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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have been so proud of our children, who have visited the local church and library this week, representing our school so positively in the community. Parents and community feedback has been excellent – big well-done children. You are shining! Thank you to all of our volunteers and to staff too for making these experiences so purposeful and successful inside and outside of school. More visits are arranged for this coming week!

Next week we have more exciting experiences to enjoy, with a greater focus on our commitment to developing successful readers and writers we will see more classes visiting the library, enjoying 'Bringing Books to Life' during our Family Learning event and celebrating National Poetry Day!

Please may I also take this opportunity to reach out to you all, to ask that you have patience and understanding with us at this time as we work hard to run the school office. We are in the process of recruiting a suitable professional to support our school community. In the meantime, I assure you we are working tirelessly to serve you well.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs S Searson  
Head Teacher

### Attendance



The Department for Education have communicated new updates to attendance which has been communicated with you in preparation for this new academic year.

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

Please 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 9:45am. Thank you.

Attendance this week (whole school) is: 97.7%

Year group winner this week is: Foundation Stage 1 with 98.01% **WELL DONE!**

**We encourage families to take holidays in the school holidays so that children do not miss out on their learning.**

### Reporting Illnesses

When deciding if your child is well enough for school, please consult the NHS link below and telephone the school office to speak to a member of staff or leave a message.

<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 absence for our records.

### Communication

We are currently staffing the school office the best we can until a full time professional can be recruited. Please bear with us at this time. Communication will be sent and responded to as quickly and appropriately as is possible. Please use **Dojo** to communicate with your class teacher and to receive information via class and school story news. If you do not wish to receive regular 'school news updates' then please turn notifications off. **Arbor** is used to process payments. Our **school website** is under development and we hope to offer a new site in the coming weeks. **Newsletters** will continue to be sent weekly via Arbor (wherever possible). However, this is under review.

## Home Learning

Please be reminded that a 'Home Learning Curriculum Menu' for each half term, rather than weekly homework posted on the newsletter has been in place since before summer. This is in response to parental feedback in the summer term which was re-consulted towards the end of the year. Homework is not compulsory. 'Home Learning Curriculum Menus' along with individual class curriculum information has been posted on individual Dojo Class Stories. We will also send these out via Arbor. RWI books (matching children's current phonic ability) will accompany Gold Sticker reading books (reading for pleasure books to share together) are to be brought home on a weekly basis. Please record all shared reading experiences in children's individual school diaries.

We would also like to signpost you to the following websites to support and enhance home learning:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parentsandcarers/>

<https://www.ncetm.org.uk/classroom-resources/ey-numberblocks-at-home/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/numbers-and-letters>

## Family Learning Events



Family learning sessions will be available to join in with throughout the year. Our first session 'Bringing Books to Life' is on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October in the afternoon. These sessions are currently offered to whole school but there are only limited free spaces (15) per event which are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The idea is that one adult and one child will attend together to enjoy these creative and scientific workshops. Information is shared on Dojo and Arbor. To book your place please follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/vVC0zkhx0Y>



## Breakfast Club £4

07:45-08:30am

Breakfast club is available 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 block 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

15:00-16:10pm

Monday – **World Cup Football Skills and Matches**

Wednesday – **Hot Shots Basketball Skills and Games**

07:45am – 8:30am

Friday – **Gymnastics**

Places are available to book as a half term block using Arbor.

These clubs are delivered by sports professionals 'Live & Learn'



## Lost Property

As usual, any items left behind at the end of the school day will be kept in the classroom area to check and find. School staff will try their best to always match up clothing to children and return items to their owner on a daily basis. If items are not claimed for a number of weeks, they will then be put on the lost property rail in the school main reception area.

## School Dinner Taster Day

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October it's 'Winner! Winner! (you guessed it) Chicken Dinner day! All children are encouraged to sample our school dinners on this day. If children prefer packed lunches they can bring these too. Our school cook Bev, will be serving up the roast with a smile and a rhyme for National Poetry Day. We wonder if children can think of some fun ones to tell Bev too?! 😊



## SEND and Inclusion

<https://www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org.uk/>

To register your interest in attending the Virtual Schools online sensory workshops please complete and submit the form on the link below;

[VSR - Sensory Workshop 2023/2024- School staff sessions \(office.com\)](#)



For any queries or for further details please contact the Virtual School Rotherham via [virtualschool@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:virtualschool@rotherham.gov.uk)

## Diary Dates Term 1 2024

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Wickersley Library visit for Class 6 & Class 10
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Family Learning session in school 'Bringing Books to Life' – afternoon session
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	National Poetry Day – information to follow
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	School Dinner Taster Experience – information to follow
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Skipton Castle visit for Class 7 & Class 8
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Wickersley Library visit for Class 5
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day – information to follow
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Hedgehog visit to FS2/Reception classes
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	EYFS Open Event (for prospective parents/families) 15:30-16:30pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Superhero Curriculum Celebration for parents of children in Class 5, 6 and 10
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Geography Field Trip in the local community for Class 6, 7 and 8
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	End of Half Term Disco – information to follow
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of autumn 1 half term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Inset Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Children back to school for autumn 2 half term
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photographs – Individual
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week – information to follow
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	World Nursery Rhyme Week – information to follow
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Wickersley Library visit school – EYFS all
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Family Learning session – information to follow
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – information to follow
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Open Event (for prospective parents/families) 15:30-16:30pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Parent Consultations – information to follow
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Family Learning session – information to follow
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	FS1/Nursery Christmas Performance
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	FS2/Reception Christmas Performance – PM
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	FS2/Reception Christmas Performance – AM
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Performance AM & PM
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Performance AM & PM
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Open Event (for prospective parents/families) 15:30-16:30pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Celebrations at St. Francis Church – information to follow
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of school
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> 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**

2<sup>nd</sup> September – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

5<sup>th</sup> November – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

6<sup>th</sup> January – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

25<sup>th</sup> February – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

14<sup>th</sup> April – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Easter weekend 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>)

22<sup>nd</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 (5<sup>th</sup> May, May day)

6<sup>th</sup> May – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> June – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

### **Inset Days 2024/2025**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025