

Newsletter



November 2024

Basic Skills

Creativity

Emotional Literacy

Positive Contribution

Message from Mrs Bradbury....

Thank you to everyone who donated 'Pennies for Pudsey'. We raised a grand total of £299.46 which weighs a lot in 1p and 2p coins! We covered 78 pictures of Pudsey in total. Thank you for your generosity! All of this has been donated to BBC Children in Need.



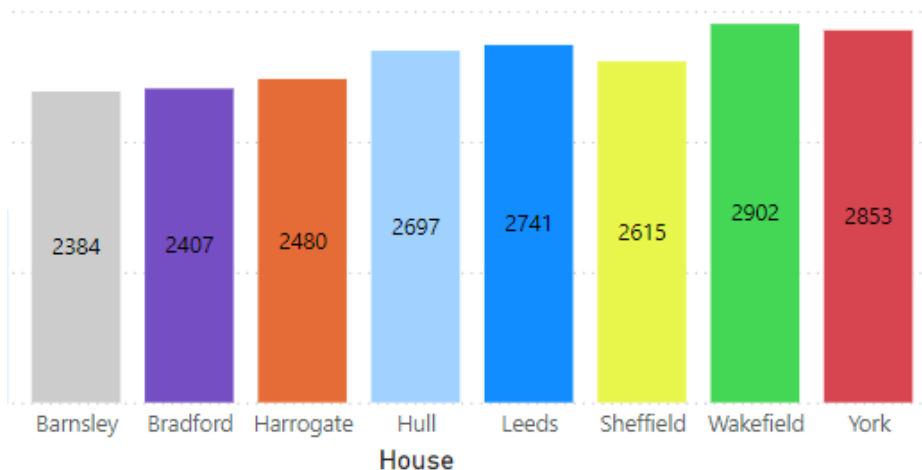
Last week, the children loved playing out in the snow. It was magical to see them all interacting on the field. In particular, so many of our children helped younger pupils or worked together across year groups to make snowmen. It was a real privilege to see the level of care, teamwork and general excitement.

Some pupils chose to take part in a huge snowball battle in the snowballing area and had LOTS of fun. We know that not everyone loves snow, so there was a classroom with games and activities for those children who preferred to stay inside or who wanted just a small spell of time outside. Thank you to everyone for still sending your child to school so they could learn and also play with their friends.



House Points Update

This year, so many children have already reached their bronze award for 100 house points. Wakefield are the house to beat at the moment!



What's coming up Christmas special.....

We are now in the run up to Christmas and have so many exciting events coming up.

Christmas Concerts

This year, you need to select electronic tickets on Arbor for the concerts. Each child has two tickets available. The time shown is the start time of the concert. An email regarding this will be sent out this week.

Christmas Dinner Day – Friday 6th December



On this day, the children can come to school in a Christmas jumper which is to be worn with normal uniform polo shirt and trousers/ skirt. Orders for the Christmas dinner have gone out via Arbor.

Please pre-order the Christmas lunch that your child would like.



Oh no we haven't, oh yes we have...

You will know from previous newsletters, thanks to the money raised from the 'Frozen Friday' lolly treats in the summer, we have booked a pantomime for the children. This is totally funded from the money raised. Thank you – buying those ice lollies has directly benefitted your children and enabled them to have a lovely Christmas show free of charge.



Parties

On your child's party day, they may come to school in party clothes. They will take part in some party games and dancing on the day. At lunchtime, they may bring in a party lunch. This may have a few more treats in than normal! Alternatively, your child can order the sandwich choice from school which will be served with crisps, a piece of fruit and a baked item e.g. bun.

Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 11th December 3:30 to 5pm

£1 per adult entry – children go free

Thanks to the success of our pumpkin patch, we have decided to expand our usual Christmas Fayre.

- Indoor and outdoor stalls
- Santa's Grotto (pre-booking on Arbor)
- **REAL LIFE Reindeer**
- Fun games
- Individual letters from Santa

- Food
- Tea/ Coffee
- Mulled Wine
- Irish cream hot chocolate
- Toasted marshmallow smores
- Selfie with the sleigh photo opportunities

and so much more



Christmas Raffle

Tickets available from the office on Wednesday 27th November and are £1 each.

A family ticket (two adults and two children) to a Rotherham United football match

A Meadowhall voucher
A Tea and Preservers bundle
Local pub vouchers
His and hers toiletry sets
Boulton's voucher
A Bike

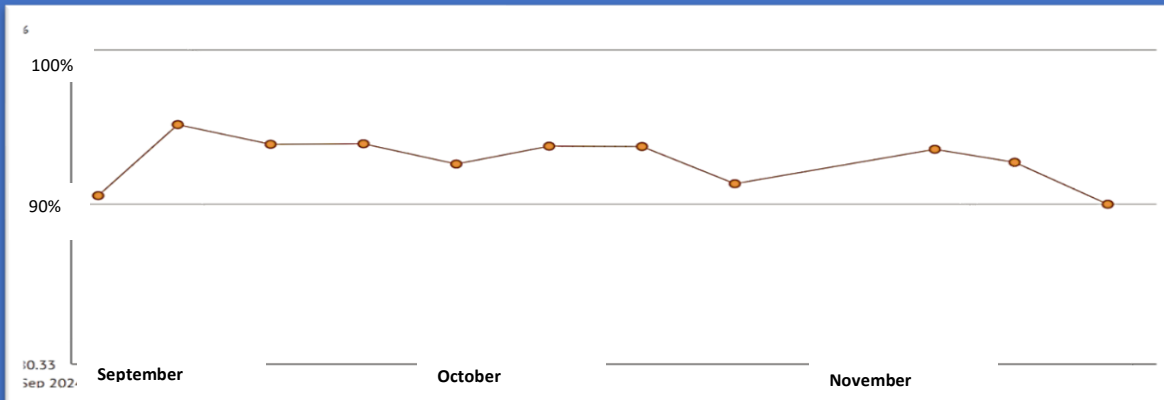
A pizza hut voucher
Toy Bundle
Wine and chocolates
Superbowl vouchers
Beauty voucher
And so much more!

Attendance and Lateness

The Trust attendance target is **97%**, the national average is **95.1%** and our School attendance so far this year is **93.1%**.

205 hours of learning has been missed so far this year due to lateness which has become a concern as children are missing valuable learning time. It is vital children are in school on time everyday. The school day starts at 8:40 KS2 and Y2 and 8:45 for Year 1 and Reception.

We know that the cold weather is having an impact on children's health. They should be in school as much as possible so that they are achieving the best outcomes. Attached is a letter from the NHS to help you determine if your child is well enough to come to school or not.



Please help us to help you by:

- Try to telephone, email or use the In app messaging service before 8.30am **each day** of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport - call on a family member, neighbour or friend.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance, talk to us as a first step so we can help!

Can we remind you....

Breakfast Club

Every day, we offer breakfast club for our children from 7.45am.

- £3.00 FS2- Y6
- £4.00 REY and Clever Kittens

Rainbows

Every day, we offer after school childcare. This is across in our REY building.

- Home time to 4:30 Children have a light snack e.g. toast £5.50
- Home time to 5:30 Children have a bigger snack e.g. beans on toast £10
- On a Friday, Rainbows offers Forest School Friday until 4:30 where the children take part in outside activities too e.g. cooking on a campfire, den building, scavenger hunts.

Clubs must be **booked and paid** for in advance on Arbor.

Parking

The zig zag lines outside of school are there to protect our children and not to be parked across.

Please can we remind you the car park is for staff use only and should be used under no circumstances unless agreed in an emergency.

Cashless

We are now cashless school and any payments must be made through Arbor.

Lunch Supervision and Dinners

All school meals should be paid for in advance on Arbor. Huge thanks to the vast majority of parents who do this.

Reading

All children are expected to read 3 times per week and parents must write in the reading diaries for the teachers to check.



Key Dates for 2024- 25

Please note, we have one more INSET day and are awaiting confirmation from another training provider. This is likely to be in the Spring Term.

Month	Day	Event
December	Tue 3 rd	KS1 (Class 3,4,5,6) Christmas Concert am (Tickets for Year 1 parents) Reception Christmas Concert pm
	Wed 4 th	KS1 Christmas Concert am (Tickets for Year 2 parents) KS2 Christmas Concert pm (Tickets for Classes 7,9,11,13 parents)
	Thur 5 th	KS2 Christmas Concert pm (Tickets for Classes 8,10,12,14 parents)
	Fri 6 th	Christmas Dinner day – wear Christmas Jumpers (No charge for pers) Free In school pantomime (paid for from fundraising).
	Mon 9 th	REY/ Clever Kittens Christmas Sing -a-long/ concerts (am and pm)
	Wed 11 th	Christmas Fayre after school
	Tue 17 th	KS1 and Reception Christmas parties
	Thur 19 th	KS2, Clever Kittens and REY Christmas parties
	Sat 21st – Sun 5th Jan	Christmas Holidays
January	Mon 6 th	Return to School
	Tue 21 st	Collect from class
	Friday 24 th	Funky Hair day (£1 donation and prizes for creative examples)
February	Sat 15th – Sun 23rd	Half Term
	Mon 24 th	INSET day
	Tues 25 th	Return to School
	Wed 26 th	Y6 Parents’ Evening – in person (remote option on either the Tuesday or Thursday)
	Thur 27 th	Collect from class
March	Thur 6 th	World Book Day – Wear pyjamas to celebrate bedtime stories
	10 th – 14 th	Science Week in school
	Thur 13 th	Boggledy Book fayre (£1, £2, £3 books)
	Fri 21 st	Comic Relief
	Wed 26 th	Parents’ Eve (All year groups except Y6) Remote options offered by the teacher on either Tuesday or Thursday
	Sat 29th – Sun 13th	EASTER holiday
April	Mon 14 th	Return to School
	Wed 16 th	Easter Disco
	Fri 18 th	Good Friday – School closed
	Mon 21 st	Easter Monday – School closed
May	Thur 1 st	Collect from class
	Mon 5 th	Bank holiday Monday- school closed
	12 th – 15 th	Y6 SATs – Y6 pupils must attend during this week
	19 th – 23 rd	Careers Week
	Fri 23 rd	Non Uniform day - £1 donation or bring a bottle for the Summer fayre tombola
	Sat 24th – Sun 1st June	Spring Bank Holiday
June	Mon 2rd	INSET DAY
	Tue 3 rd	Return to School
	3 rd – 13 th	Y4 MTC check – Y4 must be in school during this period
	9 th – 13 th	Y1 Phonics Screen Check – Y1 must attend school during this period
	9 th – 12 th	Y6 residential
	Mon 9 th	Collect from class
	Sat 14 th	Summer Fayre
	Fri 27 th	Sports day (If weather allows)
July	Fri 18 th and Mon 21 st	Transition to new classes
	Thur 24th	Summer Holidays

Thank you for all of your support.