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FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 25th September

After school club 8-week cycle begins

Monday 22nd September

Y5 Viking Day (Parents/carers invited to join in)

Thursday 25th September

Y4 Roman Day (Parents/carers invited to join in)

Nursery Open Morning

Friday 26th September

McMillan Coffee Morning (Details to follow)

Monday 29th September

Y3 Stone Age Day (Parents/carers invited to join in)

Thursday 2nd October

Free school dinner - all children can access a free school dinner today and families can win a £50 voucher if their child has school lunch on this day.

Friday 3rd October

Food Bank Assemblies & Challenge (Details to follow)

Tuesday 7 & Thursday 9th October

Y5 Visit to Trinity Halifax for Design & Technology

Tuesday 14th October

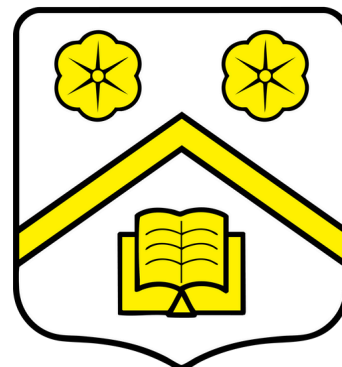
Y6 SATS Workshop for Parents

Friday 17th October

3.00pm School Closes for half term

Monday 3rd November

8.30am School Reopens to pupils



Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us this week for our parent and carer events. We would really like your feedback on how we can further improve these events in the future. We will send out a survey via MCAS in the next few days and we would be really grateful if you could complete this.

Our parent events are continuing with History days coming up for Y3, Y4 and Y5. We look forward to welcoming you to these events too as well as McMillan Coffee Morning next Friday. **Mr Kimberley**

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Thank you to everyone who helped support for the first time, Jeans for Genes Day.

This day is in support of Genetic Disorders UK.

The money raised provides vital support for thousands of children affected by genetic disorders, funding services, research, and equipment to improve their lives.

It raises awareness about these conditions, which affect 1 in 25 children in the UK and are the biggest cause of death for children under 14.

Jeans for Genes Day! Friday 19 September



Non-uniform day
£1 donation

HOLIDAYS

Did you know? Last year, we lost 827 days of learning to term time holidays.

You may have recently seen the Education Secretary, Bridget Philipson talk about the government's aim to improve school attendance and to reduce the number of term time holidays taken.

As part of this drive some of the guidance around the issuing of penalty notices has been changed. Penalties given to families do not benefit school, as any fines that are applied are paid to the local authority and not school. Please read the guidance on the next page which outlines how penalty fines are applied and that for second and third occasions within a three year period these fines can increase significantly.

National Framework for Penalty Notices

A Fixed Penalty Notice is an alternative to prosecution under s444, Education Act 1996. Enabling parents to discharge potential liability for conviction for failing to secure regular attendance during a specific period, by paying a penalty.

Five Consecutive days of term time leave, or more.

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

Unauthorised absence, irregular attendance.

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: Three siblings absent for term time leave (5 or more days consecutive absence), would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave **or** irregular attendance the amount will be :

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days of issue.

Full payment is required, there are no part payments accepted and no repayment plan options available.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave **or** irregular attendance the amount will be :

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

There is no reduced early repayment offer for a second offence.

Full payment is required, there are no part payments accepted and no repayment plan options available.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time [or any further subsequent times] an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Fixed Penalty Notice will not be issued. The case will be presented to the Magistrates Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases proven within court may show on the parent's future DBS Certificate, as this is a criminal conviction – 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.