



Wow, what a fantastic, busy summer term it has been! Below are just some of the highlights. Despite being unable to host sports day because of the persistent rain we have certainly managed to pack in a whole host of events and activities. As we head into the holiday, I want to wish all our families a restful break. Whether you're heading away on holiday, enjoying relaxing days at home, or exploring new places locally, I hope you all have a wonderful time. A very special goodbye to our year 6 pupils and families. We are incredibly proud of you and can't wait to see all the amazing things you'll go on to do in the future. Enjoy the summer, and I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for an exciting new year!



Y5 Mosque visit

Year 5 had the privilege of visiting the

Madina Mosque in Heeley this half-term to enrich their understanding of the Islamic faith as part of their RE learning. They went on a lovely tour of different rooms around the Mosque and were escorted by an amazing tour guide who taught them about many traditions and teachings within Islam.

Crofty the Cub & Children's hospital

Our fantastic Pupils' Parliament has been busy thinking of exciting ways to support Crofty the Cub and raise money for Sheffield Children's Hospital.



After meeting together, our representatives returned to their classes to gather lots of brilliant fundraising ideas from everyone. Following some excellent discussions, it was decided that a Fancy Dress and Crazy Mane Day would be the perfect way to celebrate the Pride of Yorkshire as well as a sponsored event to help us reach our ambitious target of £900.

They designed a fun-filled obstacle course featuring hurdling, skipping, bean bag balancing, space hopper bouncing, running and teamwork. Children across the school had a fantastic time completing the course, encouraging one another and raising money for a very worthwhile cause.

Our fundraising total has now been sent to Sheffield Children's Hospital, where the final amount will be counted. We are incredibly proud of everyone's enthusiasm, generosity and determination to make a difference.

If you'd like to visit Crofty the Cub, you can see him on display at Hallamshire Tennis & Squash Club. Why not pop along and say hello!



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8/9 -Y3 Parent Information Evening
15/9 - Y3T work showcase open morning
16/9 - Y3F work showcase open morning
17/9 - Y3J work showcase open morning
19/9 - SFSS Primary Schools Cross Country 1 @Ecclesall Woods 9:30 start
22/9 - Y4H work showcase open morning
23/9 - Y4HF work showcase open morning
24/9 - Y4WL Work Showcase Open Morning
30/9 - Y5CB Class visit to St Luke's -pm
1/10 -School Photos (individual Portraits) am

Gardening Club: Harvest & Pumpkin Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who bought a pumpkin and home grown produce recently to help raise funds for our gardening and outdoor learning activities, such as seeds, plants, tools, compost..... We look forward to judging your entries and seeing how you all get along.

RHS level 1 award

We are also pleased to announce that school has achieved the RHS level 1 award for gardening which we are very proud of.



3/10 – SFSS Primary
Schools Cross Country 2 @
Bolehills 9:30 start
6/10 – Y5P visit to St
Luke's -pm
7/10 – Y3 Outdoor
Learning Day
8/10 – Y5CB Class
Assembly @9.15
9/10 – Y3J Broomcroft
Visit 2pm
10/10 - SFSS Primary
Schools Cross Country
3@Parkwood Springs 9:30
start
14/10 -Y5L visit to St
Luke's pm
20/10 – Parents Evening
21/10 – Parents Evening
22/10 – Dress down day
and break up for half term

Y6 Stratford Visit

Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time on their residential visit to Stratford-upon-Avon a few weeks ago, where they immersed themselves in a range of exciting history-focused activities. One of the highlights was our visit to Warwick Castle, where the spectacular Birds of Prey display amazed everyone, and the thrilling Viking Raiders show brought history vividly to life. During our Stratford Town Tour, we listened to some wonderfully spooky ghost stories that kept us all entertained. Another favourite was our trip to Cadbury World, with the unforgettable 4D Cinema Experience proving to be a real hit. It was a memorable few days filled with learning, laughter and experiences that the children will remember for years to come.



Y6 concert

The Year 6 students performed brilliantly (in the middle of a heat wave!) and we couldn't be prouder! Their enthusiasm and talent really shone through as they brought the Second World War production, "We'll Meet Again," to life. It was their last big production together before heading off to secondary school, making it a very special moment. They showed such courage and teamwork on stage, capturing the spirit of that important time in history. Well done to all of our amazing and talented year 6 pupils – you all did an amazing job!



Attendance

Our attendance target for 2025-26 is 98%, and we are pleased to share that our end of year attendance is 97.4%. This is a great achievement, and we're grateful to all our families for their continued support. Thank you for working with us throughout the year to prioritise regular school attendance. We're proud of this strong figure and look forward to building on these next year!



Governor update

We are saying goodbye to two governors this term. Jenny Judge has been on the board for 4 years and has supported the school in so many ways, most importantly through the academisation journey. We wish Jenny well and thank her for her time. We also would like to say a huge thank you to Katherine Oglesby who has been our interim chair of governors for 18 months. Paul Brown is stepping into the role from September. Both Jenny and Katherine's dedication, support, and leadership have really made a difference and we're really grateful for all the time and energy they've given us.

Westbourne Maths quiz

A huge well done to the four Year 6 superstars for representing Dobcroft Junior School at the annual Maths Conundrum, hosted at Westbourne School. The team tackled three rounds of challenging fluency, reasoning and problem-solving activities, putting their mathematical thinking and teamwork to the test. They demonstrated fantastic communication, determination and resilience throughout the competition and represented our school brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of their positive attitude and the way they rose to every challenge.

Y6 Circus Skills

Y6 enjoyed a brilliant day taking part in a circus skills workshop, embracing challenges well beyond their usual classroom experiences. Pupils learned diabolo, juggling, plate spinning, unicycling, and even mastered the mini-bike — if it's a circus skill, they gave it a go! The day was filled with laughter, determination, and a wonderful sense of achievement as everyone pushed themselves, built resilience and took pride in learning something completely new!



Y5L assembly

Mrs Lythall's class performed the final class assembly of the year and what a performance it was! The children showcased a huge range of their learning in creative, engaging and exciting ways. They demonstrated strong teamwork, listening and super speaking skills- well done Y5L we are very proud!

Staff Goodbyes

We say a sad goodbye to Mr Hanson, one of our lunchtime supervisors as well three of our amazing teaching assistants: Ms Lui, Mrs Francis and Miss Vintin. They are all incredible, will be missed and we wish them well.

Y2 transition activities

Our Year 3 teachers, SEND team and pastoral team have been working closely with the infant school to get to know the Year 2s that will be joining us in September. Our Year 3 pupils wrote postcards to a Year 2 buddy sharing all the things that they can look forward to in Year 3. The children met up on our field and shared their writing before having a lovely time playing together. Each of our Year 3 teachers spent a full morning at the infant school working with their new class in order to get to know the children before they came over for a fun-filled and very hot transition day towards the end of June. We've also been keen to welcome parents to the school and the full staff team supported our new parents on a tour of the school and our



Y3 and Y4 charity fairs

This term, both Year 3 and Year 4 have run very successful charity fairs. We have seen plenty of fantastic teamwork, with the pupils coming together in small groups to plan, design and run their own stall with the aim of raising as much money as possible for our chosen range of charities. The children showed brilliant entrepreneurial skills along the way, having to consider how they could entice their peers from all other year groups to their stall with new and novel ideas. Together, we have raised hundreds of pounds for our charities in school: help the Aged, S6 foodbank, St Luke's and Assist. Also, a big thank you to all who donated plenty of prizes that allowed this money to be raised.

facilities so that they too, can learn to find their feet ready for September. We very much look forward to welcoming all of our new families in September and remember to look out for your sunflower that you planted!

We are going to make sure that we communicate more clearly what is (and isn't) expected from the children with regards to charity days moving forwards based on parent feedback and thank you for your patience and support this year.

Y6 Abbeydale history visit

Our Year 6 children visited Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet to support our learning in History on the impact of the Industrial Revolution in Sheffield. The children coped really well with the warm weather conditions as they learned about what life was like for people living there during the industrial revolution. They studied what conditions were like for the workers and visited the houses of both the managers and the workers and compared their living conditions. They went on a scavenger hunt and studied the machinery. It was great to take their learning out of the classroom and find out what life may have been like for some of our ancestors.



Assemblies

We have had a range of exciting and informative assemblies over the past month.

Eid al-Adah: The assembly included traditions related to Eid, helping children appreciate the significance of this important time of giving, gratitude, and community.

World Refugee and Asylum Day: Children learnt about the experiences of refugees and the importance of offering help and kindness to those who had to leave their homes. This helps us live our school value of 'Together We Embrace Difference' as we inspire our children to be even more compassionate and show understanding towards people from different backgrounds.

Pride Assembly: This focused on celebrating kindness, acceptance, and respect for everyone. It was a great opportunity for children to understand the meaning of Pride, consider who in our community Pride is particularly importance for and how it helps us to be proud of who we are.

Sean Cooney (father of Patrick in Y3) visited and shared his career as a folk musician and a radio broadcaster. We loved seeing his Radio 2 Folk Award, dolls of the members of the band - The Young'Uns - and receiving a signed t-shirt from George Ezra, who Sean has worked with.



Exercise & Mental Health: Children learnt about the positive impact exercise has and learnt more about the Millhouses junior parkrun on Sunday 12th July, which culminated in a wonderful event with many children taking park in their first junior parkrun! Never heard of parkrun? <https://www.parkrun.com/about/join-us/junior-parkrun/> There are events every Sunday, including through the summer holidays: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/millhouses-juniors/>

As we look towards the new school year, if you wish to share your career, hobby or faith with our school community, please contact Mr Harrison via the school office.

Y4 Hindu Mandir Temple visit

Mrs Cooper arranged a trip for Year 4 to the Hindu temple to help enhance the learning that the children have been completing in class – they had an enriching and memorable experience. The temple is in an old school building and children learnt about the significance of the temple in Hindu culture and their guide explained the various deities worshipped there and the meaning behind many of the rituals. The children presented many challenging and thoughtful questions, which our guide took the time to consider and present his thoughts. The trip helped them to appreciate different cultures and spiritual practices, helping us live our value of 'Together we embrace difference'.

Y5 & Y6 Papaya workshops

Both Year 5 and 6 have been visited by the charity Papaya to take part in workshops about their use of technology. These workshops allowed the children to gain further knowledge of the advantages and disadvantages of the internet to support them to make smart technology choices now and in the future.

Summer music concert

Our school community was treated to a spectacular celebration of music at our recent Summer Concert. Pupils from across all year groups took to the stage to share their incredible musical talents. Children showcased a wide range of instruments, including beautiful piano solos, rhythmic drumming, and impressive performances on strings, woodwind, and brass. It was wonderful to see the children's hard work, dedication, and confidence shine through in every single note. Thank you to all the families who came to support our young musicians and made the event such a memorable success.



Y4 Foodbank charity

Our S6 Foodbank "Dinnertime"

collection was a fantastic success, with a wonderful range of food donations generously given by our school community – thank you to everyone who kindly donated. A huge thank you to our Y4 Foodbank Reps, who did an excellent job organising the collection and sorting the donations. Together, we collected a great amount of food to help support individuals and families in need across Sheffield.



Y5 St Luke's charity event

Year 5 recently completed their final fundraising event in support of St Luke's Hospice. Children and parents enjoyed a fantastic 'You Bet' afternoon, where our Year 5 pupils took on a series of fun and challenging bets to raise money. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, teamwork and community spirit shown throughout our fundraising project. We are still calculating the final amount raised and look forward to sharing the total in September's newsletter. Thank you to everyone who supported us!

Wellbeing

Wellbeing Workshop

We had a fantastic wellbeing workshop in the school hall,

thanks to Louise Fear and Jenny Winters who coordinated the event. The workshop was well attended, with many families and professionals, including representatives from autism teams and other specialists joining us to share their expertise. Some professionals delivered a summary talk, while others were on hand for signposting and supportive conversations. The feedback has been very positive, and we look forward to similar, future events. A big thank you to Louise, Jenny, and everyone who attended for making it such a successful event!



FODs and Summer Fayre

Friends of Dobcroft have continued to go from strength to strength this term raising money for both schools. They coordinated an extremely

successful summer fayre which raised over £7000. They have also secured a fundraising initiative at Tesco to help our school raise money for an improved outdoor leaning area on the field. If you shop at local Tesco's in the area don't forget to pop your coin in our voting box! Please see the separate FODs newsletter for more details.

Thank you too for paying for Y6 to have an ice cream van today and for contributing to their end of year party.



Fundraising

Our very own Mr Harrison has been given a place in the London Marathon 2027, raising funds for the British Heart Foundation as he does so. It's a really important charity for Mr Harrison, as heart disease affects his family, and Mr Harrison needed an operation last year to keep him running! The BHF has helped halve the number of people dying from heart and circulatory disease in the UK but sadly every day hundreds of people lose their lives. You can read Mr Harrison's story via the link below and, if you wish, donate to his fundraising appeal.

<https://justgiving.com/page/paulruns london marathon>

Goodbye Year 6

And last but not least..... Goodbye to our amazing, wonderful Year 6 pupils. You've worked so hard this year and have achieved so much. Your end of year assembly was just lovely! We know you will go on to do great things and look forward to hearing about your adventures. A very special goodbye and best wishes—you will always be part of our Junior School family!

