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Rowley Lane Newsletter

Latest updates

As we approach half term at the end of this week, we share some updates on what has been a short but very busy half term.

Sporting Events: Our Year 6 sportshall athletics team attended the Kirklees Finals and came 7th out of the top 16 schools across the whole of Kirklees.

We finally managed to take part in the Kirklees Cross Country finals after it had been rained off on two occasions last term. We took an astounding 41 children to the event and as a result the following groups have now qualified for the West Yorkshire Finals which take place just after the holidays: Year 3 girls; Year 4 girls and boys; Year 5 girls & boys; Year 6 girls and an individual Y6 boy—31 in total. **Y1 Balanceability:** Our Y1 pupils have accessed balanceability sessions. They have had a great time learning how to ride a bike and with some great success! **SSOC:** Our Year 6 School Sports Organising Crew (SSOC) have attended a training session with Linda Stacey, our School Games Organiser. They meet each week and organise exciting activities for the pupils to take part in over lunchtime.

TT Rockstars: We had a fantastic TT Rockstars day a few weeks ago where most pupils came dressed up and took part in a range of exciting maths activities. We held full day battle between year groups 3-6 with over 70 children taking part in the lunchtime challenge of being the fastest Rockstar. The fastest recall from each year group were Y4- 0.83 seconds; Y5- 0.43 seconds (overall champion) and Y6- 0.71 seconds

Cooking: All Key Stage 2 Classes have cooked this half term making Spicy Chickpea Pot (Y3&4) and Chicken Pilaf(Y5&6). Our Reception and KS1 classes will be cooking next half term.

Educational Visits: Year 5 have been on their educational visit to Jodrell Bank. They had a fantastic time taking part in a range of activities which supported their learning in the Science topic of Earth and Space.

Staffing updates:

Mrs Horsfield is returning from maternity leave immediately after half term. She will teach on Monday and Tuesday in Year 1 in Canary Class. She will also take over from Mrs Adams teaching Year 2 for PPA time which will take place on a Thursday after half term.

Other changes happening as a result of Mrs Horsfield's return are that Mrs Lund be teaching Hawk Class for PPA time. Mrs Martin will be covering Y5 PPA alongside Mrs Vatani and Mrs Dennis will cover Eagle class PPA time on Wednesday morning.

Governor Update:

As announced via the school app notification, Naomi Hinchliffe was the successful parent governor candidate in the recent ballot. Thank you to all parents who put themselves forward for the role and also all those who voted.

Kirklees Keep in Mind (Mental Health Support Team): Our parent and community link worker, Kath Madden, held a workshop on the first week back about developing self esteem. She has a workshop planned on Monday 26th February for supporting parents children's mental health. Unfortunately, after March 31st there will no longer be funding to support this role due to Local Authority cut backs. This means that the scheduled workshops for the summer term will no longer take place. We are really sad to be losing Kath as our parent and community link worker as she has supported a number of parents individually and also provided excellent support to the school in general. She is leaving us with a range of leaflets and information that we can use and pass on should parents require these in the future.

School closes on Friday 9th February for half term and reopens at 8:50am on Monday 19th February. Important dates for the coming half term can be found within this newsletter.

P.T.A. Information

Pre-order your tea-towels via parent pay. Deadline for pre-orders is Monday 19th February.

Bags2School: Bags have been sent home tonight. If you are having an early spring sort out, please fill the bag and return it to school ON Wednesday 28th February (not before as we do not have the space to store).

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all who attended parents evening, both in person or virtually. We had a number of community partners in attendance with a variety of information on hand such as Locala, Kirklees Local Offer, Kirklees Keep in Mind, Road Safety & School Travel, Kirklees College, our community hub coordinator—Karen Kidd and Uniform Exchange. All have left useful information leaflets should anyone want information about any of these services, they are available from the stand in the main entrance. If you can't find what you are looking for, please ask. Uniform exchange have also provided the very useful infographic to show the take up of the uniform exchange stall just over the two parents' evenings.





Term Dates for 2024-2025



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Term Dates 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024 Tues 3 Sept
Autumn Term 2024 Tues 5 Nov
Spring Term 2025 Mon 6 Jan
Spring Term 2025 Mon 24 Feb
Summer Term 2025 Tues 22 April
Summer Term 2025 Mon 2 June
School also closed:
May Day Monday 5 May 2025



Opens
Tues 3 Sept
Tues 5 Nov
Mon 6 Jan
Mon 24 Feb
Tues 22 April
Mon 2 June

Closes
Fri 25 Oct
Fri 20 Dec
Thurs 13 Feb
Fri 4 Apr
Fri 23 May
Fri 18 July

Term date cards for next academic year have been given out today (one per family). There are some spares in the main entrance if you should need one. Please make a note of the term dates and plan any holidays or breaks to fall outside of term-time. Thank you for your co-operation.

Attendance & Punctuality

We monitor attendance and punctuality regularly. Government documentation states that attendance below 92% is low and attendance below 90% is classed as persistent absenteeism. It is also worth noting that should a child arrive at school more than 30 minutes after the doors have opened (i.e. 9:20am), then they will not receive the attendance mark for that half day session as they are missing learning.

This week marks the half way point in the year. After the holidays we will be providing an update on your child's attendance figure for your information. If you would like to discuss this or require any further information or discussion around it, please do get in touch and we would be happy to discuss this and do what we can to support overcoming any barriers to attendance.

Each week we have an attendance award for the class who have the best attendance. The winners of the award this half term have been: Bluebird, Falcon, Canary, Goat and Bear Class.

Being on time is important

Learning starts as soon as the doors open at 8:50. Registers close at 9am.		
In a school year, if your child is late every day by....	then your child will have lost approximately....	or they would have missed approximately....
5 Minutes	3.5 days of school	17 lessons
10 Minutes	7 days of school	35 lessons
15 Minutes	10 days of school	50 lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 days of school	73 lessons
30 Minutes	22 days of school	110 lessons

If a pupil is more than 20 minutes late they lose their attendance mark for the whole morning which puts them at risk as being persistently absent. This means that if a child is more than 20 minutes late *once a week* their overall attendance for the year would fall below 89.7%, even without missing any days.

Pokemon Cards

From after half-term, pupils will not be allowed to bring Pokemon cards to school. Pupils have been given this message in school.

World Book Day—Thursday 7th March

On this day pupils are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book. During the day, there will be a special focus around promoting a love of books and reading taking place in each class. £1 Book Token for world book day has been given to children today. All good book shops should have books available for the price of the token.

Comic Relief - Changed: Friday 22nd March @ Rowley Lane

We have made a decision to celebrate **Comic Relief on Friday 22nd March at Rowley Lane**. The national date is the week before, however one of our Year 4 classes will be on their residential trip to Cliffe House. As the children really enjoy being part of this fundraising day and want to be able to run stalls, we thought we would move it so we can all celebrate and fundraise together. On this day, children can come in non-uniform: we will be collecting voluntary donations for this (suggested 50p or £1). In the afternoon, Key Stage 2 pupils (Year 3-6) are invited to run stalls. These could be stalls with second hand toys & books, games such as guess the name of the teddy, guess the number of beads in a jar, mini challenges, beauty e.g. nails or temporary tattoos. If running stalls with food items, please ensure that any food provided does not contain nuts due to allergies in school. Please provide a list of ingredients for any home baked items. On the day, as well as a voluntary donation for non-uniform, pupils may also bring a small amount of spending money for the stalls. All money raised on the stalls will be donated to Comic Relief.

RISE & SHINE Community Hub Information

Keep checking the RISE and SHINE Community Hub page of our website for updated local community information including information on clubs that are running on the second week of the holidays. You can click on the Rise & Shine icon for the link directly to the page.

Also, please scan or click on the QR code to take you to the Rise & Shine Facebook page for the latest community information. Keep checking back on both of these links for regular updates. Please see the following link for a directory of services who are here to support families in Huddersfield <https://linktr.ee/familiestogetherhudds>



Important Reminder of dates in calendar.....

(Yellow highlighted events are new or changed from last newsletter)

Spring/Summer Dates (2024)

Half Term 10th Feb—18th Feb		Easter Holidays 23rd March—7th April	
Mon 19th Feb	School Reopens 8:50am Arts' Week	Mon 8th April	Summer Term Begins
Wed 21st Feb	Young Voices Concert	Mon 15th Wed 17th April	Falcon Class Cliffe House Residential Y1 & 2 Cooking this week
Thurs 22nd Feb	West Yorkshire Cross Country Finals		
Mon 26th Feb	MHST Workshop—Supporting Mental Health 9am—School Bungalow Rec cooking this week Y4 Girls' Indoor Football 4-5:30pm KJS Y5&6 Boys SMS football tournament @ RL	Thurs 16th April	Y5/6 Netball Tournament
Fri 1st March	Y5 Outdoor Learning	Wk Beg 22nd April	Y5 & Y6 Cooking this week
Tues 5th March	Y5&6 Netball 4—5:30pm Newsome	Wed 24th April	PTA KS1 Event—Spike Bonzo
Thurs 7th March	World Book Day—Dress up as a character. Kirklees Book Quiz (Y6)	Fri 26th April	Y4 Girls' Cricket—Almondbury Wes. 10-2:30pm
Mon 11th March	Reception Height & Weight Screening (Locala)	Mon 29th April	Y3 Cooking this week
	Y1&2 Cooking this week	Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday Monday—School Closed
	Y5&6 Girls SMS football tournament @ RL	Thur 9th May	Rec Outdoor Learning Day
Wed 13th—Fri 15th March	Frog Class Cliffe House Residential Visit	Mon 13th—Thur 16th May	Y6 SATS plus assessments in other year groups.
Thurs 14th March	Reception Outdoor Learning	Fri 17th May	Y4 Cricket Competition 10:00-2:30
Wed 20th March	Class Photos	Sat 18th May	PTA COLOUR RUN
Thurs 21st March	Easter Raffle Draw	Thurs 23rd May	PTA Fundraising day – non-uniform day
	Y6 Outdoor Learning am	Fri 24th May	INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 22nd March	Comic Relief Day at Rowley Lane—Stalls and Non-Uniform * note date different to national event see inside newsletter	Half term	25th May—2nd June—School Closed
	Last Day of Term	Mon 3rd June	School re-opens 8:50am

Please keep checking the website calendar for the most up to date information and further details about some of the planned events. It is possible to synchronise the calendar to your phone calendar via the settings on the app.

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