



**Let Your Light Shine
Matthew 5:16**

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Vehicle Use Around School

As we continue to prioritise the safety of our students and the local community, I would like to kindly remind all parents and guardians of the importance of following our established drop-off protocols. We have noticed that some parents are using the bus stop for dropping off and picking up their children. While we understand how busy mornings can get, this practice is not permitted and poses a risk to pedestrian safety. Additionally, we ask that you please avoid using Mill Rise for drop-offs, as this road is not designated for such purposes.

We encourage everyone to use the designated drop-off points available, which are the village hall car park and the car park on Juniper Drive. These areas have been set up to help keep our students safe and reduce congestion around the school. While three-point turns are legal, we must bear in mind the potential hazards they can create, especially when there are many pedestrians around.

Recently, we have had a couple of near misses involving cars and children, which reminds us all to be vigilant and considerate. Together, we can ensure that every member of our school family feels safe and respected while also maintaining a positive relationship with our local community and its residents. Thank you so much for your cooperation in making our school a safer place for everyone!

FEBA News

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre organised by FEBA this year. It was a fantastic event, filled with festive cheer and community spirit. Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, we are thrilled to announce that we raised a grand total of £2,951.39! Additionally, the sale of Christmas crafts brought in an extra £467.41. All the funds raised will be dedicated to providing valuable resources and exciting learning opportunities for our children, helping to enhance their experience at school.

We also want to give you advance notice for two upcoming events: on 28th February, we will be hosting a Magic Show for Reception and Key Stage 1 from 3.30 pm until 4.30 pm, followed by a KS2 Disco from 5.30 pm until 7 pm.

Rudy's Run

Before Christmas, our wonderful children took part in Rudy's Run to support St Barnabas Hospice, and what a fantastic event it was! Dressed in festive reindeer antlers, they ran laps around the playground, spreading cheer and raising money for this important cause. It was heart-warming to see their enthusiasm and team spirit on display. A massive thank you to all the parents and families for your generous donations. Together, we raised an incredible total of £464 to help make a difference for those in need.

Police Dog Handler Visit

On Thursday, 16th January, we had a fantastic visit from two local police dog handlers, Tom and Mark, accompanied by their amazing police dogs, Frankie and Eddie. The duo shared their expertise with the whole school, answering a range of questions about their important work. The highlight of the morning was an impressive demonstration where Eddie showcased his skills by finding some marked money in the hall - a real treat for all the children! After the demonstration, our EYFS and KS1 pupils were invited to explore the police cars parked on the playground, making this an unforgettable morning.

Y1/2 Trip to Lincoln Castle

During our day at Lincoln Castle on Wednesday 15th January, the children took part in a variety of activities. They enjoyed a guided walk around the castle walls, during which they learned facts about its history and architecture. The children also had the chance to create their own shields, partake in a pretend banquet, and even experience the thrill of firing pretend arrows. They tried on a knight's armour and were surprised how heavy the chain metal was.

Y3/4 Wow Day

On Tuesday 14th January Year 3 and Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed an excellent Ancient Egypt WOW day! Learning how to draw like an Egyptian and why they drew like that, making and designing an Egyptian neck adornment, comparing how things move on different surfaces (pyramid blocks), finding out some "Horrible History" facts and grooving to some Egyptian dancing! A great time was had by all!

Upcoming Y5/6 Trip to Young Voices

We are thrilled to announce that 45 pupils from Years 5 and 6 will be attending the highly anticipated Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena on 27th January. This event marks the culmination of months of dedicated rehearsals overseen by Mrs Frary and Mr Lyons, who have worked tirelessly to prepare our young singers for this extraordinary experience. The children are enthusiastic and confident, eagerly looking forward to performing alongside thousands of other students from across the country. We cannot wait to share pictures and updates from this memorable event with you soon. Thank you for your continued support of our school's musical initiatives!

Tree Planting – School Council

We're thrilled to share that some members of our School Council recently embarked on an exciting trip to Nettleham Police HQ to plant saplings, which have grown from the acorns we planted two years ago at Monks Wood. What makes this even more special is that those acorns came from the lovely oak tree in our school garden! The students had a fantastic time getting their hands dirty and contributing to this green initiative. This wonderful project not only helps our environment but also teaches our children the importance of caring for nature. Well done, everyone! Let's continue to grow together!

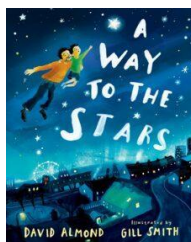
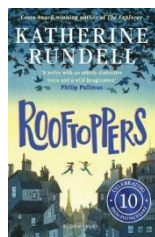


Year 6 Netball

Our Year 6 students had a fantastic time participating in a netball match against the Aspire Netball Elite Performance Programme. They immensely enjoyed the experience and gained valuable insights into match situations. The skills and teamwork they demonstrated were truly commendable. A big thank you to all the staff and volunteers who made this event possible!



Reading Recommendations



Upper Key Stage Two

Rooftoppers

Katherine Rundell

Everyone tells Sophie that she was orphaned in a shipwreck - found floating in a cello case on the English Channel on her first birthday. But Sophie is convinced her mother also survived.

When the Welfare Agency threatens to separate her from her guardian and send her to an orphanage, Sophie takes matters into her own hands, starting with the only clue she has - the address of a cello-maker in Paris. On the run from the authorities, Sophie finds Matteo and his network of roof toppers - urchins who walk tightropes and live in the sky. In a race across the rooftops of Paris, will they be able to find her mother before it's too late?

Lower Key Stage Two

The Secret Wild

Alex Evelyn

Fern has an unusual childhood living in the rainforest with her botanist parents. They spend their days exploring nature and gathering information about plants and their properties. However, Fern is no good at Latin, hates textbooks and just doesn't seem to have what it takes to be a plant hunter. To gain a formal education, Fern is sent away from lily pads and humming birds to the city of London. Here she stays with her Uncle where she is bored, restless and pining to be back at one with nature. The only thing keeping her entertained is her unusual plant 'Special', which she found (or stole) on her plane to the UK.

Despite keeping it a secret, Fern believes she has the gift of communicating with plants and she begins to develop a special bond with Special, until she finds she is struggling to keep it alive. Despite their initial disagreements, Fern and her quirky neighbour, Woody, strive to find a way to care for Special. However, within the city, strange and dangerous plants are growing, causing chaos to the buildings around them. Where are they coming from and how will they stay safe?

Key Stage One

A Way to the Stars

David Almond & Gill Smith

This fantastic picture book is an uplifting tale of sky-high courage, imagination and the bond between father and son which will warm your heart.

Joe is starstruck, determined to find his way up to the magical lights in the night sky. But when Joe and his dad put their heads and hearts together, there's no stopping them. Together they climb ladders, construct towers, and launch rockets in a spirited quest to reach something unreachable.

Reception
Tad
Benji Davies

This is the story of Tad, the smallest tadpole among her siblings. Tad desperately tries to keep up with the others, not wanting to get left behind – especially as she has heard that 'Big Blub' is lurking in the depths of the water. Over time, Tad watches her siblings grow and change, and eventually make the leap out of the water as they become fully grown frogs. When the time comes for Tad to follow in their path, it will take a heap of courage to embrace the next adventure and leap into life.

Diary Dates for this Term

Monday 27th January	Year 5 & 6 Young Voices Concert - Sheffield Arena
Tuesday 28th January	Reception parents stay & play 9.00-10.00am
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February	Parents' Evening in School
Friday 14th February	Mrs Murphy Class Assembly (parents invited into school) 9.10am
Friday 14th February	Children break up and Last Swimming lesson
Monday 24th February	Children return to school
Thursday 27th February	PGL Year 5 Meeting Two 3.30pm & 5.00pm
Friday 28th February	EYFS/KS1 Magic Show & KS2 Disco
Wednesday 5th March	Reception parents stay & play 9.00-10.00am
Friday 7th March	Ms Clark Class Assembly (parents invited into school) 9.10am
Wed 19th - Friday 21st March	Year 5 PGL Residential Trip
Friday 28th March	Miss Toyne's Class Assembly (parents invited into school) 9.10am