



Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 10th December 2025

Attendance

You have 190 days to come to school and 175 to do everything else!

Regular attendance at school is significant to a child's educational development and progress. There is now a bigger [Government drive to improve attendance](#). When a child's attendance falls to 90% or below it is classed as persistent absence. We hope that by working together, attendance will improve and children will achieve fully in school. The school's policy for attendance is available on the school [website](#).

Please click on the [link](#) to see the guidance for parents regarding attendance:

We reward good attendance each week and are aiming for at least 96% attendance. Class attendance for last week was as follows: Reception – 97.67%, Year 4 – 97%, Year 2 – 96.67%, Year 5 – 94.07%, Year 6 – 92.59%, Year 1 – 92.58%, Year 3 – 92.22%, Nursery – 7.16%

Overall school attendance – 93.33%.

The classes in green are above our target of 96% and those in red are below, some significantly below. We will be targeting those with poor attendance.

*If you are unable to call school, e.g no credit on your phone, please use School Spider * to report the absence or click [here](#) to send an email to let us know, please try to let us know by 9.00AM. You will need to log into School Spider to do this, if you need help logging in, please let school know.*

Info for parents from the DfE regarding fines: [Fines for parents for taking children out of school](#).

National Year of Reading 2026

The Education Secretary is calling on parents to lead by example and make reading a daily habit to help reverse the decline in reading for pleasure, to help give kids the best start in life as part of the Plan for Change.

The call comes as the Department for Education and National Literacy Trust join forces to launch a National Year of Reading, starting in January 2026 to kick start a reading revolution. It will reverse the trend as just [one in three aged 8 to 18](#) said they enjoyed reading in their free time in 2025.

Bringing together parents, schools, libraries, businesses and literacy experts, the campaign aims to foster a love of reading for pleasure in children and young people, ensuring all children get the best start in life.

Reading for pleasure isn't just a hobby. It's linked to a range of benefits including stronger writing skills, improved wellbeing and confidence, and even higher future earnings, with new data showing those proficient in reading and writing in primary school [earn £65,000 more over their lifetime](#).

Parents Evening 16.12.25

Our Parent's Evening is next week on 16th December 2025 starting at 2.00PM. Bookings can be made via the School Spider App. Bookings close on Friday 12.12.25 at 3.30PM. Appointments will then be allocated to parents who have not booked via School Spider. If you need help with accessing the School Spider App, please contact school.

School Nurse Virtual Drop in Session

The next virtual drop-in session that is being held on 22/12/25 9.30am-12.00pm. (See flier)

Carol Singing 11th December

We're delighted to share that **refreshments will be available for purchase during the Carol Singing to raise funds for the PFA.** (For adults only) Treat yourself to a warm drink or a festive snack as we come together to celebrate the season. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parents and Friend Association (PFA)

Christmas Fair

We are holding our Christmas Fair this afternoon - at 3.00pm in the school hall.

KS2 children will come straight to the hall from class and you will be able to meet them there. KS1 and EYFS children should be collected from their class as usual and then please join us in the hall for the Christmas Fair.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle Tickets were sent home last week, they are £1 per strip, the first prize is a luxury hamper. If you would like extra tickets, please contact school. (Please complete the information on the tickets and return back to school with the money) Good luck.

Your support is much appreciated as the funds raised pay for many extras for the children.

Nursery Christmas Performance

Nursery will be sharing some Christmas songs in their classroom for their Christmas performance. This will be on Monday 15th December at 11.00am and 2.45pm. Parents can request 2 tickets for their child's session via class teacher. If your child attends all day you may wish to request 1 ticket for the morning and 1 for the afternoon, so that they have a family member watching them. It would be lovely for you to join us to celebrate this special time of the year.

Christingle

Our end of term service will be our Christingle. The children will all need an orange to make their Christingle. Please send an orange into school week beginning 13th December so the children can make their Christingle for the service. The service will be **held in the school hall this year at 9.45am NOT in church.** Families are still welcome to join us in the hall, please arrive before the start of the service. Thank you.

Dates for 2025/26

For school term dates for this academic year, please see the school calendar on our [website](#).

December

11 th December	10.00AM – Carol singing on the KS1 yard all welcome, hot drinks on sale for parents.
	1.30PM 3 rd Performance
15 th December	Making Day 11.00AM & 2.45PM Nursery performances
	Year 5 to Scarisbrick Hall to see Jack and the Beanstalk
16 th December	Christmas dinner day
	2.00PM -Parent Meetings
17 th December	Party Day – wear your party clothes, there will be a puppet show, Father Christmas, a Mentor Party lunch. PM – Last Group 1 swimming with Year 3
18 th December	09.45AM – <i>End of Term Christingle service in school hall.</i> Finish at 2.00PM

CAMHS

The Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) put together a monthly newsletter for parents and professionals, signposting support such as groups, training and workshops. Click the [link](#) to have a look and see if there is anything of any interest. If you have any questions you can contact Miss Murtagh (Headteacher) and Mental Health lead via the school office.

Christian Values This week's Christian Value is **Joy**.

Article 31: Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

Yours sincerely,



Miss E Murtagh
Headteacher



A Prayer for our School

*This is our school,
Let peace dwell here,
let peace begin with me.
Let the room be full of contentment
Let love abide here
Love of human kind, love of life itself
And love of God
Let us remember that as many hands
build a house,
Many hearts build a school.
Amen*

