



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – November 2025

Last half term has produced some excellent and high-quality work and learning from your children. We have begun our 'Better Learners, Better Workers' journey for some of our year 5 children and have engaged in numerous exceptional experiences including the Wonder dome in year 1 and our school council primary ambassadors visit. I would also like to commend our school choir for their outstanding performance at the recent MLT conference in October.

As we approach Christmas, it is a very busy time in school, but a really enjoyable one. Plans are already afoot for all our Christmas concerts (see dates to the right) and for our Christmas Fayre on the 27 November. I look forward to welcoming all parents and carers to these events. Thank you also to all parents and carers who took the time to attend our recent parents' evenings, I trust these were informative and more information on your child's progress will be given in the first of the three termly reports which will be sent out in January.

You may be aware by now that Miss Hydes has left us and will be replaced by Mr Ducker. Some parents and carers may remember Mr Ducker from his previous time with us a few years ago. It's really pleasing to welcome him back into Lilly Hall as our school safeguarding lead and family liaison officer. You will see Mr Ducker around school and on the playground once he starts with us, so please give him a warm welcome as I am sure you all will.

Mr Pease  
**Principal**

### Dates for your diary:

**Christmas Fayre**  
Thursday 27 November

**Ladybirds Christmas Concert**  
Thursday 4 December

**Caterpillars Christmas Concert**  
Friday 5 December

**Year 1 Christmas Concert**  
Monday 8 December

**Year 2 Christmas Concert**  
Tuesday 9 December

**Y3 & Y4 Carol Concert**  
Wednesday 10 December

**Christmas Lunch Day**  
Thursday 11 December

**Y5 & Y6 Carol Concert**  
Thursday 11 December

[Upcoming Events](#)

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance for our Academy currently stands at 95.1% for the autumn 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.

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 had a great start to Autumn 2 - Y5 had a fantastic trip to the Space Centre, Y6 had a brilliant visit from Grimm & Co focussing on grammar, Y4 have had a Greek food tasting event and, as a whole school, we marked Remembrance Day by completing work in class and gathering for a service on Tuesday.

This week, Year 6 complete their first assessment week. We are really pleased with how Year 6 are approaching work in class, in boosters and homework - they are working hard to revise previous learning and learn and apply new Y6 knowledge.

## OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP

Some parents and carers may already be aware of this story, but we have a truly inspirational child who is currently undertaking an amazing feat of endurance for a very worthy cause. Noah in year 3 (right) is running a mile every day in November to raise money for Bluebell Wood Hospice. We are very proud of Noah and the outstanding commitment he is showing throughout this fundraising challenge. His determination to make a difference reflects the values we strive to instill in all our pupils. He has inspired the community, well done Noah!



## PARKING

It is with regret that I am having to address the parking situation again with some parents and carers.

Unfortunately, we are still seeing cars parking on the zig-zags at the front of school when dropping children into breakfast club. This is not safe as watching your child walk down the drive is not the same as seeing them into the club itself.

I am also sorry to report that some parents and carers are now driving down the school drive to drop children off without prior permission, I'd like to remind all parents and carers that this is prohibited.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY DATES

Monday 15 December	-	Year 2 & Year 3 Christmas Parties
Tuesday 16 December	-	Year 1 & Year 4 Christmas Parties
Wednesday 17 December	-	Pre-Nursery, Nursery & Year 5 Christmas Parties
Thursday 18 December	-	Reception & Year 6 Christmas Parties

