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Dear Parents/Carers,

The snow certainly came in force this week! And of course, the severe cold and ice conditions too!! ❄️

We are all thankful for your understanding and support of our school closure on Monday, a decision that is never taken lightly. We always consult widely on these matters with the sole aim of keeping everyone safe and always with an ambition of remaining open as a school and safe haven.

We were amazed and blessed by the support from staff, parents and community who 'rolled up their sleeves' and dug, gritted and manned our school site from the early hours (in the dark) to enable us to open on Tuesday and remain open this entire week. We are also grateful for the commitment from school staff and 'Live and Learn' to continue to run before and after school clubs despite these challenges. It is also important for us to recognise that Breakfast Cub staff have been heroic in their dedication to arriving at school early to enable us to open and support our families.

Even our children enjoyed digging us out!!! 😊



On our return to school on Tuesday we enjoyed learning from our environmental changes and experiences during a focus on a whole school art day (building around our core learning). Children told us it was 'the best day ever'. Children focussed on curriculum knowledge and skills 'drawing' and 'painting' as they expressed their observations of wintery trees, holly and landscapes.



Thank you, for your continued support.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs S Seanson
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: 95.47% ↓

Year group winner this week is: Reception with 98.46% **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.

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 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)

Wednesday – **FS2 Arts & Crafts** - 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Holford & Mrs Traves)

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'.

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

4 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...

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



Diary Dates Term 2 2025

Monday 13 th January	Class 5 & 10 Wickersley Library visit – volunteers needed
Tuesday 14 th January	Police visit to school for FS2 curriculum enhancement
Tuesday 14 th January	Anti-Bullying class workshops in KS1
Wednesday 15 th January	Application for school place deadline (Primary)
Wednesday 15 th January	EYFS FS2/Reception phonics workshop for parents 14.15PM-15.00PM
Monday 20 th January	Class 6, 7 & 8 Wickersley Library visit
Wednesday 22 nd January	KS1/Yr 1 & 2 phonics workshop for parents 14.15PM-15.00PM
Wednesday 29 th January	Chinese new year
Week beginning 3 rd February	Children's mental health week
Tuesday 4 th February	Road safety assembly
Wednesday 5 th February	CLC Home school curriculum learning event
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

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 information



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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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