

WALES PRIMARY

FRIDAY 19TH
SEPTEMBER 2025



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We were thrilled to welcome all our pupils back for another exciting term of learning and fun! It's been wonderful to hear the classrooms buzzing with laughter, curiosity and the joy of seeing friends again.

A very warm welcome goes out to our new starters – we hope you are settling in well and already starting to feel part of our school family.

We're looking forward to helping everyone make new friends, learn new things and enjoy all the exciting opportunities ahead this term.

With so many activities, projects and adventures planned, it's going to be a fantastic start to the school year. Let's make this term one full of learning, laughter and success for everyone.



Attendance award Congratulations to...

8th to 12th Sep - Y1 100%
15th to 19th Sep - Y2 99.3%

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 24th Y6 trip to Crucial Crew

Thursday 25th Macmillan Coffee Morning 8:45 in the school hall

Friday 26th school photographs,

Tuesday 30th Flu vaccinations

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1st 4:45pm in the school hall FS2 and Y1 Parents early reading and phonics workshop

Thursday 9th Harvest Festival at St Johns church 9:15am

OCTOBER HALF TERM BREAK

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October



BUILDING AN ARMY OF READERS



Please support your child to read at home. Children who read frequently find out about what they like and do not like to read, begin to understand which authors interest them and develop their vocabulary and language skills. It is proven that children who read and are exposed to a wide range of text have success in their later life.

Record their reading at least three times per week to be rewarded for their efforts and help to develop your child as a confident reader.

5 weeks - Cadet
10 weeks - Lieutenant
15 weeks - Captain
20 weeks - Major
25 weeks - Colonel
30 weeks – General

Thank you for your continued support in building an army of readers.

Mrs Askey

“The school is our children; our children make the school”

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest festival takes place in St Johns church on Thursday 9th October at 9:15am.

All family members are welcome to join this service.

Children throughout school will share their learning about harvest and sing songs.

There will be a collection for the Archer Project in church.

The Archer Project is a charity that supports vulnerable and homeless people in Sheffield.

Items for collection include:

Toiletries

Gloves, socks, hats

Tinned and dried food

Parents and/or children can take them to church on the morning of the service.



Parent Governor Election

This is to let you know that we will be electing four new parent governors to join the governing body this term.

If you are interested in standing for election to this position you are invited to **submit your nomination** on the form below, which should be returned to school by **FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2025**.

If there are sufficient nominations to warrant an **election this will be held on FRIDAY 10th OCTOBER 2025**, and we will write to you in the near future with further details if this is necessary.

Should an election be necessary each parent nominated will be requested to write a brief Personal Statement about themselves which will be circulated to all parents to help them decide who they may wish to vote for.

If any parent is interested in becoming a parent governor but is unsure what this will involve, please contact the school for further information.



Do you have a child or young person with special educational need or disability who is up to the age of 25?

If so, the SEND Local Offer can provide you and your family with the right information, advice and support about services available which are available for your child or young person.

<https://www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org.uk/>



Rotherham Parent Carers Forum is a registered charity run by and for families of children and young people (aged 0-25) who have Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).

They offer advice and support to parents and also run a range of events throughout the year for young people with SEND and their siblings.

You can find more information at <https://www.rpcf.co.uk/>

Or follow their Facebook page for upcoming events

MESSAGE FROM THE PTFA

You can raise money for school just by shopping at Asda!

Download the Asda rewards app, go to cash pots and select Wales Primary School as your chosen school - the school postcode is S26 5QG

Each time you scan the rewards app the school's cash pot will grow. You don't lose out on your own cash pot either!

We know some of you have already spotted this and signed up, Superstars thank you.

Shop with Asda?

Raise £1 plus 0.5% of every shop for the school FREE!

Easy as 1, 2, 3...

- ① Open your Asda rewards app
- ② Tap 'Cashpot for Schools'
- ③ Search for and select 'Wales Primary School'



Please spread the word to family and friends.

Thank you for your continued support

PTFA Fundraising events diary to follow shortly.

Please look out for the events posted on the school display board located on the playground.



Music with Hannah Thompson-Smith

- 🎻 Violin lessons
- 🎹 Piano lessons
- 🎵 Musical theory
- 🎓 Curriculum support
- 🎭 Musicianship for the young
- 🎹 Piano accompaniment available for exams and performances

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facebook.com/MusicwithHannahTS

Hannah Thompson-Smith, B Mus (Hons) & PGCE in music with specialist strings

SCHOOL POLICY

If you are unsure of the policy and procedures relating to any curriculum subject and the management of Wales Primary please view the documents on the school website:

www.walesprimary.co.uk

You will also find information regarding how to support your child with their learning on their class webpage via the school website. There you will find information about the 'theme' for the half term, particular subjects they are concentrating on and homework expectations.

Online safety is a particular concern in all school settings. You can view further information about how to use the internet safely at home on the following websites:

www.beinternetawesome.



Looking Back through time

Year 1 met Kiveton Historical society this week which comprised of three generations of the same family (parent and grandparents of Nia Y1 and Erika Y3) plus Betty who is 96 and a former pupil of Wales Primary School. The ladies talked to the children about their childhood and showed photographs and artefacts from their past to illustrate the differences of toys and objects over time. The teachers were so proud of the children for listening so carefully and asking some amazing questions such as 'What did you play with at school?' and 'What were your clothes like?'. Betty had many stories to tell and the children were amazed how much she could remember from being so young. A massive thank you goes out to the ladies for giving Y1 their time and making such an impact on their learning.

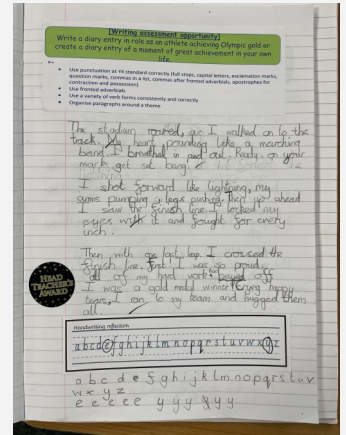


Year 5 with Mr Chapman

We've been working incredibly hard on developing our ability to recount events, capturing not only what happened but also our emotions, sensations, and thoughts. We've drawn inspiration from remarkable individuals throughout history—people who have gone above and beyond in their fields, showing the world that anything is possible with courage and determination.

Our journey began with Simone Biles, where we used drama techniques like hot seating and re-enactments to relive her gold medal-winning performances. We then explored the inspiring story of Bessie Coleman, using our own paper aeroplanes to better understand her bravery and skill as a pioneering aviator. Currently, we are learning about Mae Jemison, and soon we'll be diving into the story of Matthew Henson.

Through these stories, I hope the children come away with a powerful message: that with determination and resilience, they too can achieve incredible things.



POLITE REMINDERS

- ◆ For **emergency and urgent messages**, plus notification of medical appointments please contact the school office:

Tel: 01909 770236 **email:** school@walesprimary.co.uk

- ◆ To contact your child's teacher regarding their learning and/or behaviour please use their email address. This can be found on your child's class web page:
www.walesprimary.co.uk
- ◆ Ensure your child(ren) have a **water** bottle everyday.
- ◆ Ensure your child's uniform is **name labelled**, including their coats.
- ◆ Children bring their **reading book and diary** to school everyday.
- ◆ Any **lost property** will be stored in the entrance to the school hall. It can be collected at the end of the school day with a parent/carer.
- ◆ **P.E kits** are to be worn on the day of your child's P.E lesson. No football kits or gymnastics outfits are allowed.
- ◆ Break time snacks must be **fruit or vegetables only**.
- ◆ If your child is entering school by themselves please be aware that the school **gates are locked until 8:30am**.



CULTURE KITCHEN

**CULTURE KITCHEN IS BACK – AND THIS TIME,
WE'RE BRINGING THE FLAVOUR TO MALTBY!**

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF
FOOD, MUSIC, DANCE,
CELEBRATIONS AND COMMUNITY
– ALL ROOTED IN THE DIFFERENT
CULTURES THAT MAKE UP OUR TOWN.

- MUSIC AND LIVE PERFORMANCES,
- DANCE AND CULTURAL SHOWCASES,
- FUN SPORT AND ACTIVITY STATIONS,
- MOST IMPORTANTLY, FREE FOOD!



**THIS EVENT IS ALL ABOUT BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER
– SO BRING YOUR FAMILY, BRING YOUR MATES, OR JUST
BRING YOUR APPETITE.**

**TUESDAY
23 / 09 / 2025**

DOORS OPEN: 5PM (FOOD SERVED AT 6:30PM)

Edward Dunn Memorial Hall, Maltby, Rotherham, S66 7NQ



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