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Dear Parents and Carers

I cannot believe we are about to begin the final week of this half term. So much has happened and I have lots of news to share.

### Home/School Communication

Schools are busy places with lots of moving parts. Keeping everyone up to date with news and events is key, but parents are absolutely right when they tell us there are too many communication channels at the moment - we understand this can be confusing. We are working to simplify our electronic communication with families. Now that we have 100% sign up to the Arbor App we can begin to streamline how we message home. After half term you'll notice that communication from the school's admin team and myself will move to solely to Arbor. In the lead up to Christmas, we will keep sending short notifications on dojo that there is a message on Arbor. This is to help build new habits. We want to keep Class dojo as a means of classroom communication between yourselves and class teacher – we know you find this channel really helpful. Finally, we are now managing all bookings and payments (other than school dinners) on the Arbor App and it is our intention to move school dinners over to Arbor at around March time.

### Paul Sturgess

We had an amazing day yesterday with the inspirational Paul Sturgess and Wow Basketball. In 2011 Paul was officially recognised by the Guinness World Records as being the tallest professional basketball player in the world. A former Harlem Globetrotter, Paul now visits schools to inspire children to play basketball and celebrate the positives of being different. His motivational message to our children was to love your differences and celebrate being the one and only you – a brilliant way to end the week and the first half term.

### Curriculum Assemblies and Inspiring Learning events

One aspect of school life that parents asked us to improve was parental engagement with the curriculum that children learn. We know that children learn best when school and home work together and with this in mind we have planned a series of curriculum assemblies and inspire events throughout the school year. Our curriculum events will be class specific and will involve parents and carers learning from and working alongside children on specific curriculum activities.

Autumn Term 2025	Spring Term 2026	Summer Term 2026
15 <sup>th</sup> October 3W Inspire morning	14 <sup>th</sup> January 3W Curriculum Assembly	15 <sup>th</sup> April 5M Inspire morning
22 <sup>nd</sup> October 5M Curriculum Assembly	21 <sup>st</sup> January 3B Curriculum Assembly	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 5B Inspire morning
5 <sup>th</sup> November 3LM Curriculum Assembly	28 <sup>th</sup> January 5B Curriculum Assembly	29 <sup>th</sup> April 4R Curriculum Assembly
12 <sup>th</sup> November 6T Inspire morning	4 <sup>th</sup> February 4R Inspire morning	6 <sup>th</sup> May 4H Curriculum Assembly
19 <sup>th</sup> November 6W Inspire morning	11 <sup>th</sup> February 4H Inspire morning	20 <sup>th</sup> May 4T Curriculum Assembly

26 <sup>th</sup> November 6P Inspire morning	25 <sup>th</sup> February 4T Inspire morning	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 5P Inspire morning
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 5M Curriculum assembly	4 <sup>th</sup> March 6W Curriculum Assembly	10 <sup>th</sup> June <i>Whole School Sports Day</i>
	11 <sup>th</sup> March 5P Curriculum Assembly	17 <sup>th</sup> June 3LM Inspire morning
	18 <sup>th</sup> March 6T Curriculum Assembly	24 <sup>th</sup> June 3B Inspire morning
	25 <sup>th</sup> March 6P Curriculum Assembly	

Thank you very much if you attended **3W's Inspiring Reading** session on Wednesday morning, the children loved it and we hope you enjoyed being part of the reading lesson!

### 5M Curriculum Assembly

We look forward to welcoming parents to 5M's curriculum assembly at 9:00am on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Please sign in at the office from 8:45am onwards. Could we ask that no more than two family members attend per pupil.

### Scawsby All Stars Wraparound/Staff training

Due to whole school staff training, we will be unable to offer wraparound care after school on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. For a consistent approach across the school day, it is important that our wraparound team attends the training alongside teachers, learning support staff and lunchtime staff. Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience caused. I do not anticipate cancelling wraparound sessions at any other time this academic year. Mrs. Fox will cancel existing bookings and prepayments will be credited to your account.

### Packed Lunches/Flasks

Following Trust guidance based on the input of our Health & Safety advisors, we are asking parents/carers not to send thermos flasks of hot foods or liquids with packed lunches. This has been put in place for best practices, as we cannot control food safe temperatures and safety with regards to scolding and burns. We appreciate your support with this.

### Parents' Evenings

Parents evening are coming up after half term on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November. You will be able to book appointments on the Arbor App from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. We have arranged for Scholastic Book Fair to be in school on both nights.

### Movie Night Fundraiser

We are really pleased to be offering a spooky themed movie night on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. We are saving for a school bike/scooter store and the proceeds from this fundraiser will be added to the £600.00 already raised at the summer term movie night. Movie night will run from the end of the school day until 5:30pm. Movie Night costs £5.00 and this includes a drink and movie treats. Bookings will close at 5.00pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. No bookings will be accepted after this time. Log onto Arbor to book the movie of your child's choice and pay the £5.00. By making the booking you are agreeing to the film rating. On Wednesday, once we have final numbers, we'll confirm which classroom to collect your child from at 5:30pm.

If your child is booked to attend *All Stars Wraparound* on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and would prefer to attend the movie night instead, please contact Mrs. Fox or Mrs. Watkinson in the school office to cancel the wraparound booking.

### Help with movie treat packs



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Could anyone spare a couple of hours next week to help us assemble the movie treat packs? If so, please could you let Mrs. Fox know.

**Young Voices**

We have a few remaining places if your child is keen to join the world's largest children's choir and perform at Sheffield arena in February. We are thrilled to be taking part in Young Voices again this year especially as it marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert. Our concert is a BSL signed performance which makes it even more special - our children will perform alongside BSL interpreters on concert night. Please refer back to previous communications for information and booking details. Alternatively, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Watkinson or Mrs Fox for details.

**Deadline for Secondary School Places**

Can we remind parents of Y6 pupils to submit secondary school preferences online before the national closing date - 31<sup>st</sup> October. Secondary school offers will be made on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026. Applications received after the deadline will be dealt with after offer day and may result in children not being offered a place at catchment schools. From a child's perspective, it can be very challenging to live with uncertainty around your next step when others around you know which school they'll be attending. If you have not already done so, please submit your preferences.

**Nasal Flu Vaccine**

If you have not already done so, please complete the link (Class Dojo) and return the information required. Nasal flu vaccines will be administered in school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

**Scawsby Attendance Target is 97%**

Good attendance matters because children matter and because learning matters. Children who miss school regularly miss out which can impact academic progress, personal development and social development. At SJA we monitor attendance weekly and share class attendance figures. The attendance competition is hotly contested by our children and the staff team! Everyone wants to be the weekly attendance champions. The table below shows class attendance figures for the week and year to date.

Class	This week	Year to date	Class	This week	Year to date
3M Mrs. Barker	91.1	95.7	5B Miss Boyd	92.6	95.1
3W Miss Wainwright	89.2	95.9	5M Mrs. McKie	97.7	97.1
3LM Mrs. Miller& Mrs. Lindley	98.3	97.6	5P Mrs. Parry	99.2	97.7
4H Mr. Haley	93.2	95.7	6T Mr. Thomas	96.6	96.6
4R Miss Rees	90.8	95.7	6P Mrs. Petch	95.5	96.2
4T Mrs. Thomas	95.9	97.1	6W Mrs. Walker	98.8	98.4

This week's school attendance	94.9	Number of children meeting or exceeding our attendance target of 97% this week.	
Number of classes meeting or exceeding our attendance target of 97% this week.	4	Number of children on time and here every day (100%) this week.	

And finally, we break up for half term on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Can I remind you Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November is an INSET day and school is closed to pupils. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 8:35am.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Linsey Cavell

Headteacher



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