

# Hillsborough Primary School



## Parent Information Booklet 2024-25

### Year 1 and 2

Class Teachers: Mrs Jeffcock, Mrs Westwood and Mrs King, Mrs Buxton

## **The School Vision**

At Hillsborough, we support, nurture and challenge our children and encourage them to BELIEVE in their strengths and in those of others.

At Hillsborough, we create a belief in our children, staff and parents that they BELONG to a community that cares for them and supports all of their needs.

At Hillsborough, we enrich and extend learning for all so that every child can achieve their potential and BECOME the individual they aspire to be.

BELIEVE. BELONG. BECOME.

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## 2024-25 Term Dates

	FROM	TO
<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>	Return to school Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024 INSET - Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Half Term	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 INSET - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024
Christmas Holiday	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Half Term	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 INSET - Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025
Easter Holiday	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025
<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 21 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> July are INSET days Last school day is Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
Good Friday	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	
Easter Monday	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	
May Day	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	
Half Term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025

Information on school terms and holidays see: [www.sheffield.gov.uk/schoolholidays](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schoolholidays)

**Hillsborough Training Days – these are dates school is closed to all pupils.**

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024      29<sup>th</sup> November 2024      14<sup>th</sup> February 2025      21<sup>st</sup> July 2025      22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025      23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

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Other important dates to remember for Y1, Y2, Y4 and Y6 are throughout May and early June, statutory tests take place. It is very important that you do not book any holidays during these dates if your child is in these year groups as they must be in school to take their tests. **Y6 SATS week is likely to be**

### Whole School Events

These are some of the whole school events that are part of the annual school calendar.

<b>Term</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Information</b>
<b>Autumn</b>	McMillian Coffee Morning	Come and join us to raised money for this important charity as we host the biggest coffee morning! There will also be a Bake-Off competition for the parents and children to enter!
	SEND reviews	Parents will be made aware of their child's SEND review times and dates.
	Harvest Assemblies	Parents are invited to attend the harvest assemblies. We will be asking for collection of tinned, dried and toiletry goods and they will be donated to the cathedral project.
	Parents Evenings	Please come along and discuss your child's progress
	Children In Need	A fund-raising event for the whole school
	Christmas Activities	These include Christmas performances (all year groups), Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch, craft workshop for parents to come and make crafts with their child and the Christmas Fayre. There will also be a Christingle service for you to attend.
<b>Spring</b>	Halloween Disco	We will be having a Spooks and Shivers disco; the children may wear fancy dress for this.
	SEND reviews	Parents will be made aware of their child's SEND review times and dates.
	Y5/6 Residential	London residential Y6
	Come and Watch us work!	Parents are invited to come and watch their children work and see what happens in the classroom on a daily basis!
	World Book Day	Your child may need a costume for this day.
	Comic Relief Day	A fund-raising event for the whole school
<b>Summer</b>	Film Night	Come and spend an evening watching our big – well biggish screen. Bring a blanket get snug and enjoy a movie – parents are more than welcome.
	Easter activities	There will be many activities happening over Easter such as Easter egg decorating, raffle, assemblies and Easter bonnet parade.
	Y4 Residential	Herd Farm residential
	SEND reviews	Parents will be made aware of their child's SEND review times and dates.
	Sports Day	This is scheduled for June although this is subject to weather changes.
	Sports and Health week	This week we will be promoting all things healthy and encouraging children to get involved with sport.
	Reports to Parents	Reports are due out to parents
Transition	This will take place for two days and your child will spend time with their teacher next year	
Y6 Leavers Activities	For Y6, a way to celebrate the end of their time at primary school.	

## Class Topics 2024-25

### Year

It is intended that these topics will be taught in your child's class this year. Topics may run over a holiday. Cross curricular links will be made as much as possible although some subjects may be taught separately.

<b>Term</b>	<b>Main Topics</b>	<b>Trips/Events (Inc. residentials)</b>	<b>Approximate cost</b>	<b>Other information – costumes, parent help required etc.</b>
<b>Autumn</b>	<u>History</u> The Great Fire of London	Firefighters coming into school - Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	No cost	
	<u>Geography</u> Locational knowledge of the UK	Walk around our local area		Waterproof coats.
<b>Spring</b>	<u>Geography (agriculture) and Science</u> Compare jobs in countryside to cities. Living things and their habitats.	Gardening and planting in Hillsborough Park  Visit to a working Dairy Farm – Our Cow Molly.	£2 contribution to cover the cost of plants for the playground.  £15 to cover transport costs	History Focus Day. £1 contribution to cover the cost of banquet food.  Tudor Dress Up.
<b>Summer</b>	<u>Science</u> Plants	Possible Gulliver's visit if not then Yorkshire Wildlife Park	£90 per child including transport or &25 YWP	Wellies and Waterproofs/ sun cream.

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**Extra-curricular clubs will be advertised on the school website and letters will be sent out on a termly basis.**

## **School Routines and Other Information**

### School Timings

There is ease of access to school from 8.30am in Y5 and Y6 with school starting at 8:40. School starts at 8.40am for children in Y4, Y3, Y2 and Y1. Children in Foundation Stage 2 start their day at 8:45. Foundation Stage 2 children can be collected from 3pm onwards. All children in KS1 and KS2 finish at 3:10. Although some people use our playground after school, for safeguarding purposes you must ensure you have vacated this area by 3:40pm unless you are waiting for a child attending an after-school club. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS SUPERVISED IN THE PLAYGROUND OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS.

### Uniform

Children are expected to wear a blue jumper or cardigan, polo shirt (royal blue or white) and grey or black trousers/skirt. Shorts or checked dresses (blue) are also acceptable. Shoes should be black and have no high heel or expose any part of the foot. This is for health and safety purposes. Please note we have spare clean uniform and we will provide this for any child not in school uniform that will be returned to the office at the end of the day. We encourage parents to use our recycled uniform shop, both to help environmentally as well as financially. Please ask at the office if you wish to look at our items available for sale or you wish to place an order for uniform.

### Attendance Policy

Please note that our attendance policy states that no leave will be authorised apart from in exceptional circumstances. The whole school attendance target is 95% and the full policy can be found on the website. To request leave, please see the office staff for the documentation.

### Homework

Our homework policy has been devised in conjunction with parents, children and staff. Homework will be set on Seesaw. There is an expectation that the children will complete the homework and that it will be checked and marked by your child's teacher on Seesaw.

### PE

PE sessions are on Thursday. The children will need both indoor and outdoor PE kits for these days. Indoor PE kits consist of white t-shirt, black shorts and PE pumps. Outdoor kits include tracksuit and trainers. Earrings must be removed for PE. Please make sure that your child has the appropriate a kit. We have a supply of clean PE kits that we will loan for the PE session to any child not wearing the correct PE kit. Continuous lack of kit will be monitored.

### Absence

Please report any absence to the school office as soon as possible. An answer machine service is available when the school is closed. An absence and punctuality policy is available on the school website.

### Medicines

A trained member of staff will administer medicines if your child needs this. This will however only be done if our medical form has been completed. These can be found on the school website or be collected from the school office. Please make sure that any medication which is kept in school (e.g. inhalers, epi-pens etc.) is checked to ensure they it is in date. This is your responsibility.

#### School Meals and Milk

The price of a school meal remains at £2 per day. All children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to universal free school meals. Milk is priced per day and is paid on a termly basis. Milk must be ordered and paid for the term before and the school office will inform you of this via a letter. If you are in receipt of free school meals, or your child is under 5 you are entitled to free milk but this must be ordered in the same way.

#### Healthy Snacks and drinks

In FS2 and KS1, children are provided with a healthy snack during the school day. In KS2, children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to eat at breaktime for example fruit, cheese or cereal bars. Water is available for all throughout the day but if your child needs to bring a different drink into school, please make sure it is fruit juice or non-sugary squash.

#### Glossary of Terms

**Foundation Stage (FS1 and FS2):** This is the child's first years or part years in school (i.e. Reception).

**Key Stage 1:** This includes Year 1 and Year 2 and has its own separate curriculum. At the end of Year 2, children are assessed by their teachers and by undertaking tasks and tests called SATs (Standard Assessment Tasks) for English, Maths and Science. This will inform a teacher assessment level. Parents will receive this information alongside the child's annual report.

**Key Stage 2:** This includes Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and has its own curriculum. At the end of Year 6 children are assessed and undertake their Key Stage 2 SATs (Standard Assessment Tasks). Parents will receive written confirmation of their child's SATs results when they arrive in school usually around the middle of July.

**Special Educational Needs (SEN):** Some children may need extra help or support during their time at school. Parents are always consulted and informed when this is the case.

**Information and Communication Technology (ICT):** This includes work using computers, programmable toys and other forms of technology.

**National Curriculum Assessments.** These are commonly known as SATs and are taken in the summer term in Year 2 and Year 6. Children are expected to achieve age related expectations.

**Phonics.** This is the process in which we teach reading. It is a process based on recognising sounds of letters, groups of letters and syllables and is linked to the development of literacy skills in general. Children's progress in phonics is assessed at the end of Y1 and communicated with parents.

**CVC Words.** These are primarily used in FS2 and KS1 and describe words that are made from Consonant/Vowel/Consonant eg cat, dog, pat.

#### **Contact Information**

We run an open-door policy, as far as is possible, we welcome parent feedback and strive for positive communication. Should an issue arise please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you feel the issue has not been resolved adequately please make an appointment to speak Nicola Wileman (Head Teacher) or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. We hope that all issues can be resolved in this way however any formal complaints can be made to our Chair of Governors or Mr Martin Finch (Executive Headteacher) through the school office.

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