



Friday 14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a truly wonderful and heartwarming week we have had! The children have engaged fully and thoughtfully in activities for Anti-Bullying Week, focusing on this year's theme of 'Power of Good'. I would like to share how incredible the children's outfits were - it was a pleasure to speak to them about what a hero is!

Anti-bullying Week

We kicked off the week in the most colourful way possible with Odd Sock Day! It was fantastic to see so many children (and staff!) proudly wearing mismatched socks. This simple, fun activity helped us to understand and celebrate the message that it's okay to be different and that our differences are what make our school community so vibrant and interesting.

The children have been busy creating practical resources to raise awareness and support their peers:

- **Anti-Bullying Videos:** Our year 3 and 4 pupils have worked together to plan, film, and edit their own short anti-bullying videos. These videos are to raise awareness among all children in the school. We are so proud of their creativity and serious approach to this topic!
- **Top Tips Cards:** The children created thoughtful "Top Tips" cards. These handy guides offer simple, actionable advice for:
 - What to do if they are being bullied.
 - How to be a good friend.
 - Where to go in school to get help.

We want to sincerely thank you for continuing to reinforce these positive messages at home. The children's enthusiasm and dedication this week have shown that they are committed to making our school a safe, happy, and kind place for everyone.





Recognition

Congratulations to all of our children who have been recognised this week, we are extremely proud of you! Children are rewarded with Dojo points, Star of the Week certificates, Expectation bands and Recognition Awards!

All children who receive a Recognition Award or Expectation Band are invited to have a treat with Mrs Whalley on Friday afternoons. Here are this week's winners...



Inspire Afternoons

Thank you to all of the parents/ carers who attended the year 3 and 5 inspire sessions this week. Staff shared it was a pleasure to see you working with your children - we hope you enjoyed it!





Attendance

At our school, we believe that excellent attendance is key to a child's success. That's why we've set a whole-school attendance target of 97%. To celebrate this effort, any class that achieves 97% or higher in a week earns a star. Once a class has collected nine stars, spelling out the word EXCELLENT, they'll be rewarded with a special attendance party! We also want to recognise individual effort, so at the end of each half term, every child who has maintained an attendance of 97% or above will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win the attendance box, filled with fun prizes and treats.

<u>Preschool</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Reception</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
88.2%	98.9%	95.9%	91.9%	95.1%	95.7%	97.1%	95.5%	95%

Congratulations Nursery, you are this week's winners!!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Whalley

Headteacher





Diary Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 17th November	Year 1 Bikeability (no parent action required)
Wednesday 19th November	Blazepods in school - in school activity
Friday 21st November	Y6 Inspire afternoon @ 1.30pm KS1 door
Thursday 27th November	Christmas Fair @ 3.30pm
Monday 8th December	Preschool & Nursery Christmas Performance @ 10.30am
Tuesday 9th December	KS2 Christmas Performance @ 9am and 2.30pm (2 x ticket per family) pay via arbor £2pp
Wednesday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Dinner Day - order via Arbor
	Reception, Year 1 & 2 Nativity @ 9am and 2pm (2 x ticket per family) pay via arbor £2pp
Thursday 11th December	SEND Coffee morning @ 9am @ KS1 door
Monday 15th December	Years 1, 3 & 5 at Barnsley Civic Panto - pay via Arbor
Tuesday 16th December	Years 2, 4 & 6 @ Barnsley Civic Panto - pay via Arbor
Friday 19th December	Christmas Party Day - Children wear party clothes all day
	Children break up for Christmas

All Christmas performance tickets are available for purchase on Arbor. We will only be selling 90 tickets per performance.

