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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am immensely proud of our children and staff who have shone so brightly during their Christmas performances! It has been an incredibly magical time for us all. I thank you wholeheartedly for your support and commitment and for your overwhelmingly positive feedback. Enormous gratitude to our school family and of course the wonderful Mr and Mrs Missing who complimented our performances with their smiles, love and harmonic tunes on the piano! We are so lucky to have these experiences with our children.

In other events this week our year 2 school choir treated the local community and our parent volunteers to a beautiful performance of the Christmas songs we have been learning in our singing and music assemblies. One member of the community who was so delighted with our recital said that he had travelled all over the world listening to different choirs but that he had never heard such beautiful singing from children so young!



Our former colleague and friend, Mrs French said that she was bowled over by how well the children both performed and behaved and that they were a real credit to our school.

JJ-Albi said: "I love it when we sing with the piano because we sing better with the piano."

Georgia said: "I loved that the audience respected us."

Bodhi said: "I liked it when I saw my next-door neighbour."

School Governors have also been at school this week, joining us for Christmas dinner and visiting their link classes. The children have loved seeing you, thank you for coming in to see us all!

As we head in to the final week of the term we look back and celebrate all of our achievements, of which there have been many and give thanks to you for helping our school be such a successful and cherished place to be.

This week we welcome you to our school and community festive events at St. Francis Church, Bramley. At school we will enjoy a musical recital from the Rotherham Music Hub, Christmas parties, a visit from Father Christmas and finish off with a Reindeer Dash!

Thank you, for your continued support.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs S Seanson
Head Teacher



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: 96%

Year group winner this week is: Year 2 with 97.6% **WELL DONE!!**

If you 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.

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 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.



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

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’.

Diary Dates Term 1 2024

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

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.

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STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL

If your child was born
between 1 September
2020 and 31 August
2021, you will need to
apply for them to start
Reception in
September 2025.



Scan the QR code
to find out more.



The closing date for applications is
Wednesday 15 January 2025.

www.rotherham.gov.uk

www.rotherham.gov.uk/school-admissions-3/starting-primary-school.

The attached poster includes a QR code which will take parents direct to the website.

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.thecalzone.net)

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

ROTHERHAM HEALTHY HOLIDAYS

Be Healthy. Be Active.
Be Happy



A huge range of holiday activities for children during the winter school holidays.

Rotherham Council has partnered with a range of organisations across the borough to deliver holiday activity programmes. Each session includes a meal.

Funded places are available for eligible children aged from Reception to Year 11, including, but not limited, to those receiving benefits-related free school meals, elective home educated or placed in care by Local Authority. To see if your child is eligible, please visit www.rotherham.gov.uk/healthy-holidays.

To find out more or book a place for your child, please contact the providers directly. For funded places please have your unique reference number ready. Some of our providers also offer good value paid places.

Any activities taking place in a school, are open to all children, not just their own pupils.

For more information about Rotherham Healthy Holidays please visit www.rotherham.gov.uk/healthy-holidays

You can stay up to date on all Rotherham Healthy Holiday programmes by following us on Facebook: **@RotherhamHealthyHolidays** and X (previously Twitter): **@RotherhamHAF**



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ROTHERHAM UNITED COMMUNITY TRUST

To book visit: <https://ruct.co.uk/sports-participation/holiday-camps/>

Email: community@rotherhamunited.net



Venue	Post Code	Dates	Time	Age (Years)	Details
Future Stars-Wickersley School	S66 1JL	23 and 24 December 2 and 3 January	9am -3pm 9am -1am (24 December)	5 to 16	Football
Maltby Leisure Centre	S66 8JE	23 and 24 December 2 and 3 January	9am -1pm	5 to 16	Swimming & Junior Gym
New York Stadium (Yogalols)	S60 1AH	23 and 24 December 2 and 3 January	9am -1pm	5 to 16	Yogalols and guest workshops
Catcliffe Community Hall (PCF)	S60 5SP	23 and 24 December 2 and 3 January	9am -1pm	5 to 16	SEND camp with PCF
Rotherham Leisure Centre	S65 1BL	23 and 24 December 2 and 3 January	9am -1pm	5 to 16	Swimming, & Junior Gym

ACTIVATE

To book call 01709 719478

High Street Centre, High Street, Rawmarsh, S62 6LN

Monday 30 December

Thursday 2 January

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 16 years

Join Activate this winter for activities such as arts and crafts, a range of sports activities and a fun trip to Nova City.

AWAKEN EDUCATION

To book email info@awakeneducationuk.com

Wath Comprehensive school, Sandygate, Wath upon Dearne, Rotherham S63 7NW

2 and 3 January

10am to 2pm. Ages 12 to 16 years

Join Awaken Education this winter for a camp filled with sports and arts and crafts activities.

DIRECT ACTION

To book email info@directactiontraining.com

Thurcroft Hub New Orchard Ln, Thurcroft, Rotherham S66 9AE

Friday 27, Saturday 28 and Monday 30 December

Friday 3 and Saturday 4 January

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 16 years

Join Direct Action for first aid activities, training and a range of physical activities this winter.

FIRST KICK

To book call 07413400207 or 0114 698 2794

Brinsworth Academy, Brinsworth Road, S60 5EJ

Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 December

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3 January

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 16 years

Paid places available

Join First Kick this winter for their football camp to develop your sports skills and engage in fun quizzes and arts and crafts activities.

FOOTBALLERZ

To book email footballerz2022@gmail.com

Swinton Queen Primary School, Mexborough, S64 8NF

Monday 23, Tuesday 24 and Friday 27 December

Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 December

Monday 23, Tuesday 24 and Friday 27 December

Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 December

Thursday 2 and Friday 3 January

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 16 years

Paid places available

Why not join Footballerz this winter and develop your sports skills and learn new tricks.

GENIUS TUITION

To book call 07380854495 or email info@geniustuition.co.uk

Clifton Community School, Middle Ln, Clifton, S65 2SN

Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 December

Thursday 2 and Friday 3 January

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 16 years

Join Genius Tuition and involve yourself in arts and crafts activities, dance and music, a range of sports activities and a fun cinema trip.

HOPE CHURCH

To book call 01709 828988

Coleridge Primary School, Eastwood, S65 1LW

16 December

9am to 3pm Ages 5 to 16 years

Join Hope Church this winter for their Seasonal Sensation event where you can expect a range of fun Christmas activities.

JESSICA STEELE SUPERSTARS

To book visit jessicasteele.co.uk/HAF

Rosehill Junior School Kilnhurst Road, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S62 5QH

30 December

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 16

Paid places available

Get your dancing shoes on this winter and join Jessica Steele's Superstars for a Christmas dance and celebration event.

KIMBERWORTH PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

To book visit <https://forms.gle/uS4Y9z8Vqr8q3Z6J8>

Chislett Centre, Kimberworth Park Road, S61 3JT

Thursday 2 and Friday 3 January

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 12 years

Paid places available

Join Kimberworth Park Community Centre this winter for a range of sports activities such as gymnastics, dancing, boxing and arts and crafts activities.

NOVA CITY- BASE

To book email novacitycentre@gmail.com

Nova City Ltd, Unit 1, Mangham Road. Rotherham, S61 4RJ

Friday 20 December

5pm to 8pm

Thursday 2, Friday 3 and Saturday 4 January

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 16

Paid places available

Join Nova City this winter for a Christmas party, buffet and Santa's grotto and their holiday club which includes a range of multi-sport activities, arts and craft sessions and group games.

NOVA CITY - SEND

To book email novacitycentre@gmail.com

Nova City Ltd, Unit 1, Mangham Road. Rotherham, S61 4RJ

Friday 20 December

5pm to 8pm

Thursday 2, Friday 3 and Saturday 4 January

1pm to 5pm. Ages 5 to 16

Paid places available

Join Nova City this winter for a Christmas party, buffet and Santa's grotto and their holiday club which includes a range of multi-sport activities, arts and craft sessions and group games.

NOVA CITY - THRYBERGH

To book email novacitycentre@gmail.com

Thrybergh Fullerton School, Church View, Thrybergh, Rotherham S65 4BL

Friday 20 December

5pm to 8pm

Thursday 2, Friday 3 and Saturday 4 January

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 12

Paid places available

Join Nova City this winter for a Christmas party, buffet and Santa's grotto and their holiday club which includes a range of multi-sport activities, arts and craft sessions and group games.

POSITIVE IMPACT SPORTS - BROOKFIELD

To book visit <https://forms.gle/oAXYnggJJ2zCV9wV7>

Brookfield Junior Academy, Lime Grove, Swinton, S64 8TQ

Thursday 2 and Friday 3 December

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 12 years

Paid places available

Join Positive Impact Sports this winter for a range of sports and arts and crafts activities.

POSITIVE IMPACT SPORTS - THRYBERGH

To book visit <https://forms.gle/gypPu2EwrWizD8hs9>

Thrybergh Academy, Thrybergh, S65 4FP

Thursday 2 and Friday 3 December

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 12 years

Paid places available

Join Positive Impact Sports this winter for a range of fun sports and arts and crafts activities.

ROTHERHAM BMX - BMX CAMP

To book visit rotherhambmx.com/shop

Winterhill BMX Track, Little Common Ln, Rotherham S61

Thursday 2 and Friday 3 January

9:30am to 3:30pm. Ages 8 to 16 years

Paid places available (book 4 weeks prior)

Join Rotherham BMX and develop your cycling skills this winter.

ROTHERHAM BMX - FOOTBALL CAMP

To book visit rotherhambmx.com/shop

Winterhill School, 3G Astroturf, High Street, S61 2BD

Thursday 2 and Friday 3 January

9:30am to 3:30pm. Ages 8 to 16 years

Paid places available (book 4 weeks prior)

Why not join Rotherham BMX Football club this summer and develop your football skills.

SAIF'S BOXING

To book find them on Facebook or call 07860606986

Saif's Boxing & Fitness, 1-3 Canklow Road, S60 2JB

Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 December

Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 December

12pm to 4pm. Ages 4 to 16 years

Paid places available

Sharpen your boxing skills and develop your knowledge and join Saif's boxing this winter.

WATH AMATEUR BOXING

To book visit www.wathboxingclub.com/haf

Basement Gym, Value for Monday Market, Montgomery Road, Wath Upon Dearne, S63 7QP

Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 December

Thursday 2 and Friday 3 January

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 16 years

Enhance your boxing skills this winter with Wath Amateur Boxing with a boxing fitness camp and a range of arts and crafts.

WATH HEALTH AND FITNESS HUB

To book visit www.wathhealthandfitnesshub.com/haf

Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Primary School, Fitzwilliam St, Wath upon Dearne

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 December

9am to 5pm. Ages 5 to 16

Why not join Wath Health and Fitness Hub this winter in Christmas themed arts and crafts, sporting activities, baking, a visit from Santa, watch a fun Christmas film, sing along to Christmas songs and decorate a Christmas tree.

YOGALOLS

To book call 07917728863 or email yogalols2@gmail.com

Rosehill School Kilnhurst Rd, Rawmarsh, Rotherham S62 5QH

Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 December

Thursday 2 and Friday 3 January

9am to 1pm. Ages 5 to 16 years

Get your dancing shoes on this winter and join Yogalols Christmas Holiday Club for a range of activities such as yoga, mindfulness, dancing, music, games and arts and crafts.