



Aim high, work hard, be happy and successful

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

This week, we were delighted to welcome colleagues from across the trust into our school as part of a study visit. I felt incredibly proud of both our staff and pupils, who demonstrated such expertise and professionalism. Visitors were able to see first-hand the high-quality teaching that takes place every day, with lessons that are precise, well-structured and intentionally designed to ensure all pupils succeed. Our children represented the school brilliantly, showing enthusiasm, confidence and a real commitment to their learning.

It was a valuable opportunity to work alongside colleagues from across the trust, sharing best practice and reflecting together on how we can continue to improve. This collaborative approach is vital in ensuring we provide the very best education for all of our pupils.



Miss Knowles

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to a much-valued member of our team, who is leaving to take on an exciting new role working with external agencies to support children and families. While we are incredibly proud of her as she takes this next step in her career, she will be greatly missed by us all.

Throughout her time at our school, she has shown exceptional care, compassion and dedication to our pupils and their families. She has built strong, trusting relationships and has made a lasting impact on so many lives. Her support for colleagues has also been invaluable, and she has supported the inclusive and nurturing environment we are so proud of. We wish her every success in her new role and know she will continue to make a difference to the communities she serves.



ATTENDANCE

**SCHOOL
TARGET**

97%

**WHOLE
SCHOOL
AVERAGE
THIS YEAR**

94.7%

YEAR GROUP	AVERAGE THIS YEAR	NATIONAL AVERAGE
NURSERY Y1	92.0%	89.4%
NURSERY Y2	91.8%	91.7%
RECEPTION	94.9%	93.9%
YEAR 1	95.2%	94.6%
YEAR 2	95.7%	95.0%
YEAR 3	95.8%	95.2%
YEAR 4	94.8%	95.1%
YEAR 5	93.2%	95.0%
YEAR 6	95.8%	94.7%

100-95%
GOOD



94-85%
WORRYING

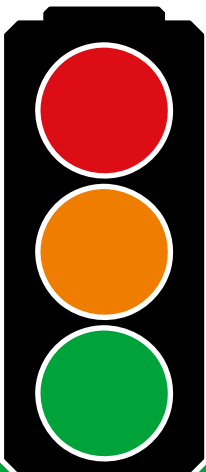


Below 85%
SERIOUS
CONCERN





Attendance Matters



BELOW 90%
Serious concern
Persistent absence

90% - 95%
Cause for concern
Low attendance

AT LEAST 96%
Expected attendance

EVERY DAY COUNTS...

Learning is a progressive activity. Each lesson and each day builds on another. If your child is absent for lessons that include demonstrations, discussions, experiments and other participation activities as part of the daily learning activities, they are missing learning that cannot be made up.

BENEFITS OF GOOD ATTENDANCE

- Pupils with good attendance generally achieve higher grades.
- Pupils with good attendance generally enjoy school more.
- Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life.
- Good school attendance helps to develop other responsible patterns of behaviour.

SOME RISKS OF POOR ATTENDANCE

- Pupils are likely to miss learning activities that their classmates have taken part in, which could mean they fall behind.
- They miss out on social interaction with friends/classmates - this can have a negative effect on the wellbeing and self-esteem.
- Low attendance is associated with anti-social behaviour and poor learning behaviours

THE LAW AND YOU

The Law states (Education Act 1996, Section 7) that all children of compulsory school age must receive an appropriate full-time education. As a parent/carer, you are legally responsible for making sure your child receives an effective education. Failure to ensure your child attends school regularly could lead to intervention from the Missing Education & Child Employment Service which has the power to implement:

Fixed Penalty Notices • Prosecutions • An Education Supervision Order

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

It is not a parental right to take their child on holiday during term time.

Holidays in term time will not be authorised, unless there are exceptional circumstances and you have completed a holiday request form in advance.

If you choose to take your child out of school for an unauthorised holiday you could receive a penalty notice of £80, per parent, per child.

CAN I GET SUPPORT?

Absolutely! We appreciate the unavoidable events that affect our pupils and their families.

We believe that the most effective way to ensure your child remains on track is to work together to maximise support in their/your time of need.

Our caring and dedicated staff are committed to making sure your child is happy and getting the best out of their time at school. Talk to us.



NURSERY

Nursery pupils were so proud of their attendance certificates. Getting off to a flying start. Well done everyone.



Nursery Children continue to enjoy time outside and planting in our grounds. We can't wait to see how well things grow and then eat them.



RECEPTION

The children in Reception have been making the most of the warmer weather and the springtime by getting busy in our outdoor area. We have been planting a variety of plants like potatoes, flowers and herbs, giving the children hands-on experiences of how things grow and change over time. The children have loved digging, planting and watering, and have shown great care and responsibility when looking after their plants.

It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged, curious and excited about the natural world around them. We are looking forward to continuing to observe and care for our plants as they grow over the coming weeks!



KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



YEAR 1

Year 1 found marmalade sandwiches in the classroom. We tracked down the owner in Mrs Frost's room and have been loving hearing his story and learning about London.



Year 1 are looking at the work of Georgia O'Keeffe in art and have started by doing observational drawings of flowers.

Year 1 have been planting bean seeds. We can't wait to find out what is at the top of the beanstalk.



Year 1 are loving Diamond Dash. We already have children on Ruby level which is amazing!!

KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



YEAR 2



Our new beautiful dinosaur-themed display showcases Year 2's fantastic artwork and writing. It celebrates their creativity and hard work, bringing their learning to life in a bright and engaging way.

Year 2 explored different fruit and vegetable combinations and tried out new flavours. They then designed and created their own healthy salads, learning how to make nutritious and tasty choices.



Year 2 enjoy DEAR time in the library alongside Year 5 each week. They love sharing their favourite books and spending time reading together.

KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 3



Year 3 have create some wonderful paper based apps using Marvel.



Year 3 loved their biodiversity talk yesterday. Thank you to our visitor from Equans.



Year 3 had a wonderful time this morning baking bread. Thank you for your help parent helpers.



Well done to these Year 3's for passing their Diamond Dash

KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 4

Art and DT

Year 4 finished their lighthouses with electrical circuits and now we are moving on to making Anglo-Saxon Brooches. In preparation for this, we have begun to explore Celtic patterns and Celtic knots and learn about their symbolism.



STEM visitor

Year 4 enjoyed a visit from a STEM ambassador to learn more about 'electricity'



Reading

Year 4 continue to read for pleasure, enjoying DEAR time with other classes also.



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 5

It continues to be a really enjoyable and productive time of the week when Year 2 and 5 come together to share their DEAR Time. It's wonderful to see the engagement in reading and even better; the questioning from the children to each other about what they have read, which is beginning to take place.



Year 5 continue to enjoy our weekly Yoga sessions delivered by our excellent instructor. The children use the exercises to concentrate both body and mind, ensuring a feeling of calmness and refreshment. Positive for the body and the mind.



Year 5 exploring the art works of Jean Michel Basquiat and his use of colour and tone through their own mood boards, interpreting some of his most prominent works before they complete their own abstract self-portrait.

KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 6



Year 6 are continuing to enjoy exploring the D.A.R.E.S. Curriculum in Computing – this time, using our reading and writing to create animated films.



Year 6 enjoyed another amazing experience: recapping 'Electricity' with a STEM ambassador, who really brought the topic to life!



We've enjoyed another amazing workshop: 'Stepping into the Stone Age.' We were able to handle artefacts that were tens of thousands of years old!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ADDITIONAL DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM:

Art Gallery

18th June. Following on from the success of the art gallery last year, we are excited to be announcing the date for this year's art gallery. Parents and carers and other members of our community are welcome to visit the school on this date between 3:15 and 5p.m.

You are invited to walk around the school and visit each classroom and the hall to see the wonderful work produced by our pupils.

Sports Days

Our sports days are on:

15th June:

KS 2 sports day 9a.m.

KS 1 sports day 1:30

23rd June:

Nursery Sports day 9a.m.

Reception Sports day 1p.m

Booknic on the field:

16th June. 12:30 – 1:30p.m.

We are planning a booknic (picnic with a book) on the field. All ordered school meals will be a packed lunch for this day and can be ordered in usual way.

We will have our dinner on the school field and enjoy a book in the sunshine. (fingers crossed)

Parents and carers are welcome to join us for this session and enjoy a picnic and read with the pupils over lunchtime.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY 2026

Monday 4th May **School Closed – Bank Holiday**

Wednesday 6th May **Year 2 Visit to The Deep**

11th - 14th May **Year 6 SATS week.**

Thursday 21st May **Year 5 and 6 Cricket Competition.
(Pupils involved will be informed)**

Thursday 21st May **School closes for half term.**

Friday 22nd May **INSET DAY.**

JUNE 2026

Monday 1st June **School opens.**

1st – 5th June **Multiplication Check Week for Year 4 pupils.**

Friday 5th June **Wakefield Schools Museum Workshop for Year 6 pupils.**

8th June **Phonic Screen Check Week for Year 1 pupils.**

11th June **Accomplish Trust Games Event at Sheffield Arena.
(Children involved will be informed prior to the event)**

Wednesday 17th June **Year 4 Trip to York Museum.**

Monday 22nd Jun **Accomplish Trust Music Concert at Wakefield Cathedral.
(Children involved will be involved prior to the event)**

Wednesday 24th June **Open morning and evening.
Parents are invited into school to look at children's books
and visit child's next classroom.**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY 2026

Wednesday 1st July	Transition Morning. Children will go to own class for register but will visit and work in the classrooms they will be working in next year.
Thursday 2nd July	Key Stage 1 Geography Bee at Townville Infant Academy. (Children involved will be involved prior to the event)
Monday 6th July	Year 6 Leavers Performance 5p.m.
Wednesday 8th July	Key Stage 1 Diamond Dash Competition at Townville Infant Academy.
Wednesday 8th July	Earth and Space STEM visit for Year 5.
Friday 10th July	Reports to parents. Please check emails for your child's summer report.
Tuesday 14th July	Key Stage 2 Diamond Dash Competition at Jerry Clay Academy.
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly. 9.00am – 10:30am Parents of year 6 pupils welcome to attend the assembly.
Friday 17th July	School Closes for the summer.
Monday 20th July	INSET DAY (School Closed to Pupils)



2026-27 CALENDAR

END OF SUMMER HOLIDAY

Back to school - Thursday 3rd September 2026

AUTUMN HALF TERM

Holiday starts - Monday 26 October 2026

Back to school - Monday 2 November 2026

CHRISTMAS

Holiday starts - Monday 21 December 2026

Back to school - Monday 4 January 2027

SPRING HALF TERM

Holiday starts - Monday 15 February 2027

Back to school - Monday 22 February 2027

EASTER

Holiday starts - Friday 26 March 2027

Back to school - Monday 12 April 2027

SUMMER HALF TERM

Holiday starts – Friday 28th May 2027

Back to school - Monday 7 June 2027

SUMMER HOLIDAY

Holiday starts Thursday 22nd July 2027

BANK HOLIDAYS 2026-27

Christmas Day -
Friday 25 December 2026

Boxing Day -
Monday 28 December 2026

New Year's Day -
Friday 1 January 2027

Good Friday -
Friday 26 March 2027

Easter Monday -
Monday 29 March 2027

May Day -
Monday 3 May 2027

Spring Bank Holiday -
Monday 31 May 2027

INSET DAYS 2026-2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Monday 23rd November 2026

Friday 29th January 2027

Friday 28th May 2027



SCHOOL INFORMATION

Teaching Staff for 2025 - 2026

Nursery - Mrs Johnson

Reception - Miss Price

Year 1 - Mrs Brown

**Year 2 - Mrs Franks and
Mrs Marsden**

**Year 3 - Ms Gibbings and
Mrs Hughes**

Year 4 - Mrs Hodgson

Year 5 - Mr Whipp

Year 6 - Mr Reynolds

Lessons start at 8:45. Please ensure that you arrive before this so that children can enter classroom prior to this. Gates open at 8.30 to allow this to happen.

As you know we have a breakfast club so these children use the playground and field prior to school opening so we cannot open the school site while these pupils are accessing these areas.

We will continue to enter at the field gate as this has created a calm entry to school and staff on the gates are able to see adults entering the school for messages and for safety. Please don't feel you have to queue outside school. As I have explained before, you are more than welcome to use the area near the scooter part, or come onto the field area near the path so you are not near the road whilst waiting to enter school. Lessons finish at 3p.m. and again, we will not be able to open more than 5 minutes before this due to children using the areas for their lessons. Thank you for understanding.