



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – February 2025

As the spring term is now well underway and your children's learning continues apace, it's good to see the progress made by all children across school since returning from the Christmas break.

With this in mind, I hope the reports you all received a few weeks ago were informative. They were designed to keep parents and carers more informed of progress and attainment in between parents' evenings. This is something that has been mentioned on parental surveys in the past and we were eager to act on this. The one you received is the first of three throughout the year, the next will be sent just after Easter and the final one in July. As always, any feedback on these is greatly appreciated.

I have been in contact with Rotherham Council and Councillor Simon Ball recently regarding parking as this is sadly not improving either on Lilly Hall Road or on Cliff Hill despite reminders over email and previous newsletters. The Council's stance is clear in that anyone seeing parents or carers parking irresponsibly should report this to the Council themselves. The Council will then pick the matter up through monitoring and fining where necessary. The email to send any complaints to is transportation@rotherham.gov.uk

As a further reminder, yet again I urge all parents and carers to park responsibly – waiting on the zigzags for drop-offs in the morning is not acceptable and will be reported. For the sake of the safety of our children and adults, please consider parking a little further afield and walking to the drive.

Mr Pease
Principal

Dates for your diary:

Bingo Night

18 March 2025

EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade

27 March 2025

Parents' Evenings

4 and 5 March 2025

Y6 SATS Week

13 to 16 May 2025

Summer Fayre

5 June 2025

Y6 NST London Residential

23 to 25 June 2025

Y5 Robinwood Residential

2 to 4 July 2025

[Upcoming events](#)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance for our Academy currently stands at 95.2% for the autumn and spring term so far. Regarding term-time holidays, I would like to again remind all parents and carers of the changes in the way fixed penalty notices are given within the Rotherham Local Authority Area for any term-time holidays taken from September 2024.

A communication was sent to all parents and carers explaining this and can be found [here](#). More information on these changes can be found on Rotherham Council's school attendance page [here](#).

We strongly discourage term-time holidays, but if any parents and carers are considering one, it is imperative you read the documents in these links as penalty charges have increased.

MRS MOORE'S UPDATE

The children have made a fantastic start back in school following the Christmas break. A special shout out to our Year 6 children who are working extremely hard in the lead up to their end of Key Stage Two Assessments in lessons and in booster sessions - well done!

Just a reminder of a couple of subscriptions the children have access to: Reception - Year 2 have access to NumBots; Year 2 - Year 6 children have log ins to both TTRockstars (to support learning their times tables) and Spelling Shed (game-based practice linked to year group spellings). All of these apps/websites provide interactive ways to learn these vital skills. If you're unsure of your child's log in, please ask their class teacher.



FRIENDS OF LILLY HALL

Thank you to those that supported the "Cashpot for schools" campaign run by Asda. This has raised an amazing amount of £317.65 that will go straight into our fundraising pot for the school.

We have a Valentines raffle coming up so please keep an eye out for the details to come through on Seesaw.

Our popular Neon disco is also fast approaching which we are excited for and I'm sure your children will be too – provisional dates for these are 3 March and 10 March. These were postponed from February.

Please make contact via our Facebook page or through info@maltbylillyhallacademy.com if you wish to join our group or just to get in touch.

EQUAL ACCESS AWARD

We are thrilled and excited to have been awarded the England Football Equal Access award in January. This award has identified that we provide equal access to boys and girls, not only in football, but within our curriculum and through extra-curricular opportunities as well.

This is a great achievement for the school and one that typifies our ethos of every pupil achieving their goals and participating in all we offer, regardless of gender.

Cecilia and Alexis, who are part of our girls' football team, are seen above accepting the award from Elliott Flowers on behalf of England Football.



UNIFORM UPDATE

Children will not be allowed to carry out PE unless they remove their earrings. This is a safety requirement. If you are unsure if your child can remove these, please do not send them to school in earrings on their PE days. Thank you for your co-operation on this. Please ensure your child has the correct school uniform on every day, including correct PE kit – our school uniform details can be found on our website [here](#). If your child is not in correct uniform, this will be provided for them.

SOCIAL MEDIA & SEESAW

For all our recent exceptional learning experiences, events and celebrations of achievements, please see our social media accounts. Our Seesaw feed will also provide up-to-date commentary on your child's learning.

