







Newsletter 35 Summer Term 20th June 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week our children are **shining** showing our school value **RESPECT** *

It's been a warm one!! Thank you for preparing children to keep safe in the sun throughout a busy week with rising temperatures. It is very warm in school, despite windows being opened, so we've purchased extra fans and adjusted timetables to try and keep children as cool as possible.

This week we welcomed a range of small and fascinating creatures into school to amaze our children! Thank you to 'Captivating Creatures' who led our animal handling sessions. Our youngest pupils in Nursery were very curious and brave. I think we definitely all took a shine to Trevor!

Our Sunnyside Songbirds had a fabulous 'once in a lifetime experience' at 'Once Voice'. Children and staff alike, were left feeling exhilarated from the day! We really hope that we can attend this event again, next year.

Thank you, very much to our parent volunteers for supporting our school trip to Cadbury World. This was another amazing day for our children. A trip ran so well by our wonderful staff team and as always, I am pleased to say, we received such positive feedback from the venue about the positive behaviour and attitudes to learning from our school.

Next week, prepare to be inspired by African dancing and drumming in KS1! Y1 will take a visit to the beautiful seaside location of Withernsea and Family Learning award winners CLC are back for a Roald Dahl workshop.

Please be politely reminded that we are closed to children on Friday 27th June for Inset.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Searson Headteacher

Transition

Transition has begun. This week Y2 children were invited to Bramley Sunnyside Junior School to watch their fabulous production of Aladdin. Children and staff were warmly welcomed and had a great time. Well done to our Y2 children who behaved impeccably. We are always so proud of you. Our children were the most respectful audience and the Junior staff commented on how beautifully they sat and engaged throughout the entire performance.

As we left the Juniors, children were heard saying:

'That was the best show ever!'

'That was amaaaaaazing!'

'I saw my older sister.'

'I'd like to go on that stage.'

'I'm going to join Performing Arts.'



It was wonderful that we could give our children the opportunity to see themselves on that very stage in their upcoming years. Thank you to the Junior and Infant team working together for our children and families.

Class 7 & 8 Visit to Cadbury World

Class 7 and 8 did us proud once again on our visit to Cadbury World. Behaviour was exemplary as children explored the factory and Bournville Village. They enjoyed sampling chocolate with two favourite toppings and watched chocolatiers hard at work. Children had the opportunity to write with melted chocolate and even have a go at tempering it. (Sorry for the chocolate stained t-shirts!) The top highlights would have to be the 4d cinema experience, where screams and laughter could be heard from the other side of Birmingham, and the ride inside the factory itself, where children got to shoot the chocolate ingredients! A fun day was certainly had by all!

As usual, our children amazed the guides with their prior knowledge of chocolate, its discovery, and its journey from Africa to Europe. A huge thanks to our staff and volunteers, who allow these visits to go ahead. Thank you to you, as parents, for getting your child ready in time for an early start! It may have been a long day but totally worthwhile - Memories to last a lifetime!



'The 4d cinema felt like a real life rollercoaster!!'

'That was the BEST TRIP EVERRRRRR!'

'I want to go again and again!'

'I don't want this day to ever be over.'







Picture This Exhibition

We are delighted to present our 'Picture This Exhibition', which has been displayed this week long with exhibitions from other schools in the Rotherham community at New York Stadium. As part of the Picture This 2025 exhibition, our children have observed the work of the artists Georgia O'Keefe, Pablo Picasso & Wassily Kandinsky. Being inspired by their work, the children have produced their own unique artwork. We are extremely proud of all the children's creativity. Our school values of love, respect and perseverance, shine throughout their work! In the coming weeks, families will be able to attend the Picture This art exhibition at RUFC New York Stadium. Further information will follow on dates and times of the open event.







Captivating Creatures

On Monday our FS1 children had an exciting visit from 'Captivating Creatures'. The day involved our children participating in small group workshops, where they handled a range of creatures - from snakes and tarantulas to lizards and tortoises! We were so proud of how our children engaged in the sessions and just how brave they were when handling the creatures. Well done, Unit 1 children!



'One Voice' Singing Festival

This Wednesday, the 'Sunnyside Songbirds' lit up the stage at the One Voice Singing Festival held at Magna Science Park—and what a performance it was! With boundless energy and heartfelt singing, the Songbirds gave it their all, especially during their favourite number, Shooting Star. Their enthusiasm and musical talent didn't go unnoticed—they caught the attention of both the professional photographer and the festival organisers, who praised their exuberance and musicality. We are incredibly proud of the Songbirds—not



just for their stunning performance, but also for their impeccable behaviour throughout the day. They represented our school with pride, showing respect and appreciation during all performances, including a moving collaboration between a young harpist and vocalist who performed a beautiful Indian song.

A huge well done to all our Songbirds—you truly did us proud!



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 heir 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.

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.rotherham.gov.uk/education-2/school- attendance https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance

Please note that <u>ALL</u> **term-time holidays are classed as unauthorised.** Please also be reminded that any <u>late arrival</u> (*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: **94.96%** • Help us to get back above 96%!

Weekly year group highest attendance: Year 2 with 95.98% 🍖 🍖

Weekly year group lowest attendance: Foundation Stage 1 with 92.86% 😩

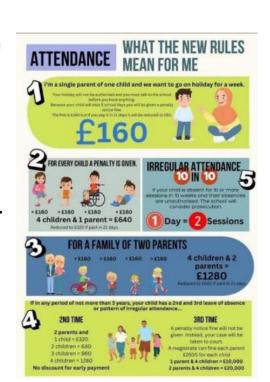
Thank you to all parents and carers that are supporting good attendance. If your child has less than 90% attendance it is categorised as 'persistence absence' at 50% is categorised as 'severe absence'.

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! Watch out for clues being posted on Dojo in the near future!





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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 further support for improvement.

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

Health & Safety on school ground

Please may we request that you refrain from bringing dogs on to school grounds, even if in arms. Thank you.

Breakfast Club until July 23rd 2025

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)** -15:00-16:10pm (Live & Learn)

Monday – KS1 **Cooking Club** – 15:00-16:30pm (Mrs Frost & Mrs Ford)

Tuesday – KS1 **Disney Sing Along!** – 15:00 – 16:10pm (Mrs Frost & Mrs Ford)

Wednesday - F2-Y2 Mini V/FIT Trampolining Club - 15:00-16:10pm (Live & Learn)

Wednesday – KS1 **Science Club** - 15:00-16:10pm (Mrs Ford & Mrs Frost)

Thursday – KS1 **Designers & Makers** - 15:00-16:10pm (Mrs Frost & Mrs Ford)

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

Diary Dates 2025

Monday 23 rd June	Transition - Current Y2 Parents only tours at Bramley Sunnyside Junior School
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 – School is 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)

 22^{nd} April – 1^{st} May 2025 (5th May, May Day)

6th May – 23rd May 2025 2nd June – 23rd July 2025

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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



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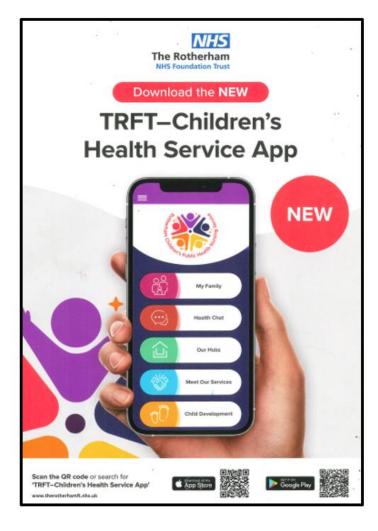


Dates

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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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.











School Menus

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

	DE CATERING SCHOOL MEALS CHOICE MENU - CHILLED CHOICE			From April 2025	
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK	Pasta Bolognaise	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 05/05/25	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
02/06/25	Garlic Bread	Creamed Potatoes	Savoury Rice Potato Wedges	Roast & Creamed Potatoes	Chips
14/07/25 08/09/25	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
29/09/25 20/10/25	Chocolate Brownie Cookie & Milk	Lemon Shortcake & Custard Ice Cream & Fruit	Iced Sponge Cookie & Milk	Chocolate Sponge & Custard Strawberry Mousse	Muffin Cookie & Milk

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
WEEK	Lasagne	Quorn Burger (V)	Cornish Style Pasty	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding	Battered Fish	
2	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 12/05/25	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	
09/06/25 30/06/25	Diced Potatoes	Potato Wedges	Sliced Potatoes	Roast & Creamed Potatoes	Chips	
21/07/25 15/09/25	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	
06/10/25	Jam Sponge & Custard Cookie & Milk	Chocolate Crunch Fruit Jelly	Lemon Drizzle Cake Cookie & Milk	Fruit Crumble & Custard Rice Crispy Bun	Muffin Cookie & Milk	

RIVERSIDE CATERING SCHOOL MEALS

THREE CHOICE MENU - CHILLED CHOICE

From April 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK	Chicken Tikka Masala, Boiled Rice & Naan Bread	Chicken Enchilada	Cottage Pie	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding	Fish Fingers
3	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)
28/04/25 19/05/25	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
16/06/25 07/07/25		Savoury Rice Diced Potatoes	Potato Wedges	Roast & Creamed Potatoes	Chips
01/09/25		Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
13/10/25	Chocolate & Orange Sponge & Chocolate Sauce Cookie & Milk	Australian Crunch Ice Cream & Fruit	Flapjack Cookie & Milk	Jam Whirl & Custard Rice Crispy Bun	Cupcake Cookie & Milk