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Dear Parents / Carers,

At the end of a long, productive and exciting first half term we have taken time to reflect, celebrate and plan ahead together before joining our families for the half term break. Here's what our children think:

What is your favourite memory from this half term?

Penny (Class 5) *"Having story time. I loved Superworm."*

"Art is our favourite subject in Class 10."

RC (Class 5) *"PE, because I love the javelin."*

Erin and Taylor (Unit 2) *"I love learning new phonics and Fred talk."*

Bella (Class 8) *"I loved making dens in Wickersley Woods. We pretended to have a campfire!"*

Bray (Unit 4) *"I love Mr Hedgehog and when he turned into a ball and was so prickly."*

JH (Class 5) *"Dancing at the disco."*

Alex (Class 8) *"Poem Day was really fun because I enjoyed the funny poems."*

Ruby (Unit 2) *"I love playing with my friends and doing a painting at the painting area."*

Owen A (Class 8) *"I love being in my new school because it's always fun and I've made new friends."*

What has been your funniest moment?

Millie (Class 7): *"When we had a battle in history and tried to defeat the enemy."*

Juniper (Class 10) *"When I did funny faces in art."*

Torie (Class 8) *"Mrs Rushton is funny when she reads stories in funny voices."*

Georgia (Class 7): *"I loved it in science when Mrs Goulding poured water over Ada holding her umbrella when we were learning about materials that are waterproof. I loved it because the water dripped on the floor and Ada found it funny."*

Henry (Class 8) *"I loved Skipton Castle when our guide turned the lights off in the dungeon!"*

What would make our school even better?

Sienna (Class 10) *"I'd love some chickens."*

Teddy (Class 7) *"If we could have a slide in the playground."*

Aurora (Unit 2) *"Decorations everywhere at school and in the class and in the disco."*

TL (Class 5) *"More green treats."*

"More discos!" Everyone

George (Class 8) gave Mrs Searson a gold sticker *"for letting us go on so many visits and for looking after our school."* 😊

We look forward to welcoming you back from Tuesday 5th November where we plan to enrich our curriculum further and work in partnership with you to ensure all of our children have the best school experience - safe, happy, healthy, learning and developing.

Thank you, for your continued support.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs S Searson
Head Teacher



Curriculum

In Geography, Y2 children have been working towards answering our enquiry question: 'Is Wickersley a good place to visit?'



Over the course of the half-term, children have been learning about the human and physical features of the landscape and planned the route for the field-trip using compass directions to visit the places they believe make Wickersley an exciting place to visit. They also canvassed the opinion of local residents as to why they thought Wickersley was a good place to live and how it could be improved in order to collect data from different sources with a different viewpoint. After half-term, the children will next be drawing up a series of questions to survey parents about their views of Wickersley - so watch this space!



The children benefitted hugely from applying their Geography learning in a first-hand experience and were delighted to have time together to explore the local area and prove that Wickersley Woods, the Tanyard and Wickersley Park make Wickersley an exciting place to visit. Thank you to all our volunteers who made our visit possible. **Mrs Goulding (Y2, Class 7)**

This week, we also all had the pleasure of enjoying Class 5, 6, and 10 presenting their curriculum learning from the first half term in their celebration assembly. We were particularly impressed with children's confidence with public speaking using the microphones. Well-done to all of our children, thank you to the staff for their support in organising this event and for all of you for coming!

Home Learning



It was a lovely surprise to have a visit from Isla (Y2) this week to show and tell me about her home learning, following a curriculum excursion to Skipton Castle.

Isla had prepared some written information which she read out confidently and clearly to a small audience.

She went on to describe how she made her model and why she had added particular detail including a fire place and a draw bridge.

Isla beamed with pride and accomplishment. Well, done Isla.

I hope I will get more visits from our children in the coming weeks. 😊

Attendance

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 also be reminded that any late arrival (after registers have closed) is now recorded and classed 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: 95.28%



Year group winner this week is: FS2/Reception with 96.8%

WELL DONE!

Attendance for the half term: 96.47%

Please be informed that next half term we will be contacting any families classed as 'persistent absentees'. **We respectfully encourage all families to take all holidays out of term time. Please do consider the learning lost by absence for your child.**

Staffing update

We are sorry to say 'goodbye' to Mrs Cocking who has decided to step down from the Admin and Attendance Lead position. We thank her for her school support this half term and wish her well. After half term, I hope you will help us to warmly welcome Miss Cheshire who will join us full time in our school office as Office Manager and Attendance Lead. Miss Downing will continue to provide support.

Reporting Illnesses

When deciding if your child is well enough for school, please consult the NHS link below:

<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.



Early Years Foundation Stage

Please be informed that our FS1/Nursery and KS1 classes are now full for this academic year. We have two remaining places in our FS2/Reception year group. For further details please call the school office or Admissions on 01709 823777.

Applying for Your School Place

It is that time of year when all families are required to apply for their school primary place. This is for those children aged 3 and 4 years old who are in FS1/Nursery. Please be reminded that it is the Council Admissions team that process applicants. We urge you to apply sooner rather than later to ensure your place is secure at our school. Attending our FS1/Nursery unfortunately is not a determining factor for your child's place. We all usually receive notification in late Spring. <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/homepage/389/apply-for-a-school-place> Since we are an infant school, our current Y2 families are also required to apply for their preferred junior school place. <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/schools-schooling/moving-infant-junior-school> The deadline is January 15th 2025.

Breakfast Club £4

07:45-08:30am

Breakfast club is available every day to all children. During this session children can enjoy a varied choice of breakfast food and drink as well as access a gymnastics session on a Friday morning. Breakfast club starts at 07.45am. Places are available to book for the whole year. The daily cost includes a choice of 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 book your child's place and make payment using Arbor.



After School Clubs £3

Monday – **Football** - 15:05-16:10pm

Wednesday – **Hockey** - 15:05-16:10pm

Thursday – **Movie Night** - 15:05-16:10pm

Friday – **Recorders** - 15:05-16:10pm

Friday – **Gymnastics** - 07:45am – 8:30am

Places are available to book as a half term block using Arbor. Sports clubs are delivered by sports professionals 'Live & Learn'.

Family Learning



We warmly welcome you into school on the afternoon of Wednesday the 13th November 2024 at 13.00pm for the 'Dangerous Dinosaurs' free creative family learning workshop. This session is all about designing and making a 3D dinosaur.

The workshop is open to the whole school but there are only 15 places available at each session. Each child must be supported by one adult for the session which will last all afternoon. Please follow the link to the E-Form for the Family Learning Workshop to sign up. The first 15 names will be allocated a place. Places will be notified prior to the session. **Please note: No other siblings or children should be brought to this session.**



We warmly welcome you into school on the morning of Friday the 22nd November 2024 at 09.00am for family learning, where you will explore light on the project 'Watts Up'. This session is to build a 3D motorised scribble bot with light up nose!

The workshop is open to the whole school but there are only 15 places available at each session. Each child must be supported by one adult for the session which will last all afternoon.

Please follow the link to E-Form for the Family Learning Workshop to sign up. The first 15 names will be allocated a place. Places will be notified prior to the session. **Please note: No other siblings or children should be brought to this session.**

THESE SESSIONS ARE NOW FULL WITH A WAITING LIST.

You will be notified if you have been allocated a place. If you do need to cancel, please do inform us as soon as you can so that the place can go to another family. **Please note that the place is for one adult only.**

Community Events

Half-term fun in Rotherham Town Centre!

Plug In and Play this half-term



Looking for something to do with the kids this half-term?

[Children's Capital of Culture](#) have teamed up with The National Videogame Museum to bring you 'Plug In and Play' - a brand-new videogame festival and trail.

Play your way across eight mystery locations, starting your journey at All Saint's Square.

From Thursday 31 October to Saturday 2 November, you'll find digital and analogue games for all the family to enjoy, for FREE! Find out more [here](#).



HOW TO HAVE A SPOOKY AND SAFE HALLOWEEN

- 🦋 **Never go trick or treating alone or split up from your friends**
- 🦋 **Always check with your parents or carer first**
- 🦋 **Only go to houses where you or your friends know who lives there**
- 🦋 **Don't knock on doors where there is a sign asking you not to disturb**
- 🦋 **Don't go into any house - stay on the doorstep**
- 🦋 **Don't talk to strangers on the street**
- 🦋 **Stay in well-lit areas & carry a torch**
- 🦋 **Take care crossing roads - it may be hard to see so well in a costume**
- 🦋 **Although Halloween is about looking spooky, be careful not to frighten the elderly**
- 🦋 **Eggs & flour make a mess & most shops won't sell them to under 16s over Halloween**

HAVE FUN, STAY SAFE & RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



Diary Dates Term 1 2024

Monday 4 th November	Inset Day (Children not in school)
Tuesday 5 th November	Children back to school for autumn 2 half term
Friday 8 th November	School Photographs – Individual & sibling – Please complete the form sent to you.
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week – information to follow
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th November	World Nursery Rhyme Week – information to follow
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Day – information to follow
Tuesday 12 th November	Wickersley Library visit school – EYFS all
Wednesday 13 th November	Family Learning session – ‘Dangerous Dinosaurs’ 13:00-15:00pm
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need – information to follow
Friday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Workshop
Monday 18 th November	Community Orthoptics in school
Monday 18 th to the 22 nd November	Safeguarding Awareness Week 2024
Monday 25 th November	EYFS Open Event (for prospective parents/families) 15:30-16:30pm
Wednesday 20 th – 25 th November	Scholastic Book Fair – information to follow
Thursday 21 st November	Parent Consultations – information to follow
Friday 22 nd November	Family Learning session – ‘Watts Up!’ 9:100-11am
Friday 22 nd November	Community Orthoptics in school
Tuesday 26 th November	Community Orthoptics in school
Monday 2 nd December	KS1 Visit to Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime at Doncaster, CAST (PM) arrive back approx... 16:20pm
Tuesday 3 rd December	Jack and the Beanstalk performance for EYFS at school (AM)
Wednesday 4 th December	FS1/Nursery Christmas Performance – AM & PM - information to follow
Wednesday 4 th December	Y2 perform at St Albans Christmas Choir Concert – information to follow
Thursday 5 th December	FS2/Reception Christmas Performance – PM – information to follow
Friday 6 th December	FS2/Reception Christmas Performance – AM – information to follow
Tuesday 10 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance AM & PM – information to follow
Wednesday 11 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance AM & PM – information to follow
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day – information to follow
Wednesday 11 th December	FS2 Height & Weight
Wednesday 11 th December	EYFS Open Event (for prospective parents/families) 15:30-16:30pm
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Celebrations at St. Francis Church – information to follow
Tuesday 17 th December	Father Christmas visit & whole school party day – information to follow
Friday 20 th December	Last day of school
Monday 6 th January	Return to school
Friday 10 th January	EYFS Open Event (for prospective parents/families) 15:30-16:30pm

**Subject to change. **More dates will be added in due course to enhance our curriculum and keep you well informed.*

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

FS1 and FS2 September 2025



****SAVE THE DATE****

We are pleased to share the dates of our open events for children and families (FS1 & FS2) wishing to join our wonderful school in September 2025.

Sessions will be held in our Foundation Unit between 3.30pm – 4.30pm, please use the entrance on Linden Avenue.

Monday 21st October 2024

Monday 25th November 2024

Wednesday 11th December 2024

Friday 10th January 2024

Please contact the school office on 01709 543061 to book your place or for further information.

We look forward to meeting you and sharing in your child's learning journey.