



Newsletter



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Another busy half term has come to an end and it has been especially busy for our Year 2 and Year 6 children who were taking their SATs. The children were fantastic. They applied themselves, kept calm and were very resilient. Their determination to do their best was wonderful to see. I'd like to thank the staff, parents, carers and family members who supported them so successfully through what can be a very stressful time.



TRIPS AND VISITS

Year 6 - Robinwood

At the beginning of this term Year 6 pupils were a credit to our school when they visited Robinwood. Everyone had a great time. Here are just a few of the children's comments:

"It was a once in a lifetime experience"

"A great opportunity to have fun with friends"

"Great to have the opportunity to experience things you don't normally get to do on a daily basis"

"The staff were warm and welcoming and if you were scared about trying an activity they made you feel safe and secure to help you succeed"

"Safety was their top priority but they still made it fun and made jokes whenever possible."

If we could only use one word to describe Robinwood it would be EPIC.

Year 5 – Gainsborough Old Hall

At the Old Hall we all had a great time. First we got into a Tudor costume and then had a Tudor banquet. We got to look around and even saw Henry VIII's bedroom! Then we went into the Tudor kitchen and discovered who served the food to Henry VIII. In one of the rooms was a spyhole to check that the servants were working hard! At the end of the day we all had a clipboard and we had to look around and find certain objects. Overall we had a great day and would love to go there again

Year 4 – Potteric Carr

On a damp soggy day we all went to Potteric Carr. First we learnt about the water cycle, and then we went outside to play a game about litter and how long it takes items to decompose. After that we went pond dipping. It was fun but all the animals like to disguise as sticks and dirt! Finally we learnt about how we should keep River Torne clean and how it flows pasts our school. I really enjoyed the trip and it encouraged me to look after water.

Year 1 – Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Year 1 visited Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Tuesday 25th April. We had a fantastic day and the children thoroughly enjoyed our workshop where we found out about mammals, birds and reptiles. Thank you to all the parents who helped on our trip.

DEER OH DEAR!

We have had deer visiting us unexpectedly for a day which caused a lot of excitement and we even made the local press!

SPORTS UPDATE

There have been many sporting achievements over this academic year with the most recent being the Cross Country competition, the children who represented the school did a fantastic job and did everyone proud. Also this term has seen a tennis coach come in to do some coaching with the Key Stage One children and a cricket coach to work with Year four, both coaches have commented on how impressed they have been with the children's abilities and attitudes. In upcoming weeks we have the inter school competition held at the Keepmoat where we are hoping the children can have great success. Also coming up is Sports Week where the children will have the chance to compete in a range of great sports as well as the chance to compete against peers.

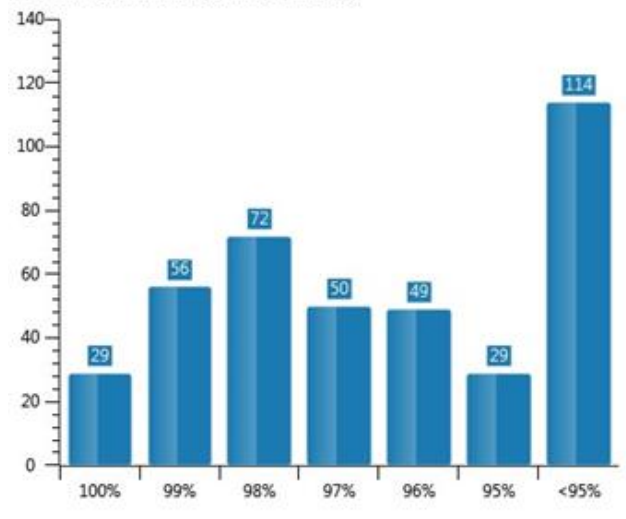
OPEN MORNINGS

After half term we will begin again with open Friday mornings but rather than allowing parents and carers to come and go, we will be closing all the doors once everybody is in. We will then expect parents and carers to stay with the class their child is in until 9.00am when we will re-open the doors to allow parents and carers to leave. Please be aware that we will not be responsible for personal belongings on the school site.

ATTENDANCE

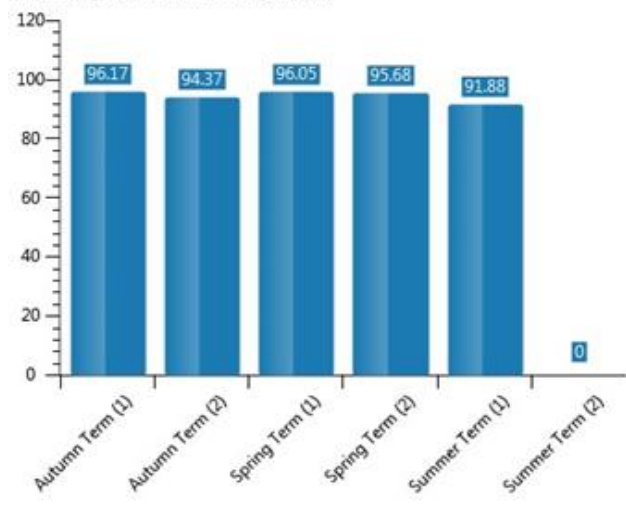
Percentage Session Attendance Year To Date

The percentage of attendance by session (year to date)



Percentage Session Attendance by Half Term

The percentage of session attendance by half term



100% - Perfection

98% - Impressive

Equates to 4 school days off each year.

96% - Good

Equates to 7 school days off each year.

95% - Nearly there

Equates to 9 school days off each year.

94% - Coasting

Needs to improve - Equates to 11 school days off each year.

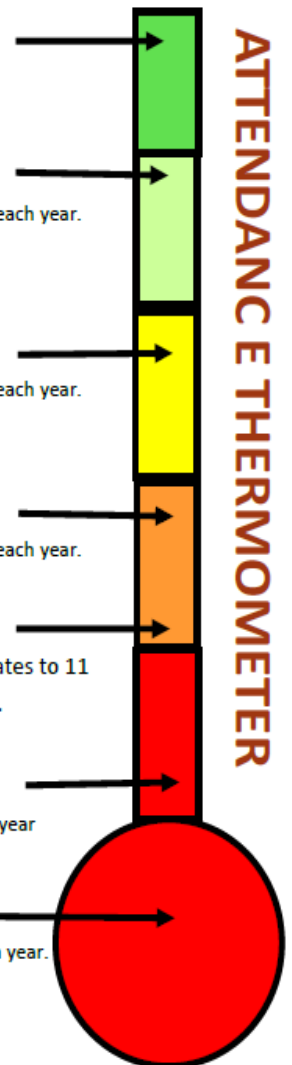
90% - Danger Zone

Equates to 1 month off each year

80% - Danger Zone

Equates to 2 months off each year.

ATTENDANCE THERMOMETER



ACADEMY STATUS

We are currently looking at different options regarding Academy Status as it is still a high priority of the Government that all schools convert in the near future. Once we know how we want to move forward we will be contacting you again and starting the parental consultation

LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM AWARD

We are very proud to announce that we are the first school in South Yorkshire to achieve the Learning Outside The Classroom award recognizing the way that we try to use the outdoors and out of school experiences to enhance the children's learning. Well done in particular to Mrs Burton and her team of children who worked so hard to achieve it for us.



GENERAL REMINDERS

- The school website calendar will give you the dates of upcoming events and holidays.
- Please keep us up to date with contact details as we need these for emergency contacts and informative texts.
- School will re-open on Tuesday 6th June.
- Please make sure Breakfast Club is paid for in advance of attending the club.
- Dinner Money needs to be paid on or before Monday mornings for the coming week.



Have a wonderful Half Term Break!