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Dear Parents and Carers

As we get closer to the end of the week I'd like to share the end of year statutory assessment results and remind you of term dates and other arrangements for next year.

Statutory Outcomes

Once again, we are really pleased with the statutory outcomes obtained by Wisewood children this year. Whilst we celebrate the fact that there is more to primary education than test scores and assessments, it's equally important that we recognise the fantastic efforts that our children and teachers put into ensuring that outcomes are as high as they can be.

In Y6, 68% of children attained the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths, this is higher than the National average of 62%. Particular attention should be paid to the number of children achieving the high or 'Greater Depth' standard. In Reading 52% achieved Greater Depth (33% nationally), in Maths 44% (26% nationally) and in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling 48% (30% nationally). These are the highest Greater Depth scores the school has ever achieved.

In Y4, the average score for the Multiplication Tables check was 22.54, the national average for this year has not yet been published but last year it was 20.6. 35% of children obtained full marks with another 30% dropping only one mark.

In Y1, 80% of children met the expected standard in the Phonics Check. This rose to 90% for the cumulative check at the end of Y2.

In Foundation Stage, 83% of children achieved a good level of development.

These are great results and testament to the hard work put in by the children and staff. Well done all.

School Dinners

Due to rising costs, and in line with all INOVA schools, we have had to take the decision to increase the cost of school dinners to £2.95 from September 1st 2025. I appreciate that this may have implications for our families, however our current budget means that the above are not viable with the current pricing.

All FS and KS1 children remain entitled to Universal Free School Meals.



Term Dates

Term dates for 2025-26 are as follows:

- Monday 1 September 2025 until Friday 24 October 2025
- Monday 3 November 2025 until Friday 19 December 2025
- Monday 5 January 2026 until Friday 13 February 2026
- Monday 23 February 2026 until Friday 27 March 2026
- Monday 13 April 2026 until Friday 22 May 2026
- Monday 1 June 2026 until Monday 20 July 2026

School will also be closed to pupils on the following staff training days and Bank Holiday:

Monday 1st September

Friday 24th October

Monday 3rd November

Monday 5th January

Monday 4th May (May Day Bank Holiday)

Friday 26th June

Monday 20th July

Other important dates to remember for Y1, Y2, Y4 and Y6 are statutory assessment periods through May and June. It is very important that you do not plan holidays at these times as children need to be in school to take their tests. **Y6 SATs week is likely to be the week commencing Monday 11th May 2026.**

Term Time Holidays

The law states that parents or carers do not have a right to take their child out of school for a holiday during term time. Term time holidays in Sheffield will not be authorised unless there are exceptional reasons. Thanks for your support in ensuring that our children attend school as much as possible.



Attendance

Attendance continues to be a huge priority for the school, Trust and national Government. Over all this year we have improved attendance slightly to 94.2% with 18.4% persistent absence. However, the differences between attendance in the first half of the year and the second half (since the appointment of Mr Kenyon as Educational Welfare Officer) are striking.

From Sep 24 – End of Jan 25 (no EWO)

93.6% / 18.6% PA

From Feb 25 to date (EWO in place)

94.8% / 13.9% PA

This shows a significant impact and would see us reach the national average for Primary schools.

Thanks for all your support this year and, if I don't see you before the end of school tomorrow, enjoy a lovely summer break with family and friends.

All the best.



Ben Ramsden
Headteacher
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