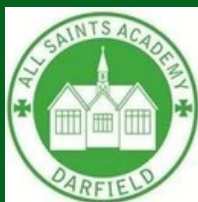


# SCHOOL NEWS



Friday 14th  
February 2025

## YOUR WEEKLY SCHOOL UPDATE

A loving place where we all care, learn and grow together.

### Our school vision

At All Saints Academy, it is our vision to provide the 'good soil' for every member of our community to develop deep roots and flourish as a unique individual and achieve their full potential. With the highest of expectations, we nurture and develop each individual so that they can explore who they are and make a positive contribution to our local community and the wider world.



### Our school Values

Respect    Kindness    Honesty    Perseverance    Courage    Empathy

**NEXT WEEK IS HALF TERM.** School will reopen on **Monday 24th February 2025.**

### What's on after half term

Thursday 27th February: Playgroup

**Happy  
Half Term!**

Our school attendance target: **96%**



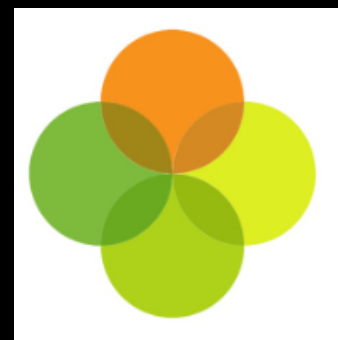
Current whole school attendance: **93.0%**  
**National whole school attendance: 94.8%**  
Persistent absence (less than 90%): **22.8%**  
**National persistent absence: 18.6%**

This week's attendance by class:

**FS1:** 86.6% **FS2:** 90.2% **Y1:** 90.7% **Y2:** 89.6% **Y3:** 94.1%  
**Y4:** 94% **Y5:** 92.2% **Y6:** 93.8%

## Arbor- Parent portal and App

89% of parents/carers have now logged in to the Arbor parent portal/App. There are now only 23 pupils whose parent/carer has not yet accessed the portal/App. If you have not yet set up your account, please do so ASAP. We will be starting to use this system to book places on trips and for clubs as well as for payment. We do not want any children missing out. If you have difficulties, please contact Mrs Rimmington in the school office and she will support you. Our contract with Parent Pay will end 31/3/25. Thank you.



## **After school clubs - SPRING 2**

### **Monday:**

Maths Year 2 boosters - Miss Newbould

Reading Year 6 boosters- Miss Neal plus additional support

### **Tuesday:**

Reading Year 2 boosters- Mrs Parish

Maths Year 6 boosters- Miss Neal plus additional support

KS2 Dodgeball/Handball club- Mr Bullingham

### **Wednesday:**

Table Tennis Club- external staff

### **Thursday:**

KS1 Multi-skills- external staff



With the exception of boosters, which will start back in week 1, clubs will commence in week 2 (w/c 3.3.25). Booking and payment for clubs (where applicable) will be made via Arbor. These will be added to Arbor during the first week back.



## Parent/carer questionnaire

We reached **78** responses. Access to the questionnaire is now closed. We will collate all responses and identifying any actions we will take in response to the feedback. This will be communicated with parents in due course.

## POLICY UPDATE: IMPORTANT



We have recently carried out a review of all our safeguarding policies. As a result of this review, we have made the decision to change the following policy:

**Collection from school and safeguarding pupils walking to and from school alone policy**

Key changes to be aware of:

- Only children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be allowed to walk to or from school alone.
- Children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 must be collected by a parent/carer or designated person who is at least 16 years of age.
- Children in Year 3 and 4 will need to be collected by a parent/carer or designated adult.
- We will not allow older siblings in school to collect younger siblings (e.g. Year 6 collecting a Year 3).

I am sure that you can appreciate these measures are in place to keep our children safe.

A copy of the full updated policy was emailed out (13.2.25) for reference and detail. These changes will take effect from 3rd March 2025. All current permissions for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will stand, there is no need to resubmit permission at this time. From 3rd March 2025, permission from children in Year 3 and Year 4 will be void.

Parents who request that younger children be allowed to walk home alone should discuss this with the headteacher (in person/telephone or email). Parents/carers will be required to confirm their decision in writing and accept any risk associated with this choice.



## **Spring term parents' evening**

Wednesday 19th March &  
Thursday 20th March

Face to face appointments **only**.  
Appointments will run from 3.20- 6pm.  
We are hoping for parents to make appointments via Arbor so get yourself logged in ASAP.

## PTA events

**Next PTA meeting... Monday 3rd March 2025 @ 9am**

**1st April 2025:** Easter Disco (3.30-4.30 Reception & KS1, 4.45-5.45 KS2) Tickets will go on sale closer to the time.

**Easter raffle:** any prize donations welcome and are appreciated

**2nd July 2025:** Summer Fair, 2pm-4pm

## Mary Poppins: The Musical

We have secured a limited number of tickets to watch Mary Poppins: The Musical at the Alhambra Theatre, Bradford on Thursday 12th June 2025 at 2.30pm.

Pupils currently in **Years 4, 5 and 6** have the opportunity to attend this trip if they wish to.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to see a live performance of the smash hit Broadway & Westend production. Set to a toe tapping soundtrack, the show is filled with fun, laughter and the production is "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" in every way!

The total cost for the ticket and the coach is £35.00 per pupil.

We will be seated in the upper circle of the 2nd balcony offering the children a clear view of all the live action.

If your child would like to partake in this exciting visit, consent and payment will be put on to Arbor on Friday 14th February 2025. Your child's place will only be secure once full payment has been made. We are limited to 50 tickets for this trip and once the 50 have been paid for the payment item on Arbor will close.



## **World Book Day 2025 Thursday 6th March**

On the day children can dress as a book character OR come to school dressed in their pyjamas.

**WE DO NOT WANT FAMILIES TO FEEL FORCED TO SPEND MONEY ON COSTUMES!**

We had some amazing entries in the wooden spoon competition last year. This year, the theme is 'Story in a jar'. There are loads of great ideas online for inspiration. Entries will be collected on Wednesday 5th March and Thursday 6th March. Please do not bring entries in before these dates.

There will be additional book based activities that day for the children to enjoy.



## Mothers' Day Assemblies

The children will deliver special Mothers' Day assemblies on the following dates/times. The assemblies have to be split to allow space in the hall for parents/carers to attend. This is for health & safety reasons (fire capacity).

Monday 24th March: Reception & KS1 9am

Monday 24th March: Nursery 11-11.30am

Monday 24th March: Nursery 2.45-3.15pm

Wednesday 26th March: Year 3 & Year 4 9am

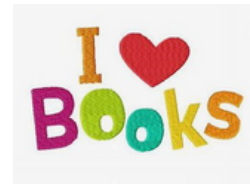
**CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO PLANNED SCHOOL TRIP**

Friday 28th March: Year 5 & Year 6 9am



## Recommended books!

Our Author in the spotlight this term is  
**Rachel Bright.**



As a shimmering sun lit the desert at dawn,  
A clumping of camels awoke with a yawn.

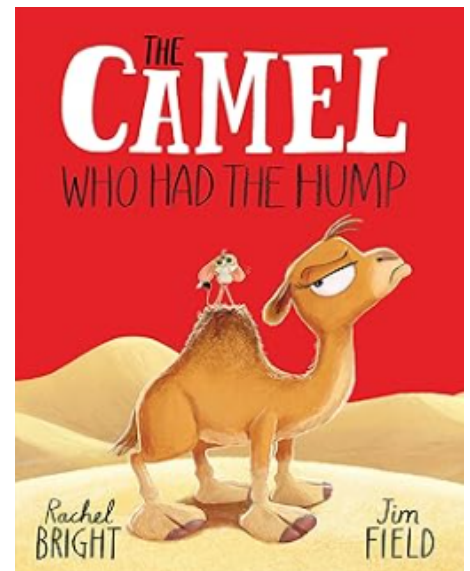
"GOOD MORRRRRNING!" sang one,

"YOO-HOO! Rise and shine!"

"I will!" called another. "Today is DIVINNNNNNE!"

But not everyone has woken up in a good mood:

Cuthbert the camel is having a bit of a bad morning. He's hot, he's tired and he certainly WON'T be walking to the oasis today! There is ABSOLUTELY NOTHING that will get him out of his grump. Or is there?

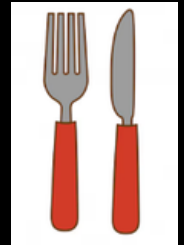


When Cuthbert makes a new friend, he discovers that even if things get off on the wrong hoof, we're all just one smile away from a happy rest-of-day. A laugh-out-loud tale of how choosing fun can turn a grumpy, humpy start into a happy ending. This spectacularly illustrated rhyming tale from the award-winning, bestselling creators of *The Lion Inside* and *The Koala Who Could* is the perfect read for anyone who's ever had *The Hump*.

## Developing independence and life skills

At All Saints Academy, we are keen to develop the independence and life skills of our pupils. We always encourage our children to have a go at doing things themselves or alongside an adult. We have noticed that many children are struggling to use a knife and fork. We would appreciate parents/carers encouraging their children to practice these skills at home. This is not just pupils in EYFS and KS1 but some children in KS2.

Another key skills for children to develop is tying shoe laces and telling the time.



A huge congratulations to Mrs Clayton who is expecting a baby girl towards the end of the Summer term.

## Sporting Achievements

We are so proud of Koby who won a bronze, silver and gold medal last weekend in the English Championship for Kickboxing.

Also Coen had a brilliant experience being one of the mascots for the Sheffield Steelers Ice Hockey team.



## Times Table Rockstars Battle Year 3 vs Year 4

Lower Key Stage Two staff have set up another Times Table Rockstars battle for the half term break. Last time the winners were Year 4. Year 3 are determined to win this time! Encourage your child to spend 5 minutes each day earning coins for their team.



### Events for children and families

#### **Saturday 15 February**

Concerteenies Musical Stories:  
The Big Dreaming  
10.30am-12pm • Library @ the Lightbox

#### **Saturday 15 February**

Howling Wolves and Living  
Dinosaurs with Catherine Barr  
10.30-11.30am • Royston Library  
2-3pm • Library @ the Lightbox

#### **Monday 17 February**

The Story Shell  
by Barnsley Libraries  
11am-3pm • Barnsley Civic, Main Theatre  
Special story times will take place at  
11.30am, 1pm and 2pm with storyteller  
Richard O'Neill

#### **Tuesday 18 February**

Mixed Up Fairy Tale Fun  
with Hilary Robinson  
10.30-11.30am • Dodworth Library

#### **Wednesday 19 February**

Story Stay and Play  
with Suzy Senior  
9.30-11.30am • Penistone Library  
2-4pm • Mapplewell Library

#### **Thursday 20 February**

A Winter's Tail  
with Fettle & Fable  
10.30-11.30am • Cudworth Library  
2.30-3.30pm • Goldthorpe Library





**Thursday 20 February**

Story Makers  
with Meghan Tipping  
1-3pm • Hoyland Library

**Friday 21 February**

Story Makers  
with Meghan Tipping  
10am-12pm • Worsbrough Library

**Friday 21 February**

Get Creative  
with Fabric Lenny  
10.30am-12.30pm • Thurnscoe Library

**Friday 21 February**

Family Nature Adventure  
with Whitcher Wildings  
10am-12pm • Darfield Library

**Saturday 22 February**

Michael Rosen  
Family Performance  
2-3pm - Family performance,  
3.30-4.30pm - Book Signing  
• Library @ the Lightbox

**Tuesday 4 March**

Books and Babies  
10-11.30am • Library @ the Lightbox  
Children's Library

**Thursday 6 March**

World Book Day Costume Party!  
Hosted by Boomchikkaboom  
3.45-4.45pm • Library @ the Lightbox



For more information on each event  
and to book your place please visit  
[barnsley.gov.uk/libraryevents](https://barnsley.gov.uk/libraryevents) or  
scan the QR code





# Have a crafty time

This February half term @ BARNESLEY MUSEUMS

EXPERIENCE BARNESLEY  
MUSEUM & DISCOVERY CENTRE

## SENsational

**Tuesday 18 February**

Book on this multisensory experience for families with PMLD, autism and who are neurodiverse. The sessions take place in the Learning Lab inside the museum. The space is set up with a range of sensory items, along with soft floor mats and soft lighting.

**Free, but places are limited.**

**Book tickets through Eventbrite.**

**11am - 12noon and 1pm - 2pm**

## Perky Puppets

**Friday 21 February**

Come along to explore our Stories of Childhood exhibition and have a go at making your own sock puppet toy.

**Suitable for all ages. Free, drop in 10am-12pm and 1-3pm**

Please note that Experience Barnsley Museum is open Tuesday - Saturday.

COOPER  
GALLERY

## Paper Illusions

**Wednesday 19 February**

Inspired by our exhibition "Four Seasons in One Day" young artists are invited to create their own magical masterpiece to take home. If you enjoy art and amazing your family and friends with your creations, then this is the workshop for you!

**Suitable for ages 7+. As places are limited, please book your place at Art Tickets. £3 per child. 10am-12pm and 1-3pm**



## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2025

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



### MORRISONS

Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

### BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays from Monday 17th - Friday 28th February 2025.

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 Daily at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

### LAS IGUANAS

Download the app and join 'My Las Iguanas' for free meals for mini Iguanas under 12.

### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### BURGER KING

From Friday 14th - Friday 21st Feb 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal purchased via the app.

### EMBER INNS

Kids eat for £1 from Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November 2024 (excludes weekends)

### COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day Monday 10th - Sunday 23rd February 2025

### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

### HARVESTER

From Monday 10th - Friday 28th Feb 2025, kids eat for £1 with every adult meal via the app

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get free breakfast daily with one paying adult!

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### BREWDOG

Pre-book online using code: **KIDS EAT FREE** and Kids under 13 eat free (various dates, see link)

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

### SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.