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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome you back to school after the half term. On Monday, our children were very excited for Bonfire Night and fireworks, engaging in detailed discussions about fun and safety. I am so impressed with how our children understand and want to keep each other and their families safe and happy.

The school photographer was in school today and thankfully the event went very smoothly, all of our children were looking like the little angels that they are! Thank you, for those of you that attended the before school session. It was also lovely to see pupils that are now older and at the Junior or Secondary schools and also those pre-schoolers that will be joining us one day, soon. The children, as always were a credit to our school. Special thanks to Miss Cheshire, Mrs Downing and Mrs Birch in the school office and the super Mrs Ford for ensuring this event ran so smoothly.

On Sunday, we will be attending the Remembrance events in Bramley and hope to see some of our families and community friends there. We will be laying a wreath on behalf of governors, staff and children of Bramley Sunnyside Infant school.

We are focussing on personal development and cultural capital as a school priority so are speaking to children, parents and staff to explore all the ways we can enhance our curriculum and provide our children with the very best opportunities and experiences. We continued this work this week with some new after school clubs, which the children have really enjoyed and in school our Y2 choir have been bringing the school to life with their heart-warming harmonies, thanks to our wonderful Mrs Goulding – look out for future exciting events that we are arranging!

Next week, we have lots of exciting events planned for our children, reinforcing our commitment to our school values and school priorities. These include; Odd Socks day, Children in Need and a visit from Wickersley Library to our Early Years Foundation Stage classes as part of World Nursery Rhyme week and Anti-Bullying week.

We also look forward to welcoming you back into school this coming week for another fabulous curriculum enhancing Family Learning Workshop. This will take place on Wednesday afternoon where we will be using our engineering skills to design and make 'Dangerous Dinosaurs'.

Thank you, for your continued support.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs S Searson
Head Teacher



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: 97.34% ↑

Year group winner this week is: FS2/Reception with 99.46% **WELL DONE!!**

Whole school attendance: 96.8%

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

Welcome to Miss Cheshire, who joins us as Office Manager and Attendance Lead in our school office. I'm sure you'll help us to warmly welcome her to the Bramley Sunnyside Infant School.

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 – PLACES STILL AVAILABLE!

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'.

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

1 FIRST OFFENCE
The first Penalty Notice is issued for 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.
£60 per parent per child if paid within 28 days or £120 per parent per child if not paid within 28 days.

2 SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence the amount will be:
£120 per parent per child to be paid within 28 days or £240 per parent per child if not paid within 28 days.

3 THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)
The third time an offence is committed for 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be referred directly to the Magistrates Court. Magistrates can impose a fine of up to £2500 per parent per child. Cases that go to Magistrates Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD
Penalty Notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Please follow the link for the Publication that will start from 19th August 2024.
www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance



World Nursery Rhyme Week

Early Years (Unit 1,2,3,4) will be joining in with World Nursery Rhyme Week. Each year, 5 rhymes are chosen and we encourage children to take part in our 'Rhyme a Day' challenge by singing the nursery rhymes and taking part in supporting activities.

The 5 official rhymes for 2024 are:

Twinkle Twinkle
Old Macdonald
The Big Ship Sails
Incy Wincy Spider
5 Currant Buns



Nursery rhymes are excellent teaching tools and can help to develop: language and literacy skills, numeracy skills, social, physical and emotional skills – they are so much fun!

Please support learning at home:

<https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/@PiccoloMusicandSingwithPiccolo?app=desktop>

Community Events

The Service of Remembrance on Sunday 10th November will be a chance for residents to pay their respects to the men and women of Bramley from both world wars and other conflicts. It is also a chance to give thanks to the many service personnel who have kept our country safe over the years. There will be a service in St Francis Church at 10 am conducted by Rev John Hibberd. This will be followed at 10.45 am by a parade to the War Memorial led by Bramley Brass Band when the names of the War Dead will be read out. Wreaths will be laid by civic leaders and representatives from village groups. Everyone is welcome in church after the service for light refreshments. Mrs Searson & Mrs Fitzgerald will be in attendance, any children attending would be welcome to lay our school wreath at the Cenotaph. Please come and say 'hello' to Mrs Searson & Mrs Fitzgerald at the service.

Poppy's will be on sale on Monday. Our poppy sellers will come round to each classroom during the day. Please bring your money sealed in an envelope clearly labelled with your name.

Reflector suggested donation 50p

Wristbands suggested donation £1

Snap band suggested donation £1.50



Anti-Bullying

Anti-bullying week 2024 takes place from Monday 11th - Friday 15th November, with the theme 'Choose Respect', 'Respect' is also one of our school values. As part of Anti-Bullying week 2024 we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 12th November, in partnership with Andy and the Odd Socks. To take part, all you need to do is wear Odd Socks to school on this day in support of this very important topic.



Children in Need



On Friday we will be raising awareness about children around our country and world that are in need. As part of this nation-wide event, we will host a non-uniform day (spotty dress up is optional), asking for a voluntary contribution, which will be sent to those children less fortunate than our own. We will learn about how our contributions help others and how we can make a positive contribution in the world.

Diary Dates Term 1 2024

Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th November	World Nursery Rhyme Week
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
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-Bullring 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

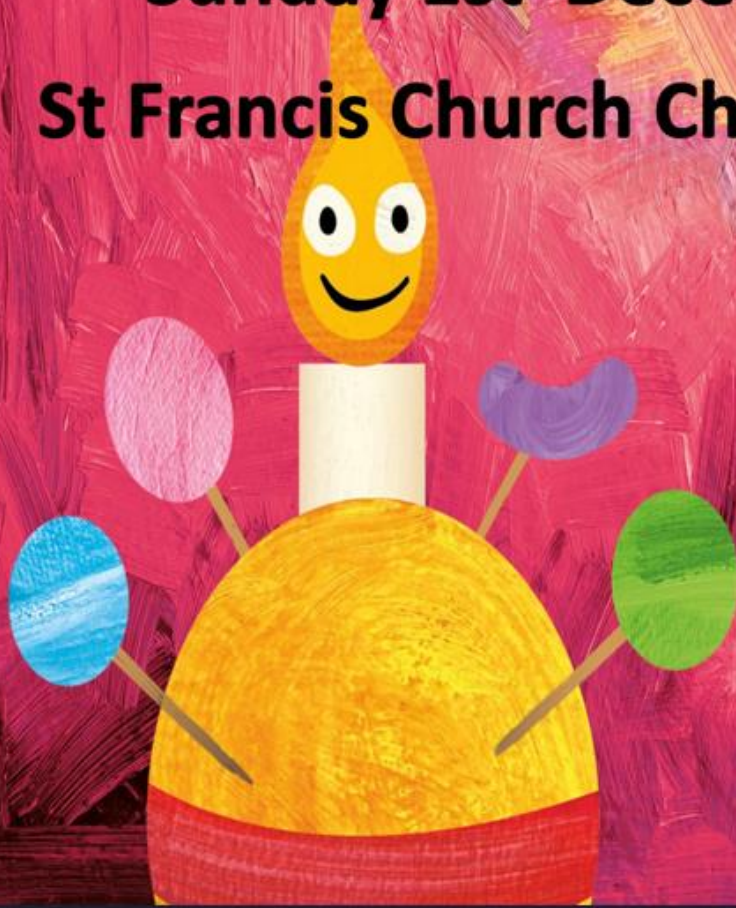
Friday 10th January 2024

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.

Sunday 1st December at 4pm

St Francis Church Christingle Service



Come share
the light this
Christingle

St Francis Church, Bramley,
Rotherham, S66 2RQ
bramley.stfrancis@gmail.com

Christmas at St Francis Church

Saturday 23rd November 2pm Christmas Fair

Sunday 1st December 4pm Christingle

Sunday 9th 1.30pm Mother's Union Christmas Service

Thursday 12th 6pm Carols at King Henry

Sunday 15th December 6pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve 4pm Crib Service

Christmas Eve 11.15pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day 10am Family Service



**FREE
ENTRY**

Christmas Fayre

- Krafty Quinn
- Alreyt Aromas
- Liam's 3D Prints
- Gemmas Bakes
- Hayleys Sweet Surprises
- Lolly D's Crafts
- Kins Clay
- Nah thats reyt good jams
- Refreshments & much more!

**Sunnyside Community Centre,
Flanderwell Lane, S66 3RL**



**9th
November
11-2.30pm**

Proceed's for Rotherham Hopice & S.E.N.D Youth Club