

Newsletter

May 2024



Summer 1



- This is the fifth of our newsletters for the year. There will be a newsletter each half term.
- All of our past newsletters are available on the website.
- In between the newsletters, information will be shared by email, through the app, and on the noticeboards by the entrances to the school.



Dates for the Diary

- 3rd June Back to school
- 17th-18th June School closed for Eid
- 23rd July Last day of term
- 4th June Eco Film Club
- 5th June Y2 Planetarium
- 11th June Y4 visit to Eyam
- 2nd July Y6 visit to Crucial Crew
- 4th July Y1 visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park
- 12th July Sports Day & Reports sent home
- 15th-19th July Transition Week



• 4th September – Return to school

Transition Week - Sheffield Topic!

For the last full week of the year, all children will spend their lessons with their next teacher.

For the whole week, they will learn about different parts of Sheffield's history, including about different Sheffield artists, so that all children learn about the community they live in.

This will be a chance for all children to get to know their teachers before the summer holiday, as well as spending time on one of our favourite topics.

Please make sure that any holidays are not booked until after 23rd July.





Appropriate clothes

Now that we have hotter, sunnier days, please make sure your children are appropriately dressed:

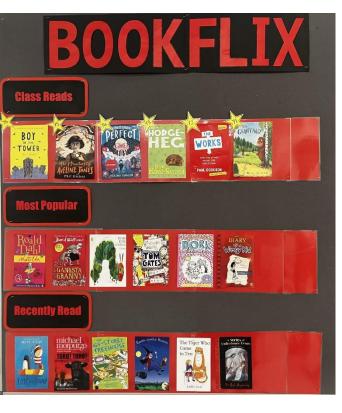
- A sun hat
- Light clothes your child will not need a vest under their uniform
- Sun cream please apply this at home, before they come to school, so that it lasts the day
- A water bottle no fizzy drinks or juice
- Check the weather forecast even a sunny day can change and you may need a waterproof cagoule

In Summer, children often take coats and jumpers off when they get warm. Please make sure **every** item has the child's name in.

Recycling at Byron Wood

- Our Eco-Team have managed to get some recycling bins on our yard.
- These are for **plastic** or **metal**.
- They are perfect for disposing of the plastic bottles that our school drinks come in!
- Please talk to your child about using the bins responsibly.





Reading

- We love to celebrate and encourage reading at Byron Wood.
- Every day, we will be bringing boxes on the yard at hometime so that you can choose a book together to take home.
- This might be for your child to read for themselves, or for you to read to them!
- Please remember to look after return your book and return it when you have finished with it, so that another family can enjoy it too.



A message from Mrs Oxley

 We were sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Oxley before the holiday and we wish her a wonderful retirement. She asked us to pass on this message to all parents and children:

Dear Parents and Pupils,

My many years of service came to an end in May 2024. I am sad but at the same time looking forward to what the future may hold for me and my family.

The community, the children and the school will always be very special to me, forever in my heart!

I was very overwhelmed with the well wishes I received, numerous cards and gifts and want to say 'Thank you' for making my last day with your wonderful children a memorable one.

My main aim over the years was to make a difference, I sincerely hope I've achieved this.

Love and Best wishes

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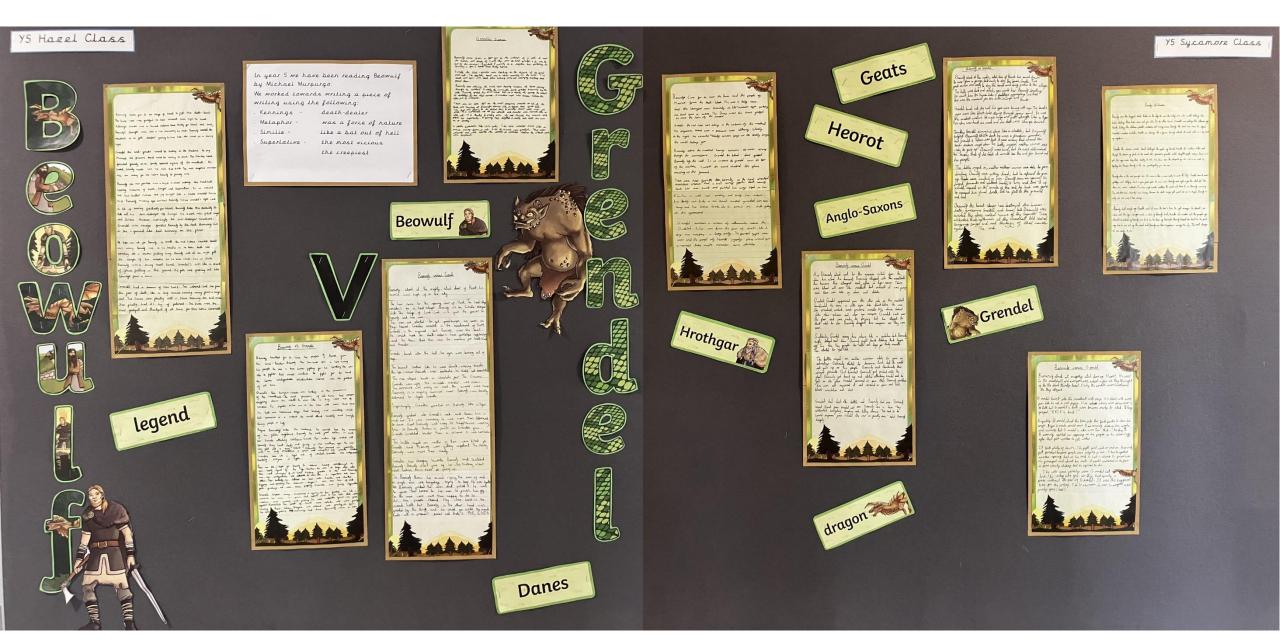


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Year 4



Year 5



Penalty Notice Fines

- Please be aware that Sheffield's regulations for Penalty Notice Fines for school attendance are changing for September 2024.
- This information is also available on our school website or you can ask for a copy from the school office.



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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 for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

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 Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

School dinners

 We would like to remind you that the cost of school dinners will increase in September 2024 to £2.50 as we previously let you know.

Packed lunches

THIS SCHOOL IS NUT FREE



- As we have a number of children who are allergic to nuts, we ask that avoid including any foods that contain nuts in packed lunches.
- Our school dinners are already nut-free, and we know which children have allergies so that we can make sure we keep them safe.

Parents' coffee mornings

We continue to have a series of coffee mornings in which we will share a variety of information with parents.

These will be on Mondays in the Main Hall 8.30-9.30. All parents are welcome every week.

We are currently finalising the programme and will let you know what we have planned shortly.



School day



- 8.20am Gates open (Breakfast club from 8am 8.20am)
- 8.30am Children will be greeted by staff and taken into school
- 8.45am Gates close and children will need to enter by the office (Please ensure that your child/ren are at the correct door before 8.45am)
- 3.15pm School finishes (afternoon Nursery finishes at 3.10pm)

It is vital that every child is in school on time. They practise their reading skills from the moment they arrive in class, and missing lesson time makes it incredibly difficult for children to catch up.

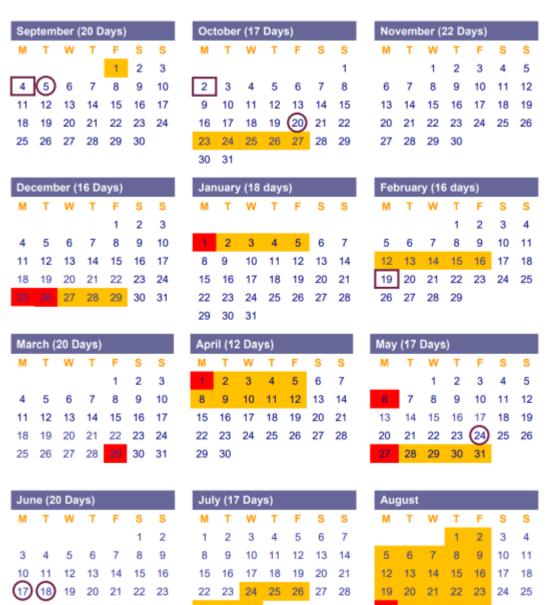
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SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2023/24 ACADEMIC YEAR For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

School term dates

- These are the dates for this school year 2023-24.
- Please arrange appointments and holidays for days when the school is closed.
- Next year, there will be training days on the 2nd and 3rd September, so children will return Wednesday 4th September 2024







School uniform



White shirt

White T-Shirt

Navy blue cardigan or jumper (with or without school logo)

Grey trousers



Grey skirt



Grey dress



Grey leggings or tights (under skirt/dress)



Black school shoes





Long sleeved vest Plain navy, grey or

If required

white head scarf



PE Uniform









Navy or Black Jogging suit

White round neck T-Shirt

Black or navy shorts



Plain black trainers



NO trainer boots

PE days

- Y1 Mondays and Wednesdays
- Y2 Wednesdays and Fridays
- Y3 Thursdays and Fridays (swimming)
- Y4 Tuesdays and Fridays
- Y5 Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Y6 Mondays and Thursdays



Contact

You can contact school in the following ways:

- Phone 0114 272 3624
- Email enquires@astreabyronwood.org
- Astrea App
- Don't forget to follow us on twitter @BWA_Sheffield