



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – March 2026

Thank you!

Firstly, I'd like to thank everyone for the warm welcome they have given me as I've stepped into the role of Principal. Mr Pease has done a fantastic job over the last six years - Maltby Lilly Hall is a great school with a superb staff who work tirelessly for your children. Having said that, every school has areas where it can get even better and we are determined to keep improving so that the children of Lilly Hall get the best possible time in their Primary education. We all care passionately about doing the very best we can for each and every child and I look forward to working with you to make sure your child thrives in everything they do at our school.

Communication

One of the major areas that every school works hard to get right is communication. It is also one of the hardest things to get right every time. As well as newsletters, we will keep using the SeeSaw App, social media and the website to make sure you know everything which is happening in school. However, it is also important that you are confident to let us know when you have something you need to tell us. If you have a worry or concern, or simply need to let us know something, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I am usually on the playground in the morning, and if not, Mrs Moore and Mr Ducker will be there to listen to any concerns. If you can't speak to us face to face, please feel free to telephone and talk things through – it is often easier to call than to email as we can explore the issues together. If I can't take a call there and then, either I will call you back or the member of staff best positioned to deal with your issue will contact you. Thank you!

Mr D Horrigan
Principal

Dates for your diary:

Easter Holidays

Monday 30 March to
Friday 10 April

Return to School

Monday 13 April

May Day

Monday 4 May

May Spring Bank Holiday

Monday 25 May to
Friday 29 May

Return to School

Monday 1 June

INSET Day school closed to pupils

Friday 26 June

Last Day of School Year

Friday 17 July

Upcoming Events

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance is THE most important factor in ensuring children make good progress in school. Studies show that children who attend well do better in their primary years and then go on to greater success in their GCSEs and A-levels. That's why we will work so hard with you to make sure children attend every day they possibly can.

It matters massively if children miss time in primary school. Children only learn to read once: that process starts the moment they walk through our doors and continues right through to year 6. Every day is a new learning experience and every day is vital. That's why we say that good attendance is high attendance. A child with 90% attendance is still missing a day every two weeks – that's one and a half hours of English and an hours maths as well as geography/PE etc. Good attendance is at least 98% and that's what we should aim for!

MRS MOORE'S UPDATE

We have lots of exciting events and experiences happening at Lilly Hall this half term starting with World Book Day on Friday 6 March! We look forward to seeing the brilliant costumes and the creative competition entries for our shoe box book scenes. The week after we are joining in with British Science Week and each year group will be completing science investigations in class as well as a whole school dress as a scientist day on Friday 13 March! In the latter part of the half term, we will be raising money for two very worthy charities: Comic Relief and Children's Heart Surgery Fund.



Enrichment Opportunities

We work hard to make sure that there are a range of enrichment opportunities for your child beyond normal lessons. Not only do children take part in a range of after school and lunchtime clubs, but we are also offering children the chance to represent the school in sporting events both in and beyond Maltby. Keep an eye out for clubs for the new term being advertised – they are popular and places go quickly.

In addition to this, we are also offering children the opportunity to take part in different sports through their normal PE sessions this and next term. Year one and Year four are already having cricket sessions with Yorkshire cricket and there are more to come – watch newsletters and SeeSaw for details!

E-Safety Messages

We work hard to make sure your children are aware of the risks they face going on-line. Particularly as children get older, please help us to help your children by reinforcing some key messages which we share with them:

- Don't share personal details online – you don't know who you are speaking to.
- Never share passwords or usernames with anyone – they are yours and keep your information confidential.
- Strangers stay strangers – you don't really know anyone you only know online.
- Think before you post – anything you publish can't be got back.
- If anything happens online which worries you - tell an adult.

TRAFFIC FRUSTRATIONS

We have had a number of parents and carers express concerns to us about the roads around the school at the start and end of the school day. We know the surrounding streets, and Lilly Hall Road in particular, get very busy at these times and this can cause frustration for those who are trying to get their children home.

Please can I ask that all parents think about the safety of where they park and have patience when trying to navigate these roads. We would be devastated if there were an incident with a child around our school and if everyone takes simple steps and a little time, this can be avoided.

