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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! We welcome you back to a new year and a new term with enthusiasm and excitement for all that we can accomplish together in 2025. We have many wonderful experiences and opportunities planned and look forward to your involvement.

A huge thank you to all of you and, to our school Governors who attended and supported our Christmas performances. School Governors also visited the children in their link classes to share stories, treats and festive cheer. Children felt so proud to present their class Governor with hand-made cards and calendars.



We hope children enjoyed the festive events during the final week. It was especially magical when Father Christmas came to visit and kindly rewarded our 'very good' children with presents.



On the final day, all of our school family came together to enjoy a fundraising Reindeer Run! It was a very fun event which raised an amazing £4,585.61 for Rotherham Hospice, a charity we hold very dear. Our very own Mrs Fitzgerald led the race in memory of her late father. We are all extremely thankful to you all for your generous contributions.

It is with gratitude that we bid farewell to Mrs Stothard who was welcomed into school to receive gifts, well wishes and say goodbye. We thank her for the long service to our school and community and wish her good health, happiness and the very best in all of her future endeavours.

In the new year we welcome Mrs Quigley to the Bramley Sunnyside school family as Cover Supervisor and Children's Champion. We very much look forward to benefitting from her wealth of educational knowledge and experience.

Thank you, for your continued support.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs S Seanson
Head Teacher

Bramley Sunnyside Y2 School Choir

Our Y2 Choir have been representing our school wonderfully again, making a positive difference in our community. We are so fortunate to have Mrs Goulding lead the music curriculum across our school with such passion and expertise at our school. Additionally, Mr Missing will be returning in the new year as a regular visitor to enhance our music provision and curriculum. We have many more opportunities and experiences planned for our children in the coming weeks including rehearsals for the 'One Voice' concert, whole school glockenspiel lessons and we are pleased to inform you that we will be continuing our Recorder Club. We also have great news that we have secured a funding grant for musical instrument class sets for our Early Years classes and will be offering 1:1 music tuition lessons for our Y2 children through the Rotherham Music Hub.





Science Success

We're delighted to announce that Bramley Sunnyside Infant School is the

WINNER

of the WonderDome EXCEPTIONAL WONDER AWARD 2024

Congratulations!

There were over 60 nominations, from parents of pupils, with everyone saying the same thing – ‘amazing staff who create a supportive and caring learning environment’. Our judging panel were so impressed with the obvious dedication staff and pupils have shown to improving learning experiences.

We're so pleased to have been awarded a FREE full day visit from the WonderDome during Science week, along with a £200 Amazon voucher to spend on space-related resources.

We simply can't wait to inspire our young science adventurers!

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: 96%

Year group winner this week is: Year 2 with 97.6% **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: <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 15th January 2025

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.

ATTENDANCE WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.
Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160

2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.
+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160
4 children & 1 parent = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE 10 IN 10
If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.
1 Day = **2** Sessions

3 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS
+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160
4 children & 2 parents = **£1280**
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

4 **2ND TIME**
2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280
No discount for early payment

3RD TIME
A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.
A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

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. 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

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

Monday – **KS1 Library Club** - 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Rushton)

Tuesday – **KS1 Designer & Makers** – 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Frost & Mrs Ford)

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

Thursday – **Movie Night** – 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Taylor & Mrs Chilcott)

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

Friday – **KS1 Recorders** - 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Searson)

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

Diary Dates Term 2 2025

Monday 6 th January	Return to school
Friday 10 th January	EYFS Open Event (for prospective parents/families to Nursery(FS1) & Reception(FS2) 15:30-16:30pm
Monday 13 th January	Class 5 & 10 Wickersley Library visit
Tuesday 14 th January	Police visit to school FS2
Tuesday 14 th January	Anti-Bullying class workshops in KS1
Wednesday 15 th January	Application for school place deadline
Wednesday 15 th January	EYFS phonics workshop for parents
Monday 20 th January	Class 6, 7 & 8 Wickersley Library visit
Wednesday 22 nd January	KS1 phonics workshop for parents
Wednesday 29 th January	Chinese New Year
Week beginning 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 4 th February	Road Safety assembly
Friday 7 th February	NSPCC number day
Week beginning 10 th February	End of half term disco – Information to follow
Tuesday 11 th February	Internet safety day
Friday 14 th February	Last day of half term
Monday 24 th February	Inset day
Tuesday 25 th February	Return to school
Thursday 6 th March	World book day
Week 10 th -14 th March	Science week
Wednesday 12 th March	Wonderdome experience
Friday 21 st March	Red nose day
Friday 28 th March	Last day of half term

*More dates to follow

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.

Rotherham
Metropolitan
Borough Council

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.

LEARN TO PLAY PIANO IN SCHOOL



**WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO LEARN TO
PLAY THE PIANO / KEYBOARD IN SCHOOL?**

**INDIVIDUAL LESSONS
15MINS £106 PER TERM
20 MINS £144 PER TERM
30 MINS £189 PER TERM**

For more information please collect an expression of
interest form from your school or our website,
or alternatively register online at
<https://rotherham.eepos.fi>

Please contact music@rotherham.gov.uk for further
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LEARN TO PLAY GUITAR IN SCHOOL



**WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO LEARN TO
PLAY THE GUITAR IN SCHOOL?**

GROUPS LESSONS £68 PER TERM

PAIRED LESSONS £89 PER TERM

INDIVIDUAL LESSONS £106 - £189 PER TERM

OPTIONAL INSTRUMENT HIRE £10 PER TERM

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LEARN TO PLAY WOODWIND IN SCHOOL



**WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO LEARN TO
PLAY A WOODWIND INSTRUMENTS IN
SCHOOL?**

**GROUPS LESSONS £68 PER TERM
PAIRED LESSONS £89 PER TERM
INDIVIDUAL LESSONS £106 - £189 PER TERM
INSTRUMENT HIRE £10 PER TERM**

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