

# Newsletter

January 2026

Basic Skills

Creativity

Emotional Literacy

Positive Contribution

**Message from Mrs Bradbury....**

*What a great start it has been to the term! Our school has won the 'School of the Year' NCLT heart award. We are beyond proud of this and feel it is fantastic recognition for our whole school community. Offering quality education as well as fantastic pastoral support and of course our community events is what we are all about. Thank you to everyone, our dedicated staff, fabulous parents and carers who support the children and school so well and of course our amazing children. We are a brilliant team and when you work as a team, all pulling in the same direction, you can achieve anything.*



*Following our successful fundraising for the pantomime, we had our Christmas events. Altogether we raised £2164.93 Over £1500 of this has been spent on ordering additional reading books to support our children as they learn to read. As you will know, we are passionate about making sure our children can read fluently and accurately. We were so close to popping our reading balloon in 2025 and are really hoping that every child can remember to read at home (or at playtime) three times a week. It takes the whole team to make it happen so thank you for your continued support in filling in the children's planners each week.*

*To beat the January blues, we will be having our usual 'Funky Hair day on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. As usual, it is £1 to participate. This can be paid on arbor, via QR code or in cash. There will be prizes in each class for creative and interesting ideas.*

*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 took another hit during the month of December with an average of 87.9%. Some of this was clearly due to the number of bugs and illnesses going around school. 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.

There is also becoming issues with parents/carers collecting children on time, I have added school start and finishing times as a reminder.

## Start and finish times

Early Years	Am 8.45 - 11.45	Pm 12.15 - 15.15	All day 8.45 - 15.15
Clever Kittens	Am 8.55 - 11.55	Pm 12.15 - 15.15	All day 8.55 - 15.15
FS2	8.45 - 15.15		
Year 1- Class 4	8.45 – 15.15		
Year 1- Class 6	8.40 – 15.10		
Year 2	8.40 – 15.10		
Year 3	8.40 – 15.10		
Year 4	8.40 – 15.10		
Year 5	8.40 – 15.10		
Year 6	8.40 – 15.10		

## 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.

### 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Bikes and scooters in school

Before Christmas we had a few instances where bikes and scooters were ridden on the school premises causing some near misses. Any child that rides a bike or scooter to school and leaves on the school premises now needs a bike and scooter agreement signing. These can be downloaded from dojo or copies are available from reception for parents/ carers to complete.

Thankyou for your support

## Coming up.....

Collect from class

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January  
doors will open at 3.00pm

## Funky hair day

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

£1 donation



## Key Dates for 2025- 26

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

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

**ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Children and Young People's Services**  
**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
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

**October (18 days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**November (20 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	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

**December (15 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
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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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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30	31					

**April (14 days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

**May (15 days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**June (22 days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30					

**July (14 days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**August**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Denotes School Holiday



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