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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Spring 2. The sunshine has come back with you all too meaning that we are enjoying the advantages of outside learning and play more.

After school gardening club has certainly got off to a great start! We are looking forward to seeing how our children work together to improve our school grounds.



Jack from Class 8 said 'the music made me feel like I was in a movie and when the music went faster, it was like I was in a chase.'

Esme from Class 8 said, 'When the music was slow and soft - it made me feel calm and warm. The music made me feel really happy.'



In Music Assembly this week the children were reviewing and consolidating their knowledge about 'Tempo' that they have been learning about in their music lessons. Mr. Missing delighted the children with a piano recital of a Beethoven sonata for the children to move and respond to. The children then performed to Mr. Missing the songs that they have learned that have a change in tempo and were able to identify the tempo patterns. The children left assembly singing 'Bridge over Troubled Water' accompanied by the piano.

We have an exciting half term planned for children and families and thank you for your on-going support.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Searson
Head Teacher

On the lead up to science week based around space, ensure you 'look up' this evening to see the amazing phenomenon of the planets line up. Skywatchers are in for a treat this week as seven planets - Mars, Jupiter, Uranus, Venus, Neptune, Mercury, and Saturn will all be briefly visible in the evening sky. This phenomenon, known as a 'planetary parade' is a rare sight, and it will be the last time seven planets can be seen simultaneously, so well until 2040. The best chance to see as many planets as possible will be just after sunset on Friday. Four of the planets - Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, and Mars - will be visible to the naked eye. Saturn will be harder to see because it will be low in the horizon. You will need a telescope to spot the other two planets - Uranus and Neptune.



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

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 note that **ALL** term time holidays are classed as unauthorised.

Please also be reminded that any late arrival (after registers have closed) is recorded 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: **93.31%** ↓

Weekly year group highest attendance: Year 2 with **94.67%** 🙌🙌

Weekly year group lowest attendance: Year 1 with **94.67%**

Thank you to all parents and carers!

If your child has less than 90% attendance it is categorised as persistence absence. You will be sent a letter to alert you and to offer support. If your child's attendance declines further, you will be invited into school for a meeting to discuss how support might improve your child's attendance.

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. We notice that we have allocated a high number of medical appointments during the school day and ask you, where at all possible to take these out of school hours or in the school holidays.

We currently have a high level of chicken pox circulating throughout our classes, across school. If your child feels unwell or is showing any symptoms, please seek medical advice. For further guidance on symptoms and how to treat chicken pox, please refer to the NHS link below; <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>.

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

World Book Day

Our favourite day of the year is fast-approaching... World Book Day! We can't wait to celebrate reading with you all on Thursday 6th March and see you **dressed up as your favourite book character**. Children are invited to **bring in a favourite book** to share with their friends and enjoy reading throughout this special day. We have lots of exciting activities planned including virtual author visits, story swaps, reading buddies and much more. Keep your eyes peeled on ClassDojo!

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

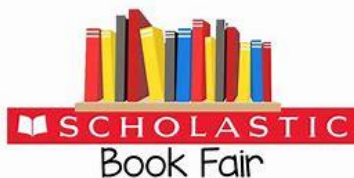
IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE
10 IN 10
If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution.
1 Day = **2** Sessions

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

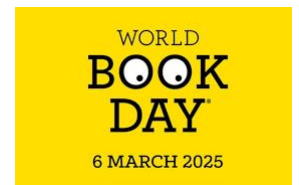
If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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



The Book Fair is back and will be open 8am-8.25am before registration and 3pm-3.20pm after school every day next week. **Contactless payments only** please. Children will bring home a £1 book token on Monday, which can be spent at our book fair. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you for your support as always. The more books that are bought by our families means more free books for school!



Curriculum



Class 7 and Class 8 were lucky enough to hop aboard the Titanic this week and experience what life was like as a third class, second class and first class passenger! Steve from One Day Creative was blown away by our children's knowledge of this significant event in History. exciting drama activities and lots of valuable talk to consolidate children's learning about the Titanic. Thank you to all parents/carers for supporting this amazing experience for the children. Without your payment contributions, these events would not be able to go ahead. We look forward to sharing our learning with you during our topic celebration on Thursday 20th March.

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.

School Clubs

Please note that places are only available to book as a **half term block payment** using Arbor. The after-school clubs cost between £3-£3:50. Sports Clubs are delivered by sports professionals 'Live & Learn'. Other clubs are delivered by school staff.

Monday – All **Football** -15:05-16:10pm (Live & Learn)
Monday – KS1 **Library Club** - 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Rushton)
Monday – KS1 **Cooking Club** – 15:05-16:30pm (Mrs Frost & Mrs Ford)
Monday – KS1 **Recorders** - 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Searson & friends)

Tuesday – KS1 **Science Club** – 15:05 – 16:10pm (Mrs Frost & Mrs Ford)

Wednesday – All **Mini V/FIT Trampolining Club** – 15:05-16:10pm (Live & Learn)
Wednesday – KS1 **Gardening Club** - 15:05-16:30pm (Mrs Ford & Mrs Frost)

Thursday – All **Movie Night** – 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Taylor & Mrs Chilcott)
Thursday – KS1 **Designers & Makers** - 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Frost & Mrs Ford)

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

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Diary Dates Term 2 2025

Week 3 rd -Friday 7 th March	Book Fair
Tuesday 4 th March	Y2 Maths workshop for parent and child PM
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day – Character dress up!
Week 10 th -14 th March	Science week - SPACE
Monday 10 th March	Y1 Parents phonics screen check meeting
Wednesday 12 th March	WonderDome experience
Friday 14 th March	Parents invited into classrooms for science week celebrations
Thursday 20 th March	Class 7 & 8 Topic Celebration
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day
Monday 24 th March	Active Fusion Festival of Sport at the English Institute of Sport
Monday 24 th March	FS2 Unit 3 – Afternoon Tea Party for parents
Tuesday 25 th March	Y1 & Y1/2 – Whistle-stop Valley Visit – Steam Train Ride
Tuesday 25 th March	FS2 Unit 4 – Afternoon Tea Party for parents
Wednesday 26 th March	Y1& Y1/2 Family Learning – It's a Bugs Life
Thursday 27 th March	Easter Disco
Friday 28 th March	FS2 Unit 2 – Afternoon Tea Party for parents
Friday 28 th March	Last day of half term
Monday 14 th April	FS2 & KS1 Church Visit
Tuesday 15 th April	EYFS Easter Bonnet Parades
Wednesday 16 th April	KS1 Easter Bonnet Parades
Friday 18 th April	Closed for Easter Bank Holiday Weekend
Monday 21 st April	Closed for Easter Bank Holiday Weekend
Tuesday 22 nd April	Parent Consultations 15.15-17.00pm
Wednesday 23 rd April	FS2 White Post Farm Visit
Thursday 24 th April	Parent Consultations 15.15-18:30pm

*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 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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**WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO LEARN TO
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**INDIVIDUAL LESSONS
15MINS £106 PER TERM
20 MINS £144 PER TERM
30 MINS £189 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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OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Are you concerned about a child or children in your school who are experiencing domestic abuse?

Would you like FREE advice and a professional dialogue with an Education Psychologist about how to best support them?

Call the Operation Encompass Teachers' Helpline

0204 513 9990

(Charged at local rate)

Monday to Friday 8.00am to 11.00am

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ARE YOU EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC ABUSE & NEED IMMEDIATE HELP? ASK FOR ANI 

STEP 1 If a pharmacy has the **ASK FOR ANI** symbol on display, this means they are ready to help.

STEP 2 Approach a member of staff and **ASK FOR ANI**.

STEP 3 They will offer you a private space, provide a phone and ask if you want a 999 police response or to speak to a domestic abuse support helpline.

For further information
VISIT: [GOV.UK/DOMESTIC-ABUSE](https://gov.uk/domestic-abuse)

Action Needed Immediately

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