



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

The children have settled back into their Spring term learning and are working hard towards our 6 Core Learning Characteristics.

Following the changes to our start and end of the day procedures this term, the mornings have got off to a much swifter start with registers being taken on time. Please can I remind you that the classroom doors are closed at 8.45am, if you arrive after this time, please escort your child to Main Reception. This is to ensure that registers are accurate and late marks are recorded correctly.

I am pleased to inform you that, with the safety of our students in mind, we have recently installed an external defibrillator on the school premises. This life-saving device is a crucial addition to our safety measures, providing rapid response capabilities in case of a medical emergency. While we hope it will never be needed, the presence of a defibrillator ensures that we are well-prepared to respond to any unexpected health incidents swiftly and effectively.

Our Academy is committed to providing a well-rounded education that goes beyond the classroom. Educational visits play a vital role in enhancing your child's learning experience, offering unique opportunities for hands-on exploration and practical application of knowledge. To continue organising these valuable outings, we rely on voluntary contribution payments from parents. While we understand that financial circumstances vary, we kindly request your support in making a voluntary contribution to help cover the costs associated with educational visits. Your contributions enable us to offer a diverse range of enriching experiences for your child. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the voluntary contributions, please do not hesitate to contact our school office.

KEY DATES:

Y5 Viking Day

Wednesday 31st January

Coffee Morning

Thursday 1st February

NSPCC Number Day

Friday 2nd February

Y4 Austerfield Study Centre

Tuesday 20th February

Young Voices

Wednesday 21st February

Nursery Alpacas and Friends

Thursday 22nd February

Y1 Tropical Butterfly House

Friday 1st March

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March

For more upcoming dates
please see our website:

[Maltby Redwood - Upcoming
Events](#)



THANK YOU MALTBY LIONS!

Over the Christmas period Maltby and Rother Valley Lions attended Christmas lunch with Redwood children and observed the impact of a previous grant shared to improve the Sensory Room. They then presented Mrs Berry with a cheque for £1000 for further furnishings and resources to complete the project. Everyone at #TeamRedwood is absolutely thrilled and value how this will positively impact our children.

Thank you Maltby Lions from everyone at #TEAMREDWOOD

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE UPDATE

At the start of the Spring term Nursery welcomed 7 new children to join Acorns Class. Five of these children are Early Starters who have only recently turned 3 years old. Starting school can feel daunting for some children but they have all settled in so well. All the children are continuing to grow in confidence and develop new friendships whilst having so much fun exploring our new learning environment. We look forward to watching them continue to flourish throughout the year.

Nursery had a visit from the South Yorkshire Transport Museum this half term who brought along one of their Heritage buses for the children to explore. The children had a wonderful time, getting to see a demonstration of ticket machines and a Bus Conductor's duties

CLASS ATTENDANCE TO DATE:

Nursery Acorns: 93.8%

Reception Saplings: 94%

Y1 Willow: 92.8%

Y2 Maple: 94.8%

Y3 Pine: 96.9%

Y4 Elm: 95.2%

Y5 Cherry: 93.3%

Y6 Oak: 96.3%



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WITHIN THE ACADEMY

Our KS2 children enjoyed a visit from Prime Virtual Reality. They got to experience immersive workshops based around their current learning topic. It was an amazing experience, the children loved it!

Y3 took part in a Stone Age themed day. They enjoyed creating cave paintings and making bone necklaces. Everyone's costumes looked amazing; it was a great day!

Willow class took part in an amazing Astronaut themed day. They created their own rockets, dressed as astronauts and even received a signed post card from Helen Sharman wishing them all good luck with their learning!