

Newsletter



December 2024

Basic Skills

Creativity

Emotional Literacy

Positive Contribution

Message from Mrs Bradbury....

Huge thanks to all of our families for all of your support over the last few weeks. We hope that your children did you proud during their nativities/ concerts/ sing-a-longs! It was such a lovely start to December. In early December, we also had our Christmas dinner day and pantomime. Our kitchen team did us proud once again and cooked up a storm. In the dining room, the children's manners were impeccable and everyone got into the spirit of the occasion. The children loved the Aladdin pantomime experience and it was such a lovely day for them. Thank you to everyone who bought an ice-lolly in the summer. You helped our children have that experience at no charge.



Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas fayre. It was amazing to see all the support that we had! The children loved making the items to sell and it was lovely that some of our crafters had stalls too.

We hope that you enjoyed our sleigh photo opportunity which has been kindly donated by Meadowhall. Hopefully,



you caught a glimpse of our special reindeer visitors who added that extra Christmas magic to the event. Our dedicated staff all went over an above to make the event happen and we could not do it without them. Huge thanks to our lovely staff and volunteers for all of their efforts!



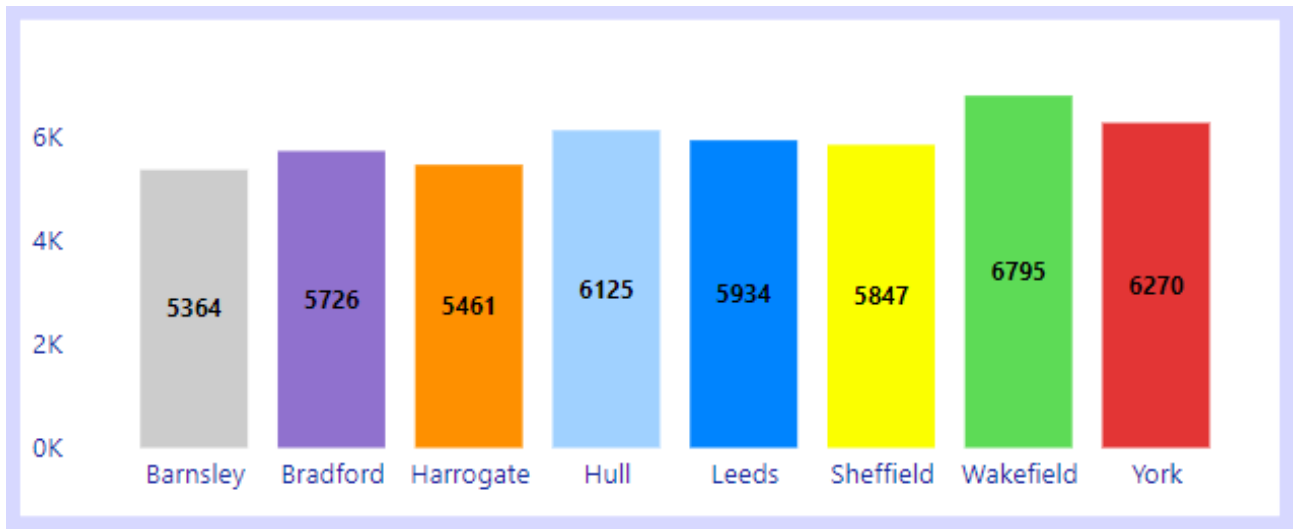
As well as all the Christmas celebrations, the children have continued to work hard and I am so impressed by the recent assessment scores. The children showed us how much they have learnt over the last term and how much they have retained from previous years. Completing the weekly maths arithmetic homework is really having an impact on the children's confidence and retention of maths concepts. The homework does revisit previous learning and is always within what the children can do. Thank you for your support with this.

This week, we have our parties, Christingle and of course our 'Reindeer Run'. Rotherham Hospice have kindly donated a pair of antlers for each and every child. All children will be running the daily mile (or doing extra PE/ outdoor time) wearing reindeer antlers. Today, we have had a special visitor who led the pack! Any donations that you could send for this worthwhile charity would be gratefully received. 100% of the money will go to the Hospice. Please send in any donations on Wednesday or Thursday as the hospice will be coming to collect the coins.



House Points Update

Wakefield remain the house to beat at the moment!



Parties

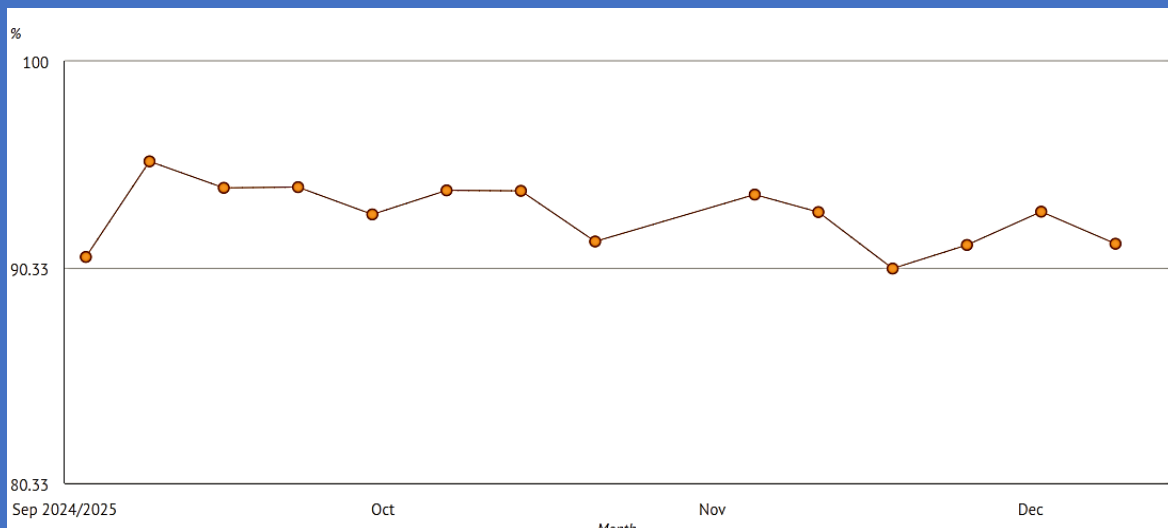
On your child's party day, they may come to school in party clothes. They will take part in some party games and dancing on the day. At lunchtime, they may bring in a party lunch. This may have a few more treats in than normal! Alternatively, your child can order the sandwich choice from school which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

Attendance and Lateness

The Trust attendance target is 97%, the national average is 95.1% and our School attendance so far this year is 92.8%.

280 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.



Breakfast Butty Morning

Friday 17th January

Butties will be available in the dining hall between 8:15am - 9:00am.

Parents/carers can enter school through the main entrance and bring children to the hall. Tables will be available to sit and eat at.

It is £1.50 for a butty and a hot or cold drink. Please try and bring the correct change. There will be vegetarian options available.

Year 5 and 6 children can attend without an adult.



Don't forget....

The next Parents Carer Neurodiversity meet up will take place on the 14th of January at 2:30 pm.

FUNKY HAIR DAY

Time to get creative with your hair... anything goes!

Prizes for the most creative

£1 donation

Friday 24th January

Collect from class....

Tuesday 21st January

School doors will open at 3 to allow you to come in and see some of the fantastic work your children have produced.

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.**
- Later finish is available at additional cost.

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

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.

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.

Conduct on school premises

Parents have reported that a couple of people picking up children have used offensive language within ear shot of the children. This is not acceptable.

Key Dates for 2024- 25

The training provider has got back to us and our INSET day will be o Mon 10th Feb

Month	Day	Event
	Sat 21 st – Sun 5 th Jan	Christmas Holidays
January	Mon 6 th	Return to School
	Friday 17 th January	Breakfast butty morning
	Tue 21 st	Collect from class
	Friday 24 th	Funky Hair day (£1 donation and prizes for creative examples)
February	Monday 10 th FEB	INSET DAY
	Sat 15 th – Sun 23 rd	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 29 th – Sun 13 th	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 24 th – Sun 1 st June	Spring Bank Holiday
June	Mon 2 nd	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 24 th	Summer Holidays