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

Our wraparound care offer will be implemented in stages during the forthcoming months. The wraparound offer criteria from September is not yet available to FS1 children. Therefore, we are able to offer a breakfast club initially to 30 pupils per session (F2-Y2) from 7:45-8:30am. We aim to make the breakfast club available from 7:30am from September with a small price increase to cover costs of 50p. Breakfast club and Tea Time Club will be available for block, whole year booking as well as ad-hoc if needed following a period of consultation. This is in support of the Government agenda for working families. We are hoping to offer wrap around care from 07:30am-17:30pm / 18.00pm for FS2-Y2 from September 2025.

School Clubs

Now available to book for Summer 2!

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 **TRI Golf – Target Game (Chipping and Putting Skills)** -15:05-16:10pm (Live & Learn)

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

Tuesday – KS1 **Disney Sing Along!** – 15:05 – 16:10pm (Mrs Frost & Mrs Ford)

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

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

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

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

Diary Dates 2025

9 th -13 th June	Phonics Screen Check Week
Monday 16 th June	FS1 Captivating Creatures visit
Tuesday 17 th June	School Photography – Class photographs
Wednesday 18 th June	One Voice @ Magna
Thursday 19 th June	Class 7 & 8 visit to Cadbury's World
Tuesday 24 th June	Class 5, 6 10 visit to Withernsea
Wednesday 25 th June	Family Learning Workshop (Y2 Roald Dahl)
Tuesday 26 th June	KS1 African Drumming (Y1 & Y2)
Friday 27 th June	Inset Day – Closed to pupils
Wednesday 2 nd July	FS1 Sports Day (Details TBC)
Friday 4 th July	FS2 & KS1 Sports Day (Details TBC)
Friday 4 th July	ROAs to parents/carers
Monday 7 th July	New classes 25/26 communication
Friday 11 th July	Y2 Leavers Assembly 13:45pm
Wednesday 23 rd July	Break up for summer! (Normal finish times)
Monday 1 st September	INSET Day – Closed to pupils
Tuesday 2 nd September	Return to school – Autumn 1
Thursday 23 rd October	Last day of half term
Friday 24 th October	Inset Day – Closed to pupils
Monday 3 rd November	Inset Day – Closed to pupils
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Inset Day – Closed to pupils
Monday 20 th July 2026	Inset Day – Closed to pupils

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

Inset Days 2025/2026

Monday 1st September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 20th July 2026



**Book via the QR code or
through the website**



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Dates

Monday 30th June Maltby Stepping Stones 4.30-6.30

Wednesday 9th July Maltby Stepping Stones 10-12

Wednesday 16th July Dinnington Childrens Centre 3-5

Thursday 14th August Maltby Stepping Stones 4.30-6.30

Tuesday 26th August Dinnington Childrens Centre 10-12

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Download the **NEW**

TRFT-Children's Health Service App



Scan the QR code or search for 'TRFT-Children's Health Service App'

www.therotherham.nhs.uk

Available on the App Store and Google Play.

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.

WATER SAFETY AWARENESS DAY FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Sunday 15 June
at Rother Valley Country Park

Morning session for children aged 9 years +

PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

No swimming ability required.

60 FREE pre-bookable places for children.



FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON
Free activities 12 noon to 3pm, South Lawn / Main Lake
Have a go at paddle boarding, climb in the Fire Engine, Police Car or Ambulance and see our local emergency services teams. Throw line competition, demonstrations by South Yorkshire Ambulance Service, Newfoundland Dogs, Fire Service and Sams Army activity station.

To book a morning child place email: rvcp.watersports@rotherham.gov.uk

(If you can swim 25m unaided and have taken part in the morning sessions you can opt to go on the Sheffield Cable Water Ski Aqua Park in the afternoon.)



www.rvcp.co.uk

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

For more information please collect an expression of interest form from your school or our website, or alternatively register online at <https://rotherham.eepos.fi>

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

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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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