

Newsletter



November 2025

Basic Skills

Creativity

Emotional Literacy

Positive Contribution

Message from Mrs Bradbury....

It has been a wonderful first few weeks back after the half term break. As the children already know, we have some absolutely brilliant news regarding our pantomime visit WE DID IT! Huge thanks to everyone who raised money for the school pantomime trip (and REY trip to Tinsel Tots). With help from our disco and pumpkin patch... we did it! Oh yes, we did! It is all booked for Friday 28th November. All those children who gained 10 or more sponsors have (or will) received an exclusive badge and our champion fundraiser in each class has received a special prize. The class with the highest amount raised was Class 13 who will have a special treat nearer to Christmas. Special shout outs to our champion fundraisers in each class and overall winner Jayden S in Y6!

We have been able to cover the cost of the tickets, coaches and a small sweet snack for all of our children. Our REY children will have a magical Christmas experience at Tinsel Tots with transport costs covered too.

On Friday 7th November, we celebrated the life of Mr Steve Rhodes (former headteacher of Winterhill school). All of the schools in the local area are joining together to celebrate his life by wearing white and to create a permanent sculpture in the locality (hopefully to be sited on the main road from the motorway into Rotherham) celebrating working together and being proud of our area. Each of the schools will work with the artist to have input into how the sculpture should look.



This term is another jam packed one with lots of new learning, events and celebrations to look forward to. Please see the dates on the calendar for more details.

Attendance

Attendance has improved over the last month at **93.9%**, however the trust target is **97%**. We are also aware that children do get poorly at this time of year and we know it can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell. Attached is the government guidelines about health protection, infectious diseases and whether children should be kept off school. If your child has a cough or slight cold symptoms, they are fine to come into school.

Lateness

Lateness in school is still not improving. While we understand that occasional delays can happen, regular lateness has a significant impact on both learning and the smooth running of the school day. When children arrive late, they miss valuable learning time and can find it harder to settle into lessons. It also disrupts the class and affects the start of the day for everyone. In addition, frequent late arrivals place extra pressure on our office staff, who are constantly having to leave their work to answer the door and sign children in. This takes them away from important tasks that help keep the school running efficiently. Please help us by ensuring your child arrives on time every day. A calm and punctual start sets children up for a successful day of learning. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Whats coming up.....



Friday 5th December
Reindeer Run
Christmas Roast
Christmas Jumpers

Christmas Parties

REY, Clever Kittens, FS2 and KS1

Thursday 18th December

KS2

Friday 19th December

Children can come dressed in their party clothes.

Christmas Performances

Week commencing 8th December

Tickets available to purchase from Arbor shop soon



Pantomime

AM Performance

Clever kittens (PM children to come in AM on this day)
Y1, Y2, Y4 and Y6- children to be in school for 8.40 on this day

PM performance

FS1/2, Y3, Y5- children should be back in school for 4pm.

Tinsel Tots

REY children

All children to be in REY for 9.00am coach to leave at 9.15am promptly. Coach will return before the end of the school day.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE



WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

3.30pm - 5.30pm

Key Reminders

Birthdays

When it is your child's birthday, if you wish, they may come to school wearing birthday badges, sashes, headbands. Your child may not want to and that is fine too.

We ask that you don't bring in items to share e.g. sweets, buns etc. Partly, this is due to allergies and special diets as we have a large number of children who require specialist items. Mainly, it creates pressure for other parents to do the same for their child's birthday and an extra expense. Times are tough and the money could be used on a gift for your own child.

Drop Offs

All children in REY, Clever Kittens, Reception Class and Key Stage 1 (Classes 4,5,6) **MUST** be dropped off and picked up by an adult. Please do not leave your child unsupervised in the playground.

DOJO

Please ensure that you have given consent for Class Dojo. The teachers have lots of pictures but can only post them once children have permission.

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.

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 After School Childcare

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 Monday and 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.

Breakfast Club and Rainbows are a Pay as you Go service. Clubs must be booked and paid for in advance on Arbor to secure the place.

NUTS

We have a number of children with airborne nut allergies. Please don't send your child with nuts or nut spreads to school.

Please save these for a snack in your own home.

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.

<u>Autumn Term Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
28 th November	Pantomime
5 th December	Reindeer Run, Christmas roast day
9 th December	Reception class Christmas Concert – PM
10 th December	Class 4,5,6 Christmas Concert AM
11 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert AM and PM
12 th December	REY and Clever Kittens Christmas Concerts AM and PM
17 th December	Christmas Fayre
18 th December	Parties REY, Clever Kittens, Reception, Class 4,5,6
19 th December	Parties Classes 7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14, Last day of term

<u>Spring Term Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
19 th January	Collect from Class
23 rd January	Funky Hair Day £1 to participate
13 th February	Last day of term
14 th Feb – 22 nd Feb	February half term
23 rd February	Back to school
25 th February	Y6 Parents' Eve
6 th March	World Book Day – costumes
12 th March	Book Fayre £1, £2, £3 books
25 th March	Disco
<u>27th March</u>	<u>Last Day of term before Easter</u>
<u>28th March – 12th</u> <u>April</u>	<u>EASTER holiday</u>

<u>Summer Term Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
13 th April	Back to school
21 st April	Class Photos
23 rd April	Collect from Class
11 th , 12 th , 13 th , 14 th May	Y6 SATs (Please do not book a holiday in this period.)
22 nd May	Non- uniform day £1 to participate and last day of term
23 rd May – 1 st June	Spring Bank holiday
2 nd June	Back to school
2 nd to 12 th June	Multiplication Screening Check for Y4 pupils. (Please do not book a holiday in this period if this is for your child.)
8 th to 12 th June	Y1 phonics screen check (Please do not book a holiday in this period if this is for your child.)
8 th June	Collect from class
20 th June	Summer Fayre
26 th June	Sports day
29 th June – 1 st July	Y6 residential
8 th July	Redscope 70 th Anniversary
13 th -17 th July	Y6 transition to Wingfield and Winterhill
17 th July	Last day of term

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TERM TIMES - 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

September (22 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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October (18 days)

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November (20 days)

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December (15 days)

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January (20 days)

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February (15 days)

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March (20 days)

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April (14 days)

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May (15 days)

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June (22 days)


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July (14 days)

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August

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 Denotes School Holiday

 Denotes Bank Holiday