



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER.

As we come to the end of the first half term, we have achieved so much and accomplished great things.

This month, we celebrated one year since we converted to an Academy and joined Accomplish MAT. It has been a wonderful year full of great opportunities for our children, expert networking across the schools for our excellent staff and working together on our shared vision and priorities. We continue to work hard to accomplish great things for our academy.

We have appointed a new Deputy Head Teacher – Mrs Marsden, who will be joining us in January 2025. She is currently working as an Assistant Head in a school in Barnsley and we are looking forward to her joining our team. We will be introducing you to her in the coming weeks.

Our CEO, Tracy Swinburne collected her well-deserved OBE from Princess Anne this term.

She enjoyed a fantastic day in London with her family and we continue to be proud of her.

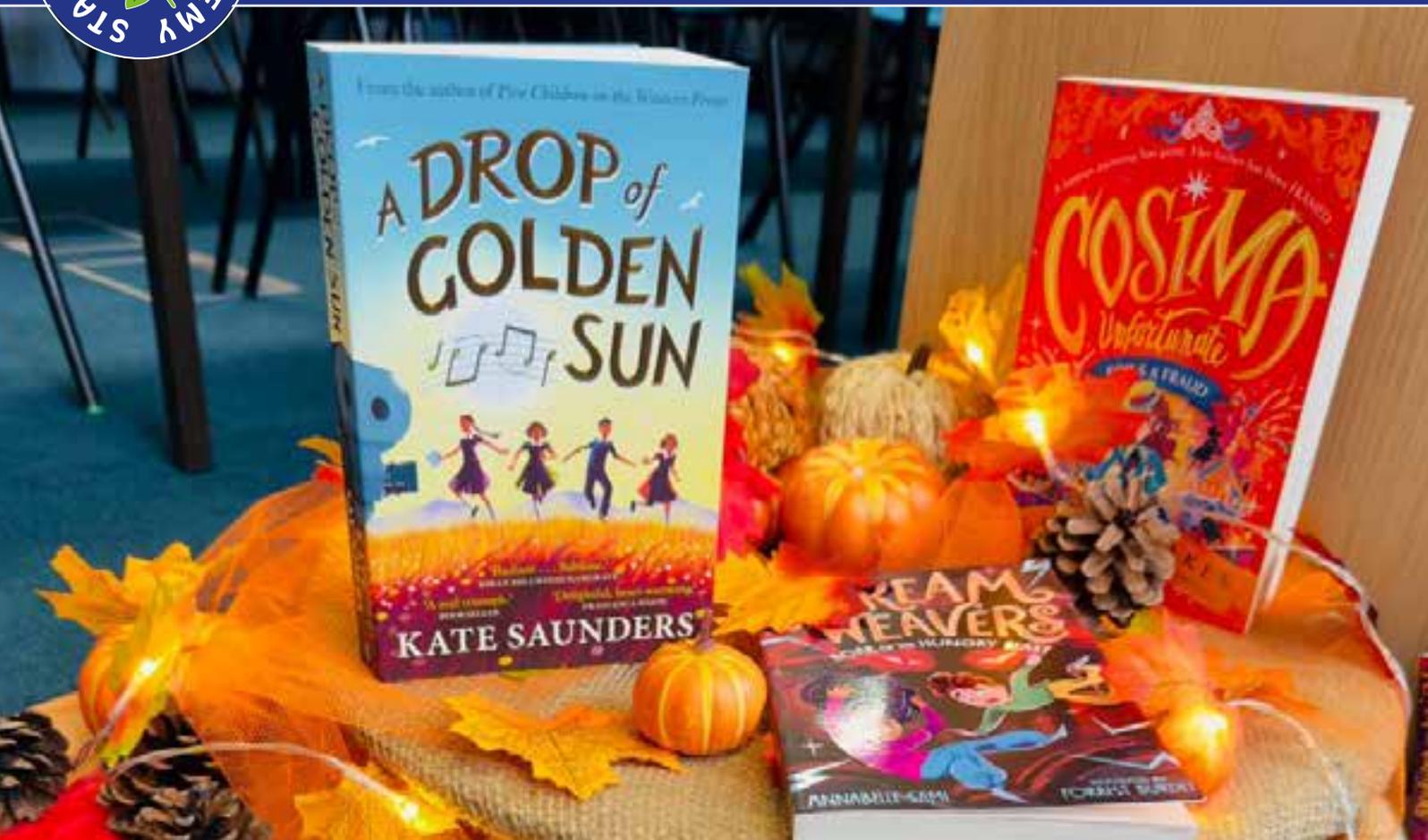
The children filmed a lovely song and messages for Mrs Swinburne and we are looking forward to a special assembly with her to share her OBE medal with us.



We will be saying goodbye to **Mrs Howe**, our wrap around assistant, after half term as she has been successful in gaining a promotion. Mrs Howe has been instrumental in setting up our successful wraparound care and we will miss her. She shows great care towards the children and they have enjoyed the provision and support from her. We wish her all the best as she moves onto her new role.



JUNIOR LEADERS



We are very proud of our Junior Leaders who are making a real difference in our school. They have professional meetings, lead assemblies, recognise great practise and organise displays and areas in the school to name but a few of their roles. There really are living up to our mission for our pupils to be ready for life as they acquire essential life skills.



HARVEST SERVICE

It was lovely to welcome Reverend Dianne to our school to deliver our Harvest service. The children sang beautifully and thank you to Mrs Brown and Mrs Plant for working with the children on their Harvest songs. Thank you for the Harvest food donations, which have been donated to a food bank in our local area.





SPORT

We were so proud of our year 5 and 6 pupils who qualified for the Cross Country Finals. The children supported each other so well and achieved a 1st place and some top 5 placings. Brilliant effort. Some pupils are now moving to the next stage of the regional competition.



CULTURE AND VISION

Our school improvement partner – Mrs Charlesworth, has been working alongside us and worked in school to look at our culture and vision. We were able to share how we worked hard with our pupils to be successful now and in the future and live by our aim of aiming high, working hard and being happy and successful so that they are ready for school and ready for life. Mrs Charlesworth was incredibly impressed with the staff and pupils and could see our care and respect in action in all areas of the school. We were incredibly proud of our report.



WAKEFIELD READING CHALLENGE



We were so proud to win the summer reading challenge for the second year in a row. This is an amazing achievement and won by the pupils who took part in the Wakefield Reading Challenge. Children visited the library and read at least six books during the summer and shows the love of reading which we try hard to foster in the children. I hope these children continue with their reading and become life long readers. Thank you to parents for taking them to the library and encouraging the children to have the very best chance for success.

NURSERY

Nursery children have created some amazing nature pictures as part of their homework.



We have enjoyed taking part in carving pumpkins, listening to *The Enormous Pumpkin* story, creating pumpkin prints using apples from our site and making mud pumpkin pies in the Mud Kitchen.



RECEPTION

Reception loved listening to stories read by our local librarian visitor

Wonderful art session with author and illustrator Liz Million





RECEPTION

Developing their throwing and catching skills - Wakefield's Day of movement

Reception sorting colours aiming and throwing at a target



KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



YEAR 1

Clay session - making clay sculptures at the Hepworth

Our visit from the author, Liz Million.

Using natural materials to copy sculptures at the Hepworth gallery.



KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



Year 2 have enjoyed learning about 'The Golden Rule' in R.E.

They thought of their own to keep in class. Their rules were very thoughtful!



In topic we were using maps to locate places in our local area linked to our mining topic.

Year 2 enjoyed planning and taking part in an investigation to see which materials float. They spent time predicting and were surprised with some of the results.



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



Year 3 have enjoyed creating postcards for one another as part of World Mental Health day.



Year 3 are really loving their art lesson. Lots of exploring with drawing techniques and different art pencils.



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



Year 3 have been practising knots during outdoor learning sessions. They managed to make a string person and take them on adventures!



Enjoying our **Year 3** workshop for Black History Month.



Mrs Brown had a lovely treat at the start of music as Year 3 wanted to share their French Song.

"Oo la la c'était tres tres excellent!"



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



Stanley Marsh

Children in **Year 4** enjoyed a visit to Stanley Marsh to learn about living things and their habitats. They learnt about flowering and non-flowering plants as well as carrying out an invertebrate hunt.



Computing

Year 4 children have been using Seesaw on the IPADs to create digital artwork.

KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



Year 5 enjoyed taking part in World Mental Health Day by spreading messages of kindness and positivity when they wrote a positive message for each other in RHE.

Year 5 enjoyed being part of the Virtual Farm Tour with Sam Wyman at LEAF Education. They asked many questions about the farm and found out about food webs in the habitats in the area, the crops and animals.





Liz Million

Year 5 had such a creative session with author and illustrator Liz Million this morning focusing on character drawing skills. So engaging and creating the illustrators of the future.



Year 6 learnt lots about important and influential black people in today's Britain.



Upper Key Stage 2 loved their creative workshop with author and illustrator Liz Million.



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



Mrs Frost hosts meetings every two weeks with our **Year 6 Junior Leadership Team**, to empower our students to make a difference for all in our school.

Year 6 joined Sam Wyman from LEAF for a virtual farm tour, which links closely to our Science topic of 'Living Things and Their Habitats' and to our school's vision on caring for our environment.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

22nd October EYFS new parent/carer look around 3pm.
This is for any prospective parents who wish to visit our school.

24th October Halloween Event. Pumpkin competition and Halloween cinema event –
more details to follow.

25th October School closes for half term.

NOVEMBER

4th November School opens

4th- 6th November Residential for year 5 and 6.

15th November Children in Need Day. *Children can wear non school uniforms
or merchandise, and donate to the charity.*

22nd November EYFS new parent/carer look around 3pm

22nd November Autumn reports out today

25th November Parent/carers and teacher meetings 2:45 – 6p.m

26th November Year 5 and 6 Leeds Playhouse

27th November No pens day

27th November Parent/Carer and teacher meetings 2:45 – 5p.m.

29th November Last day to order a ticket to see Santa at the Christmas fair.
(see details on the parent hub when this is released)

29th November INSET DAY



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

6th December **INSET DAY** (*please note change of inset day previously communicated due to change in training dates set*)
School closed to children.

9th December UKS2 Christmas performance (Year 5 and 6) 9a.m

10th December KS1 Christmas performance (Year 1 and 2) 9a.m.

11th December LKS2 Christmas performance (Year 3 and 4) 9a.m.

13th December Reception Christmas performance 9a.m.

16th December Christmas Jumper Day.
Donations for Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Scanner Charity.

16th December Please bring in any contributions for the Christmas fair on this day.
Tombola items, sweets and chocolate, unwanted gifts, bottles – unused bottles of items for our bottle stall. We will also have a visit from Santa for any child who has bought a ticket.

17th December KS 2 Christmas party (Children allowed to come in party clothes)

18th December EYFS Christmas party (Children allowed to come in party clothes)

19th December KS1 Christmas party (Children allowed to come in party clothes)

20th December School closes.

JANUARY

6th January 2025 **INSET DAY.** School closed to children.

7th January 2025 School opens.



SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Timings.

Please see the start times for each class below which is also on our website.

Please ensure that you arrive **BEFORE** the start time so that lessons start promptly and your child does not miss out on any learning or teacher input.

8:30am – 2:30pm

Nursery and Reception

Class 1

Class 2

Class 4

Class 6

8:35am – 2:35pm

Class 3

Class 5

Teaching Staff for 2024 - 2025

Nursery - Mrs Johnson

Reception - Miss Slater

Year 1 - Mrs Brown

Year 2 - Miss Franks

Year 3 - Ms Gibbings and Mrs Hughes

Year 4 - Mrs Hodgson

Year 5 - Mr Whipp

Year 6 - Mr Reynolds



ATTENDANCE

**SCHOOL
TARGET**



100-95%
GOOD



94-85%
WORRYING



Below 85%
SERIOUS
CONCERN



YEAR GROUP	CURRENT	AVERAGE THIS YEAR
NURSERY YEAR 1	84.6%	92.5%
NURSERY YEAR 2	84.6%	91.5%
RECEPTION	90.0%	95.2%
YEAR 1	96.7%	96.2%
YEAR 2	91.7%	95.8%
YEAR 3	92.6%	96.0%
YEAR 4	93.5%	94.9%
YEAR 5	96.6%	97.1%
YEAR 6	95.0%	93.8%

Children who are lower than 90% are classed as persistently absent from school and are monitored by school and our education welfare officer every week.

We are sending home letters to children with less than 90% attendance this week, so parents are aware of this monitoring and the need to improve on their education.

We are also sending home letters and organising meetings with parents of children who are persistently late to school, as children are missing out on teacher input at the beginning of the school day and interrupting the start of lessons for children; we would ask that you get children into school on time. Thank you for your support with this.

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING!

With the introduction of the New National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19th August 2024.

PENALTY NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED FOR

Term time leave: Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period: A Penalty Notice may be considered/issued when a pupil has had 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week* period.

*School Week's

PER PARENT/PER CHILD

Penalty Notice Fines will continue to be issued per parent per child.

For example: 3 Siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term Time Holiday or Irregular School Attendance the Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of issue, reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days**.

SECOND OFFENCE (within 3 years of the First Offence)

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second Penalty Notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice, the second Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days (no reduced fee for paying early).

(**Unpaid Penalty Notice's after 28 days may result in a parental prosecution)

THIRD OFFENCE (within 3 years of the First Offence)

On the third time that an offence is committed for either a Term Time Holiday and / or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, the case may proceed straight to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000.