



Attendance

We have issued coloured attendance letters at the end of 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% and this week our highest attending classes were (1st) Year 1 (2nd) Year 4 (3rd) Year 3 and Year 6 jointly.

Abbey MAT

Well we all left Rothwell C of E Primary Academy last Friday and came back to Holy Trinity C of E Academy, Rothwell on Tuesday. There aren't many weekends that see us all change school! As everything else about us has stayed the same this transition has been seamless. Whilst behind the scenes there will be changes to our processes and procedures the service you and your children will receive will, as always, be our best.

We have felt part of Abbey MAT for a long time and we are really glad that we can now focus on a secure future as part of an established, bigger trust.

Reception Places

You will know from last week's newsletter that we are predicting an unfilled Reception class in 2017-18. This is a result of a surplus of Reception places in Rothwell. We also know that there are parts of the city with shortages of places. We therefore need your help to promote our school to anyone who has a child starting school in September who needs a place and wouldn't mind travelling. Fuller classes are healthier for our pupils and our school.



This Week

Be the change you want to see

Year 5 have started the Archbishop of York's 'Young Leaders Award' this week. The citizenship programme empowers young people to make a difference in their local community whilst developing key leadership skills. We are encouraging our pupils to be the change they want to see in the local community. They will be sharing more about this with you in the coming weeks.



SATs

Year 6 will be taking their SATs next week with Y2 doing theirs over the last 3 weeks in May. I want to say how proud I am of both classes and wish them well during the coming tests.

May Day Celebrations



Chloe danced at the May Day celebrations in Rothwell Park on Monday and is very proud of the medal she has received for doing this. I know that this is a popular event for our pupils and it is great that Chloe helped to make the day the success it was.

Ofsted

This week we have been working with senior staff from Abbey MAT looking at ways to make our literacy work even better. We found some fabulous writing and I wanted to share with you an extract from a Y2 poem we came across but Mr Edwards has taken his books to moderate with St Chads and Manston St James. Reece – next week I promise!

Dates for your Diary:

Dates	Event
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	SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child Possible legal action

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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**