



SCHOOL NEWS

Autumn 2 : 2024



What an amazing first half term we've had. The children have worked incredibly hard and settled into their new year groups well. We've had lots to celebrate from appointing our new school council, new Transform Trust children's parliament representatives to some great enrichment trips and workshops already, including a whole school pantomime!. Year 3 enjoyed their Stone Age day at Brackenhurst and year 6 went back in time as well to the Victorian Museum in the Black Country. Years 4, 5 and 6 have taken part in Dog's Trust workshops and there are many more things on the horizon – take a look at our Edale Events Calendar on the website. We will be updating this regularly as new dates are confirmed and new activities are booked. We are working hard to ensure our enrichment offer is competitive and aspirational!

Parents Evening

Thank you to all our families for engaging in our first parents' evening of the year. There was a lovely atmosphere in school and we hope you found the conversations with teachers helpful and informative. We have an open door policy in school so if there are any questions or concerns please speak to a member of staff to arrange a mutual time to speak with your child's teacher. If you were not able to attend in person we are able to offer appointments after half term or telephone appointments for parents who request them.

Uniform

We have a uniform policy in school that we ask parents to adhere to. Children should not be wearing sports clothes as their main school uniform – this includes trainers. If trainer style shoes are preferred, they should be all black. Children are able to wear stud earrings that they can remove for PE – if your child is wearing hooped earrings, they will be asked to remove them. No child should be wearing any other jewellery unless for religious reasons that have been discussed and agreed with the head teacher. Our uniform policy is available on the school website.



Attendance Updates

A huge thank you to our families for supporting your children's school attendance. It really does make a huge positive difference to their learning when they attend on time, every day. If you have any concerns or would like support with your child's attendance, our attendance team will be happy to help – please see the school office.

ATTENDANCE WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
Children in Reception to Year 6 should attend for 95% of the time. The Government states that every child's attendance should be at least 90%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	18 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	27 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	36 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	45 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	54 Days	12 Weeks	300 Lessons
65%	63 Days	15 Weeks	350 Lessons

- 89% & Below** Drastic effect on academic achievement
- 95%-90%** Cause for concern
- 100%-96%** Excellent

Key Dates

- Friday 18th October – Last day of half term
- **Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November – Half term**
- Monday 4th November – School reopens
- Wednesday 6th November – Reception to Green's Windmill – Little Red Hen workshop
- Thursday 14th November – Year 5 Choices and Consequences workshop at the National Justice Museum
- Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th – SCARF Life education workshops for Reception to year 6
- Wednesday 27th November – Teddy Bear Hospital visiting Reception (children bring a teddy)
- Wednesday 27th November – Year 5 to University of Nottingham experience day
- Thursday 5th December – Year 1 and 2 to Christmas at Newstead Abbey
- Thursday 5th December – Year 4 Roman workshop day
- Thursday 12th December – Christmas dinner and jumper day
- Wednesday 18th December – KS2 Christmas singing performances AM
- Wednesday 18th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity PM
- Thursday 19th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity AM
- Friday 20th December – Christmas party day and last day of term
- **Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January – Half Term**
- Monday 6th January – INSET day – school closed
- Tuesday 7th January – school re-opens

Year 3 Stone Age Day



Supporting your child's learning at home

Your child should have a login for **Showbie**. You can see what your child is doing in school on [here](#) for some subjects e.g music, Spanish, art etc

Children in F2, year 1 and year 2 will also have a **phonics book** on Showbie to read at home to practice using the sounds they are learning in school. Please see your child's teacher if you don't have their login and please encourage them to access this phonics book at home.

Children from year 3 to 6 have a login for **Times tables Rockstars**. Please encourage your child to use this at home – 5-10 mins a day will be better than half an hour on one day. Children will take the multiplication tables check in year 4 which relies on the children being able to recall times tables answers quickly. Lots of practice will help them with this.

Finally, we ask children to read at least 3 times a week. This will be a colour banded book or free reader book from our school library. Reading to you will help children develop their reading fluency, understanding and vocabulary. We do not set 'project' type homework as we would prefer children to spend their time practising their reading, phonics and times tables instead, as these are fundamental to all learning that happens in school.