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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we've seen some really purposeful curriculum learning in our classrooms, including programming in Computing, exploring sources of evidence in History and piecing together sequences of movement in Dance /PE.

Our KS1 phonics workshop was well received this week. Thank you for parents who attended and contributed, and of course to our great team of staff for delivering these sessions. Parent feedback: 'It was really informative.' 'I've done some learning today!' 'It's good to know how it has changed from when I was at school.' 'I feel like I know how to help my child.' 'Thank you for the tea and biscuits!' Please look out for more workshops to come. Next up will be Reciprocal Reading and Maths. In our singing assemblies we are learning about the musicians 'Simon and Garfunkel' as composers of the genre of folk music – their lives and their music. Our songs to study include 'Homeward Bound', 'At the Zoo' and 'Hazy Shade of Winter' if you would like to listen to these at home.

Our termly library visits are an exciting event in our diary for our children. Thank you for all of the support from parent volunteers to allow for these visits to go ahead. It was wonderful to see a group of Y2 boys all pulling their library cards out of their bags ready as they cheered in a group celebration! Reading is fun, reading is good, reading is cool!

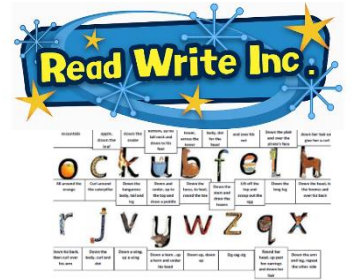
Next week we look forward to Y1, Class 5 and 10 visiting Wickersley Library. We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year and Oral Health Day with an assembly led by Dent-aid.

We are delighted that our music curriculum offer is extending to 1:1 music tuition from next, as we welcome both guitar and piano music teachers into our school for our Y2 children.

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: 95.7% ↑

Year group winner this week is: Year 2 with 96.53% **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.

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)
Monday – **KS1 Cooking Club** – 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Ford & Mrs Frost)

Tuesday – **KS1 Designers & 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'.

School Uniform

Please can we remind you about school uniform and jewellery from a safety perspective. We ask that you ensure children are in suitable footwear for school and wear only stud earring – no other jewellery. Children who come to school wearing inappropriate items will be asked to put them in their school bag. We have lots of spare school uniform at the front of school should you need it. Please help yourselves. We also ask that if you find that you have uniform items at home that do not belong to your child, please return them to school. www.bramleysunnysideinfant.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/School-Dress-Code-2023-24.pdf

Safeguarding

Are you in an abusive relationship? Please reach out for help and support and know that you are not alone. Learn more about the Domestic Abuse Coordinated Community Response (DACCR) Service - <https://hopian.org.uk/domestic-abuse-coordinated-community-response-service/> Useful Numbers - <https://hopian.org.uk/resources/organisations-that-can-help/>

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
- 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
- 5** **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
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 27 th January	Class 10 & Class 5 Wickersley Library visit
Wednesday 29 th January	Chinese new year (EYFS)
Wednesday 29 th January	Oral Health Day
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
Thursday 13 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**

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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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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators USING AND REVIEWING PARENTAL CONTROLS

Phones and computers are essential parts of children's lives, but with unfiltered internet access comes a multitude of risks. While not foolproof, parental controls can help with this; filtering out inappropriate content, limiting the ability to spend real money, capping screen time and generally making devices safer for young people.

1 KNOW THE TYPES

While parental control software can apply to an entire device, it also pays to know about options on individual apps and websites. TikTok, for example, has Restricted Mode for limiting unsuitable videos, while Snapchat lets you keep an eye on who a child has been talking to. Check the settings of any new app young users want and review your options.

2 COVER ALL DEVICES

Knowing what parental controls cover is crucial, as remaining unaware can run the risk of 'blind spots' in the device's safety measures. Controls on a phone will apply whenever a child's on that device, for instance – but you'll want to ensure that parental controls are set up across any laptops, tablets and potentially other phones, too. Remember, buying a new device may require you to set everything up again.

3 DON'T NEGLECT SHARED TECH

While children often have their own devices, if you have a shared family computer or tablet, for example, you'll need to make sure that's not a weak point in your safety measures. Parental controls for your router, that cover everything connected to your Wi-Fi, are one option – or you can just be thorough with each device and online account. Just ensure that unprotected laptops, phones and tablets are password locked.

4 CONSIDER TIME CONTROLS

Even safe internet content can be harmful if it's viewed in excess. Not only are certain apps addictive enough to distract from other duties, but late-night usage can badly disrupt sleep, which is vital for adolescent brain development. Most parental controls offer some kind of time limit – either blocking access at certain hours or capping the number of minutes it can be used per day – so be sure to consider these.

5 BLOCK APP SPENDING

Seemingly free apps can sometimes include microtransactions: purchases that can be made using real money. While plenty of developers implement these fairly, some companies attempt to manipulate children into paying for additional features or content, which can soon add up to hundreds of pounds if a child gets carried away. Thankfully, iOS and Android's settings allow you to block in-app purchases, preventing any huge bills.

6 NO CONTROLS ARE PERFECT

Parental controls can be very useful, but they're far from infallible. Some unpleasant content can and unfortunately will slip through the net, so remember that setting up these measures isn't a substitute for taking an active interest in young people's digital lives. Talk to them, and make sure they're aware of the risks of the internet as well as its benefits.

7 MIND THE GAPS

There'll undoubtedly be some gaps in parental controls, no matter how thorough you intend to be. For example, if you use router-level parental controls, bear in mind that these won't cover Wi-Fi outside the home. For that reason, it's important to keep an open dialogue with children about the many unpalatable aspects of social media and the web.

8 KEEP THINGS SECURE

Some children can react poorly to parental controls and feel tempted to circumvent them. It's important to ensure that the passwords to these settings remain unknown to children, otherwise they can easily modify the restrictions without you knowing. Similarly, make sure your phone isn't left unlocked and unattended.

9 REVIEW CONTROLS REGULARLY

Parental controls shouldn't be a 'set and forget' deal. Not only can parental summaries provide you with a frequent overview of a child's digital life – to let you spot any warning signs – but companies often add new features, and some of these may be useful to enable (or disable). Regularly checking in ensures that if a child has found a way to wiggle out of the controls, you'll be the first to know.

10 KNOW WHEN TO LET UP

The parental controls you install on a computer for a seven-year-old probably wouldn't be appropriate for a child of 16 – and as young people approach adulthood, bubble wrapping the internet can do more harm than good. Consider relaxing parental controls as children get older, so they can learn to manage the risks of the internet themselves, without so many training wheels.

Meet Our Expert

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