

Newsletter 36 Summer Term 27th June 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week our children are **shining** showing our school value **Challenge** 🌟

What a wonderful week our children have had – full of challenges and successes!

From hiking the 144 steps up to the top of the lighthouse at Withernsea to performing African drumming and dance performances, children have all approached these new experiences with positivity, and a motivation to enjoy and do well.

We would like to draw your attention to the notices on this newsletter particularly about the 'Picture This' bookings, Rotherham Music Hub training video productions and site safety key messages.

We all look forward to welcoming you into school this week for our annual school sports day events and also to providing you with your child's end of year reports on Friday.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Searson
Headteacher

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. Please refrain from any use of vapes or mobile phones on site.

Withernsea Visit

Class 10, 5 and 6 had a wonderful day visiting the seaside town Withernsea, linking to our Geography curriculum. The children conducted themselves in such a respectful manner and were enthusiastic throughout the whole day! We had a busy schedule, visiting the Withernsea Lifeboat Station, Lighthouse Museum and the delightful beach front. The children created some fantastic land art, with the pebbles on the seafront – we left the beach decorated with some marvellous sculptures for the public to enjoy. We were so proud of the children's resilience, particularly when taking on 144 steps up to the top of the Lighthouse, the children commented that they could see the pier towers and wind turbines. A sense of pride was felt amongst all the children.

The children listened attentively to the brilliant staff at the RNLI, learning all about sea safety and even trying on some of the gear! It was wonderful to see the children so interested and asking questions about sea rescue. The children were able to spot the features of Withernsea, naming them a physical or human feature – they were fabulous at showing off their Geography knowledge.



'I felt so brave, I climbed all the way to the top'
'I loved every second of it'
'Come and look at our sculpture, we have made a Lighthouse'

As we were approaching the Lighthouse Museum -

'That is incredible'
'Wow look at that'

Key Stage One African Dance and Drumming Workshop

On Thursday, our Key Stage One children were delighted to take part in an exciting African Dance and Drumming workshop, led by Paul Butler from Drummers United. This vibrant experience was designed to enrich our music and dance curriculum as well as making cross-curricular links with our Geography learning.

Throughout the session, the children enthusiastically learned simple dance routines inspired by various regions across the African continent. They also had the opportunity to explore traditional West African rhythms using authentic djembe and dunun drums.



The workshop was a resounding success, with all the children fully engaged. By the end of the session, they had collaboratively created a three-part composition, incorporating traditional African rhythms—a wonderful celebration of creativity, culture, and collaboration.

Our children described as 'dazzling' and 'fantastic'!

'I loved doing the chicken dance!' Harry (Year 1).

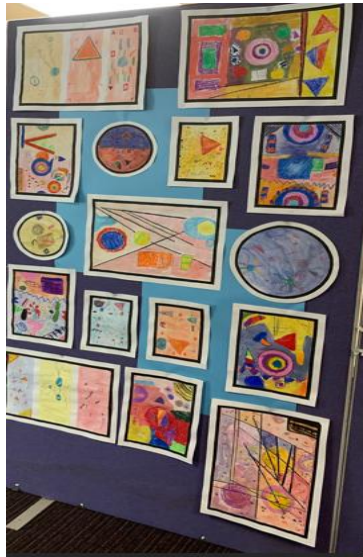
'It was so much fun! I loved it and I didn't know I was so good at drumming and dancing! Will you tell my mum how good I was at it?' Vinnie (Year 2).

🎵 Rotherham Music Hub – We've Been Chosen! 🎵

We are delighted to share some exciting news: our school has been selected by the Rotherham Music Hub for a special music initiative! Kathryn Hathaway, the Service to Schools Manager at Rotherham Music, who has taught glockenspiel to our Key Stage 1 children this year, has requested to deliver whole-class music lessons to Class 7 and Class 8 on Tuesday 8th July. These sessions will be recorded and used as part of the Continuous Professional Development (CPD) programme for Rotherham Music Hub training.

This is a wonderful honour, and we are incredibly proud of our children. Kathryn has spoken highly of their musical understanding and exemplary learning behaviour, which played a key role in our selection.

As the recordings will be used beyond our usual consent parameters for images and videos, we kindly ask parents of children in Class 7 and 8 to contact their class teacher via Class Dojo if they **do not** give consent for their child to be included in the recordings.



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! Families will be able to attend the Picture This art exhibition at RUFC New York Stadium. **This event is now open!** [Booking Link - Picture This 2025](#)



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 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%** ↑ **Help us to get back above 96%!**

Weekly year group highest attendance: Year 1 with **96.43%** 🙌🙌

Weekly year group lowest attendance: Foundation Stage 1 with **88.95%** 😞

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 tell 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.
If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absence is unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution.
1 Day = 2 Sessions

3 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS
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...
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.

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

5 IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE: 10 IN 10. If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absence is unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution. 1 Day = 2 Sessions.

4 children & 2 parents = £1280 (Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days)

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 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.

Health & Safety on school ground

We have been contacted by the Local Authority regarding a community complaint on Linden Avenue and Flanderwell lane and ask that you implement considerate parking. Neighbours have complained of the hazardous parking, double parking, noise and about the length of time cars are parked with engines running. It is important to us that we maintain positive relationships with our neighbours and hope that we can improve this situation swiftly. Additionally, staff car parks are for staff only, unless you have been given permission to park in a disabled bay by the Headteacher. Otherwise, please refrain from using these areas at all times.

A number of parents have raised concerns about adult on school site wearing clothing displaying obscene language. Please may we remind you that our children can read well and this is inappropriate. Please can we also remind parents and carers to ensure children do ride bikes and scooters around the school grounds. Children must dismount at the school gate. This is to ensure everyone is kept safe. Before and after school please ensure children and siblings are not playing with or on the outdoor equipment. These resources are carefully planned for and need to be available teaching and learning. Please ensure pupils and siblings are supervised at all times.

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.

Breakfast starting 2nd September

7:30am-8:30am now available to block book for entire year 2025/26.

Wraparound Consultation and School Offer

Updates coming soon!

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

Wednesday 2 nd July	FS1 Sports Day AM & PM
Friday 4 th July	FS2 & KS1 Sports Day AM
Friday 4 th July	ROAs to parents/carers
Monday 7 th July	Y3 Teachers Visit classes to read a story and hand out Class letter and transition booklets
Monday 7 th July	New classes 25/26 communication FS2-Y2
Wednesday 9 th July	Y2 pupils go to BSJS for play and tuck shop - take 60p each
Thursday 10 th July	Y2 pupils go to BSJS - tour of the school
Friday 11 th July	Y2 pupils visit Y3 new classroom for 'Getting to know me activity'
Friday 11 th July	Y2 Leavers Assembly 13:45pm
Monday 14 th July	Meet and greet your new teacher in your child's new classroom
Thursday 15 th	After school BSJI new to Y3 'Chat & Connect' event for current Y2 families
Tuesday 15 th	Internal transition activities for children in their new classes with their new teachers.
Wednesday 16 th	Normal start and end to the day.
Thursday 17 th	
Thursday 17 th July	Hawaiian Summer Party FS2-Y2
Friday 18 th July	Hawaiian Summer Party FS1
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
Wk 6 th – 10 th October	National Space Week
Friday 10 th October	Whole School Wonderdome experience
Thursday 16 th October	Flu Vaccinations
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 7 th November	School Photographs (Individual & Siblings)
Tuesday 2 nd December	KS1 Cast Pantomime Visit - Cinderella
Wednesday 3 rd December	EYFS Champlin's Pantomime visit to school – Dick Whittington
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 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**

First Aid for Parents

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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.

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>

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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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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	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
15/09/25	Jam Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Crunch	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fruit Crumble & Custard	Muffin
06/10/25	Cookie & Milk	Fruit Jelly	Cookie & Milk	Rice Crispy Bun	Cookie & Milk

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