Infant Info
January 2025

Our School Values
Safety
Respect
Happiness
Teamwork
Effort

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to the start of the Spring Term. We hope you had an enjoyable break with your children over the festive period. We wish all our families the very best for a happy 2025.

Up and Coming Events

Monday 13th January *Year 1*	**Mini-Pedestrian Training** Year 1 children will be taught road safety skills (such as safe crossing places & how to use them) to help keep them safe on their journey to and from school.
Thurs 16th January *Year 2*	**Y2 Scooter Training** Year 2 children can take part in scooter training. Instructors will come into school to work with the children. **Please consent via the Arbor App.**
Friday 24th January	**MWISFC: Non-Uniform Day** Children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for bringing any un-wanted toys / gifts / items. All proceeds will go towards school. Many thanks.
Fri 24th & 31st January, Fri 7th & 14th February *ALL*	**Fit Fridays** Children can take part in Fit Fridays by walking, scooting or cycling all or part of the way to school on these four consecutive Fridays. Letter to follow.
Monday 3rd February 2pm in the school hall *ALL*	**Workshop: Helping your child to understand and manage emotions** The Children's Centre will provide a workshop to help deepen understanding of your child's behaviour and learn skills to best support them. The East Yorkshire Parent Carer Forum will also be speaking about our involvement in the PINS project (Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools). Please book your place by clicking on this link or let the office know. All welcome.
Tuesday 11th February *ALL*	**Safer Internet Day** Children will develop their growing knowledge about using the internet safely. For further information about teaching your child about internet safety, visit the "Think u Know" website.
Friday 14th February *Classes 5-10*	**University Day (Year 1 and Year 2)** Children are invited to participate in another new extra-curricular activity when they choose a new subject to study to experience a taste of what university might have to offer! We hope the children enjoy their afternoon.
Friday 14th February 3.30pm	**Half Term** School closes for half-term on Friday 14th February 2025.
Monday 24th February 8.45am-8.55am	School re-opens for the start of the second half of the Spring Term
Thursday 6th March *ALL*	**World Book Day– Non-Uniform Day** World Book Day takes place on Thursday 6th March. Children are invited to dress up in their pyjamas and bring a teddy and a bedtime story with them. Look out for a separate letter about the forthcoming book fair.
Friday 21st March *ALL*	**Red Nose Day– Non-Uniform Day** Red Nose Day returns on Friday 21st March. We are asking children to tell a joke and dress up in red, black and white. Children are invited to bring a donation to support Comic Relief.
25th & 26th March 4pm - 6.30pm *Classes 1 -10*	**Parents Evenings (F1, F2, Year 1 and Year 2)** Parents are invited to speak with class teachers to find out more about their child's progress in school. Appointments can be booked via the Arbor App from Monday, 3rd March.
Tues 1st April 2pm Wed 2nd April 10am *Classes 5, 6 & 7*	**Easter Concerts (Year 1)** Parents of children in Classes 5, 6 & 7 are warmly invited to attend the Year 1 Easter Concert. Please **come to one performance only** as this keeps audience numbers manageable. Children participate in both performances so choose the date that suits you best.
Friday 4th April 3.30pm *ALL*	**End of Term** School closes at 3.30pm on Friday 4th April for the Easter holidays and re-opens on WEDNESDAY 23rd April 2024 at 8.45am-8.55am.

Reminders…….
Please can all parents and carers park respectfully when dropping and picking their children up from school and do not breach the School Streets initiative. Police officers will be coming to monitor this. Please do not block driveways or park on pavements. It is important we all respect each other in the community to keep our children safe. We suggest that parents and carers park at Tesco and make the short walk to school in a morning and an afternoon.
Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Staff News

We were sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Green in Nursery. We will miss her but wish her all the best for the future. We welcome Mrs Thompson into Class 1 and Mr Mills as a cleaner in school.

During February we will say goodbye to Ms Park who has been working in Class 5 as a trainee teacher and we wish her well with her next placement. Year 2 will welcome another student teacher mid-February, Miss Mills, who will be working in Class 9. Part of her training will involve establishing partnerships with parents to support children's learning; parents will meet Miss Mills at drop off and collection times or during parent's consultation meetings.

Attendance Matters
School attendance for the Autumn Term was:

Class 2	90.3%
Class 3	94.9%
Class 4	93.8%
Class 5	96%
Class 6	92.1%
Class 7	95.3%
Class 8	97%
Class 9	97.8%
Class 10	93.5%

We have set a school attendance target for the year of 96%.

The average attendance for the whole school since 3rd September 2024 is 94.3%. The national figure is 94.5%.

Class 9 had the highest attendance during the Autumn Term with 97.8%. Well done!

Worried if your child is well enough for school/nursery?

If you are feeling overwhelmed by colds, coughs and rashes, this simple NHS webpage has some great tips and information to help parents and carers make the right choice throughout the winter months. It also explains the national guidelines schools and nurseries have to follow to keep settings safe and well. If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school/nursery until it goes away. Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school/ nursery until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least two days (48 hours). Don't forget to wash hands with soap and warm water to keep viruses and stomach bugs away!

NSPCC's Underwear Rule: PANTS
This half-term your child's class will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule in our PSHE lessons. During these discussions, we aim to teach our pupils important safety skills without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. We will be teaching our pupils the NSPCC's Underwear Rule using the 'PANTS' acrostic, which is like a green cross code for staying safe from sexual abuse:

· *Privates are private*
· *Always remember your body belongs to you*
· *No means no*
· *Talk about secrets that upset you*
· *Speak up, someone can help*

Further information about the Underwear Rule can be found here.

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Keeping Children Safe

Treating threadworms

We currently have 1 reported case of threadworms in school and would ask that you are vigilant for any signs of this in your child. Threadworms are an infection of the gut and advice about symptoms and treatments can be found here. Threadworms are common in children and spread easily so it is important that all parents are alert. We are taking the necessary hygienic precautions in school to try to prevent any spread. Please let us know if your child develops threadworms to enable us to monitor this. Thank you for your assistance.

Board games and jigsaw appeal
If you have any board games or jigsaws in good condition that your child has outgrown, we would be very grateful for your donation. Please drop off at the school office. Many thanks.

Staff Training Day

Teachers and TAs received training about autism, ADHD and attachment theory. This helps ensure we understand the growing needs of children with SEND.