



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – September 2025

A slightly belated 'welcome back' to all parents, carers and of course, the children to what we know will be an exciting and action-packed academic year of learning. I sincerely hope all our families had a refreshing summer break.

If any parents and carers come into school recently, you may have noticed that the Key Stage 2 building has been completely redecorated over the summer, and classrooms have less on the walls. This is done to make the classrooms have lower stimulation so junior children can focus more on the learning going on and less on the decoration on the walls. There are working walls within each classroom so your child can reference their learning in each lesson. As always, more detail on what your child is learning this term can be found on the 'class pages' section of our website which can be found [here](#).

We have plenty going on this term and already our intrepid year 2's have visited Conisbrough Castle and our Y3's are visiting the Yorkshire Museum very soon. These are all part of our exceptional experiences planned for the forthcoming year.

I'd like to remind all parents and carers of our dress code as it is an important part of our school and our values. We are seeing girls come into school with hooped earrings, rings and bracelets. These are not part of our dress code and should not be worn. Only stud earrings are allowed and these should be removable for PE. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mr Pease
Principal

Dates for your diary:

Y2 AMRC Bridge Building
Tuesday 30 September &
Wednesday 1 October 2025

Y3 Yorkshire Museum Visit
Thursday 2 October 2025

Literary Festival
Monday 6 October to
Friday 10 October 2025

INSET DAY – School Closed to Pupils
Friday 24 October 2025

October Half Term Holiday
Monday 27 October to
Friday 31 October 2025

Y1 Wonderdome Visit
Tuesday 4 November 2025

Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Y6
Wednesday 5 November 2025

Y6 Grimm & Co Visit
Wednesday 5 November 2025

Individual Photos Reception to Y6
Monday 10 November 2025

Individual Photos Early Years Centre
Friday 14 November 2025

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance for our Academy currently stands at 95.5% for the autumn term so far. This is an improvement from the end of last year. 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.

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

I am pleased to share that our annual MLT Literary Festival is returning next week (w/c 6 October). During this week, we have two authors visiting to deliver assemblies and workshops to inspire the children and share their love of literature and writing. We are excited to be working alongside Grimm & Co this academic year and for the festival, they are delivering interactive workshops in school which are sure to be fun and stimulate creativity. Year 5 will also be attending Maltby Academy where the MA English team will lead activities which inspire a love of reading. Thank you to all who attended our book fair. Again, this year, we have had a fantastic turn out and school receives a percentage of the sales which means we can update our must-read book lists in each classroom. Look out for lots of photos of the Literary Festival!



Y2 VISIT TO CONISBROUGH CASTLE

Our Y2's visited Conisbrough Castle recently as part of their history topic. As you can see from the photographs here, they enjoyed their visit immensely and gained some valuable learning into what the features of castles were and linked this to previous learning.

They are comparing Conisbrough Castle to Boston Castle to look at the differences between the two. We look forward to seeing the results of their interesting work!



LESSON SEQUENCE

Your child may have mentioned, or you have seen in our classrooms our lesson sequence. This is a sequence of learning that teachers use in each lesson to ensure the lesson content is clear and well structured for your children. Each lesson involves 'engage' – a sharp start, 'explain' – teacher input, 'explore' – your child practices skills, 'extend' – your child is challenged to apply new skills and 'evaluate' – discussion at the end of the lesson to evaluate learning. Each stage has its own symbol which can be seen below.



UNIFORM

Please be aware, no children will 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. 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 to change into on arrival.

Thank you all for your cooperation.