

Newsletter 38 Summer Term 11th July 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week our children are **shining**, showing our school value **TEAMWORK** 🌟

We are hugely thankful, to be inundated with messages of positive feedback, thanks and shared pride regarding our children, following the end of year outcomes and reports. We don't always get to hear and acknowledge the positive feedback and comments, so these really do mean a lot to each and every one of us. Please do not ever underestimate the power of a message of positive feedback to individuals or school, at any time. Thank you, for trusting us to focus our time and energy on your children and their education.

This year, outcomes are the best we've had in years, (or ever!) thanks to the expertise, dedication and partnership working of staff and families and the hard work and resilience of our amazing children. This year school achieved a Y1 Phonics Screen Check pass score of 95% and at Y2 re-takes 100%! 🌟 As you will see in the table below, all of our academic school outcomes have improved significantly, which we are very proud of. We know though, that we do not get these results 'by chance'. They take enormous effort, by everyone, skilled and targeted teaching and learning as well as trust, belief and bravery to want to be 'the best we can be' – always, not sometimes.

Measure	School 2024	National 2024	End of year outcome	
EYFS GLD	66.2%	67.7%	73.3%	↑
Y1 Phonics	82.4%	80.3%	95%	↑
Y2 Phonics	69.2%	54.6%	100%	↑
Y2 Reading	76% 18%	N/A	87% (EXS+) 21% (GDS)	↑
Y2 Writing	70% 7%	N/A	79% (EXS+) 11% (GDS)	↑
Y2 Maths	75% 17%	N/A	81% (EXS+) 19% (GDS)	↑

Transition continues next week as we all visit our new classrooms and teaching teams for three consecutive days. We also invite you after school 3-4pm on Monday to meet and greet your child's teacher and explore the new learning space (Tuesday for Class 5). We look forward to welcoming our new class teachers Miss Moss in Unit 2/FS2 and Mr Hattersley in Class 5/Y1 to these events.

Finally, we are all really looking forward to our end of year Hawaiian Summer Party on Thursday 17th July which is set to be a memorable and fun end of year celebration for all. We look forward to enjoying this time together with our children and have many fun surprises planned!

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Searson
Headteacher

Y2 Leavers Assembly **Proud and Joyful Farewell from Year 2**

What a proud moment for everyone! Our Year 2 children delighted their families with a heart-warming performance filled with songs and cherished memories, marking the end of their journey at the infant school and looking ahead with excitement to life at the Junior School.

The children took great pride in composing their own speaking parts and selecting songs they felt best represented their time with us. Their choices beautifully captured the spirit of friendship, growth, and joy that has defined their time here.

We are incredibly proud of every child for their wholehearted participation, enthusiasm, and energy, which truly touched and inspired their teachers. A special shout-out goes to Jack from Class 8 and his friends, who choreographed many of the song actions and even taught them to the adults in school—what a fantastic achievement!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took time out of their busy schedules to join us. Your support, patience in the heat, and warm encouragement created a wonderful atmosphere and meant the world to the children and us too.

A Magical Musical Moment in Key Stage One



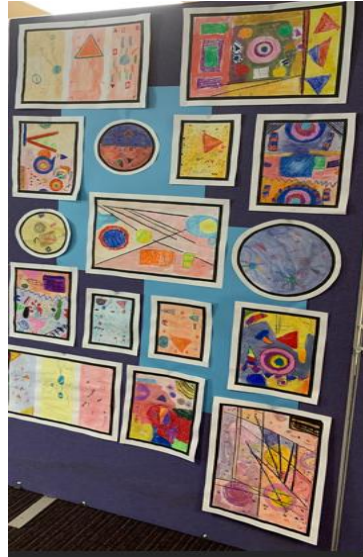
On Thursday, our Key Stage One children were treated to a truly special experience during Music Assembly—a solo performance by the extraordinarily talented **Alejandro Barnett**. Alejandro, a 17-year-old harpist from Rotherham, captivated the audience with a stunning selection



of music, including beloved songs from *The Greatest Showman* and *Frozen*. His moving and inspiring performance had the children so engaged that many couldn't help but join in spontaneously! The joy within the room was immeasurable.

Alejandro's musical journey is as inspiring as his performance. He began playing the guitar at the age of nine, (whilst in Mr Searson's class, we later found out – what a wonderful connection!) later took up the piano, and eventually discovered his passion for the harp. Now, he is pursuing a professional career in music, and we feel incredibly fortunate to have witnessed a part of his journey and hope to support it further, in some way.

Our children were a credit to the school, listening with respect and admiration throughout. It was a magical moment that will stay with us all in our hearts and minds forever. Alejandro himself, recognised that our children were extremely inspired by his story and talent and has offered to visit us again, which we are thrilled about. Welcome to the Bramley Sunnyside Infant School team, Alejandro.



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: **95.1%** ↑ [Help us to get back above 96%](#)

Weekly year group highest attendance: Year 2 with **96%** 🙌🙌

Weekly year group lowest attendance: Foundation Stage 1 with **92%** 😞

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 £85.

£160

2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.
• £160 • £160 • £160 • £160
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
• £180 • £180 • £180 • £180
4 children & 2 parents = £1280
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

4 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

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 Grounds

Local residents have been litter picking around the school grounds recently and today reported collecting a significant amount of sweet packaging from around the school. This is really disappointing to us as a school community because we see such conscientious decision making from all children and adults, when at school, regarding the world and taking care of it. Children demonstrate an understanding and take responsibility. In the new academic year, we hope to develop our sustainability and Eco pledge and commitment to global consciousness. We aim to work wider than our school in order to make a positive and sustainable impact.

It was reported that one of our parents urinated on the school field just before the annual Sports Day began this year. I would like to emphasise to you that this is not acceptable. Adults will be asked to leave school grounds or events if they choose to act inappropriately. Our duty of care for our young children, staff and families comes first and is our priority at all times. This behaviour will not be tolerated.

Updates for New Academic Year

From September the Newsletter will move to a monthly edition, rather than weekly. Children will be asked to bring PE kits into school on a Monday and take home for washing on a Friday. All children will come to school every day in school uniform.

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.

Launch of full wraparound care from September 2nd 2025

Information coming very soon! Look out for information on Arbor / email about Breakfast Club and Tea Time Club.

Diary Dates 2025

Monday 14 th July	Meet and greet your new teacher in your child's new classroom between 3-4pm
Tuesday 15 th July	Meet and greet your new teacher in your child's new classroom (class 5) between 3-4pm
Tuesday 15 th July	After school BSJI new to Y3 'Chat & Connect' event for current Y2 families
Tuesday 15 th Wednesday 16 th Thursday 17 th	Internal transition activities for children in their new classes with their new teachers. Normal start and end to the day.
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

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WC 10 th – 14 th November	World Nursery Rhyme Week
XX November	Music Bugs FS1
Thursday 27 th November	Christmas Fayre - TBC
Tuesday 2 nd December	KS1 Cast Pantomime Visit - Cinderella
Wednesday 3 rd December	EYFS Pantomime visit to school – Dick Whittington
December	FS1 Christmas Performances - TBC
December	FS2 Christmas Performances - TBC
December	KS1 Christmas Performances - TBC
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Party Day - TBC
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of half term
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Inset Day – Closed to pupils
Monday 20 th July 2026	Inset Day – Closed to pupils

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

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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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PLAY A WOODWIND INSTRUMENTS IN
SCHOOL?**

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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