



Dear Parents,

I hope you and your children have enjoyed the first full week back in school. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents to our Open Classroom event on Wednesday and it was nice to be able to walk around and enjoy the buzz of conversations between teachers and parents. Thank you to those who were able to come.

It has been lovely this week to also welcome our new FS2 children who have settled so well. We have been so impressed by how well they have come in each morning and established new routines. Well done!

With it still being early in the term, please forgive another long newsletter. There is so much to celebrate, especially the work of our young people to improve playtimes, which I really wanted to share.

### **New calendar**

In response to parental feedback last term, we have improved our calendar of events which I hope will make it easier for you to see what is coming up. We have made three improvements:

A whole-year planner has been produced and is attached. Inevitably this will change over the year, but I hope any changes will be minimal.

The planner for the term ahead will always be included as a footer to this newsletter, with any new additions or changes highlighted

Most excitingly, you can now subscribe to our online calendar. This will automatically show school calendar events on your phone or computer. To subscribe, [click here](#) or scan the QR code.



The online calendar will denote which year group an event applies to, or if no year group is named, it's likely to be a whole-school event. This same calendar can also always be viewed on the homepage of the [school website](#).

It is not practical to manage every event in this calendar, such as class PE / swimming sessions, or events unique to a single class. Please continue to use SeeSaw / Tapestry to keep abreast of what's going on within the classroom. I hope these improvements will support you in preparing for upcoming events.

### **Harvest Offerings**

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October we look forward to welcoming the Reverend Ben Shires from St Peter's Church Greenhill and Jackie Butcher from Grace Food Bank Lowedges for our Harvest Festival. If you can, please support our local foodbank by making a donation to the school office. Please see the attached poster for suggested donations. Thank you.





### **Holiday club – 25<sup>th</sup> October**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October is an INSET day in school. Please let the Bradway Holiday Club know if you are interested in them being open on that day by [completing this form](#).

### **We're recruiting**

We currently have two adverts out for three Teaching Assistant jobs. Please share the adverts with anyone who may be interested:

<https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/jobs/sen-ta-level-3-could-be-level-2-depending-on-experience>

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### **Holiday forewarning**

In Sheffield the Easter holiday next year is one week different to most of the rest of the UK and the Easter weekend falls outside of the Easter holidays. As such, you might find prices for holidays out of our area are less expensive. Our Easter break is Monday 31st March - Friday 11th April 2025.

### **WOW – Active Travel**

In Wednesday's assembly, we launched our brand new WOW Active Travel scheme which seeks to reduce local pollution, save families money and promote healthy lifestyles by encouraging active ways of getting to or from school. Schemes like this have come and gone in the past, but I was impressed by the fun element of this, along with the recycled badges children can earn each month – here is September's badge. You can [find out more about the scheme here](#).

To achieve a badge, children will initially need to complete just one active travel journey per week. Active travel of course includes walking, scooting and cycling, but also 'park and stride' for those families who have to travel by car. For park and stride, please consider parking 5-10 minutes from school; this will reduce local congestion and pollution, provide a safer environment around the school and allow a long enough walk to achieve the health benefits. Thank you for your support with this.





### Playground Friends

For the vast majority, the playground is a space that children associate with fun and happy memories. However, for some of our children, playtime can be a little overwhelming especially if they are a little shy or struggling to connect with others. Last academic year, we enlisted the help of our Year 5 and Year 6 children to mentor, model and support our children during lunch time play. This was a huge success so, once again, we approached our current Year 5 and Year 6 children to ask if they would like to sign up for the role of 'Playground Friends'. Once again, the commitment from these children has been phenomenal and their enthusiasm has been outstanding. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for this important role.



### Worry Club

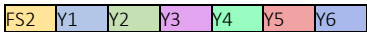


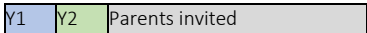
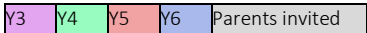
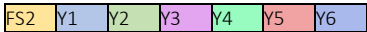


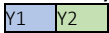
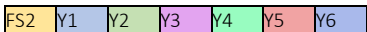
I was blown away this week by the kindness shown by some children in Y5JH who have, entirely off their own back, started a Worry Club. They have made a fantastic poster which we have put up in various places around the school. Thank you and well done to Mollie, Sydney, Rosa, Daisy and Freya for the care you show to your peers.



Mr Chris Thomas  
Headteacher





<b>Autumn Term 1</b>	
<b>Remaining events this term</b>	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 	<b>Harvest Festival Donations</b> Please hand any donations in to the school office. Tins, jars, packets and cans are especially needed. Thank you.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 3:45 - 4:15 	<b>FS2 Phonics Phase 2 presentation</b> Please join us for an overview of our approach to the teaching of phonics. This will take place in the FS classrooms.
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 	<b>SEN Review meetings</b> Mrs Wales will contact families via email to notify of dates and times.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October KS1: 10:00 – 10:20   KS2: 9:00 – 9:20 	<b>Young Leader Commissioning Assembly</b> By invitation, we would love parents to join us to see our young leaders commissioned in assembly.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 3:30 – 5:30pm Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 3:30 – 7:10pm  	<b>Parent consultations</b> In person parent consultations will take place at school. Please look out for booking arrangements nearer the time.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October   Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 	<b>FS2, Year 1 &amp; Year 2 trip to the Crucible</b> Drop off and pick up times are normal. Children will need a packed lunch which can be provided by the kitchen. More information on this will be provided nearer the time.
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 	<b>INSET Day – School closed</b> Staff training will take place on 25 <sup>th</sup> October.

