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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was a really exciting and memorable time for us this week as we enjoyed Jack and the Beanstalk performances at Cast Theatre, Doncaster and on-site from Chaplin's travelling theatre. Children and staff had the best time and have already asked us to book again for next year!

Renae (Class 8) 'My favourite character was the witch and I liked it when Billy got ice-cream on his head!'

Joseph (Unit 4) 'I just loved it!' William (Class 8) 'It was even better than a movie!'

Lewis (Class 8) 'The giant had huge feet and huge horns!'

Brooke G (Unit 3) 'It was so funny' Sophie (Class 5) 'I liked all of it!'

Elizabeth (Class 6) 'I liked the part when he had ice cream on his head.'

Evie (Unit 2) 'When slippery Sid was dancing. He was a bad guy.'

Oakley (Class 10) 'I liked that bomb of smoke that came off the floor!'

Lola (Class 6) 'I liked the giant! It was amazing when I got there. I've been to a theatre with a screen before but not one they're acting on stage.' Tommy (Unit 2) 'When he said he doesn't brush his teeth and doesn't wash his feet, it made me laugh.'

Esme (Class 8) 'I liked joining in with the singing.'

Charlie (Class 5) 'I was happy and excited at the pantomime.'

Ernest P C (Unit 3) 'I liked their costumes' James (Class 10) 'I like the stink bomb.' Lucia (Class 5) 'I loved the pantomime!'

Riley (Class 8) 'I liked how there was sign language all the way through.' Elsie G Class 10) 'I liked it when they sprayed water.'

Florence (Unit 4) 'I liked all of it. It was so funny.'

Erin (Unit 2) 'The smelly man, he made me laugh.'

Torie (Class 8) 'I liked all the Tiktok songs came on!'

Owen P (Class 8) 'It was like a party at the end!'

'Thank you, Mrs Searson for letting us all go to the pantomime together. We loved it and we will always remember it!' (Class 8)

That's a wrap for the EYFS Christmas performances! What amazing shows from all of our youngest stars - shining so brightly in the world! Well-done everybody and thank you to all of our wonderful families for the incredible support. Merry Christmas! See you next week for KS1 performances.

Arlo D (Nursery) 'I was an Elf. Mummy watched me singing.'

Fearne W (Nursery) 'I was a beautiful angel. I liked being on stage and singing.'

Ada B (Nursery) 'I was Mary and I liked seeing my Mummy and my Nanny and my Daddy watching me.'

Zach (Nursery) 'I was a king and I had gold on me. I gave the baby Jesus a gold present. I did some singing.'

Myles (Unit 2) 'I liked all the costumes. Oliver C (Unit 3) 'I liked doing the actions.' Oakley (Unit 2) 'I liked the singing'

Alfie A (Unit 3) 'I loved singing the donkey song.' Mila (Unit 2) 'I like standing at the front of the stage and singing.'

Mia (Unit 4) 'I liked going on the stage cos I can sing.' Taylor (Unit 2) 'I loved being a donkey because I can go ee-aw.'

Alfie L (Unit 4) 'I loved it cos I get to do singing and my nannie and daddy was there.'



Our school Christmas hamper raffle will continue to be on sale and will be drawn at the final performance! You can purchase your tickets at the Christmas performances, from the office or from your classrooms. There are some wonderful prizes to be won!

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: 91.6%



Year group winner this week is: Reception with 98.17% **WELL DONE!!**

If your child has less than 90% attendance we will be monitoring and contacting you to see how we can support and work together to improve this attendance picture.

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 – THE DEADLINE IS APPROACHING

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. Telephone: Admissions on 01709 823777 for advice if the website isn't working and request a hard copy sent through the post if possible..

Breakfast Club £4 - Booking for Spring Term is now available on Arbor!

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. 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.

NEW After School Clubs £3 SPRING 1 HALF TERM (6 weeks) Booking available on Arbor soon!

Monday – **Football** - 15:05-16:10pm (Live & Learn)

Monday – **Library Club** - 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Rushton)

Wednesday – **Athletics** – 15:05-16:10pm (Live & Learn)

Thursday – **Movie Night** – 15:05-16:10pm (Live & Learn)

Friday – **Gymnastics** – 07:45am – 8:30am (Live & Learn)

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 time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:
£100 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
£120 per parent, per child if paid within 31 days

2 SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

3 THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)
The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.
Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents 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 has 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



School Choir

Bramley Sunnyside Infants School Choir have a number of bookings coming up this December starting with a performance at Wickersley Library on Thursday 12th December at 11:00am. Further information will be posted on Dojo by Mrs Goulding, our wonderful Music Leader. If you are able to volunteer to walk with children on this day, please do make contact with your Y2 class teacher or Mrs Goulding.

Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

On Thursday 12th December we will enjoy a Christmas dinner together. On this day we will also all wear our Christmas jumpers instead of school jumper/cardigans. We would be grateful if children could wear the rest of their school uniform as normal, only replacing the jumper.

Diary Dates Term 1 2024

Tuesday 10 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance AM & PM
Wednesday 11 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance AM & PM
Wednesday 11 th December	FS2 Height & Weight
Wednesday 11 th December	EYFS Open Event (for prospective parents/families) 15:30-16:30pm
Thursday 12 th December	Y2 School Choir perform at Wickersley Library @11am
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Celebrations at St. Francis Church Reception & KS1
Tuesday 17 th December	Musical Recital for children from Rotherham Music Hub
Tuesday 17 th December	Father Christmas visit & whole school party day
Thursday 19 th December	Y2 School Choir perform at St Francis Church @ 2pm
Friday 20 th December	Reindeer Dash – Rotherham Hospice Fundraiser
Friday 20 th December	Last day of school (normal finish time)
Monday 6 th January	Return to school
Friday 10 th January	EYFS Open Event (for prospective parents/families) 15:30-16:30pm
Wednesday 14 th January	EYFS Phonics Workshop for Parents
Wednesday 22 nd January	KS1 Phonics Workshop for Parents

**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.

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

COPING AT CHRISTMAS

The Added Pressures of Christmas can be Tough, but it's Important to know there's always Someone you can Talk to...



Call 111 & select option 2 to speak to the NHS Mental Health Crisis Response Service 24/7

[Nhs.uk/mental-health](https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health)



Under 35s can Call 0800 068 4141, Text: 88247 or Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org 24/7

[Papyrus-uk.org](https://www.papyrus-uk.org)



Call 116 123 to talk to Samaritans, or email: jo@samaritans.org for a reply within 24 hours

[Samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org)



Call MIND's Mental Health Helpline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 0800 414 8247

[Mind.org.uk](https://www.mind.org.uk)



Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the Shout Crisis Text Line, or text "YM" if you're under 19

[Giveusashout.org](https://www.giveusashout.org)



Mental Health Forum & Chat for Men from 5pm - midnight every day Call or Whatsapp 0800 585858

[Thecalmzone.net](https://www.thecalmzone.net)

[ChristmasCountdown.uk](https://www.ChristmasCountdown.uk)

HAVE AN E-SAFETY CHRISTMAS

1. PUT PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

IF YOU ARE GIVING YOUR CHILD A NEW DEVICE SUCH AS A TABLET, SMARTPHONE OR GAMES CONSOLE, MAKE SURE YOU SET THE DEVICE UP AND ENABLE THE PARENT CONTROLS. DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO THIS? THEN VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.INTERNETMATTERS.ORG/](https://www.internetmatters.org/)



2. MONITOR THE APPS THEY DOWNLOAD

WHEN THEY GET THEIR NEW DEVICE FROM SANTA, THEY WILL WANT TO DOWNLOAD SOME APPS. MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT THEY ARE USING AND CHECK WHO THEY CAN CONNECT WITH. ALSO LOOK AT THE AGE RESTRICTIONS OF THE APP. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.NET-AWARE.ORG.UK](https://www.net-aware.org.uk)



3. TALK TO YOU CHILD ABOUT THEIR DIGITAL LIFE

START A REGULAR DIALOGUE WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT THEIR ONLINE LIVES. MAKE SURE THAT THEY CAN SHARE THEIR WORRIES AND CONCERNS WITH YOU. IF YOU WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT POTENTIAL DANGERS, THEN VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.THINKUKNOW.CO.UK/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/)



FINALLY, HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS
LOVE FROM
SANTA



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