



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – December 2025

As we approach the festive break, I look back over the term and think how much learning we have achieved with your children. There have been plenty of exceptional experiences both in and out of school and the Christmas events have been wonderful. I'd like to pay tribute to your children and to the staff at school for the Christmas performances in particular. It is always a joy to see children enjoying themselves - the performances were lovely and really got us into the festive spirit.

This has also been the first full term of opening for our Early Years Centre which is based in the old Linx building. This has been a roaring success with very positive comments from parents and carers, but also from external visitors regarding the provision and resources in the unit. We temporarily say goodbye today to Miss Fish, who works at the centre, as she leaves us to go on maternity leave. We wish her all the very best.

Finally, I couldn't leave this newsletter without paying tribute to two children who have not only embodied the principles of Lilly Hall, but have made everyone so proud of their achievements outside of school. Olivia in year 5 has been playing a starring role in 'Matilda' across the country and Noah in year 3 has raised thousands of pounds for Bluebell Wood Hospice. These are absolutely staggering achievements of which we are all so proud.

I wish all parents, carers and children a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – see you all next term.

Mr Pease  
**Principal**

### Dates for your diary:

**Return To School**

Monday 5 January 2026

**Y3 Mr Egypt Visit**

Tuesday 6 January

**INSET Day**

Friday 13 February

**February Half Term Week**

Monday 16 to

Friday 20 February

**Return to School**

Monday 23 February

**Easter Holidays**

Monday 30 March to

Friday 10 April

**Return to School**

Monday 13 April

[Upcoming Events](#)

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance for our Academy currently stands at 95.0% for the autumn term so far. This is a slight decrease since half-term. 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

We have been in awe this last half term with the determination and resilience shown by Noah in Y3 who has been raising money for Bluebell Wood Hospice by completing a mile run everyday. He has raised an incredible amount of money for a well-deserved cause. It has been fantastic to see the school community get behind him with many children and families supporting him along the way. Well done Noah - we are so proud!

Wishing all our families a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!



## 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.

## 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



## CAR PARKING

As a reminder to all parents and carers, car parking in the school car park is prohibited unless a pass is obtained from the school for you to be allowed to do so. Please do not drive down the school drive to drop off your child or pick up if you do not have a pass.

As putting permanent staff out on the pavements in the morning and at home time is difficult for school, we have been visited by a council representative to discuss further action and possible penalties for cars parked on the zig-zags at the entrance to school. More information on this when we have it. In the meantime, I'd encourage all parents and carers to park safely for the sake of all our children.