

What a busy half term!

Staff and children have worked extremely hard to ensure that this academic year has got off to a great start; despite the challenges of the summer.

We have our fingers firmly crossed that the outstanding internal works will be completed over the break...

We have welcomed children in many year groups and know that many of you from the school community have also welcomed their families into our 'tribe.'

A BIG **thank you** to Mrs Fiddy, who has done a lovely job in starting the term for the Y2 class, we are very grateful for the job she has done. **Welcome back** to Mrs Danks, who is picking up the group on her return from maternity leave – it is great to see her back in school.

We are also DELIGHTED to have our full contingent of school cleaners in place for the first time this academic year – we are keeping everything crossed that this team will become established and that we will have a more consistent schedule in place, which will benefit us all.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the recent **Open-Door Friday** and at **Parents Evening** – if you were not able to attend a meeting for whatever reason please contact the school office and class teachers will be in touch after the autumn break to arrange a 'catch up.'

Please look out for the new half terms **knowledge organisers** and other curriculum information when we return after the holiday.

Thank you so much for your contributions to the **Harvest Food Bank** – this is becoming more and more crucial for families in the region...Thank you to Y6 for co-ordinating this. The 'March of the Scarecrows' was a great whole school event, and I am sure you have seen the Scarecrows popping up around school.



Congratulations to the classes who have been recognised for their **great attendance**. The children appear to have increased awareness and interest in this since we have started to celebrate and share with you every week. We appreciate your support around this crucial aspect of securing progress in school. If you ever need support in this area, please contact us in confidence. We will be recognising the 100% attenders on our corridor display – well done!

Look out for this year's **Children in Need** charity collection on Friday 13th November – our Y4 children will be leading this event. Look out for posters to follow and dust off your Pudsey ears!

A REMINDER that in school the Designated **Safeguarding** lead (DSL) is Jill Wood & the Deputy DSL is Jayne Barber. The mantra we use around our safeguarding work is 'Safeguarding is my business, your business, everyone's business.' We are always very grateful when you share any information in this arena and act with sensitivity and rigour, with the intent to support our children's safety.

Thank you so much to the people who have **offered their help** to sustain and improve our school – I will be in touch shortly to plan some dates for us to start on our work together – your support is much appreciated.

I am aware that I have only shared **national data** in general terms and therefore wanted to provide you with the specifics of last summer's data – although now historic, it captures outcomes which have been sustained or built up on for the last 5 years. Whatever we may feel about the notion of national tests, it is an arena in which we have to work - I am very proud of the hard work of the children and staff and acknowledge that this great data is only a part of the value we add to the children in our care. We value personal qualities which the children develop and skills which go beyond the national curriculum, which we know will support them as they move forward in life. WELL DONE everyone!

KS2 Y6 SATS					
	Age related expectation +%	National average%	Greater Depth standard%	National average%	Indicates above national averages
READING	87	75	49	31	Indicates in line with national averages
WRITING	72	73	18	13	
MATHS	90	75	49	27	Indicates below national averages
RWM (combined scores)	69	63	15	9	
GPS (Grammar, punctuation & spelling)	85	74	49	30	Indicates significantly below national averages
SCIENCE	90	82			
KS2 Y4					
MTC	Average Score	National average score (2025)	% full marks	National average full marks %	
	23.34	21	50	34	
KS1 Y1%					
PHONICS screening School %			89%	National average %	82%
This is 96% if only reporting on the children in the Y1 class.					
EY %					
Good Level of development	School %	67	National average %	72%	
This is 73% if reporting on the children in the Reception classes.					

School closes today, the 23rd of October and opens again on Monday 2nd November.

We hope that you have a lovely autumn break and that we will see you back in school safe and well for the exciting half term up to Christmas!

Yours as ever
Mrs Wood

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