

HEATHER GARTH STAR

Monthly News



SUMMER TERM 1 & 2
2026

REMINDER -

To book for the breakfast club, which is open every school day from 7.30 am, please contact the school office on 01709894149

REMINDER -

SCHOOL BREAKS UP ON FRIDAY 17 JULY 2026

(Monday 20 July 2026 is an INSET DAY)

AND

RETURNS ON THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2026

(Monday 31 August is a Bank Holiday and
Tuesday & Wednesday, 1 & 2 September 2026
are INSET DAYS)

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A LOVELY SUMMER

REMEMBER we have clubs being delivered by Grassroots over the six-week holidays from Monday 27 July to Friday 21 August 2026.

Clubs are Monday – Friday each week, starting at 9:30 am and finishing at 5:00 pm.

The holiday club is not run by school, and therefore, bookings are nothing to do with the school. To book, please see the information sheet over.

healthy
holidays



Department
for Education

PRICE £15 - £25
DEPENDING ON
HOURS

KIDS SUMMER CAMP



YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT

TO BOOK PAID
PLACES



TO BOOK FREE
SCHOOL MEAL
PLACES



- SPORTS
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- AND MORE...

27TH JULY -
21ST AUGUST

9:30AM - 5:00PM

HEALTHY FOOD PROVIDED

HEATHER GARTH PRIMARY
BILLINGLEY VIEW, ROTHERHAM,
S63 8ES



CAMP



Letter from the Headteacher, Mrs J Winnard

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership throughout the year.

It has been a busy and rewarding year filled with learning, achievements, memorable experiences, and many reasons to celebrate. From exciting classroom projects and educational visits to sporting events, performances, and special celebrations, our pupils have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, resilience, and kindness. We are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished.

None of this would be possible without the strong partnership between home and school. Your support with your children's learning, attendance, school events, fundraising activities, and the many ways you contribute to our school community has made a real difference. Thank you for the trust you place in us each day and for working alongside us to help every child flourish.

As always at this time of year, we also say goodbye to some valued members of our staff. After many years of dedicated service, Mrs Howe is retiring. We would like to thank her for the care, commitment and kindness she has shown to generations of children and families. We wish her a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

We also say farewell to Mrs Sheraz, who is leaving to take on an exciting new role. We thank her for her enthusiasm, dedication and the positive impact she has made in our Early Years provision, and we wish her every success in the next stage of her career.

Our thanks also go to Miss Ball who is moving on to a new role. Her support for our pupils and staff has been greatly appreciated, and we wish her all the very best for the future.

While it is always sad to say goodbye, we are equally delighted to welcome new members of staff who will be joining our school community in September. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Hardy, Miss France, and Miss Clough. We know they will become valued members of our team, and we are excited for them to begin their journey with us.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to our dedicated staff, whose commitment, care and passion continue to inspire our children every day. Their hard work ensures that our school remains a happy, safe and nurturing place where every child can thrive.

To our wonderful Year 6 pupils, we wish you every success as you move on to the next stage of your education. You leave us with many happy memories, and we are confident you will continue to achieve great things. We hope you will always look back on your time here with pride and affection.

We also extend our very best wishes to the families and children who are leaving our school at the end of this academic year. Whether you are moving to a new area or beginning a new chapter elsewhere, thank you for being part of our school community. You will always be a part of the Heather Garth family, and we wish you every happiness and success for the future.



Letter from the Headteacher, Mrs J Winnard cont'd

At the same time, we are excited to welcome the new children and families who will be joining us in September. A special welcome goes to our new starters in Nursery and Reception, as well as the children joining us in other year groups. We look forward to getting to know you and hope you quickly feel happy, settled and part of our caring school community. We know you will make many wonderful memories with us in the years ahead.

As the summer holidays begin, I hope that all of our families have the opportunity to relax, spend quality time together and enjoy a well-deserved break. Whether you are travelling, exploring closer to home or simply enjoying time together, I hope the holidays are filled with fun, laughter and special memories.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning, growth and opportunity.

On behalf of everyone at Heather Garth Primary Academy, thank you once again for your unwavering support throughout the year. We wish you and your families a happy, safe and enjoyable summer holiday.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs J Winnard
Headteacher



AUTUMN 1 EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

INFORMATION WILL BE SENT OUT IN SEPTEMBER 2026

Fundraising

Non-uniform day 15.5.26 & 10.7.26

Raised £128.00 & £94.20

Thank you to those parents and carers who support our non-uniform days. This all helps towards reducing the cost of trips next year.

Year 6 Enterprise Week

Monies raised - £861.82—Thank you for all your support

KEEPING YOUR CHILD'S INFORMATION UP TO DATE IN SCHOOL IS VERY IMPORTANT

WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND PARENTS AND CARERS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING

YOUR CHILD'S/CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY CONTACT

INFORMATION

UP-TO-DATE

AND

ACCURATE AT ALL TIMES

IF YOUR ADDRESS, ANY OF YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBERS OR EMERGENCY CONTACTS, PLUS YOUR FAMILY DOCTOR HAVE CHANGED RECENTLY, AND YOU HAVE NOT LET US KNOW, PLEASE DO SO AS A MATTER OF URGENCY.





AUTUMN TERM 1

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Following the success of our previous Macmillan coffee mornings we have decided to host this event again. So many of our families and friends have had the wonderful support of Macmillan and we feel this year it is extra important to support this event. Details are as follows:-

23 SEPTEMBER 2026

Parents/carers/family and friends are welcome to join us between 8.30 am and 10.00 am and again at 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm, the event is to be held in the blue building. There will be cakes/buns on sale together with fundraising activities. All proceeds will be donated to Macmillan.

If you would like to bake buns/cakes or donate any raffle prizes these would be appreciated, you could take these to the blue building on Tuesday afternoon or bring with you on Wednesday to one of the above sessions. Everyone is welcome & thank you in advance.

All proceeds will be donated to Macmillan.

Thank-you for your continued support.

1 OCTOBER 2026 -
31 OCTOBER 2026

Black History Month

Black History Month is a month set aside to learn, honour and celebrate the achievements of black men and women throughout history.

Harvest Festival Week

W/C 5 OCTOBER 2026

As in previous years, for harvest, we are collecting tins, packets, cereal etc. These will be donated to the local community who will make up food parcels for the local Food Bank. Your child can bring their donation to school on any day during this week. All donations will be greatly appreciated. (please check the sell by/use by date of any items before bringing into school). Further information to follow nearer the time.

NON-UNIFORM DAY - WEAR RED FOR RACISM - SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Let's push Wear Red Day and anti-racism to the centre of the conversation

Let's challenge what so many people are unwilling or unable to challenge

16 OCTOBER 2026

Let us show, once again, that we are united against racism

'Our 1st non-uniform day in order to raise funds to help reduce the cost of school educational trips for parents and carers. £1.00 Per child.

Thank you for your continued support.





AUTUMN TERM 1

Individual Class Photographs

19 OCTOBER 2026

Our **Photographer** will be in school throughout the day on **Monday 19 October**. **Children should wear their full school uniform** for their individual portrait photograph. This is a requirement for the children's computer records within school.

In addition, we have agreed for the photographer to do family photographs. **These will be for siblings in school only**. This is **not** for extended families. Children will **NOT** need a change of clothes, again they will be required to wear their full school uniform.

Parent Consultations

21 & 22 OCTOBER 2026

Our first Parents evening for this academic year will take place on Wednesday 21 October and Thursday 22 October 2026 and will run from 3.15 pm until 6.30 pm and 5.30 pm respectively. Details are as follows:-

Parents will be able to see their child's class teacher for a 10 minute appointment between 3.15 pm and 6.30 pm on the 21st or 3.15 pm to 5.30 pm on the 22nd. Your child is welcome to attend the meeting with you. This will enable teachers to share information with parents about their child's progress so far this academic year and to share their individual pupil targets.

W/C 26.10.26
Half Term Week

School breaks up on Friday 23 October 2026 and
Returns on Monday 2 November 2026





AUTUMN TERM 2

REMEMBRANCE WEEK

W/C 2 NOVEMBER 2026

Remembrance Sunday is held in the United Kingdom as a day "to commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts". It is held at 11am on the second Sunday in November (the Sunday nearest to 11 November, [Armistice Day](#), the anniversary of the end of hostilities in the [First World War](#) in 1918).

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK—ODD SOCK DAY

W/C 16 NOVEMBER 2026

ODD SOCK DAY

16 NOVEMBER 2026

The children will be taking part in various activities during the week in relation to bullying. As you know the effects of bullying can have a massive impact on all individuals. Anti bullying week is a great way to get involved, take a stand against bullying and raise awareness in school. **In support of Anti Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day, children are invited to attend school on Monday 16 November wearing odd socks. Odd Socks Day** is an opportunity to have fun, be yourself and spread awareness of the core values Anti Bullying Week promotes.

FS2—YEAR 6 NASAL FLU IMMUNISATIONS

12 NOVEMBER 2026

Nasal flu immunisations will be administered to children in school on Thursday 12 November 2026. Please note, vaccines WILL NOT be given without the consent of the parent or legal guardian.

CHILDREN IN NEED

20 NOVEMBER 2026

Your child can come to school dressed in Pudsey Bear colours—yellow, red or white, or something spotty or both. **(NO FACE PAINT PLEASE).** **We are asking for children to bring £1.00 for non-uniform.**

All proceeds will go to Children in Need.

PARLIAMENT WEEK

W/C 23 NOVEMBER 2026

UK Parliament Week, previously called **Parliament Week**, is an annual series of events in the [United Kingdom](#) that aim to inspire interest in [parliament](#), [politics](#) and [democracy](#) and encourage young people and the public to engage with the UK's democratic system and institutions. Initiated in 2011, a week-long programme of events and activities is organised each year by the [House of Commons](#) and [House of Lords](#) of the [Parliament of the United Kingdom](#) in collaboration with hundreds of other organisations around the country including charities, schools, museums and community groups.





AUTUMN TERM 2

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

27 NOVEMBER 2026

Again we are holding a Christmas card competition in School. There will be a boy and girl winner from every class and one card will be chosen for Heather Garth's Christmas card this year. If your child would like to enter the competition they will need to design their card at home and bring to school no later than **9.30 am on Friday 27 November 2026**. Please make sure your child writes their name and class on the back of their Christmas card.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - NON-UNIFORM DAY

4 DECEMBER 2026

Our 2nd non-uniform day in order to raise funds to help reduce the cost of school educational trips for parents and carers.

£1.00 Per child. Thank you for your continued support.

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY & CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Christmas Raffle

Loads of fantastic prizes to be won including Food/Spirits/Wine Hamper/Toiletries/Chocolates and loads more!!! Please remember that all profits from the raffle will go towards the school fund.- 2 strips will be sent home with your child—£1.00 per strip.

9 DECEMBER 2026

Christmas Dinner

Please remember that if your child does not want a Christmas dinner they will need to bring a packed lunch from home. **If your child is going to bring a packed lunch please let their class teacher know by Friday 27 November 2026.** Christmas dinner is £3.60 per child - please make sure there are sufficient funds on your child's dinner account.

Again, this year if your child wishes, they can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper on Christmas dinner day.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

17 DECEMBER 2026

Party food will be served for lunch, however if your child prefers they can bring a packed lunch from home. Party food from school is £3.60 per child.— please make sure there are sufficient funds on your child's dinner account. Party clothes may be worn but please ensure your child has **sensible footwear and a coat** for playtime and lunchtime.

School breaks up on Thursday 17 December 2026

(Friday 18 December 2026 is a school inset day)

18 DECEMBER 2026

&

School returns on Monday 4 January 2027



CHRISTMAS BREAK

School breaks up on
Thursday 17 December 2026
(Friday 18 December 2026 is an
inset day)

and
we are back on
Monday 4 January 2027

Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year

EYFS - FS1 NEWS

What a busy and exciting Summer Term we have had in FS1!

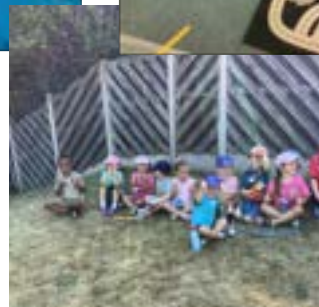
This term, we enjoyed reading *Handa's Surprise*, exploring different fruits and learning about healthy eating. We had lots of fun making our own delicious smoothies and talking about how healthy foods help our bodies grow strong. We were also lucky to welcome an **Animal Encounter** visit, where the children met a variety of animals and learnt interesting facts about how they live and what they need to stay healthy.

The children loved bringing the story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* to life through role play, actions and outdoor adventures. As the weather became warmer, we made the most of our outdoor environment, spending lots of time exploring in the mud kitchen, building friendships and developing our imagination through creative play.

We have also been busy practising for Sports Day, developing our physical skills, learning to work as a team and showing great determination and enthusiasm.

As the term comes to an end, we have been spending time talking about the transition to FS2. The children have been discussing the exciting opportunities that await them next year. We are incredibly proud of how much they have grown in confidence, independence and resilience this year and know they are ready for their next adventure.

Thank you for all of your support throughout the year. We hope you have a wonderful summer break!



Please take a look at our blog to see regular updates and photos of what the children have been up to and learning about.

EYFS - FS2 NEWS

This half term FS2 have loved focusing on 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We have re-told the story; we have made caves using construction and we have used vocabulary such as 'furry' and 'grizzly' to describe the bear in the story. Following on from this we have read about different types of bears including polar bears and pandas. We were excited to learn about what they eat and where they live; we now know 'Pandas eat bamboo'. The children enjoyed drawing different bears and writing simple facts about them.

Our phonics skills have continued to improve. We can now read a range of longer words with increasing confidence! It has been wonderful to see the children's amazing progress.

We had a visit from 'Animal Encounters' – they brought in some different creatures for us to meet. We got to handle them and learned lots of facts about the different creatures. It was a fantastic experience and the children displayed maturity and were very careful in handling the creatures.

We have enjoyed learning both indoors and outdoors. Due to the hot weather, we have learned lots about sun safety, including the importance of wearing a hat and sun cream. We have also focused on the importance of drinking water regularly.

Sports day was a great event. The children tried really hard in each event. It was wonderful to celebrate such a fun time with our families.



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AUTUMN TERM 1 & 2

FOUNDATION STAGE

STAY AND PLAY SESSION

25 SEPTEMBER 2026

The focus for our parent/carer stay and play session will be a playdough making workshop. Parents and carers will be invited to attend one of the sessions that corresponds to their child's session in our foundation stage unit. There will be two sessions, one at 9.00 am and one at 1.50 pm. More details to follow.

FS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

10 DECEMBER 2026

Our FS children will be taking part in a performance on Thursday 10 December during the morning at 9.30 am. On arrival please go directly to the school hall doors where you can sign in. Raffle tickets will be on sale prior to the concert. The top gate will be unlocked at 9.25 am and locked at 9.30 am. If you are late arriving please go to the main reception.



YEAR 1 NEWS

This term, Year 1's learning has been all about Famous Explorers and Weather, Weather, Weather!

In Geography we have been learning about the weather and the changes that take place in the four seasons. We have also learnt about the climates of both hot and cold countries and how to locate these countries on a map.

In History we have been learning about significant people. Our focus has been on the lives of different types of explorers such as Neil Armstrong, Charles Darwin, Ibn Battuta, Roald Amundsen, Sylvia Earle and Edmund Hillary. We loved learning all about their adventures around the world.

In Science our focus has been all about plants and trees and changes in the environment as we go from Spring to Summer. We have also talked about staying safe in the sun to keep ourselves healthy and safe.

In Computing we have been representing data in different ways and sorting data. We have also been exploring programming with Beebots where we were introduced to early programming concepts. We explored using individual commands as part of a computer program and identified what each command for the floor robot does, and used that knowledge to start predicting the outcome of programs. We have also explored the early stages of program design through the introduction of algorithms.

In PE we have been focussing on invasion skills. We have been practising ball skills and learning the role of an attacker and defender within invasion games. We have also been learning the skills and rules of striking and fielding. We then had fun practicing our athletics skills for sports day.

In Music we have been learning about creating and performing simple melodic patterns using voices and pitched instruments and the musical terms of high and low pitch.

In RE, we have been focusing on the Christian and Islam faiths and special people. We began by discussing our own special person and what makes them special. We then we learnt about what makes a significant person of faith special. We also listened to stories of significant people within Islamic and Christian faith.

In Design Technology we have also been tasting different fruit and vegetables and smoothies, finding out about different types of fruits and vegetables and where they grow. We discovered that some foods we thought were vegetables are actually technically classed as fruit, such as tomatoes, avocados and peppers because they have seeds. Then we have designed our own smoothies and created and tasted them.



[Check out our blog for more information and to see more photographs of year 1's learning.](#)



AUTUMN TERM 1 & 2

YEAR 1

YEAR 1 HISTORY OF TOYS WORKSHOP

16 NOVEMBER 2026

As part of year 1's learning 'Memory Box' we have invited History of Life to come in to school to deliver the above workshop. The workshop will allow children to have access to a wide range of exciting 'traditional toys' to play with, explore and have a huge amount of fun with. The children will also spend some time playing lots of traditional games, and learning the rules of the games, with their friends.

YEAR 1 - TOYS 'THEN & NOW' PARENT SESSION

DATE TBC

As part of Year 1's 'Toys, Then & Now' topic, you will be invited to come along to support your child to create their very own 'Victorian' toy. We will be creating toys such as ball and cup, Jack in a box, toy soldiers and paper boat models.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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15 DECEMBER 2026

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Year 5 and 6 – 2.15 pm

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CHRISTMAS PANTO FOR YEARS 1—6

8 DECEMBER 2026

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YEAR 2 NEWS

In Year two our summer theme was "Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside!"

We started by looking back in time to Grace Darling and her heroic rescue at sea. In Geography, we looked at what features are found in a seaside town and where they are in the UK. We then studied our nearest seaside town of Cleethorpes in preparation for our visit. This year, our trip to Cleethorpes was a wonderful day, however it was a bit...wet!! When we arrived, we went to pier and managed a little run on the sand looking for shells. We then had a ride on the lollipop train up to the leisure centre where we had our lunch. After lunch we enjoyed our ice cream whilst walking along the promenade to the brand new life boat station. We were given a tour of the station and the two life boats before getting on our bus to bring us back home. The rain didn't dampen the children's spirits at all and they still had a great day!



We have been learning to tell the time in maths as well as collecting and representing data in different ways. Our science work this term has been all about animal habitats. We have looked at what makes a habitat suitable for different animals. We then looked at food chains and how animals all depend on each other for survival. Our artist for this term was Alexander Calder and the children thoroughly enjoyed creating sculptures that were inspired by his stabiles and mobiles. In DT, the children have tackled a textiles unit of work. After looking into Punch and Judy shows, the children designed their own puppet and we invited grown-ups in to school to help us make them. The children were able to show off their sewing skills that they have been mastering in our class lessons. The puppets turned out amazing and we couldn't wait to take them home. This half term also saw us compete in our sports day. All the children took part in every event and really tried their best for their team!



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AUTUMN TERM 1 & 2

YEAR 2

YEAR 2 LOCAL WALK

29 SEPTEMBER 2026

As an introduction to our learning about Comparing Kenya, year 2 will be heading out for a walk around the village of Bolton upon Dearne on , weather permitting. We will be recognising key features of the environment and using this information back in class to create simple maps and keys

OWL WORKSHOP

8 OCTOBER 2026

In Science, we will be focusing on **The Circle of Life**. As part of this learning we have organised an exciting visit from The Yorkshire Owl Experience. This will entail a workshop working with an owl expert to find out about owls, their habitats, their food sources and their nests and eggs.

YEAR 2 PARENT SESSION

17 NOVEMBER 2026

As part of our learning, you will be invited to join us between 1.45 pm and 2.45 pm for our parent session. Here you will join your child in drawing animals that live in Africa, make an African necklace, listen to African music and taste African fruit.

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YEAR 3 NEWS

This half term, year 3 have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians as part of their history work. They had a visit from Catherine, who did a wonderful workshop for the day with the children where they were able to learn about mummification, Egyptian games and different Pharaohs. The children were also able to share their learning when making Egyptian masks in their parent session.

In maths, children have continued to focus on learning their times tables and developing the speed recall for these. They are good at checking their heat maps on garage mode and working on any that need improving. They also like to challenge each other (and myself) on multiplayer. The children have also learned about shape and time as part of their maths learning.

In PE, the children have enjoyed learning more about cricket and have developed the skills they need to play the game successfully, as well as learning the basic rules of the game. They understand how the boundary works and how they can score 4 or 6 as well as how they can use their fielding skills to prevent the other team getting these.



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AUTUMN TERM 1 & 2

YEAR 3

STONE AGE WORKSHOP

19 NOVEMBER 2026

Our learning during the Autumn term is all about the 'Stone Age' and as part of this we have invited History of Life to come in to school to deliver a 'Stone Age to Iron Age' workshop. The workshop will take place on 20 November 2024. More details to follow.

YEAR 3 PARENT SESSION

24 NOVEMBER 2026

The children will be taking part in Stone Age activities linking with our history work. We will be learning about the Stone Age and how it is followed by the Bronze Age and Iron Age and thinking about the achievements of these civilizations. By joining us on our parent session we will be able to share our learning with parents.

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YEAR 4 NEWS

What a Fantastic Term!

What a fantastic and busy term we have had in Year 4! We are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved and would like to share some of our learning with you.

In Geography, we have been learning all about the water cycle and how important water is to our everyday lives. A huge thank you to all the parents who came along to support us in our parent workshops – we really appreciate your help and couldn't do these wonderful experiences without you!

As part of our water topic, we visited Ewden Water Treatment Centre to discover how water is cleaned and processed before it is transported safely to our homes. The children asked thoughtful questions, showed excellent behaviour and learned so much from this valuable experience.

Following our visit, the children have produced some fantastic pieces of writing and eye-catching posters to raise awareness of water conservation and sustainability. They have shown a great understanding of why it is so important to look after our planet and use water responsibly.

In Writing, we have let our imaginations run wild by creating a set of instructions titled 'How to Train and Catch a Dragon'. The children worked hard to include clear, detailed steps, imperative verbs and adventurous vocabulary, resulting in some entertaining and creative instruction texts.

In Maths, we have been learning how to calculate with money, developing our confidence in adding, subtracting and solving real-life money problems. These skills certainly came in handy when we visited the Year 6 Enterprise events, where the children had the opportunity to budget and spend their money on a variety of exciting items and activities!

It has been a very successful term filled with hard work, creativity and memorable experiences. We are so proud of all the children's enthusiasm, resilience and achievements, and we hope they enjoy a well-deserved break. Thank you, as always, for your continued support throughout the term.





AUTUMN TERM 1 & 2

YEAR 4

DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

YEAR 4 PARENT SESSION

Details to follow.

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YEAR 5 NEWS

This Summer term, Year 5 have had the opportunity to experience many different things that have linked to their learning. Leonie from Amazelab was able to visit to look at 'properties of materials' with them, linking with the work they have been doing in Science. The children were able to make their own slime and look at how materials change states.

Linking with our History, the children were able to take part in a Maya day, where they looked at artefacts and were able to play different Maya games. This linked well to support their knowledge of the Maya and all that they had been learning in lessons, where they have been looking at how this ancient civilisation was lead as well as the different buildings they would have built for different people.

In maths, Year 5 completed work on position and direction where they looked at coordinates and how shapes can be translated around a coordinate grid. They also looked at decimals and how we can add or subtract these, as well as multiply or divide these by 10, 100 and 1000. Children continue to work on how they can solve problems in their maths, as this is something that will help them greatly as they enter year 6.



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AUTUMN TERM 1 & 2

YEAR 5

DATE TBC

YEAR 5 PARENT SESSION

Details to follow.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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YEAR 6 NEWS

The beginning of this term saw Year 6 making their final preparations for the Year 6 SATs tests. Mrs Brown and I would just like to say how incredibly proud we both are of all Y6! They came and enjoyed their SATS breakfast (eating enough toast to sink a small ship!) and entered the tests focused and determined. Every single person did their very best and that is all we could have ever asked for.

Summer 2 has been a very busy and exciting half term for Year 6. The children have taken part in the 'Be Brave, Be You' project and have worked with the 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service looking at personal hygiene, puberty, oral health and smoking and vaping. They have also had careers talks from a Show Control and Systems Engineer, a Detective Sergeant, a lighting technician, a Journalist and a McLaren Data and Race Engineer.

The children have also taken part in an Enterprise project where they formed their own companies, either creating products or offering a service. The project gave them the opportunity to learn about enterprise and areas such as; budgeting, finance, marketing and most importantly team work. This year's companies were: Scoops of Joy, Milkshake Explosion, Trinkets and Treasures, Doodle and Dab, Summer Jewels, The Estimation Station, Sweet Tooth, Sensory Spark, The Netsmashers and Directors Cut. All of the companies were a great success!

We would all like to say a massive well done to all of Year 6 this year. We are going to miss you very much. Enjoy your well-earned summer holiday and all the best at your new school. Remember to keep in touch!



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AUTUMN TERM 1 & 2

YEAR 6

YEAR 6 SWIMMING

11 SEPTEMBER 2026 -
4 DECEMBER 2026 INC

The lessons will take place on **Fridays**, 1.15 pm to 2.00 pm, **from 11 September 2026, and thereafter, every Friday from up to and including Friday 4 December 2026 (excluding the October half term week).** (Please keep this in mind when you are booking any medical appointments etc.)

Year 6 Trip to Barnsley Museum, Cannon Hall

DATE TBC

Pupils meet the Cook and Housekeeper at Cannon Hall and become evacuees for the day in this immersive workshop. They will take part in traditional wartime activities, view real and replica objects and discover how to make tasty treats, even during rationing!

PARENT SESSION

DATE TBC

Join us at our Year 6 WW2 Parent Session Where you can enjoy making peg dolls, listen to traditional wartime music, play traditional wartime games and taste WW2 food. Further details to follow.

YEAR 6 CRUCIAL CREW

DATE TBC

Every primary school in South Yorkshire is invited to spend the day at the Lifewise Centre on the set, which is used to work through a series of real-life scenarios related to personal safety in an interactive and exciting way. The scenarios cover issues such as arson, hoax calls, road safety, fire safety, travel safety, internet safety, and antisocial behaviour.

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BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2026-27 ACADEMIC YEAR

For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

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 (17 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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November (21 Days)						
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December (14 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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January (20 days)						
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February (15 days)						
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March (19 Days)						
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April (15 Days)						
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May (19 Days)						
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June (18 Days)						
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July (15 Days)						
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August						
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Bank Holidays

School Holidays

Y6 SATs

Y1 Phonics &
Y4 Multiplication
checks

Inset Days

195 days in total – including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff

Parental Engagement Team



**Don't forget to visit our coffee
morning every Wednesday**

**8.30am—10.00am
in the Blue Building**

EVERYONE WELCOME



WATCH OUT FOR FUTURE PTA MEETING DATES, TO BE HELD IN THE BLUE BUILDING.

A huge thank you to all parents for continuing to support us. Don't forget we are always looking for people to help. The more volunteers we have the more we can do for the children.

Please follow us on Facebook 'Heather Garth PTA' for updates.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT



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