

# HEATHER GARTH STAR

## Monthly News



ISSUE 32

SUMMER TERM (2)

### REMINDER -

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

### REMINDER -

SCHOOL BREAKS UP ON FRIDAY 19 JULY 2024

(Monday 22 July 2024 is an INSET DAY)

AND

RETURNS ON WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2024

( Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September - are INSET DAYS)

REMEMBER We have clubs being delivered by Grassroots over the six-week holidays from Tuesday 23 July to Friday 23 August. Clubs are Monday – Friday each week, starting at 9:30 am and finishing at 2:30 pm. The clubs are FREE for those eligible for free school meals and £10 per day if they are not eligible. To book log on to their Facebook Page 'Grassroots Sports Academy Yorkshire' and there is a pinned post with booking links. The holiday club is not run by school, and therefore, bookings are nothing to do with school.



## Letter from the Headteacher, Mrs J Winnard

Dear Parent/Carer

I am so proud and privileged to lead this school. The teamwork and dedication of staff in making sure your child is thriving educationally, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually is second to none. As we move towards the close of another school year, I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to you all for your continued support. It has been wonderful to receive so many positive comments from parents, carers and the local and wider community.

Over the year, during trips and visitors coming into school, we have received so many positive comments about our children and their conduct. This makes us hugely proud, not only are they a real credit to our school, but to you as parents and carers.

It is a joy to see happy children every day in school, achieving and succeeding every step of the way. This year, the children have taken part in external sports competitions, enjoying meeting others; building their resilience and developing their teamwork skills. The 'Heart of the Wood' project, opened up many opportunities for our children. Our choir has gone from strength to strength and they have now taken part in Barnsley Sings at the Metrodome. We have also been told there may be other opportunities linked to the 'Heart of the Wood' project (fingers crossed). Y6 were invited to Wentworth Woodhouse to take part in a creative writing session, this was then performed with the Philharmonic Orchestra.

We are very grateful to parents who serve on the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for the time and commitment they have given to it. The support for the events they have organised has enabled extra treats and gifts for the children and allowed them to purchase additional equipment for school. I know they are always looking for other adults to help and support them, if you have the time.

The end of the year brings changes, we will be saying a sad farewell to Mrs Salt as she retires this Summer after many years (not sure she will thank me if I say how many). I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her loyal service to Heather Garth and as we wish her well, we hope she enjoys her retirement and remembers us fondly.

Mrs Driffield-Mobbs leaves us temporarily to commence her maternity leave. Again, I am sure you will join me in wishing both her and Mr Driffield-Mobbs all the best on the birth of their baby.

With staff leaving means we welcome others. In September, we welcome Mrs Robinson (Y6 teacher), Miss Ball (HLTA) and Mrs Hardman (Learning Support Assistant). I know you will give them a friendly welcome to ensure they settle quickly into our fantastic school.


On behalf of myself, the Heather Garth staff and Governors, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer holiday. We also wish the children leaving us all the very best for a bright and successful future – we hope they look back at their time at Heather Garth with fondness and happy memories.

For the children returning, and new children joining us, we look forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday 4 September**, ready to face the challenges of the new academic year. There are already lots of dates on the school calendar, so check the dates on the newsletter for the Autumn Term.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs J Winnard  
Headteacher





## Fundraising

Non-uniform day 12.7.24

Raised £142.95

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 - not known at the moment, tbc later

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MKM BS WAKEFIELD FOR THEIR VERY KIND DONATION OF TOPSOIL. MUCH APPRECIATED.



THROUGH THE AMAZING HELP AND SUPPORT OF OUR PTA

WE MANAGED TO RAISE

Fathers day - £114.82

Sports day - £69.35

A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO ALL CONCERNED.





## **AUTUMN TERM 1**

### **NON-UNIFORM DAY - 'SPANISH DAY'**

**20 SEPTEMBER 2024**

'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.

### **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:-

**25 SEPTEMBER 2024**

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.

### **Black History Month**

**1 OCTOBER 2024—**


**31 OCTOBER 2024**

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 7 OCTOBER 2024**

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.





# AUTUMN TERM 1

## Parent Consultations

Our first Parents evening for this academic year will take place on Wednesday 16 October and Thursday 17 October 2024 and will run from 3.15 pm until 6.30 pm and 5.30 pm respectively. Details are as follows:-

**16 & 17 OCTOBER 2024**

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 16th or 3.15 pm to 5.30 pm on the 17th. 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.

## Individual Class Photographs

Our **Photographer** will be in school throughout the day on **Monday 21 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.

**21 OCTOBER 2024**

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.

**W/C 28.10.24**  
**Half Term Week**

**School breaks up on Friday 25 October 2024 and  
Returns on Monday 4 November 2024**





## AUTUMN TERM 2

### REMEMBRANCE WEEK

**W/C 4 NOVEMBER 2024**

**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 11 NOVEMBER 2024**

**ODD SOCK DAY**  
**12 NOVEMBER 2024**

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 Tuesday 12 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 2024**

Nasal flu immunisations will be administered to children in school on Tuesday 12 November 2024. Please note, vaccines WILL NOT be given without the consent of the parent or legal guardian.

### CHILDREN IN NEED

**15 NOVEMBER 2024**

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 18 NOVEMBER 2024**

**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**

**29 NOVEMBER 2024**

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 29 November 2024**. Please make sure your child writes their name and class on the back of their Christmas card.

### **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - NON-UNIFORM DAY**

**6 DECEMBER 2024**

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.

**18 DECEMBER 2024**

#### **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 29 November 2024.** Christmas dinner is £2.75 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**

**20 DECEMBER 2024**

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 £2.75 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.





**CHRISTMAS BREAK**

**School breaks up on  
Friday 20 December 2024**

***and***

**we are back on  
Monday 6 January 2025**

***Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year  
From all the staff at***



## EYFS - FS1 NEWS

This half term, has been a very busy one. This term's learning has been based around our theme of 'Let's Explore'.

In Literacy we have been studying one of our favourite books. "Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen. We have been retelling the story using our own story maps and designing our very own bear caves. We have loved creating our own pictures and paintings linked to the story.

Next, we were pirates and explored the seven seas creating wonderful ships and hats and telescopes in junk modelling and painting.

We have also explored the book 'Billy's Bucket' by Kes Grey and been imagining what we could find in the bucket. We have had some amazing drawings of mermaids and sharks to name just a few.

Then, we have been exploring superheroes and talked about who our favourite superhero is and what we want to be when we grow up.

In phonics, we have been working on segmenting and blending words orally, identifying rhyming words and making up new rhymes to our favourite nursery rhymes. We have been spotting sounds at the beginning of words and working on spotting syllables in words.

We have also been working hard at practising our letter formation and name writing ready for FS2.

We have also revisited how we wash our hands to get rid of germs and to stay nice and healthy.

In Maths, we have been practicing lots of subitising and number recognition as well as working with lots of 2D and 3D shapes and figuring our full and half full with capacity work.

FS1 have been amazing at practising for sports day and then were outstanding on the day. All the children loved showing off their skills and were fantastic sports men and women.

Everyone also really enjoyed 'Little City's' visit to FS1. We loved being builders, Doctors, Vets, Postmen and Women, Mechanics, Café Owners, Shop assistants, Beauticians, Hairdressers, Police and Firemen and the occasional bad guy. It was amazing!!



**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 we have enjoyed participating in lots of engaging activities linked to our theme 'Let's Explore'. This included a fantastic trip to the Butterfly House. The children enjoyed travelling on the coach – they were so well behaved! The children were keen to visit different parts of the venue – we found it very humid in the Butterfly House itself. We were amazed at the range of different butterflies we could see! We also loved to see a range of different animals including goats, meerkats, different types of birds and we even got to see a tortoise! The children loved exploring the adventure playground and having lunch on the big red bus!

We have loved reading a range of texts. We particularly enjoyed 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' – we have retold the story, talked about key events and spoken about the different characters. The children have then enjoyed learning about different types of bears e.g. Polar Bears, Pandas and Brown Bears. We have gained knowledge about different types of bears around the world. The children have been inspired to draw images of different bears and lots of us have written facts about them.

Our phonics skills have continued to improve. Lots of children are now able to read simple sentences independently. We are applying our phonics skills with increasing confidence to write independently. Also our maths skills continue to grow – children can now often be found writing numbers independently!

We engaged in a range of Sports Day activities. The children listened carefully and were able to confidently take part in each activity – cheering on their friends during each race.



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## **AUTUMN TERM 2**

### **FOUNDATION STAGE**

#### **STAY AND PLAY SESSION**

**2 OCTOBER 2024**

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**


**11 DECEMBER 2024**

Our FS children will be taking part in a performance on Wednesday 11 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.

#### **CHRISTMAS PANTO FOR FS2 & YEAR 1**

**17 DECEMBER 2024**

The coach will leave school at 9.00 am for a 9.30 am start at the Panto. The performance is due to finish approximately 12.00 pm and your child will have a late lunch at school. Please make sure the Panto has been paid in full and the consent form returned to school no later than Friday 8 November 2024.



## YEAR 1 NEWS

This half term, Year 1's learning has been "Journeys and Adventures!". In history we have been learning about significant people. Our focus has been on the lives of both Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. To celebrate this, we took part in a fantastic history workshop where we learnt about why Christopher Columbus is remembered and how we know about his exploits through his detailed diary records. We were also introduced to life, clothing and materials used from the fifteenth century and got chance to investigate and handle reconstructed artefacts from the period.

In science, our focus has been 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 learning about data handling. We have been representing data in different ways and sorting data. We have also been practising using a mouse and keyboard to navigate a computer.

In Spanish our focus has been learning our shapes and numbers.

In PE we have been learning the skills and rules of striking and fielding. We have also had fun practising our athletics skills for sports day.

In RE, we have been focusing on Islam faith and special people. We began by discussing our own special person and what makes them special. We then learnt about what makes a significant person of faith special. We also listened to stories of significant people within Islam faith and acting these stories out through role play.



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



## **AUTUMN TERM 2**

### **YEAR 1**

#### **YEAR 1 HISTORY OF TOYS WORKSHOP**

**19 NOVEMBER 2024**

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**

**26 NOVEMBER 2024**

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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## YEAR 2 NEWS

In Year two our summer theme “Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside!” continued after half term.

We started by looking back in time to early forms of transport and the first flight. We looked at the Wright Brothers and how they became the inventors of the first aeroplane. We also looked at what seaside towns were like in the past. 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 DT 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!



As part of our Geography work, class 2 went on our trip to Cleethorpes and what a wonderful day we all had! The children loved it and were so well behaved (as were the grown-ups!). When we arrived, we went to the Lifeboat station where we learnt about the role of the lifeboat volunteers, the equipment that they use and the lifeboat itself. We walked along the promenade to the beach where we ate our lunch, had an ice cream and played some beach games. Then we got on the Lollipop Train back down the promenade to the pier before getting on our bus to bring us back home. The weather stayed dry, even if it was a bit windy, so all in all it was a great day!



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## AUTUMN TERM 2

### YEAR 2

#### YEAR 2 LOCAL WALK

**3 OCTOBER 2024**

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 Thursday 3 October 2024, 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 2024**

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

**19 NOVEMBER 2024**

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.

#### CHRISTMAS PANTO FOR YEARS 2—6

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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 2

### YEAR 3

#### YEAR 3 PARENT SESSION

**22 NOVEMBER 2024**

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

This half term, our learning has been all about 'Water World'. As part of our learning, we visited the Ewden Water Treatment Centre and found out where our water comes from, how it is treated and how it ends up back in our taps. We have identified the stages of the water cycle and looked at why it is an important process for our planet. We have also looked at why we need water, how we use it and why water conservation is important. We compared water access in the UK to that in Kenya and discussed how limited water access causes huge problems in communities. We then looked at how water contributes to a sustainable future, the benefits to hydropower and how hydropower can be detrimental to the environment. In ICT, we have been looking at handling data and how we can use spreadsheets to organise information as well as use formulas to do calculations for us! In PE, we have been learning how to play rounders as well as looking at the roles of the bowler and the backstop.



[Check out our blog for more information about our learning and to see more photos.](#)



## **AUTUMN TERM 2**

### **YEAR 4**

**15 NOVEMBER 2024**

#### **YEAR 4 PARENT SESSION**

Making mountains—further details to follow.

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**13 DECEMBER 2024**

#### **YEAR 4 SWIMMING**

The lessons will take place on **Friday mornings**, starting with an assessment lesson on **Friday 13 December 2024 from 1.15 pm – 2.00 pm and thereafter every Friday from Friday 10 January 2025 to Friday 28 March 2025 (excluding the February half term week)**. (Please keep this in mind when you are booking any medical appointments etc.)

**Wath Leisure Centre rules - PLEASE SEE LIST OF RULES AND REQUIREMENTS RE SWIMWEAR, JEWELLERY, SWIM CAPS AND GOGGLES SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD.**

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## YEAR 5 NEWS

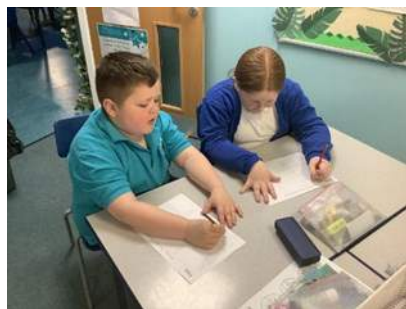
### The Ancient Maya Civilisation

This half term year 5 have learnt in history about the Ancient Maya Civilisation. With this we have looked at when the civilisation began and which civilisations were in existence with in this time era. We have studied in depth with who they are as a civilisation and which Gods they worshiped and how this and religion was such an important factor for each city state. We discussed how the Maya ruins and temples tell us stories of what life would have been like and how the information we have on the Ancient Maya Civilisation was originally captured by an explorer called John Lloyd Stephens and the famous artist Frederick Catherwood, whom drew pictures of the ruins due to having no technology with in that time frame. We then moved on to look at the achievements of the Maya (including their number, writing and calendar systems), with finally looking at the theories behind the abandoned cities of the Ancient Maya.

During geography, we looked at mapping Central America and how once upon a time it was called Mesoamerica. We looked at the countries that the Ancient Maya people once lived and where some still reside today.

During computing we have spent time looking at creating media, using an ipad app called Stop Motion. We looked into the creation of how Wallace and Gromit was filmed and we have tried to recreate our own small clips of films using this technique.

During DT, the child have explored healthy eating and have taken part in creating a healthy Bolognese recipe. We looked at which ingredients we could use to make it as healthy as we could, but still making it enjoyable to eat.



[Check out our blog for more information about our learning and to see more photos etc](#)



## **AUTUMN TERM 2**

### **YEAR 5**

**5 NOVEMBER 2024**

#### **YEAR 5 PARENT SESSION**

**Details to follow**

#### **CHRISTMAS PANTO FOR YEARS 2—6**

**11 DECEMBER 2024**

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#### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

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**Year 1 and 2 – 9.15 am**

**Year 3 and 4 – 10.15 am**

**Year 5 and 6 – 2.15 pm**


**13 DECEMBER 2024**

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## YEAR 6 NEWS

This has been a very busy and exciting half term for Year 6. We have taken part in an Enterprise project where we formed our own companies, either creating products or offering a service. The project gave us a great opportunity to learn about enterprise and areas such as; budgeting, finance, marketing and most importantly team work. This year's companies were: Toys of the World, Raging Raffle, Beauty Bae!, Fruity Arctic, Drop Dead Gorgeous, Rock Adopt, Pic 'n' Mix and Party. All of the companies were a great success!

We would 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 2

### YEAR 6

#### Year 6 Trip to Barnsley Museum, Cannon Hall

**1 OCTOBER 2024**

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

**22 OCTOBER 2024**

**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

**2 DECEMBER 2024**

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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# BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

## SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2024/25 ACADEMIC YEAR

For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

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- Bank Holidays
- School Holidays
- Inset Days (1 more inset days to be decided)
- Y6 SATs
- Year 1 Phonics screening & Year 4 Multiplication Checks

195 days – 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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