



What a great Autumn Term!

The children have been amazing. They have worked so hard and ended the year with great performances that I'm sure you will agree were a joy to watch.

Thank you all for your support throughout the term. You have been amazing in your involvement and we hope to see you in school again next term for more displays of your talented children.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 8th January.

Miss Ward
Headteacher

Yes, I can!

Y4 and Y6 children were absolute stars when they went to sing at Birkinshaw Manor this week. The residents and carers all had a fabulous time singing along with the children to their favourite carols.



Shout outs!

Celebrating excellence across school

Top table (children showing lovely manners at lunchtime): **1, 2 & 14**

Pitch Perfect (children showing great sportsmanship on the pitch at play times): **Oak, Rowan, Hazel & Chestnut**

Attendance (the class with the best attendance that week): **Oak, Sycamore, Rowan & Beech**

Staff (the staff member who deserves recognition): **Mrs M Madgwick & Mrs T Smith** for supporting our lovely Y4 & Y6 children as they sang at Birkinshaw Manor to the residents and carers.

Governors

We are delighted to announce that we now have 2 new parent governors. We warmly welcome John Coulter and Ashley Gillings. Thank you to all of the candidates and to those of you who voted. It was very close!

Attendance for this year so far

Beech			
93%			
Sycamore	Hazel	Oak	Poplar
96%	94%	94%	94%
Chestnut	Rowan	Larch	Cedar
95%	95%	91%	92%
Whole school			
94%			

Being in school is important to your child's academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. There is evidence to suggest that regular school attendance is a key mechanism to support children and young people's educational, economic and social outcomes.

Diary Dates

Thursday 21 December – @3:20 school closes for Christmas break. *Please note we no longer close at 2pm as we have done previously.*

Friday 22 December – Teacher Training day – school not open.

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Monday 8 January – school opens to all children

Monday 12 February – Y5 Bikeability week (more info to follow)

Friday 16 February – Y2 Beatrix Potter Day

Friday 16 February – school closes for half term

Monday 26 February – school reopens

Monday 26b February – Y6 Bikeability week (more info to follow)

PTFA

Our lovely volunteers in the PTFA worked so hard to make the winter fair happen. A huge thank you to all of the parents who organised it and those who came and worked hard to set it all up and sell as much as possible.

All monies go towards ensuring every child goes to a pantomime each year.

Farewell

We would like to wish Mrs Winter the happiest of retirements. After 42 years as a lunchtime supervisor she certainly deserves the rest!
We wish her all the best for the future and will miss her a huge amount!

Safeguarding message



Mrs Water



Mrs McLeod



Mr Chapman



Mrs McFall



Miss Ward

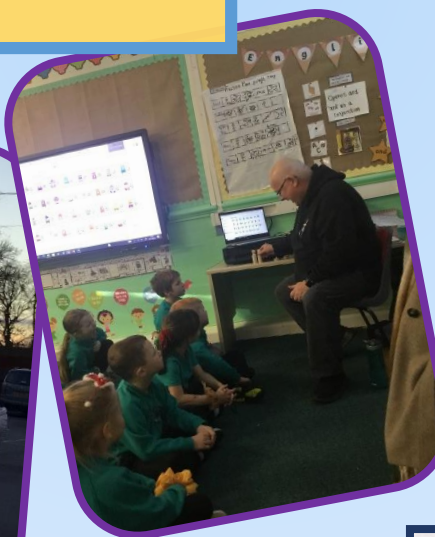
It is everybody's responsibility to keep children and young people safe. If you're concerned that a child is being abused or neglected, you should report it so that the child can be protected.

This is especially important over the Christmas holiday period.

Please call Onecall telephone: 01670 536400 open 24/7 or if the child is in imminent danger please call 999.

The Christmas Story

We have been very lucky to have had a special visit from our lovely chair of governors Rev Alan to learn about the Posada and the lovely Rev Ian with the Salvation Army band who came to deliver the Christmas story on our school yard.



The Christmas Story

We really enjoyed the residents of Birkinshaw Manor visiting us to watch the nursery dress rehearsal. They loved watching the children perform.



Santa visit

The children were very excited to meet our visitor and his helper. Some of them even recognised Miss Mackie moonlighting as the elf.



Christmas Parties

All of the children had a great time at their parties.



Christmas Performances

We have been in awe at the level of talent that have come out of the performances this year. The staff have worked so hard to ensure everything runs as smoothly as possible and the children were a delight to watch.



Golden Awards

Very well done to all the children who were chosen for the Golden Book. You really impressed your teachers, showing you were ready, respectful and safe!



Attendance Raffle

Congratulations to the first attendance raffle winners.
We hope you enjoy spending your voucher.
Keep up the good work!

Remember: You have to be in to win!



Everything else!

