



## Newsletter – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

*Educating ‘for life in all its fullness.’*

Striving for 100%

### Attendance

Week Ending 31/1/25

Reception	97.8%
Year 1	99.0%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	99.0%
Year 4	97.1%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	97.0%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>98.0%</b>

### Attendance Champions:

Year 2

Well Done!

Our school attendance expectation is 97%.

Well done to everyone who achieved this.

**Cumulative (2024-25) total so far – 95.8%**

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### Values for Life

This half term in collective worship we are focusing upon the value of: **JUSTICE**



This week’s focus will be:

**FAIRNESS:**

*“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.”*

**Matthew 7:12**

### Global Citizenship Thread

This half term our whole school Thread is **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

### Staffing Update

Following a recent recruitment process, we are delighted to announce that Mrs Hannah Welsh has been appointed as a Teaching Assistant. Mrs Welsh brings valuable experience to our team, and we look forward to welcoming her after the February half-term break.



Dear parents/carers,

*This week, as we focus on Children’s Mental Health Week, it’s a great reminder of the importance of connection and well-being—something we saw in action last week across our school community. It was wonderful to see so many parents joining us, from exploring children’s work during our Open Afternoon, to attending Year 2’s class worship, and taking part in our informative sleep session delivered by Futures in Mind. If you missed it, the sleep booklet is available in our Family Library.*

*Year 5 also had an eye-opening SWAP (Sip Water, Avoid Pop) session, where they were shocked by the sugar and caffeine content in popular drinks and the effects these have on our bodies.*

*A huge thank you to everyone who took part—your support makes all the difference. Let’s continue working as a team to prioritise well-being and positive habits for our children!*

### Outdoor Play and Learning – Regional Meeting

*On Wednesday, we are excited to host the Regional OPAL Meeting, welcoming visitors from schools across Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. Mr. Barstow and I will be sharing our journey, celebrating the impact of play on our school community. What a fantastic opportunity to showcase our approach!*

*We also have some exciting new additions to our outdoor spaces:*

*🌿 Patio Garden – A peaceful space to connect with nature.*

*🥷 Ninja Warrior – Building strength, coordination, and resilience through active challenges.*

*📖 Reading Tree in the Forest – A quiet retreat to escape into stories and nurture a love of reading.*

*Something for everyone to enjoy!*

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### Calendar



### February

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Children’s Mental Health and Online Safety Week

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – KS2 St. Cuthbert’s Service**  
(Admission to first Communion)

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> – School Disco**

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – Y4 School Nursing Healthy Lifestyles Workshop**

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – School Closes for February Half Term**

**School Calendar Document Link:**

[Key Dates 2024-25](#)



### Young Voices 2025

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Last week, children from Key Stage 2 took part in the largest school choir in the world at Sheffield Arena, performing in the incredible Young Voices concert. They worked hard to learn and rehearse a variety of songs and dances—no easy task! The atmosphere was electric, making it a truly unforgettable musical experience.

A huge thank you to the staff who supported the children and attended the event.



📺 **Concert Video Available:** The official concert video is now available to purchase at <https://yv25film.co.uk/>



Recent Letters / Updates: [School Disco](#)



## Safeguarding Supporting Mental Health & Well-being



As we mark Children's Mental Health Week, we'd like to remind parents of our dedicated [webpage](#), which outlines our approach to mental health, the support we offer in school, and signposts to wider resources.

We also have a Family Library available in school, offering books and materials to support well-being at home.

Visit our website for more information, or speak to a member of staff if you need support.

### Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT Class Worship

Well done, Year 2! Last week they led worship with a fantastic celebration of their learning. They shared performance poetry, showcased excellent writing and artwork, and impressed us with their knowledge of Our World, The Great Fire of London and Florence Nightingale. They also reflected on the exciting enrichment activities they have enjoyed.

Thank you to all the grown-ups who joined us!



### Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

## Children's Mental Health & Online Safety Week – This Week!

We are excited to be marking **Children's Mental Health and Online Safety Week**. Throughout the week, we'll be using resources from **Place2Be** and **Here4You**, supported by The Walt Disney Company, to explore self-awareness, emotions, and resilience—helped by characters from *Inside Out* and *Inside Out 2*!

- **Tuesday** – Our **Well-being Ambassadors** will lead a whole-school worship to launch the week, focusing on the **five ways to well-being**.
- **All Week** – Pupils will explore the theme "*Know Yourself, Grow Yourself*" using the **Inside Out 2** characters.
- **Online Safety** – We will also focus on staying safe online with the theme "*Too Good to Be True? Protecting Yourself and Others from Scams Online.*"
- **Friday 9th February – Express Yourself!** – Children can wear **non-uniform** to celebrate their individuality! They are encouraged to wear something that makes them feel happy or expresses their personality.

## Chinese New Year & Expressive Art

Nursery have enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year! They painted lanterns, crafted a dragon, and made paper chains before parading through school wearing their dragon masks. They have also been exploring different art styles, creating expressionist-inspired spring kites using colours that reflect the season.

## Maths & Frozen Animal Rescue

Reception have been representing numbers 6, 7, and 8 on ten frames, carefully counting and discussing their arrangements. They also became scientists, rescuing frozen Arctic animals by predicting and testing different methods to melt the ice.

## Mapping the UK & Printmaking

Year 1 have been learning about the UK in geography, using maps to match countries, capital cities, and flags. In art, they explored printmaking with primary colours— even using their bodies to create prints!

## Nature-Inspired Art & Bird Feeders

Year 2 have been inspired by nature in their art lessons, taking their creativity outdoors and sharing ideas. They also followed instructions to make bird feeders and are excited to observe their new visitors!

## Do Gases Weigh Anything?

Year 4 investigated the question: Do gases weigh anything? They weighed bottles of fizzy pop before and after shaking them flat and discovered a decrease in weight— proving that gas has mass!

## Creative Dance Routines

Year 5 have been combining action, dynamics, and space to create expressive dance routines in their 'dance by chance' lessons. Their teamwork and creativity have been incredible!

### Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

#### Dinner Debate:

*Linked to our Christian value of impartiality and our focus on spiritual development (Self, Others, World & Beauty and Beyond)*

*What does it mean to be fair, and why is it important?*

*This question helps us think about fairness in everyday life. It reflects the Others aspect of spiritual development by encouraging us to treat people with kindness and respect, ensuring that everyone has the same chance to be heard, included, and valued.*

**"Thank you for your continued support; it is greatly appreciated."**

Michael Walker – Headteacher

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Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

