



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

### School Development Plan

This week, the latest school development plan was agreed at the governing body meeting. The plan includes our key priorities for this year. We want to make sure that more children reach the highest standard in reading and maths by the time they leave year 6. We have identified ways in which we can support our children to do this as they move through key stage 2. We will also continue to develop our subject leaders, especially those who are new to this position, to ensure they are highly successful in their role. We have already started some of the actions in the plan. We will continue to work hard to put the rest of the actions into place. I will update you throughout the year on our progress as we aim to achieve all our key priorities.

### Harvest Festival

Thank you to all the parents who brought in food and donations for our Harvest Assembly last week. The school council have delivered parcels to Hemsworth Food Pantry who were very grateful for all the food!

### Top Team

Last week, the children in our Top Team started their jobs following their training. I have been impressed with their responsible and mature attitude around school this week. I have already seen lots of examples of the Top Team supporting our younger children. Some of them have told me how much they enjoyed reading to an older child. I also enjoyed watching the new play leaders learning our children in key stage 1 some games. Please keep up the fantastic work!

### Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to year 2 for having an attendance of more than 98%! Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
96.7%	91.9%	98.1%	97.8%	97.2%	95.4%	93.2%	95.8%

### Word of the Month

We must allow our children to learn and use new words. Each month, we introduce our children to a new word that is displayed in the classroom. Below, you will find the word of the month for each class in October:

- Year 1 - brief
- Year 2 - thud
- Year 3 - plunder
- Year 4 - remorseless
- Year 5 - commotion
- Year 6 - desolate

We hope that our children can soon tell each other what the word means, use it correctly in their work and spell it correctly in their writing. Please encourage your child to use the word of the month at home.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

