

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter October 2025

Harvest Festival



A huge thank you for your amazing generosity this Harvest! We've been truly overwhelmed by your kindness and all the wonderful donations you've given.

Everything collected will go directly to support families within our school community and those in need locally.

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our Harvest Festival.

The children loved performing and singing for you, and it was lovely to have so many families joining us in school. We really do appreciate all the support you continue to give.

Thank you again for being such a big part of our school community. We hope you enjoyed the celebrations and look forward to welcoming you back soon!

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 9th November there will be the annual Remembrance service at St Luke's in Grimethorpe. We will be paying our respects to those who have lost their lives due to conflict.

Some of our children and staff who live locally attend this remembrance service and we will be presenting a wreath on behalf of the school.

Some of our older children will also be visiting the Cenotaph in Brierley on Tuesday 11th November, to lay a wreath in remembrance.

In school, we will have a two minute silence followed by Mr Barker, who is a skilled musician, playing The Last Post on his trumpet.



Parent Consultations



Parent consultations will take place on:

Wednesday 12th November and Wednesday 19th November, starting from 3:30pm.

Appointments can be booked via the School Spider app.

As many of you valued the flexibility offered last year, we will again provide the option of either a face-to-face or telephone consultation with your child's class teacher.

By offering both options, we hope to make it easier for all parents to find a convenient time to speak with their child's teacher.

Please remember that our staff are always happy to speak with you throughout the school year—not just during consultation days. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact the school office, and we'll be glad to arrange a call or meeting with the appropriate member of staff.

Help Keep Our Children Safe

We would like to extend our thanks to the many drivers who are consistently courteous and mindful of both children and local residents in our neighbourhood.

However, we have received several complaints from parents and community members about a small number of drivers who are driving too quickly, blocking driveways and creating unsafe parking conditions outside the school. In addition, some parents are driving up to the school barrier, to drop off children or turn around, which is causing congestion and increasing the risk of accidents. Please help keep this area clear so that children can cross the road safely outside the school.

We kindly ask everyone to be considerate when dropping off and collecting children, to help keep our streets safe for all.



Dates for your diary

Friday 24 th October 2025	School closes at 3.15pm
Monday 3 rd November 2025	8.35am School reopens for second Autumn Half Term (Registration at 8.45am)
Monday 11 th November 2025	Reception Class Visit to Whistlestop Valley
Wednesday 12 th November 2025	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 19 th November 2025	Parent Consultations
Friday 21 st November 2025	Year 6 trip to Crucial Crew
Thursday 27 th November 2025	Choir performing at the Methodist Church
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	KS1 visit to Pantomime
Thursday 18 th December 2025	KS2 visit to Pantomime
For Christmas activity dates, please see below	
Friday 19 th December 2025 1pm	School closes for Christmas break at 1pm and reopens on Monday 5 th January 2026

Christmas



This half term is always a wonderfully busy time, with Christmas just around the corner!

In the coming weeks, we will be busy preparing for our festive celebrations and Nativity performances.

As in previous years, each key stage will have its own performance to ensure the hall doesn't get too crowded. We will be allocating tickets to help everyone find a seat, but please note that, due to the hall's limited size, some guests may need to stand.

We can't wait to share the magic of the season with you! Christmas celebration dates are as follows:

Tuesday 9th December

- Christmas bingo and quiz in the school hall from 3.30pm

Wednesday 10th December

- FS2 and KS1 Nativity performance 9.15am
- FS2 and KS1 Nativity performance 1.30pm

Thursday 11th December

- KS2 Nativity performance 9.15am
- KS2 Nativity performance 1.30pm

Monday 15th December

- Christmas Parties. Non uniform/party wear
- Party food menu for lunch

Tuesday 16th December

- Christmas Jumper Day
- School Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 17th December

- FS2 and KS1 visit to Pantomime – Snow White

Thursday 18th December

- KS2 visit to Pantomime – Snow White

Friday 19th December

- Carols around the crib in the yard and Children's Christmas stalls
- Santa's grotto in school- tickets available from the office after half term

On the last day, please send your child to school with a warm coat, hat and please come along yourselves to join in with our singing.

We will be serving hot drinks to keep the cold away.

- **We will close at 1pm on Friday 19th December**

School Attendance

Thank you so much for all your support in helping improve attendance this term. Since September, we've remained above the national average—a fantastic achievement, and we couldn't have done it without you!

While holidays during term time and seasonal illnesses are the main reasons for absence, we truly appreciate the way you've worked with us to get your children to school whenever possible.

Attendance is a top priority for the Department for Education, and schools are required to monitor and share figures daily. We will continue to keep this a focus throughout the year, as every day in school really counts for your child's learning and success.

We are incredibly proud of our school, our children, and the progress they are making. It's wonderful to see attendance and punctuality reflecting everyone's commitment to helping all children achieve their very best.

Please continue to work with us to ensure your child can be in school every day—together, we can make a real difference for all our children.

Attendance Matters



Donation

THANK YOU

Finally, we are delighted to share our heartfelt thanks for a very generous donation of £500 from a local resident. This kind gentleman visited the school to meet the children and is thrilled to make a positive difference in their lives.

We are incredibly grateful for his support and children are being consulted as to how to use the funds thoughtfully to benefit them and enrich their experiences at school.