

Newsletter 39 Summer Term 18th July 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week our children are **shining**, showing our school value **LOVE** ☀

Extremely well done, to all of our children for embracing the transition days so confidently! All children proudly paraded around school declaring their new class status, with beaming smiles. Classrooms were both productive and harmonious. Children showed that they are certainly ready to step up and step forward. It was also wonderful to welcome our new teachers Mr Hattersley into Class 5 and Miss Moss into Unit 2.

As we had into the last few days of the school year children will enjoy a 'Spotlight' attendance event as well as special class reflections and farewells! We say goodbye this year to Mrs Mottram, Mrs Rothwell, Mrs Hanby, Mrs Irum and Mrs Traves and wish them all the very best in their future endeavours. I know you will join me in thanking all staff for their on-going hard work and commitment to our school and community.

Thank you, also to you for making this year so memorable and positive. I am immensely proud to be your Headteacher and look forward to leading our school into a new academic year with unwavering optimism.

This will be the last newsletter of the academic year 2024-2025. I hope we can enjoy the last few days of the year together with a focus on our achievements and plans for the future. I look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 2nd September for the new school year. Please note that the year group welcome meetings are planned for the first week back, held in the main school hall.

Be happy and stay safe.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Searson
Headteacher

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: **95.9%** ↑ Help us to get back above 96%, we are nearly there!

Weekly year group highest attendance: Year 2 with **98.9%** 🙌🙌

Weekly year group lowest attendance: Foundation Stage 1 with **89.7%** 😞

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

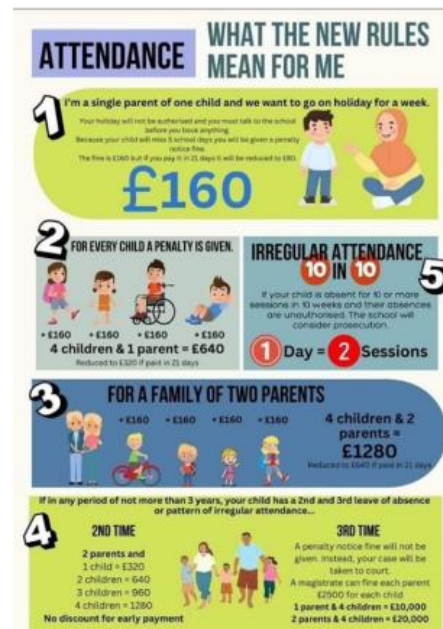
Phonics lessons starts at 8:45am so arriving at school on time is crucial. We conduct routine register checks each day. At the end of the half term, if we feel that your child's punctuality is a concern, we will issue you a letter to offer further support for improvement.

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

Please could we ask you, when supervising children on school grounds before and after school that they are discouraged to climb and swing on our school trees. We are very lucky to have a natural thriving environment so it is upsetting to see this behaviour. Please could we also remind you of the danger when climbing the school boundary walls and fencing. We ask that do not allow this. We hope we can work together on these matters.



NHS Dental Emergencies

Ivy Cottage Dental Care would like to inform you of a service they provide for those without a dentist. Every Tuesday evening, they offer appointments on the NHS to those that need a dental emergency. This could be swelling, pain that can't be controlled by painkillers, abscesses, broken teeth etc. Anyone can request an appointment, they would just need to ring our practice from 8.30am to secure an appointment for that evening. Please see attached poster for more information. They are not accepting NHS patients at this current time, but want people to be able to access a dentist if they are in need.

Wraparound Care from September 2nd 2025!

Breakfast Club 07:30-08:30am £4:50 a day

Tea Time Club 15:00-18:00pm £12 a day

You can book block bookings for the whole year 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. Please contact the school office for further information. (FS2 – Y2)

After School Clubs

After school clubs will run from 3-4pm in the new academic year. Details will be put on Arbor as soon as the app will allow it and communication will be sent via Arbor/Dojo.

Term Dates for 2024 - provisional

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
Tuesday 2 nd September	Y2 Welcome Meeting in the school hall 14:30pm – Class 6,7,8
Wednesday 3 rd September	FS2 Welcome Meeting in the school hall 11am – Unit 2,3,4
Thursday 4 th September	Y1 Welcome Meeting in the school hall 14:30pm – Class 5,6,7
Wednesday 17 th September	Community Coffee Morning – More information to follow
Thursday 2 nd October	National Poetry Day
WC 6 th – 10 th October	National Space Week
Tuesday 7 th October	Local Librarian visit to school - EYFS
Friday 10 th October	Whole School Wonderdome experience
Friday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day – wear yellow
Monday 13 th October	Harvest Festival
Thursday 16 th October	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 22 nd October	Fancy Dress Disco
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)
WC 10 th – 14 th November	World Nursery Rhyme Week
November	Music Bugs FS1 - TBC
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
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

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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have a dentist?

We can help!

We offer one off pain
appointments on the NHS

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16 The Crofts, Moorgate, Rotherham S60 2DJ**



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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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www.therotherham.nhs.uk

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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>

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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Maltby By-The-Sea

FREE Family Fun Day

WEDS 13th AUGUST
11am to 2pm
ALL WELCOME

Entrance via the car park

Food and drinks

Games

Creative sessions

Bouncy castle

Face Painting

Visit from Paw Patrol

And much more!




www.rotherham.gov.uk/family-hubs

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formally delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

- 1. STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS**
 It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.
- 2. LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS**
 When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make another means of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.
- 3. STOP AND THINK**
 Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what activities could be undertaken. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what looks below could cause serious injuries.
- 4. CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE**
 Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Froglies strike when young people experience cold water shock, leaving them unable to swim quickly. Instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit safely if needed.
- 5. INFLATABLE SAFETY**
 Although inflatable toys may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in groups, the open sea, or managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.
- 6. SUPERVISION IS KEY**
 For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.
- 7. DON'T GO TOO FAR**
 When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only allowing water up to a standing depth, under the scope of visiting the beach, wading parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.
- 8. KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED**
 For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathtubs fully drained after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, ensuring kids to not tubs and taking toys out of tubs, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.
- 9. FLOAT AND CALL 999**
 If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.
- 10. TEACH WATER SAFETY**
 Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

Meet Our Expert
 The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided by RLSS UK is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.

WakeUp Wednesday

The National College

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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