



DATES FOR THE DIARY



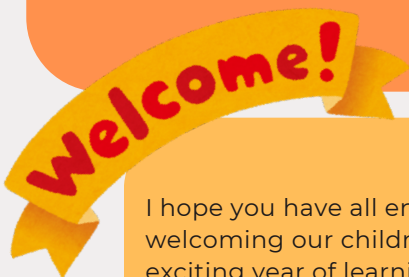
2nd Sept- Return to school (Gates open at 8:30am)
7th Sept- NHS Flu vaccination information stall (playground at the end of the day)
7&8th Sept- The Pride SEND reviews
9th Sept- Y2 trip to Cannon Hall Farm
10th Sept- Y4 & Y5 Swimming lessons (for 18 weeks)
14th Sept- Y6 Residential parents meeting @ 2:45pm in Y6 classroom

6th Oct- Y6 & FS SEND reviews
7th Oct- Y1 & Y2 SEND reviews
9th Oct- Family Learning Makaton Taster workshop 1pm-3pm
12th Oct- Nest & Y4 SEND reviews
13th Oct- Y3 & Y5 SEND reviews
12th Oct- Harvest Festival parent assembly @ 9am
20th Oct- Reception trip to Crucible Theatre
23rd Oct- INSET Day
26th Oct- 30th Oct- October Half term break

Trip letters will be sent out by class teachers in the upcoming weeks.

Upcoming next half term:

W/C 2nd Nov- Anti-Bullying Week
3rd Nov- Y4 DT workshop @ Kelham Island
11th Nov- Parents Evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
12th Nov- Y6 DT workshop @ Kelham Island
13th Nov- Children in Need



Welcome back to a new school year!

I hope you have all enjoyed a happy, restful and memorable summer holiday. We are delighted to be welcoming our children and families back to school next week and are looking forward to another exciting year of learning, growth and achievement together.

A special welcome goes to the families who will be joining our school community for the first time. We are thrilled to have you with us and hope that you quickly feel at home. We would also like to warmly welcome the new members of staff who have joined our team. We are excited for the contributions they will make as part of our school community.

As we begin the new academic year, we would like to remind everyone of the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality. Every school day provides valuable learning opportunities, and children make the most progress when they attend school regularly and arrive on time. Being present every day helps children build confidence, maintain friendships, develop positive routines and fully engage in all aspects of school life.

We are committed to working in partnership with you to ensure that every child has the best possible start to the year. Throughout the coming weeks, please keep an eye on ClassDojo for updates, information and opportunities to get involved in school life.

For more information about the half term ahead, please take the time to read our newsletter.

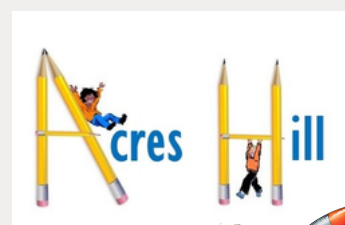
Thank you for your continued support. We are excited to see what this year will bring and look forward to working together to make it a successful and rewarding year for every child.

With best wishes,
Mrs Christon and Mr Gabbitas (Senior Leadership Team)



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Mission: Fantastic Start!



We're launching **Mission: Fantastic Start**, a space-themed attendance challenge to help our children blast off into a successful new school year!

Children who attend school **every day and arrive on time** (by 8:50am) during the **first three weeks of term** will be entered into a special prize draw. Prizes include a **£20 voucher for 1st place, a £10 voucher for 2nd place, and a £5 voucher for 3rd place**. Every child who achieves full, on time attendance during this period will also take part in a fun space-themed challenge on Friday 18th September during the afternoon.

Let's work together to ensure every child is ready for launch and reaches for the stars!

Attendance target

Our school attendance target is **96%**. The overall attendance percentage for last year was **91.8%**.



It is really important that we continue to work together to do all we can to prioritise our children's attendance in school every day.

We ask that Parents/Carers support good attendance in the following ways:

- Make school attendance a priority.
- Arrive at school on time – Class doors open from 8:30am.
- Contact the school to report each daily absence by 9am via telephone on 0114 2441512 Children should return to school as soon as they are able to do so after an illness.
- Make dental and medical appointments outside of school time wherever possible (appointment letters/texts will need to be seen by the school office)
- If your child has an appointment during the school day, please bring them to school before the appointment and return them to school afterwards wherever possible.

If you have ANY concerns about attendance, please do not hesitate to speak to our attendance officer, Mrs Lonsdale, in the first instance.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

ATTENDANCE	DAYS MISSED	LESSONS MISSED
100%	0 DAYS	0 LESSONS MISSED
99%	1 DAY	5 LESSONS MISSED
98%	3 DAYS	15 LESSONS MISSED
97%	1 WEEK	25 LESSONS MISSED
96%	1.5 WEEKS	37.5 LESSONS MISSED
94%	2 WEEKS	50 LESSONS MISSED
93%	2.5 WEEKS	62.5 LESSONS MISSED
92%	3 WEEKS	75 LESSONS MISSED
90%	3.5 WEEKS	82.5 LESSONS MISSED



The Power of Routines and Sleep

Establishing good routines and ensuring children get enough sleep are essential for their wellbeing, learning and development. A consistent bedtime and morning routine helps children feel secure, improves concentration, boosts mood and gives them the energy they need to succeed at school. Children who are well rested are more likely to be ready to learn, manage their emotions and enjoy positive experiences with their friends.

Top Tips for Healthy Routines:

- Set a regular bedtime and wake-up time, even at weekends. (Primary aged children need between 9 and 12 hours sleep a night)
- Switch off screens at least one hour before bedtime.
- Prepare school bags, uniform and lunches the night before.
- Create a calm bedtime routine, such as reading a story or talking about the day.

A good night's sleep and a consistent routine help every child have the best possible start to each school day!

If you are struggling with any part of a bedtime or get up routine, please get in touch with Miss Deakin (SENDCO) for advice.





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Data collection & photo consent forms

Every year, we need to ensure that the information we hold on your child is correct. We will be sending out a new data collection and photo consents form during the first few days back in school.

Even if no information has changed, please complete the form as soon as possible and hand it in to your child's teacher.

You child's name and image will not be able to be used on ClassDojo unless we receive the photo consents form back into school.

Thank you in advance.

Admin Team



ClassDojo

ClassDojo is our primary platform for sharing important information, reminders, celebrations and updates with parents and carers throughout the school year.

To ensure you stay informed and don't miss any key messages, please check ClassDojo regularly.

If you are unable to access your account or need support setting it up, please contact the main office and a member of the team will be happy to help.



School Uniform

Wearing a school uniform helps children feel part of our school community and promotes a sense of belonging, pride and equality. It ensures that children are dressed appropriately for learning and helps create a positive, focused environment where everyone is ready to succeed.

We ask all families to support our uniform expectations and ensure that children come to school each day wearing the correct uniform and suitable footwear.

Our uniform is as follows:

Our School uniform

- Light blue polo shirt
- Navy blue jumper or cardigan
- Dark trousers, shorts or skirts
- Shoes - sensible, dark coloured shoes

Our PE kit

- White t-shirt
- Dark shorts/leggings
- Trainers/plimsoles



All items of clothing should be labelled with your child's name and year group as this greatly increases the chances of lost items being quickly identified and returned to their owner.

Personal Belongings

To help children stay focused on their learning and to avoid upset, we kindly ask that toys, sensory items, balls and other personal belongings **are left at home** unless specifically requested by school.

We have a range of appropriate sensory toys in school which are available in school should your child need one. Please speak to Miss Deakin about this.

Unfortunately, items brought into school can easily become lost, damaged or misplaced, and we are unable to take responsibility for them.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a calm and productive learning environment for all children.



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Events at Acres Hill

Save the dates!

This is an overview of the year to help you plan your diary.
Detailed information about each event will be published in
the half termly school newsletter.

2026-2027

Sep

**Welcome
BACK to
SCHOOL**

Oct

Harvest Festival parent
assembly 12th 9am

Join us to celebrate Acres'
Harvest festival. We will be
collecting donations for
Burngreave Foodbank, S9

Nov

Anti-bullying week- 2nd-6th

Parents Evening- 11th
3:30pm-6:30pm

Children in Need- 13th

Dec

Christmas performances- w/b 7th

Attributes Assemblies- 14th
EYFS/KS1 9am
KS2 2:30pm

Christmas Fair-15th
1:30pm-3:30pm

Jan

Bedtime stories
night- 26th

4:45pm-5:45pm

Join us for a cosy night in
your pjs and share a story
together.

Feb

Sheffield Children's
Hospital PJ Day- 12th

Join us to raise money for
the Children's Hospital

Mar

World Book Day- 4th

Parents evening- 17th
3:30pm-6:30pm

Attributes Assemblies- 22nd
EYFS/KS1 9am
KS2 2:30pm

Apr

Culture and Heritage
Day- 28th

May

Family Fun Fit Day- 27th

Spend time with your child
trying a range of activities
to promote a healthy
lifestyle.

Jun

'Booknic'- 24th

Bring your blankets &
snacks & share a book in
the sun.

Jul

Attributes Assemblies- 12th
EYFS/KS1 9am
KS2 2:30pm

Sports Day- 14th
EYFS/KS1 9:15am-10:45am
KS2 1:15pm-3:15pm

Summer Fair- 16th
1:45pm-3:45pm

Aug

