



Welcome to our Summer 1 Newsletter! It has been another busy and exciting half term, filled with wonderful opportunities and achievements for our children. We are incredibly proud to have completed the Big Wheel and Walk challenge and to have been awarded Best Middle-Sized School, leading to an invitation to an awards presentation in Doncaster.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our phonics workshop and supported their children's learning journey. This half term has also included many memorable experiences, including Year 2's visit to the National Coal Mining Museum, our pupils representing the school at the Doncaster Cross Country Competition, the Drama Group's fantastic performance of *The Remarkables*, and an exciting STEM Day full of creative learning opportunities. Finally, our EYFS children enjoyed a wonderful trip to White Post Farm, creating lots of happy memories along the way.

We also enjoyed a wonderful attendance assembly this half term. We celebrated 40 children who achieved bronze star awards who have come to school every day from 6th January to 27th March and 32 children who achieved silver star awards who have not missed a school day from 4th September to 27th March. A 'Truly Great' achievement!

I hope you enjoy reading more about the exciting events and achievements from this half term.

Mrs J Potts - Headteacher



Right: **Our cross country team**
Below: **Our bronze attendance winners**
Below Right: **silver attendance winners**

KEY DATES

- 01.06.26 Return to school
- 02.06.26 Swim Safe Assembly
- 04.06.26 Year 5 theatre trip
- 10.06.26 KS2 rounders festival
- 12.06.26 Year 5 DT trip to Kelham Island
- 16.06.26 Y6 ASPIRE event 9am
- 16.06.26 Y6 maths competition at The Laurel
- 16.06.26 Beyond Academy Aspire Award Assembly
- 17.06.26 Year 5 & 6 rounders competition
- 17.06.26 Choir at Sing Out Doncaster
- 18.06.26 Y5 ASPIRE event 9am
- 19.06.26 Librarians trip to Cast
- 20.06.26 Y5 ASPIRE event 9am
- 22.06.26 Y3 ASPIRE event 9am
- 23.06.26 Reception ASPIRE event 08:45
- 23.06.26 Y4 ASPIRE event 2pm
- 23.06.26 House Captains Presentation for Big Wheel & Walk
- 23.06.26 Year 1 school trip to Cannon Hall
- 24.06.26 Y5/6 Residential
- 24.06.26 Y2 ASPIRE event 9am
- 24.06.26 Y3 /4 rounders competition
- 24.06.26 KS1 rounders festival
- 25.06.26 Nursery ASPIRE event 8:45
- 25.06.26 Year 4 Road Safety
- 26.06.26 Y1 ASPIRE event 2pm
- 01.07.26 KS1 & KS2 Athletics competition
- 02.07.26 End of year music performance
- 06.07.26 Transition week
- 06.07.26 EYFS sport morning
- 10.07.26 Years 1 to 6 sport morning
- 13.07.26 STEM visitors in to see year 6
- 13.07.26 School nurse visiting year 6 for conception talk
- 15.07.26 Year 6 Leavers Concert
- 17.07.26 Last day of school



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ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Congratulations to Year 5 for being Truly Great at coming to school every day. Year 5 had the best attendance this half term with 97.4%. Our overall attendance for this term is 95.2%. Our target is to hit 96%

HOUSE WINNERS

Congratulations to Teresa House who were awarded with the most house points this half term. Our cumulative winners so far this year are Hawking House with an impressive 4585 house points!

ASPIRE WINNERS

It has been a pleasure to present ASPIRE awards to so many children this half term. For photographs and names of children, please refer to our School Ping newsletter items. Thank you to our ASPIRE winners for being Truly Great!

LEGER SPORT COMPETITIONS

COMPETITION / FESTIVAL	DATE	YEAR GROUPS	POSITION
KS2 Netball	22.04.26	3, 4, 5 & 6	NA Festival
KS1 Netball	06.05.26	1 & 2	NA Festival
Karen Walker Shield Football	21.05.26	5 & 6	3 rd Place

STEM FESTIVAL 2026

On Tuesday 21st April 2026, WORKWISE visited our school for our annual STEMWISE event. The children had the exciting opportunity to take part in a range of practical science and engineering challenges led by companies including VolkerRail, Clean Power Hydrogen (CPH2), Stelrad, and many more.

Throughout the day, the children explored a variety of hands-on activities designed to promote creativity, teamwork, problem solving, and innovation. They designed and built crane structures using pneumatics, created and tested parachutes while learning about air resistance, explored the importance of local companies such as Stelrad and their role within the local community and wider industry, and even launched different types of rockets.

The event provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to apply their scientific knowledge in real-life contexts while developing curiosity and enthusiasm for STEM subjects and future career pathways. It was a truly engaging, hands-on, minds-on experience that inspired and excited children across the school.



WELL DONE YEAR 6

I would like to extend my congratulations to our Year 6 pupils for the remarkable way they approached their SATs tests this year. The dedication and resilience they demonstrated was truly commendable; their focus and maturity throughout the testing period was evident, showcasing that each child put in their very best effort. While we do not place undue emphasis on the test outcomes, we strive to create an environment that allows our children to perform at their highest potential. A special thank you goes to our staff members who generously gave their free time for extra lessons, served breakfast each morning, and showed genuine care for the children during this critical time. The culmination of their hard work was celebrated with a delightful family picnic on the school field, allowing the children to relax and enjoy themselves. Thank you to all the families who joined us in this celebration!



THE REMARKABLES

Our drama club's production of *The Remarkables* was a Truly Great showcase of talent, creativity, and teamwork. The performance was built around a series of wonderfully crafted monologues inspired by the book *The Remarkables* (written by Chlotilde Perrin), with each member of the club bringing their character to life with confidence and clarity. Every performer had the opportunity to shine, delivering their monologue with impressive expression and dramatic flair. These individual pieces were thoughtfully followed by short group scenes, each highlighting an aspect of teamwork. The transitions between solo and ensemble work kept the performance engaging and dynamic throughout. The show struck a beautiful balance—it was funny, thought-provoking, and gentle all at once. It's rare to see a production that so effectively captures such a range of emotions while still feeling cohesive. This was undoubtedly one of the best productions we've seen for showcasing the incredible talents of our young performers. Their confidence, clarity, and commitment to their roles were evident in every moment on stage. A huge thank you goes to Ceri from Cre8Drama Company, who clearly has a gift for nurturing young actors and bringing out the very best in them. This production was a joy to watch and a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved.



THE NATIONAL COAL MINING MUSEUM

The day was filled with exciting, hands-on learning experiences that brought history to life for the children. They took part in a workshop about living in a mining community, where they explored a recreated terraced house backyard set in 1972, handled real objects, and listened to stories about life in a mining village. Another highlight was the Time Tunnel, where, wearing hard hats, the children journeyed through nearly 200 years of mining history, encountering digital characters, artefacts, and authentic sights, sounds, and smells, ending with a dramatic dynamite special effects finale. They also learned about important aspects of mining life, including pit ponies, canaries, the weighbridge, and pit baths, helping them gain a deeper understanding of daily life in and around the mines.

Throughout the day, the children showed excellent behaviour, enthusiasm, and curiosity, representing the school brilliantly and making the most of this memorable experience.



EYFS VISIT WHITEPOST FARM

On 21st May, our Early Years children enjoyed a wonderful trip to White Post Farm. For many of the children, this was their very first school trip, making it an especially exciting experience.

Our Nursery children were accompanied by a family member, while our Reception children travelled and explored the farm together as a class. Throughout the day, the children had the opportunity to pet and feed a variety of animals and learned more about how a farm works. The children showed fantastic behaviour, curiosity, and enthusiasm throughout the visit, and it was lovely to see their confidence grow as they explored and experienced new things.



