



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Curriculum

Last week, the children found out which topic they will be learning about in school this term. Each class has a theme linked to the geography curriculum. I have already been impressed by how much the children enjoy learning about a different part of the world. You will find the new curriculum plans under the “Curriculum” section of the school website.

### Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to year 3 for having an attendance of more than 99%! 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
96.1%	97.1%	98.8%	99.6%	95.7%	98.7%	95%	97.2%

### Word of the Month

We must allow our children to learn and use new words. Each month, the children are introduced to a special word. Below, you will find the word of the month for each class in January:

- Year 1 - typhoon
- Year 2 - overhead
- Year 3 - relinquish
- Year 4 - indignant
- Year 5 - inexplicable
- Year 6 - conscientious

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.

### Special Mentions

Well done to all the children who received certificates and positive leaves in our first achievements assembly of the term. Like last term, we will be putting the leaves on our rainbow tree in the school reception.

### Dates for Your Diary

Below are the upcoming dates for the spring term. Further details about these events will be sent out nearer the time.

Years 6 SATs information for parents	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January
Key Stage 1 INSPIRE morning	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January
Foundation Stage INSPIRE morning	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January
Lower Key Stage 2 INSPIRE morning	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January
Upper Key Stage 2 INSPIRE morning	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January
Governors’ meeting	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
Reception Read Together	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February
Year 1 Read Together	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 2 Read Together	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 2 visit to Renewi	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 3 visit to Trinity Walk	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Young Voices	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Reception class Rhyme Time	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 1 Rhyme Time	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February
Parents’ evening	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Great athlete event	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Parents’ evening	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March
World Book Day	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 1 visit to Abbey House Museum	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March
Key Stage 1 Mother’s Day Assembly	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 5 Brazil Workshop	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 3 visit to Hepworth Art Gallery	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Upper Foundation Stage Superhero Day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Waterton Has Stars	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 6 visit to The Deep	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 2 visit to Pontefract Castle	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher