



# 'INSPIRE, RESPECT, SUCCEED'

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

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## Upcoming Dates:

### **Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

- **24<sup>th</sup> February: School re-opens**
- **27<sup>th</sup> February: Home football match against Leen Mills**

### **This half term**

- **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March: Year 4 start swimming lessons**
- **6<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day**
- **6<sup>th</sup> March: Tag Rugby competition**
- **25<sup>th</sup> March: Yr 2 visit Newark Air Museum**
- **26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March: Parents Evenings for Reception, Year 5 & 6 parents (see below for sign up details)**
- **28<sup>th</sup> March: Rock Steady Concert**
- **w/c 31<sup>st</sup> March: Year 6 Hagg Farm residentials**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Parents Evenings for Year 1 - 4 parents (see below see below for sign up details)**
- **7<sup>th</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> April: School closed for Easter Holidays**
- **22<sup>nd</sup> April: School re-opens to all pupils**

Another half-term has come and gone with and with it the darkness of winter and those cold, cold mornings. It has been a busy six weeks, as ever, and we have welcomed several new pupils to our fold. One of my highlights this half-term has been watching our children respond to new starters, whether simply visiting or on their first day. Our children have been so warm, friendly and inclusive. One prospective parent, having seen their child immediately be asked by a child in the class if they wanted to join in with what they were doing, asked me if the children were always so friendly and polite – I said of course! Those small acts of kindness are replicated day in and day out by our simply marvellous children. Having that culture is no mean feat and is a celebration of our entire community towards it. Have a peaceful, safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Mr Drayton

### **Parents' Evening Spring Term**

Our parents' evenings in the spring term are as follows:

- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February = EYFS, Year 5 and Year 6
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April = Years 1, 2, 3 and 4

Appointments will go live on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 12:15pm from Class Dojo pages.



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## Parental Survey on the Mixing of Classes

Last academic year we took the decision to mix classes in each year group.

Our aims were to:

- Build a wider circle of friends
- Create opportunities for children to learn and play with a variety of peers
- Enable greater social interaction between children as they move through school
- Ensure that each of the classes remains balanced in response to pupil numbers and pupil development
- Promote a greater sense of community within year groups and across school

We understood that this was a large change for us as a school and would take some time to become our normal practice. Throughout the year, as part of our Character Education curriculum, we have consistently promoted the positives that we sought to bring. Playtimes and lunchtimes are calm with children playing across classes as a habit. Changed rotas mean we do not have children feeling a sense of 'territory' over what their class can or cannot do. Classes are more balanced which has brought a multitude of benefits, directly improving the day-to-day education of all our wonderful pupils.

Our parent governors have recently conducted pupil voice which has reflected the findings of staff through the year, viz, that the vast majority of pupils have welcomed this change and can articulate their reasons for it. We will publish the pupil responses alongside the responses to the parent survey.

This year parents will be involved in the decision process. Although no requests can be guaranteed and the decision of the school is final, we want our families to be able to have the opportunity to discuss with their child their friendship groups and who they consider a good learning friend to be in the class with. Our current plan is to send home an activity around the preferences of classmates for children and parents. These completed sheets will help inform teachers of pupil views when compiling class lists for the academic year 2025-2026. Like last year, we will guarantee pupils will have a minimum number of their 'closest friends' in their new class with them. We will also increase the opportunities for all pupils as part of transition so that relationships, new or old, can be immediately strengthened. A clear timetable will be shared with parents so they know what is happening and when.

As part of our process and to ensure you have opportunity to share your views, we would appreciate your time in completing the following survey around the mixing of classes:

<https://forms.office.com/e/nPFD2vPVpn>

The survey is open until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and we will publish results, and any subsequent actions, following this. Thank you.



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### **Beardall Fields Rock Star Day**

The children, and staff all enjoyed the Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) Day last Friday. There were some fantastic outfits and lots of fun had with their times tables and Maths! Well done to Mr Sellers for organising and his amazing costume once again! We raised an amazing £297 for the NSPCC.



### **Young Voice Concert**

On Wednesday some of the older children from our school choir visited Sheffield Arena to take part in a Young Voices Concert. They absolutely LOVED it and we have photos and videos galore from parents and carers who came to the event themselves.

It was a late night for all involved so thank you to Mr. Allsop, Mrs. Newton and Miss. Dornan for giving up their evening to take the children to a wonderful event.





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### Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy week with a science workshop, and have completed some water safety and first aid training. The instructors complimented them on their attentiveness and knowledge.



### World Book Day

We're looking forward to celebrating World Book Day again this year. We'd like children to come in pyjamas as a nice easy way to celebrate without the need to go out and buy a special costume. However, if children would like to wear a book character costume on the day, that will also help us to celebrate all things books. We will clarify this with children in advance of the day.



**World Book Day  
at Beardall Fields**

*Only a month to World Book Day!*

This year, we are going to have a pyjama day for our World Book Day – come to school in your pyjamas and snuggle down to lots of reading activities!


Bring in a favourite book from home – be prepared to talk about it!

Chance to listen to different teachers read some fantastic stories.

Dear – Drop Everything And Read – time

Story Treasure Hunt – find clues to classic children's books

And much more...





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## After School Clubs

Our aim is to be able to offer all children the opportunity to attend some after school sessions during their time here. Next half term we are able to offer Year 1-2 boys football, Year 3 & 4 girls multi sports and Year 3 & 4 boys football. Where clubs are oversubscribed we have to select children at random to attend and will offers those not included this time the opportunity next time it arises. We rotate per term between year groups to ensure it is as fair as can be. All clubs have a nominal fee of £1.

## Attendance

School Attendance Target	97%
Attendance this week	95%
Class(es) with the highest attendance	3GB – 100%

## INSET Days for 2024-2025

Please note our remaining INSET days for the academic year are as follows:

- Monday 2nd June 2025
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025

School will be closed to all pupils on these days.

## Supporting Learning At Home

There are several ways you can help your child with learning at home. Log onto any of the following sites we have subscribed to or pick up a book from The Reading Olympiad. If you have any questions about log in details or wish for work to be set for your child, please contact your class teacher.

Mathematics

Reading



The Reading Olympiad



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Science



Music



Whole Curriculum



Outside School

**KIDS HALF TERM Activity Club**  
 18th & 19th February  
 Drop off - 0900  
 Collection - 1500

**£20**  
 Per Child, Per Day  
 Meals, Snacks  
 and Drinks  
 Included

Children Aged 5 to 11  
 A Variety of Activities Available  
 Throughout the Campus  
 Sports, Crafts, Drama,  
 Computing, and more.

For More Information, contact us :  
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[CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)

**FEBRUARY HALF-TERM HOLIDAY**  
 BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...

Watnall Road Baptist Church, Hucknall  
 February 17th-19th / 9.30am - 3.00pm  
 School Years: Yr2-Yr5  
 £25 per child for all three days (Lunch Included)  
 Book online @ [www.wrbc.co.uk](http://www.wrbc.co.uk)

FOOTBALL | NERF GUNS | STAGE GAMES | THE HARIBO CHALLENGE | CRAFT ZONES  
 GIANT JENGA | DANCE-OFFS | TEAM GAMES | DRAMA ZONE | MINI OLYMPICS & MORE...