



Attendance

We have issued coloured attendance letters at the end of last term. I would like to say well done to those pupils with green letters and well done to all of those who improved by moving from red to amber or amber to green last term. We have already met with a number of parent(s)/carer(s) about red letters and will continue to do so in the next week. Please contact the office to book an appointment.

Our attendance to date is 96.1% and this week our highest attending classes were (1st) Year 3 (2nd) Year 4 (3rd) Year 5.

Re-brokering

At the beginning of the year I informed you that due to difficulties at DYCA the regional school's commissioner had ordered that LEAF trust be re brokered into another Multi Academy Trust (MAT). I held meetings for parents to discuss this and since then the underlying process has been going on. I also mentioned at the meeting that the Abbey Multi Academy Trust founded by Abbey Grange School offered the best option for us. I am pleased to inform you that staff TUPE process and legal issues are coming to an end and that it is hoped we will transfer to the Abbey MAT on the 1st of May.

There will be little change for our pupils and for you as parents. However, as part of the process we are taking advantage of the opportunity to change our name. Following parental consultation you unanimously supported sharing the name of our parish church but raised concerns over the length of the proposed name. As a result the diocese and Abbey MAT have agreed to Holy Trinity C of E Academy, Rothwell. This is shorter, maintains the links to Church and will help us stand out. We will notify uniform providers of our name change once the process has been completed but there will be no need to buy new uniform. This change will happen gradually as old uniform wears out and you buy new jumpers and cardigans.

When we join Abbey MAT it will consist of 4 primary schools and three secondary schools which provide a very stable position both in its ability to promote high standards and support. We are looking forward to officially becoming part of this group and have already built really good working relationships with key staff who have already spent a great deal of time in our school and have been impressed by our focus, drive and determination to make our school the best it can be.

Next Week

Church Service

We will be attending Rothwell Holy Trinity church at 9.30am on Monday 24th April. The theme will be about St George and the act of worship will be led by pupils. You are all welcome to attend and we would ask for volunteers to help walk classes down to church. Thank you

This Week

Reception win Prizes!

Our Reception class designed an Easter Bonnet and submitted it as part of a competition run by Hobbycraft. We won second place and received a fabulous hamper of arts and crafts materials that I know Reception will enjoy using. Well done Reception.



Football: Rothwell CE vs Woodlesford

This week our U11's played against Woodlesford. Despite losing 12-1 we did score a great goal and learnt some important life lessons about resilience and respect. Well done team.



Year 1 and 2 are budding Masterchefs!

As part of their DT work, Y1 and 2 have been exploring different fruits and using these to make delicious fruit kebabs. They have had to think carefully about flavours, colours and textures.



Ofsted

This week we finalised our post Ofsted development plan with Abbey MAT. Over the coming weeks key Abbey staff will be in school working alongside SLT and staff monitoring the early impact of some of the changes we have made around marking and feedback and pupil targets.

Dates for your Diary:

Dates	Event
Monday 24 th April	St Georges Day Church Service
Wednesday 26 th April	Swimming lessons start for Year 3
Monday 1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday – School closed
Monday 8 th to Friday 12 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Mon 15 th to Fri 26 th May	Year 2 SATS tests
Thursday 18 th May	Year 1 & Year 2 – Visit to Countryside Live
Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June	Half Term Holiday
Monday 5 th June	Training Day (school closed to children)
Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th June	Phonics screening week for Year 1
Wednesday 21 st June	Class Photographs
Mon 26 th to Fri 30 th June	Sports Week
Wednesday 5 th July	Year 6 visit for Leavers Service in Leeds Minster
Monday 10 th July	Transition begins in school
Wednesday 26 th July	Last day in school for children
Thursday 27 th July	Summer Holiday begins

For absences please call on 2739190. All absences must be reported by 9.20am.

We take safety very seriously at our school

If you have any concerns please contact Mr Foulke or Mrs Owen

Every School Day Counts

**There is clear evidence to show that days off school impact on your child's attainment and progress.
Days off add up to lost learning.**

175 non-school days a year → To spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments			
0-7.5 days absence	8-9.5 days absence	10-19 days absence	More than 19 days absence
182.5-190 School Days in each year	180.5-182 School Days in each year	171-180 School Days in each year	Below 171 school days in each year
96-100%	95-95.99%	90%-94.99%	Below 90%
GOOD Best chance of success	Worrying	Concern Less chance of success	YOUR CHILD IS IN THE GOVERNMENT CAREGORY OF PERSISTENT ABSECECE SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child Possible legal acrion

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**If you are worried about your child's attendance we're here to help. You can contact:
Mrs Sutcliffe (Learning Mentor), Mrs Owen or Mr Foulke**