



SUMMER 1 NEWSLETTER 25-26

Message from Executive Headteacher and Heads of School

This has been a wonderfully busy and rewarding term, full of energy, creativity, and enthusiasm from both students and staff. It has been a pleasure to see how much our students have enjoyed the breadth of the curriculum, engaging with their learning in such positive and meaningful ways. From classroom activities to wider experiences, their curiosity and willingness to challenge themselves have been evident throughout.

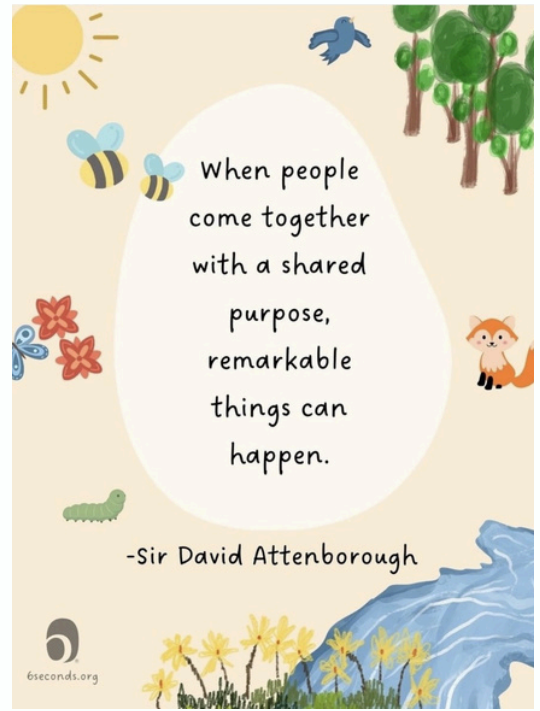
Our teams have worked incredibly hard to design and deliver exciting opportunities that bring learning to life, and it has been inspiring to watch these plans unfold. Whether through enrichment experiences, collaborative projects, or special events, there has been a real sense of momentum and purpose across the school.

As we look ahead to the final half term, our focus begins to shift towards transition and preparing for the next academic year. This important period gives us the chance to celebrate progress, reflect on achievements, and ensure that every student feels confident and ready for the next step in their journey.

With the days growing lighter and warmer, we are also looking forward to making the most of time outdoors—continuing to embed learning in different environments and enjoying the many benefits that outdoor experiences bring. There is a sense of anticipation for finishing the year strongly, together, as a community.

We are excited for what lies ahead and remain committed to ensuring that the final weeks of the year are filled with positivity, pride, and a shared sense of accomplishment

Laura, Emma and El



KEY DATES:

25/05/26-30/05/26
Half Term Break

10/06/2026
RS Day
Ringinglow

10/06/26
Parents' Evening, Y8, 9,
10, 11, P16
Ringinglow, Gleadless,
Enterprise Works



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REMINDERS

As we move into the hotter half of the Summer term, please be reminded that we advise your student to wear sunscreen and to wear light, loose-fitting clothing to avoid overheating. Further, although students should bring a refillable water bottle in the warm weather, no metal/heavy bottles are permitted in school.

MCAS

Just a reminder that all of our communications are moving over to the My Child at School App, so make sure to download the app and enrol at Bents Green School to activate your account.

To allow for smooth communication between the school and parents/carers, make sure to inform the school of any changes to phone numbers, home addresses and email addresses using the Data Collection function in the MCAS app

KEY DATES

16/06/26
Expressive Arts Day
Gleadless

18/06/26
Parents' Evening
Handsworth

19/06/26
Sports Day
Ringinglow

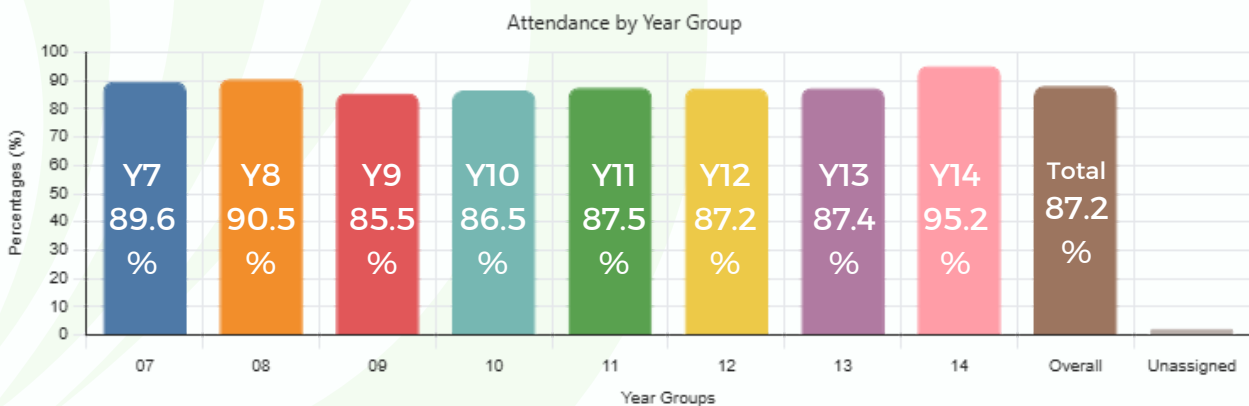
KEY DATES

26/06/26
Sports Day
Handsworth

02/07/26
Y11 Prom
Westfield Hub

03/07/26
Health and Wellbeing
Day
Ringinglow

Attendance Report 13/04/26-20/05/26





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A Note from the Chair of Governors

We would like to wish John Plant, Co-opted Governor, all the very best for the future as he retires from the Bents Green Local Governing Body after 10 years of dedicated service to our school.

John has made an invaluable contribution to the life and development of the school. His experience and knowledge in strategic planning, risk management and finance have been a great support to both the Governing Body and the Senior Leadership Team.

On behalf of the Governing Board, staff and the wider school community, we extend our warmest thanks and appreciation to John for his outstanding contribution over the past decade. His dedication has made a lasting impact, and we wish him every happiness in his retirement, with plenty of time to enjoy many well-earned holidays.

Laura Gillespie
Chair of Governors

Achievement!

Amro in Year 7 attended the South Yorkshire disability awards at Leeds United! Amro was nominated for Young Achiever award for his amazing skills in table tennis! Although he didn't win, Amro should be proud and represented his school! Well done Amro!



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Class News

Hazel Class

Hazel class have been busy this half term learning all about Ancient Egypt. We have focused on learning key concepts such as the pyramids, the Sphinx, mummies and pharaohs. To embed these concepts, we learned how to sign each word, and spent time making artistic depictions of each object. The class especially enjoyed using Modroc to create their own mummies.

Hazel class have enjoyed sharing stories linked to the topic of Ancient Egypt, including *The Little Hippo* and *We're Sailing Down the Nile*. For the latter, we learned a yoga pose to accompany each page, using movement to help embed understanding of the story.

In maths, Hazel class have been working hard to name and recognise the properties of different 2D and 3D shapes. We used our experimentation skills to test out different 3D shapes and find out if they rolled or stacked. We were especially good at using different shapes to make patterns.

Throughout the year, Hazel class have grown in confidence and independence, and are now enjoying weekly trips to the park, where we can walk safely to and from the bus and carefully follow instructions from staff. This confidence has also shone through in Outdoor Learning lessons with Ciara, where students are showing greater independence when exploring the Forest School space.

As we head into the final half term of the school year, Hazel class are continuing to show us all that they are Y8 ready. Well done, Hazel class!





Endcliffe Class

It has been a busy and positive half term for the students in Endcliffe class. We have been planting seeds and bulbs in Horticulture/Outdoor Learning. We initially planted them in indoor plant pots and looked after them carefully until they grew big enough to be planted outside. We then transplanted them into planters in our outdoor space. We have travelled back to the past in art, designing and making clay pots in the style of the Ancient Greeks. We have enjoyed making Shepherd's Pie and Thai Green Curry among other things in Food Tech, and in Knowledge for Life we have been learning about personal safety in different situations.

Lime Class

This half term has been full of excitement in Lime class! In history, we explored Ancient Egypt and learned about pyramids and mummification. We even made our own clay pyramids!

In maths, we have been learning about money. We practised adding and subtracting amounts, working out change, and understanding the value of different coins and notes. In food technology, we had a hands-on experience with cooking. We practised important kitchen skills and learned how to prepare simple dishes safely and hygienically. The best part was eating the food!

We also spent time learning about how to stay safe when going off site. We discussed important rules such as staying with a group, listening carefully to instructions, and being aware of our surroundings.

During RS day we reflected on the importance of family. As part of this, we created our own family trees in forest school.





Arena Class

Arena's pupils have been learning how to be effective parents during an ASDAN module. Pupils were tasked with looking after a baby for the day, having to feed it and play to demonstrate they understood the physical and emotional issues that arise from having a newborn.

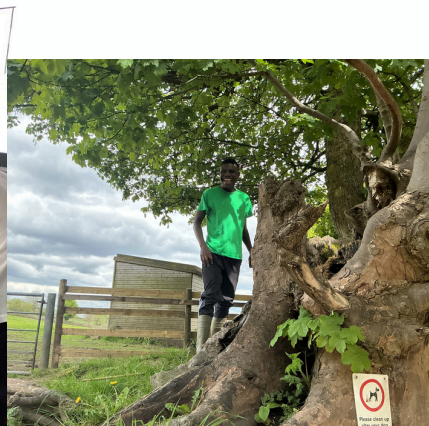


Mulberry Class

Mulberry class have enjoyed learning all about farming this half term. We have been reading "Farmyard Hullabaloo", listening to all the animal noises found on a farm and have even had a go at milking our very own cow!

We have been enjoying walks in the community to practice our independence skills before we visit a real farm very soon. We have also been enjoying more outdoor sessions now that the weather is getting warmer and sunnier.

As always, we have been loving our sensory Attention Autism sessions every afternoon, and we are getting fantastic at communicating!





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Cedar Class

This term Cedar Class have been working on our Independence skills, including taking a few trips out of school to practice our good listening and road safety skills. We have looked at dressing appropriately for the weather, which has been very appropriate over the last few months.

This term's topic has been 'ancient civilisations' and we've done lots of group projects around Greek myths. We particularly enjoyed learning about Medusa the Gorgon. We have done Creativity and Literacy lessons around Medusa and have created some amazing artwork as a class.

In our daily phonics sessions, we have been working with non-fiction stories and learning lots of facts about all things, from the Roman Empire to what lives in the forest, to how to make a good sandwich!

We love reading stories and take turns choosing a storybook to read each day. We particularly like funny books with pictures that make us laugh.

Our Cedar staff love working with us and helping us work towards our independence.

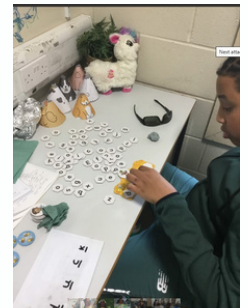
Cherry Class

Cherry class has had a wonderful and engaging term. This term we have been focusing on phonics and words construction as a part of our afternoon routine, helping pupils build their confidence in recognising sounds and blending letters.

In Maths, Cherry Class have been exploring shapes and finding different ways to stay engaged during lessons. Pupils have enjoyed practical activities such as sorting, matching, building, and identifying shapes within the classroom. The class have responded positively to these activities and have shown increasing participation throughout lessons.

Another highlight of the term has been spending time in the orchard during the afternoons. Pupils have enjoyed the calm outdoor environment and opportunities to explore nature, develop social skills, and regulate through sensory experiences. Cherry Class have also done exceptionally well in P.E. this term, particularly with their engagement and participation in sensory circuits. The students have worked incredibly hard and have received very positive feedback from Sonia for their enthusiasm and progress.

We have also established a lovely routine of afternoon circle time. During these sessions, pupils listen to songs, greet one another, and take part in activities linked to the music to support comprehension and communication skills. These sessions have been a wonderful way to encourage friendships, turn taking, listening, and positive interactions between peers, helping to create a warm and supportive classroom community.





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Maple Class

This half term Maple class have enjoyed learning all about ancient civilisation. We have been looking at and exploring the fascinating world of ancient civilisations. From the towering pyramids of Ancient Egypt to the powerful Roman Empire and the mysteries of the Maya, we have been discovering how people lived thousands of years ago and how these societies still influence our world today.

Through hands-on activities, storytelling, art projects, and historical investigations we have especially enjoyed creating our own artefacts, designing Roman mosaics, and decoding hieroglyphics like real historians!

The children have had the opportunity to compare life in the past with the modern world we live in. We are proud of the enthusiasm and creativity the children have shown throughout this topic.

Botanical Class

Botanical have visited Kelham Island museum this week, we had the best time exploring and enjoying the history of Sheffield and it's industry. Our favourite part was seeing the River Don engine in action - it was very loud!

We also saw a variety of vehicles manufactured here in Sheffield, and enjoyed some nice weather sitting next to the River Don.

