



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – July 2024

The summer break is upon us once again and it seems the year has flown by. I'd firstly like to begin by thanking all parents and carers on another hugely successful year for Maltby Lilly Hall Academy. Your support for the children and the school is never taken for granted and on behalf of all the staff, thank you.

We say a sad goodbye to Mrs Gibson in Early Years today, I know I speak on behalf of all parents and carers in saying she will be sorely missed, and we wish her well. Also leaving for pastures new is Miss Elliott, who we wish well in her new role, and Miss Mann, our higher-level teaching assistant who leaves us to go to a teaching role.

We welcome Miss Goodall into school in September as Miss Elliott's replacement and Mr Dunn will be an excellent addition to the Early Years team in his second year with us.

Our new communication system, Seesaw' is just about ready for launch. It is essential that the invite sent to you to download the app for this is carried out please. Seesaw will give you more of an insight into your child's learning through providing a 'feed' of photos and commentary on what your child is learning, along with messages from class teachers and other staff to keep you informed of your child's progress. It is imperative we gain consent from parents regarding photographs on the platform, otherwise some photographs will not be put onto the feed. With that in mind, we ask **all parents and carers** to please fill in this form as soon as possible to provide this information. The link to the short form is [here](#).

I would also urge all parents and carers to read the attendance section below, this contains potentially important changes around how attendance pathways could be changing, this may impact how we will monitor this and send out fixed penalty notices where necessary.

Dates for the new academic year are to the right. We have set dates early for events such as the Year 6 Leaver's Barbecue, parent's evenings, Christmas concerts and the like so parents and carers can plan ahead. More dates will be sent out during the next academic year for future events. A reminder to all parents and carers that 2 September is an INSET day and only EYFS and Y6 children come into school on the 3 September. EYFS - Nursery and Reception will need to refer to the letter sent to them on 19/06/24 with their start dates and times as they are transitioning over 2 days. All other year groups start on the 4 September.

All that remains is for me to say how proud we are of all our children and how they have conducted themselves and their learning this year. They are a credit to you all.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break and I look forward to welcoming all our families and children back in September for more exciting learning and exceptional experiences.

Mr Pease
Principal

Dates for your diary:

INSET Day
Monday 2 September 2024

EYFS and Y6 only in school
Tuesday 3 September 2024

All year groups in school
Wednesday 4 September 2024

Parents' Evenings
13 and 14 November 2024

Christmas Fayre
Thursday 28 November 2024

Christmas Performances
EYFS – 5 and 6 December 2024
KS1 – 9 and 10 December 2024
Ks2 – 11 and 12 December 2024

Parents' Evenings
4 and 5 March 2025

Y6 Leavers' BBQ
Thursday 10 July 2025

Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 17 July 2025

[Upcoming events](#)

ATTENDANCE CHANGES

Attendance for our Academy currently stands at 94.6%, this is a decrease on last term and can mainly be attributed to term-time holidays. With this in mind, I would like to draw all parents and carers attention to potential changes in the way fixed penalty notices may be 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 on 15th July 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 are potentially increasing and the regularity in which these are issued could be changing too.

Please ensure if you book an appointment for your child in school time that your child attends school for registration first wherever possible, this ensures they do not receive an unauthorised absence.

MRS MOORE'S UPDATE

What a fantastic final half term we have had at Lilly Hall! There have been many exceptional experiences throughout the school allowing the children to consolidate and celebrate their learning. Year 6 had two fantastic trips; their residential to London and an outdoor adventure day at Walesby Forest. Year 3 had an interesting and informative day at the National Coal Mining Museum and year 1 had a great day out at Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Teachers are busy planning next year's visits, which will be sent out to parents imminently. These experiences are always so valuable and really enhance the children's learning.

A huge well done and farewell to our brilliant year 6's who leave us today. Their final leaver's assembly was filled with funny and nostalgic moments and certainly brought a tear to many children, staff and parent's eyes. We are so proud of all they have achieved at Lilly Hall and wish them all the best on their secondary school journey!



FRIENDS OF LILLY HALL

Wow, what a fundraising year we have had! We have enjoyed the regular events, but also some of our new events that have been very successful. We thank you for your support as always and without you we couldn't raise the money we do for our children. We look forward to sharing with you the events we have planned for the next school year in September.

If you are a parent or carer of a child at Maltby Lilly Hall Academy and want to join the Friends of Lilly Hall group we would love to welcome you.

Please make contact via the Facebook page or via school directly on info@maltbylillyhallacademy.com or by telephone 01709 812148.

EARLY YEARS TEAM

As you may have seen in the press, we are so proud of our team of Early Years practitioners (above) who scooped a prestigious award in June.

The Lilly Hall team won a 'highly commended' award from the Pearson National Teaching Awards. This is a well-deserved award that highlights the expertise, talent, nurture and care they all put in to ensuring only the very best start to their children's Lilly Hall journey. I'm sure I speak on behalf of all parents and carers in wishing them a hearty 'well-done'.

YEAR 6

It is with sadness we say goodbye to our year 6 cohort today. They had a great time at their Leaver's Barbecue last week (see photo right) and have been nothing but a credit to the school. They tackled their SATs with resilience and this is a trait they have had all year in every aspect of their learning.

We wish them well in their new ventures in year 7 and beyond. Well done from all the staff at Lilly Hall – you have been amazing!



UNIFORM

Our uniform exchange scheme is still in operation, if this is of use to any parent or carer, please contact school on 01709 812148. 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](#).

SOCIAL MEDIA

For all our recent exceptional learning experiences, events and celebrations of achievements, please see our Facebook profile [here](#) and our Twitter / X profile which can be found [here](#).

