



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on some of the fantastic achievements and experiences our students have enjoyed over the past few weeks.

One of the highlights of this term was the Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew. This invaluable experience provided our students with essential life skills, teaching them about safety and personal responsibility in a practical and engaging setting.

Our Year 2 pupils had an exciting day out at Conisbrough Castle, where they explored the rich history of our local area. The children were enthralled by the tales of knights and royalty, and it was a pleasure to hear about their enthusiasm for learning outside the classroom.

We were privileged to welcome celebrated author Paul Cookson and illustrator Liz Million during our Literary Festival. Their engaging presentations and workshops inspired our students and encouraged a love of reading and writing. I hope your children came home buzzing with ideas after their sessions!

A group of Year 5 pupils has embarked on the 'Better Learners, Better Workers' programme. This initiative aims to equip them with invaluable skills that will serve them well as they progress through their education. I am looking forward to reporting on their progress.

Throughout the term, we have also had numerous class assemblies and 'Stay and Learn' events. These occasions have been a wonderful way for parents to engage with their children's learning and to see firsthand all the fantastic work happening in our classrooms. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported these events.

In addition to this, we showed support for a worthy cause as we hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning, and I am thrilled to report that it was a great success! It was heartwarming to see the community come together to support those affected by cancer while enjoying some lovely pastries and good company.

As we move into the next half term, I encourage you all to continue supporting your children's learning at home, whether through reading together, discussing their day at school, or engaging with their interests. Your involvement makes a significant difference in their educational journey.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I wish you all a restful half term break.

L. Jepson
Principal

KEY DATES

FS1 Owl Adventures
Thursday 7th November

Individual School Photos
Wednesday 13th November

Y6 visit to Nottingham Justice Museum
Tuesday 19th November

Y1 Space Workshop
Tuesday 19th November

Y1-6 Panto Visit
Friday 29th November

Stay and Christmas Craft
Tuesday 3rd December

Rocksteady Concert
Monday 9th December

For further key dates and term dates please click here:

[Ravenfield Primary Academy - Upcoming Events](#)

Reminders:

PE Kits

Please be aware that children will not be allowed to participate in PE unless they remove their earrings. This is a safety requirement. If you are unsure whether your child can remove their earrings, please refrain from sending them to school wearing them on PE days. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Parking

As a school, we fully understand that available parking space is limited; however, this does not excuse the way some parents and carers park their vehicles. We would like to remind everyone that parking on the zig-zags at the front of the school is prohibited, even if dropping off children for Breakfast Club. Therefore, we kindly ask that parents and carers park in a more responsible manner by finding appropriate spaces further along the road.

SeeSaw

We would like to thank parents and carers for their understanding while we transitioned from Dojo to SeeSaw. You will be able to use SeeSaw as a tool to stay informed about what is happening in school and to see what your children are learning. If you have not

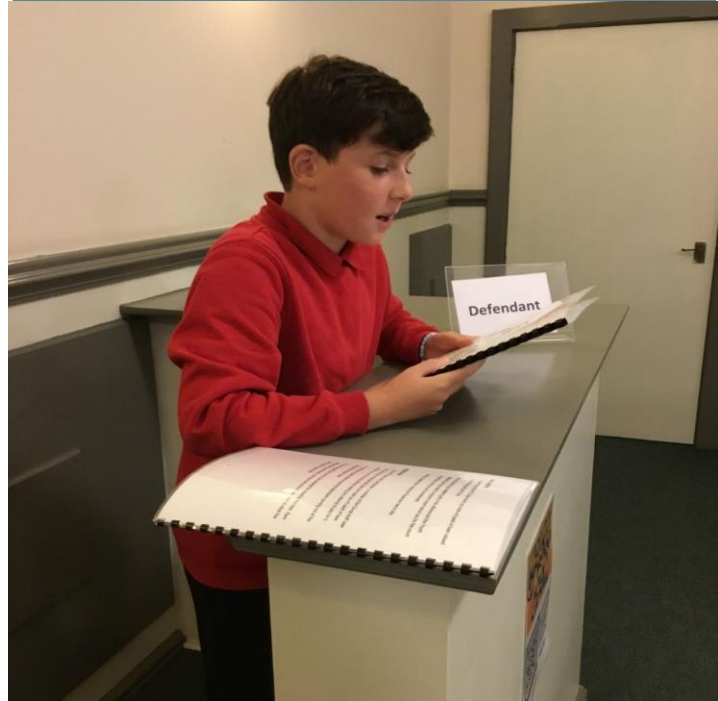
Thank you to our families

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families who have attended various events throughout this term. We have provided numerous opportunities for families to come into school, speak to class teachers, and learn alongside their children. We appreciate that many families cannot commit to all events. We understand that when you cannot attend, it can be upsetting for both families and children. However, staff do everything they can to minimise the upset caused. This is yet another reason why we strive to ensure there are ample opportunities for all families to participate in various events.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Robins FS1 – 92.9%	Starlings Y3 – 98.4%
Owls FS2 – 97.7%	Hawks Y4 – 98.3%
Swallows Y1 – 96.5%	Falcons Y5 – 97.6%
Kingfishers Y2 – 95.9%	Eagles Y6 – 98.6%



Attendance (including holidays during term time)

I would like to draw all parents and carers' attention to changes in the way fixed penalty notices are issued within the Rotherham Local Authority area for any term-time holidays taken from September 2024. These changes were communicated to all parents and carers during the summer term.

More information on these changes can be found on Rotherham Council's school attendance page [here](#).

We strongly discourage term-time holidays; however, if any parents or carers are considering one, it is imperative that you read the documents in these links, as penalty charges have increased.