



NEWSLETTER

8th December 2023

Year 6 Kingswood Trip:

A kind reminder to parents, If you are wanting your child to attend the year 6 Kingswood residential trip, please complete the consent form and return this to the school office ASAP. If you have returned this form, you should be able to access the payment on the school gateway app. **We ask that deposits are paid by Wednesday the 20th December to secure your child's place.**

Christmas Fayre:

On **Thursday 14th December** we are inviting our parents into school to attend the school's Christmas Fayre. **Gates will open for parents at 2:15pm**, parents are then asked to collect their child/ren from their classrooms and take them around the fayre.

Within the fayre we will have all our enterprise items which the children have spent time creating, fun games for the children to participate in, a raffle and tombola full of prizes and much more!

Christmas Performance Tickets:

Payments are now available through the gateway app for our Christmas Performance tickets. To purchase two tickets you need to add one ticket to your cart, make payment for this and then repeat these steps for the second ticket.

Church visit:

Years 1-6 will visit Spa View Church on Friday 15th December to learn about why Christmas is important to Christians and to enjoy carol singing.

Christmas Performance dates:

EYFS:

Wednesday 20th December at 9:30am

Wednesday 20th December at 1:30pm

KS1:

Tuesday 19th December at 2:00pm

Wednesday 20th December at 5:30pm

Thursday 21st December at 9:15am

KS2:

Tuesday 19th December at 9:15am

Thursday 21st December at 2:00pm

Thursday 21st December at 5:30pm



Tickets are limited to two tickets per child. If we have spare tickets nearer the performance date, we will offer these out to everyone. A text will go out to confirm this.



Attendance

Parent feedback:

We asked our parents whose children have good attendance and are on time each day to share their tips for making sure their children access all their learning. Thank you so much to those parents who have shared their thoughts on this.

Arriving on time (school starts at 8:40am):

- ✓ Get everything ready the night before.
- ✓ Get up with plenty of time to reduce stress.
- ✓ Have a routine each morning, including timings for using the bathroom, getting dressed and eating breakfast.
- ✓ Have coats, gloves, shoes etc. easily accessible so that the child can get them themselves.
- ✓ Make packed lunches and refill water bottles the night before.
- ✓ If getting public transport, don't get the last possible bus.
- ✓ If driving, leave with plenty of time to park.
- ✓ If walking, avoid going elsewhere on the way, e.g. to the shops.
- ✓ Make it into a game, such as racing each other when arriving at school.

Ensuring good attendance:

- ✓ Give the child medicine such as Lemsip/Calpol then send them to school.
- ✓ Send them with lozenges such as Locketts, which they can access if needed at breaktime, to support with sore throats.

Parking:

Staff, parents and residents have of a number of concerns about parking outside school. Please accept this as a reminder to be considerate of where you park around the site. To the front of the main entrance, there are double yellow lines in specific areas. There should be no stopping or parking in any of these areas. Please show children good examples by following these rules in order to keep everyone safe.

Please remember that we are located in a residential area. It is an offence to wilfully obstruct the highway which can be enforced by police, but this will be used as a last resort. I appreciate that it can be very difficult to park near school, but parking unsafely is putting everyone's children at risk.

Please allow yourself extra time to park away from BSPA and walk a short distance with your child if necessary. Our carpark is not to be accessed by pedestrians or any drivers without prior permission. It is very noticeable that when parents see members of staff at the car park gates, they drive on or walk around. Entering the car park at these busy times puts everyone at risk so please park safely in the surrounding areas and walk through one of the pedestrian gates only.

Staying Safe Online!

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

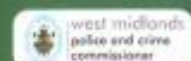
Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with



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www.skipssafetynet.org

Useful Link for Parents:

5. The Communication Trust and ICAN Talking Point

Talking Point helps parents who are concerned about their child's communication development. They also provide information and strategies to help with this at home.

<http://ican.org.uk>



6. Better Health Start for Life

Ideas to help children aged 0-5 years to develop speech and communication.

<https://www.nhs.uk/start4life/baby/learning-to-talk/1-to-2-years/#anchor-tabs>



4. South Yorkshire Talking Together

This is a website for parents and carers living in South Yorkshire to help develop vital communication skills in children.

<https://sy-talkingtogether.co.uk/>



3. Sheffield Parent Carer Forum

They are an independent group of parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. Their main aim is to ensure the needs of our children are met. We bring together parent carers from across Sheffield to provide mutual support, exchange information, and influence policy and practice.

The SPCF have a dedicated Speech and Language groups for parents/carers which runs once every two months. There will be dedicated topics to discuss and support parents.

<http://sheffieldparentcarerforum.org.uk>



2. Sheffield Children's Speech and Language Therapy website

This is a website where you can find videos and information about developing your child's communication skills at home.

<https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/speech-and-language-therapy-new-homepage/communicating-kids/>



1. Sheffield Children's Speech and Language Therapy Patient Information Library.

This is a website where you can find information about activities, resources and therapy techniques to help your child's communication at home



Weekly Attendance

4th – 8th December 2023

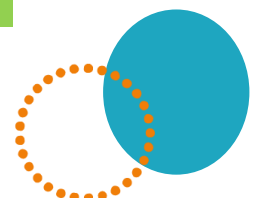
Whole School target: 96%



EYFS	A	83.2%
EYFS	B	91.7%
Y1/Y2	C	92.9%
Y1/Y2	D	86.1%
Y1/Y2	E	86.3%
Y3	F	90%
Y3	G	92.1%
Y4	H	77.1%
Y4	I	96.7%
Y5	J	87.6%
Y5	K	95.6%
Y6	L	95.6%
Y6	M	90%
Y3/Y6	N	94.4%
Whole School Attendance		89.6%

At Birley Spa Primary Academy we are committed to helping all pupils to achieve their full potential. Good attendance is a key factor in raising pupils' attainment and supporting their personal development. **In line with DfE and Local Authority policy, we do not authorise holidays taken in school time and we work with families to do everything they can to support their child to attend school every day.** Whilst it is appreciated that children are ill from time to time, please think carefully before allowing your child to be absent from school. The chart below provides an indication of how just a few days absence can significantly impact a child's overall attendance percentage and impede their learning:

Description	Attendance	Whole Days Lost	Lost Hours of Learning
Excellent	100 – 99%	0 – 2	0 – 10
Good	98 – 96%	4 – 7.5	20 – 37.5
Requires Improvement	95 – 91%	9.5 – 17	47.5 – 85
Persistent Absentee	90 – 86%	19 – 27	95 – 135
Critical	85 – 80%	28.5 – 38	142.5 – 190



STAR OF THE WEEK

4th – 8th December 2023

Class:		
A	Layla – Her Empathy and being a kind and helpful member of the class.	Jaxon – His Aspiration when investigating numbers.
B	Logan – Showing great Resilience in her Maths learning.	McKenzie – Showing great Resilience with her Phonics learning and using it in provision.
C	Arlo – Showing Empathy towards his peers. He is very Creative and always has a smile on his face.	Georgios – Showing Resilience and Aspiration in all that he does.
D	Bennie – Resilience . Well done for trying with your learning even when you have felt poorly.	Harleigh – Endeavour . Thank you for trying hard with your assesments.
E	Luna – Showing Resilience and never giving up when you find the work tricky. You have shown Endeavour this week, working hard to not let things distract you from your learning.	Ezra – Showing Endeavour and Resilience in all your learning this week. You are becoming more independent but you still know when to ask for help.
F	Jacob – Aspiration in his reading. He has worked hard to make improvements.	Coen – Endeavour . He has been working hard in his Maths with sharing and grouping in 3's.
G	Ellis – Resilience and Teamwork in computing for Creating a lovely piece of music, combining his ideas and his partners.	Bryley – Aspiration in his reading at home and in school. He is always trying to read and it's improving so much.
H	Jayden – Endeavour . Jayden has worked hard and stayed focussed to achieve his best. He's also always celebrating others.	Isla – Aspiration and Creativity . Isla is always thinking outside the box and takes pride in her presentation.
I	Rhys - Having a positive attitude towards learning and always aspiring to do his best.	Marnie - Showing Resilience during assessments.
J	Ollie – Showing Resilience with his revision and homework. You are always so polite and kind.	Lucas – Showing Resilience in class and building his confidence in lessons.
K	Ava – Always showing all the school values and always contributing to our acts of kindness.	Ronnie – Resilience . Ronnie has shown Resilience in Maths all term and this has reflected in his test paper.
L	Keavy – Showing excellent Resilience in all lessons you have also made excellent progress in your mock SAT's	Jayden – Just being a superstar! Jayden has wonderful manners and always shows fantastic Team work skills.
M	Alice – Showing Aspiration during Maths. You continue to challenge yourself all the way to challenge 3.	Jenson – Being a great Role model . You always try your best and you are really Resilient .
N	All of Class N - for Resilience as they all showed sustained engagement in our Science experiment to ensure we tested all the ingredients and kept it fair. Well done everyone!	

Dates for the Diary

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
11 th December	Phonics with Parents
12 th December @ 2:15pm	Parent and Toddler Group
14 th December	Christmas Fayre
15 th December	Christmas Dinner
19 th December @ 9:15am	KS2 Christmas Performance
19 th December @ 2:00pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
20 th December @ 9:30am	EYFS Christmas Performance
20 th December @ 1:30pm	EYFS Christmas Performance
20 th December @ 5:30pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
21 st December @ 9:15am	KS1 Christmas Performance
21 st December @ 2:00pm	KS2 Christmas Performance
21 st December @ 5:30pm	KS2 Christmas Performance
22 nd December	Christmas Craft Afternoon
25 th December – 5 th January 2024 8 th January	Christmas Holidays INSET day – school closed
9 th January 2024	School Reopens to children
12 th January 2023	Additional individual photo session
12 th – 16 th February 2024	Half term Holiday
19 th February 2024	School Reopens for children
19 th February 2024	Young Voices Trip for Year 5
29 th March – 12 th April 2024	Easter Holidays
15 th April 2024	School Reopens to children
6 th May 2024	Bank Holiday – School Closed
27 th May – 31 st May 2024 3 rd June	Half term Holiday INSET day – School closed
4 th June 2024	School Reopens for children
23 rd July 2024	Last day of the Academic Year
2 nd /3 rd September 2024	INSET Days – School closed