

January 2025

Our smallest steps become our greatest successes



It has been a great start to the new year!

Year 4 has had an amazing time learning all about Roman Britain. It has been great to see our Y6 students do their mock SATs and receive their special rewards too.

In an effort to ease traffic around school, whilst also improving pupils' fitness and road sense, you will have seen our Walking Bus out in the area. The walking bus operates every day bringing children into school. Where possible, we encourage all our families to walk to school, ensuring children look and listen before and whilst crossing the road.

May I remind everyone on school site that we are strictly No Smoking and No Vaping. I would appreciate your support in this.

I look forward to another busy term. We break for half term on Monday 17th February for 1 week.

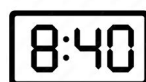
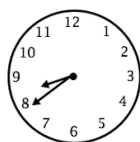
Mrs H Round

Principal

School times

Good attendance supports learning, the development of social skills and friendships, as well as building good habits that are essential for adult life.

Please remember school starts at **8:40am**. All children need to be in school on time, everyday. Arriving after 9am results in **an unauthorised absence for the morning**.



Please remember **Holiday in Term Time Leave is not permitted** unless in exceptional circumstances. Please make sure you notify the school of any holiday planned.

Parking

Please **do not park** on Owler Lane when dropping off and picking up your children. The doctors from Page Hall Medical Centre are unable to go out on urgent calls if they are blocked in. For the safety of our children and community, **please walk to school where possible**.

No smoking or vaping

A reminder that we operate a no smoking or vaping on school grounds. This means indoor and outdoor. We request that you adhere to our policy and thank you for your continued support.



KS1 Phonics News: Meet Paddington Bear!

We are excited to introduce Paddington Bear, who will now be joining our KS1 students every weekend! Each week, one lucky child will have the chance to take Paddington home, where they can practice phonics together. Children are encouraged to write about their adventures with Paddington and take photos to share with their classmates.



We also invite all parents to join us for a *Phonics Stay and Play* session on **6th February from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM**. This is a wonderful opportunity to observe a phonics lesson in action and learn more about the phonics skills your child is developing.

As we look ahead to the upcoming phonics screening test in June, this session will also highlight the importance of phonics in our students' learning journey. We look forward to seeing you there and working together to support your child's progress!

Y4 Romans Workshop

Year 4 had a special visitor where they learned all about life in Roman Britain. Set in 72 AD, the Roman soldier in full armour, Lucius Felix Silvanus, talked to the children about life as a gladiator, displaying weaponry and demonstrating the equipment used.

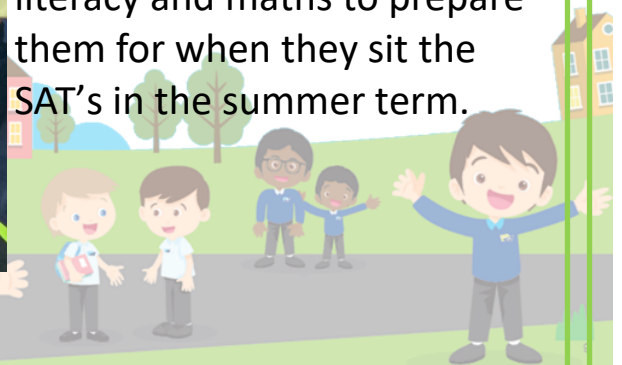
The children were led through a soldiers' drill and a mock barbarian battle. Lucius also spent time describing the food he ate, the way he bathed and took time to play some Roman games. The Roman workshop is the perfect way to engage children in life during the Roman Empire.



Year 6 Breakfast Booster Club



Our children in Y6 have worked very hard in attending SATs breakfast club. Here they all are with their rewards. At these sessions they focus on literacy and maths to prepare them for when they sit the SAT's in the summer term.



In Oasis we talk about the 9 Habits as an invitation to a way of life. Choosing to live a particular way with a particular set of 'outcomes' in mind... humble, hopeful, honest, patient, forgiving, joyful, compassionate, considerate, self-controlled. Incredibly, as we choose to follow this path, this way, this way to

Compassionate	Patient	Humble
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Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

be human, we discover a greater peace with ourselves, finding our place, and a depth in who we are, a realisation of our connectedness, our kinship, with others, and perhaps even as awareness of the Divine, or whatever words we want to use to describe that. Every month we will focus on a different habit.

Important Dates

Friday 7th February 2025 at 9.15am—Chinese New Year Parent Assembly

Monday 17th February 2025—Friday 21st February 2025—HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

Every Tuesday from the 11th February 2025—Y4 Mozambique swimming

Wednesday 26th February 2025—Carly Hart Author visit

After School Clubs

Clubs run from Monday—Thursdays and are currently full. You may wish to put your child's name down on a waiting list. Clubs end at **3.45pm** and children must be collected promptly. We will be monitoring pick up times.

Breakfast Club

We have a daily breakfast club which runs from 8.15am-8.30am. Children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration. Items cost between 30p and 75p. You will not be allowed entry after 8.30am. Thank you for your co-operation.

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2024/25 ACADEMIC YEAR

For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

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Denotes Bank Holidays

195 days – including 6 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff

Denotes School Holidays

Denotes INSET Days (school closed to children)