



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are thrilled to share some wonderful highlights and events that filled our school with Christmas cheer!

Christmas Concerts

Our talented pupils worked hard rehearsing for their Christmas concerts, and we couldn't be prouder of their enthusiasm and dedication. These performances were a great success, and it was wonderful to see so many of you celebrating their hard work and creativity.

Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre. From the delightful stalls to the scrumptious treats and festive crafts, it was truly a magical event. Your generosity helped us raise just under £1000, which will go towards curriculum developments in the Spring term.

Visit to the Pantomime

The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the pantomime. The laughter and excitement were infectious, and it was a joy to see their faces light up during the performance. A big thank you to all the staff and volunteers who made this memorable experience possible.

Christmas Dinner Celebration

Our traditional Christmas dinner was held on Tuesday. The kitchen team prepared a delicious festive menu for the occasion, and the children looked wonderful in their festive jumpers as they joined in the celebration.

Father Christmas in His Grotto

A special guest visited our school — Father Christmas himself! The children were delighted to meet him in his magical grotto and receive a small gift. Their joy and excitement truly captured the spirit of the season.

Thank you all for your continued support in making these festive events a success. We wish you a joyful and peaceful holiday season and look forward to welcoming you back in the new year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Berry

Parent Curriculum and Assessment Update

Half termly Curriculum Updates

After parental feedback last year, it was highlighted that more in-year updates would be welcomed to inform you as to what your child will be learning each half term. Please note that these are distributed during the first week of every half term and are also on our school website for your reference.

Termly Assessment Updates

To ensure that parents and carers are kept fully informed about your child's attainment and progress, in addition to the two parent consultation evenings on the school calendar you will now also receive a written termly report outlining your child's progress and engagement in learning. This written assessment will be sent out straight after the Christmas and Easter holidays.

KEY DATES:

First day back
Monday 6th January

Nursery SYTM visit
Thursday 9th January

Prime VR
Thursday 16th January

Coffee Morning
Thursday 23rd January

Nursery Wheels Day
Thursday 23rd January

Y3 Stone age day
Monday 27th January

For more upcoming dates
please see our website:
[Maltby Redwood - Upcoming Events](#)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance for our Academy currently stands at 95.2% for the Autumn term. We want to say a huge well done to #TeamRedwood for winning the FFT National School Attendance Award. We are currently in the top 25% of similar FFT Primary Schools in England!

A reminder changes have been made in the way fixed penalty notices are given within the Rotherham Local Authority for any term-time holidays taken from September 2024. More information on these changes can be found on Rotherham Council's school attendance page [here](#).



100% ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION

Our Pupil 100% Celebration Event was a joyful occasion, bringing the school community together to recognize the children's fantastic attendance and dedication. To mark the celebration, the children immersed themselves in festive cheer by creating beautiful Christmas crafts. It was a heart-warming way to celebrate their hard work and the holiday season!

BETTER LEARNERS, BETTER WORKERS

The Year 5 children really enjoyed their day at Wentworth Woodhouse, which they visited as part of the Better Learners, Better Workers programme. They had a tour around the Christmas light trail and made their own Christmas decorations to put on their tree. They even got to see a deer out in the gardens.



EYFS CHRISTMAS MOVIE MORNING

In EYFS we started our Christmas Festivities with our Christmas movie morning. The children came to school in their pyjamas and snuggle together to watch the Christmas movie with their blankets and teddies. Halfway through the movie the children enjoyed a hot chocolate and biscuit. Everyone enjoyed it and we especially like coming to schools in our pyjamas.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The children had a lovely time at their Christmas parties this year. Everyone looked fantastic in their party outfits! The excitement and smiles on the children's faces truly captured the spirit of the season.