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## Parent Weekly Newsletter

Summary of Autumn 1,  
Week 6

9th October 2023

What's going on behind the  
scenes at Carcroft School?



**Dates for the forthcoming week**  
**Autumn 1 Diary Dates**

<b><i>What?</i></b>	<b><i>When?</i></b>	<b><i>Which year groups/crews?</i></b>
Y1 and Y2 will be having an in-school Harvest Festival for the rest of school/ photos will be posted on the website for parents to see	Friday 13th October during school day	Y1/Y2
School closes for 2 weeks	Friday 13th October at 3.10	All

**Next Week...**

School reopens to pupils on  
Monday 30th October at 8.40am



# Y6 Parents – Secondary School Application

📅 14th September 2023 👤 Hannah McLoughlin

It is that time of year where year 6 children and parents should be thinking about secondary school applications. Here is a link to the dates of the [Y5/6 open evenings/days \(Autumn 23/24\)](#) to help you with your decision, if need be.

To further help you, the link to apply through Doncaster Council will be text messaged out by our admin team, the closing date for this is 30th October 2023.

If you have any questions catch me on the door or send me an email.

Miss Mcloughlin

Y6 Teacher



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## Keeping Safe at Carcroft

### What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as: protecting children from maltreatment; preventing impairment of children's health or development; ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.



#### Designated Safeguarding Lead

If you ever have any concerns or questions regarding the way in which we safeguard your child in school, contact our designated safeguarding lead- Miss Whitehead.

[g.whitehead@carcroftscho ol.co.uk](mailto:g.whitehead@carcroftscho ol.co.uk)

We wanted to continue to share some insight into how we keep your child safe as we know that parents do not always know what is going on behind the scene.

Other important things we do at Carcroft to keep our children safe...

***When completing the recruitment process we always ensure:***

There are no previous safeguarding concerns

There are no previous convictions

We ensure all staff have a full disclosure barring check completed

We always ask a safeguarding question during the interview process

We always do this to ensure that before making any staffing appointments we are confident that our new staff are going to be able to keep our children safe.

## Sharing our Stories as we go...

We understand that life gets busy so parents do not always get the chance to visit our website but we want to share with you all of the amazing stuff we get up to at Carcroft School; we call this sharing our stories.

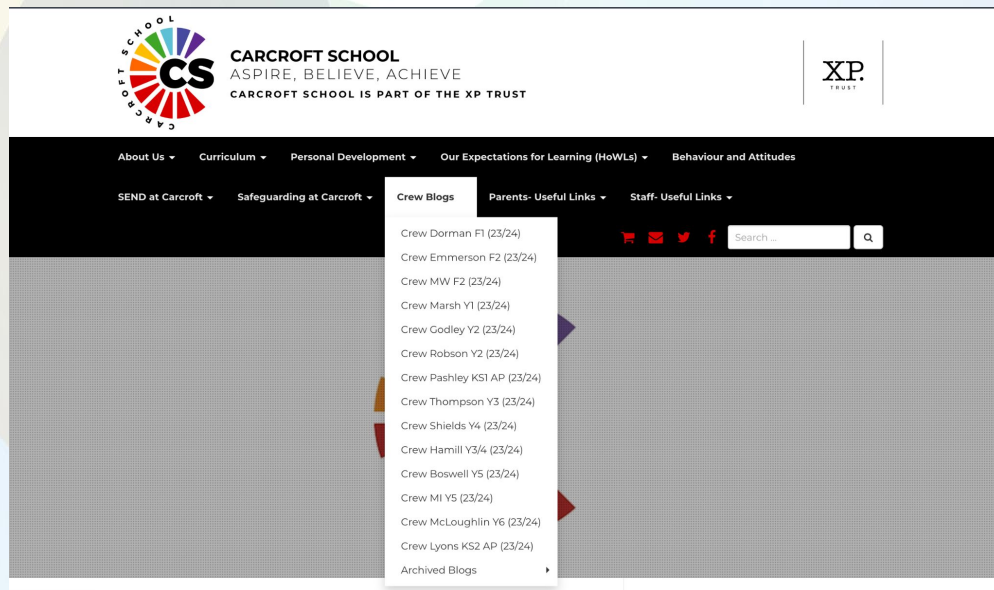
In order to share our stories, as well as blogging on our website, we are also going to provide snapshots via our weekly newsletter.

However, if you wish to see more of what your child gets up to whilst at school, head to our website using this link and head to crew blogs and select your child's crew.

[Website link](#)



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## Celebrating the Best Version of You!

At Carcroft School and across the XP Trust we want our children to leave us being the best version of themselves. In order to support our pupils to achieve this, we focus on three key things (3 dimensions):

1. Character Growth
2. Beautiful Work
3. Academic Success

Each week we will showcase how this is done!

This week across school we have been learning about other cultures and celebrating that this is what makes living on earth so special.

## Character Growth (Crew)

### Multicultural week – Italy

📅 6th October 2023 👤 Ruth Shields



This week we have been learning about Italy with it being multicultural week. This also fits in with our expedition because it's allowed us to explore the country in more detail and discover things such as their food and language.

We really enjoyed learning about the famous dances which believe it or not came about because of someone being bitten by a tarantula.

## Character Growth (Crew)

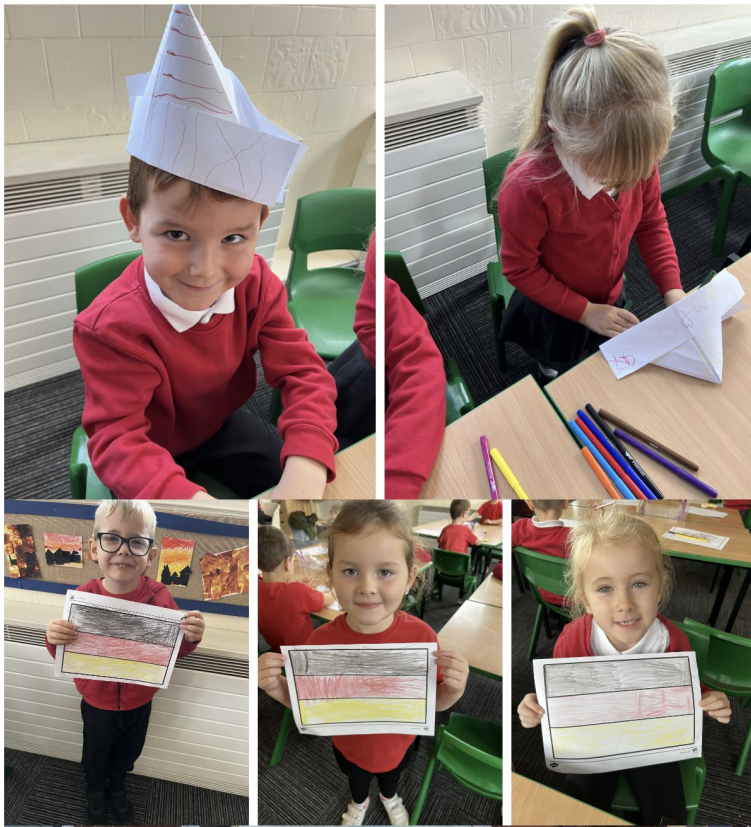


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We know that some cultures are very different to our own but this is okay; we don't need to live our lives in the same way.

We have different cultures across the United Kingdom and we understand that we don't all have to be the same and do the same thing.

But, we are still kind towards everyone regardless of their culture or religion as they are humans too and we all deserve to be treated with kindness.







# Rainbow breathing

📅 3rd October 2023 👤 Sarah Mcglone

In Crew MW, we have been continuing to look at different feelings. This week we have looked at feeling angry. We talked about times we might feel angry and why we might have those feelings. We then discussed how rainbow breathing could help people who are feeling angry to feel calm and happy again. We followed the tutorial on the screen and we really enjoyed seeing each colour appear after each inhale and exhale.



We spend lots of time learning about ways to manage our feelings and emotions especially in early years because we know that this will help us as we get older.

We have been learning strategies to help us to stay calm as we know we can then be our best self.



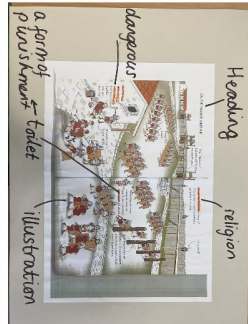
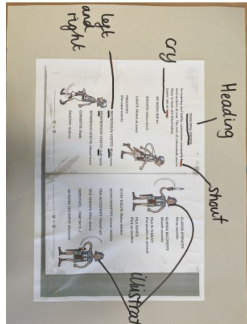


# Academic Success- Reading

## Book talk!

📅 4th October 2023 👤 Kate Thompson

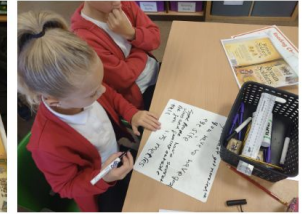
This week in reading, Crew Thompson used text marking to help unpick the text. We started new pages this week so it was really important to get a good understanding of the text and what the key words meant. In our next book talk lesson, we will use our text marking to help create a class glossary of these key words. This will really help us in our demonstration lesson later on in the week.



# Reading game

📅 6th October 2023 👤 Ruth Shields

This morning we have tried another game during reading called Rally Table. Children worked in partners to take it in turns to record information we've learned during our reading lessons.



## Academic Success- Reading

These amazing pupils have been reading most nights at home.

You make us all so proud :)



The **more** that you read, the **more** things you will know. The **more** that you learn, the **more** places you'll go.

**Dr. Seuss**

## Super Readers

📅 6th October 2023 👤 Ruth Shields



## Academic Success- Reading

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Children must bring their book bag into school every day so that their reads can be checked and in case their book gets changed.

It is extremely important that children are reading daily at home.

Thank you for your support with this.

Please can we ask that children are reading their book at home for 10 minutes per day and at least 3 x per week/ ideally 4 times a week.





## Beautiful Work at Carcroft

These wonderful children have been chosen for producing beautiful work by their Teachers.

They came together to celebrate this with Mrs McClare who is our handwriting lead and supports us all to ensure that we are always producing the best work.





## Academic Success- Other subjects

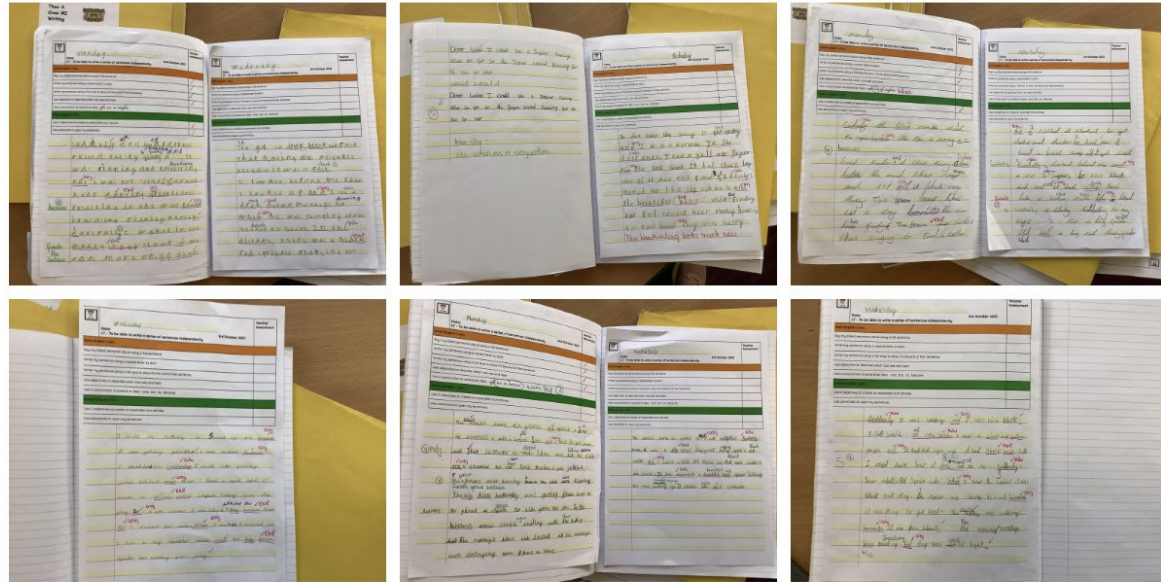
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Amazing progress in MI.

# Independent writing in MI

📅 4th October 2023 👤 Stacey McClare

Crew MI continue to blow me away with their writing. Children are trying so hard with their sentence structure and are really taking on board critique. We have all really enjoyed our first writing unit, children have produced their own narrative and have shown incredible progress throughout the cycle of writing.



## Academic Success- Other Subjects

In **Maths**, Crew AP have been supporting one another to develop their Maths fluency skills.

Kyden blew the staff away and was HoWL Hero.

## Howl Hero (KS2 AP)

📅 5th October 2023 👤 Tracy Haddock

Kyden helped his peers with their learning as well as completing his own learning and extra on top.

Well done Kyden. we are so proud of you 😊

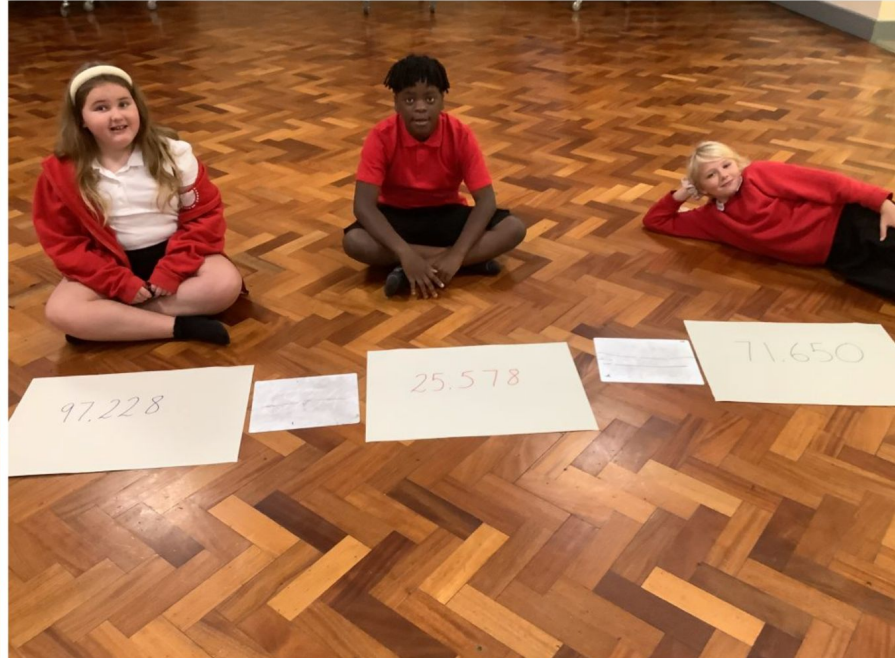


## Academic Success- Other Subjects

In **Maths**, Crew Boswell have been developing their confidence in inverse. They had lots of fun working collaboratively to do this.



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## Wider Curriculum in EYFS

### Fieldwork

Crew MW have been on a fieldwork trip to Austerfield this week.



## Crew MW's School Trip!

📅 5th October 2023 👤 A Welburn

What a wonderful day we've had at Austerfield! We started our day with an exciting bus journey where we drove through Doncaster and saw lots of new and exciting buildings including the Minster and train station and we even saw a police van!



When we got to Austerfield, we went on an adventure in the woods and collected lots of natural resources to create some artwork with in the afternoon. We explored the hills, the sand, the muddy puddles and the Christmas trees and we found lots of toadstools, berries and pine cones!

We had a lovely time and we are sure that this will help us to remember all of our learning. .





# Expedition in KS1

## Year 2 Nurse Visit

📅 4th October 2023 👤 Nicola Robson

Today we were very lucky to have a visit from Nurse Welburn who is a children's nurse in a hospital. She brought lots of equipment for us to look at and even showed us how to use it. The children asked her lots of questions and talked about their own experiences of visiting the hospital. We then did a carousel of activities including dressing up and colouring. Thank you to Nurse Welburn for coming to see us all.



### Expert Visitor

In KS1 we had a special visitor come into school this week.

We have Nurse Welburn come into school this week and share her experiences of being a nurse. Nurse Welburn is an expert and we loved being able to learn from her.

Our expert will help us to remember more about our learning.

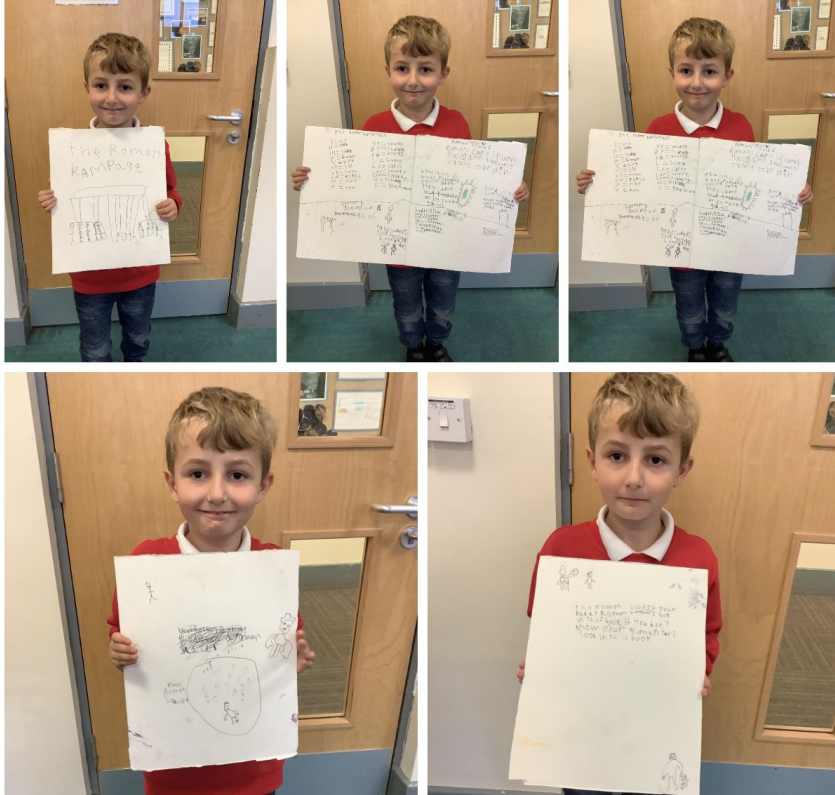
Thank you so much Nurse Welburn, we loved having you with us.



# The Roman Rampage by Charlie

📅 4th October 2023 👤 Kate Thompson

Charlie has been working hard at home to create his own Roman book called "Roman Rampage". Charlie shared this in crew this morning and we were all blown away with the information in it. Charlie had included lots of expedition knowledge about the Romans and included his own drawings to support his writing! 🖍️📖



## Expedition in LKS2



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Our LKS2 have been studying **History and Geography.**

Charlie blew us away with his home learning about the Romans.

I had the pleasure of listening to Charlie share his home learning and I was completely in awe of the amazing work he had done at home.

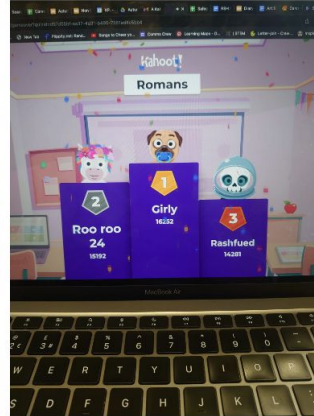
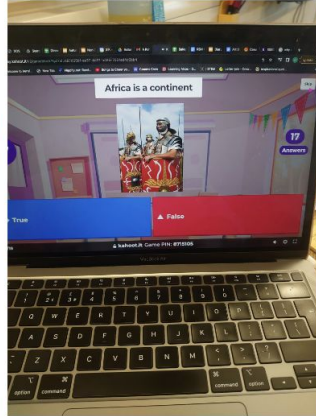
What a little superstar!





# Case Study reflection

6th October 2023 Ruth Shields



Children took part in a kahoot quiz to allow them an opportunity to showcase what they had learned during their case study. Lovely to see they have retained some of the facts etc about where the Romans came from

Our LKS2 have been studying **History and Geography.**

At the end of each case study our Teachers always test out what we have learned throughout the case study.

We do this in lots of different ways...

One of the ways is by writing a paragraph to explain what we have learned but we also sometimes do little quizzes on Kahoot! We love them.





## Wider Curriculum

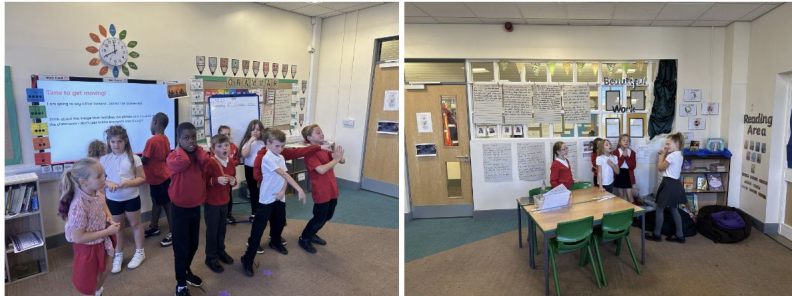
KS2 are loving their French Lessons with Miss McGlone!

Thank you so much Miss McGlone.

## French – Crew Hamill and Crew Thompson

📅 3rd October 2023 👤 Sarah McGlone

This week we have been looking at how we greet people at different times of the day (good day, good evening, good night). Once we had mastered our pronunciation and practised matching pictures with the correct greeting, we tested our new knowledge by playing a game of corners. There were pictures up around the classroom showing different activities at different times of the day. Miss McGlone said a greeting and we had to decide which picture matched the time of day for that greeting. We then moved to that picture and waited to see if we had chosen correctly!



## French – Crew Mcloughlin

📅 4th October 2023 👤 Sarah McGlone

This week we extended our knowledge on French greetings and discuss a range of greetings to use throughout the day. Once we were secure, we got creative and drew our own pictures to represent certain times of the day. Our partner then had to guess the correct French phrase to match our picture. We then played a game of 3,2,1 Show Me. Miss McGlone showed us an image on the board and we had to write the French greeting on our whiteboards before being counted down to reveal our answers!





# MI love their weekly guitar lesson

📅 4th October 2023 👤 Stacey McClare

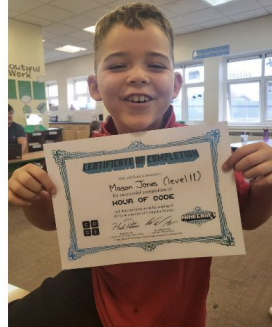
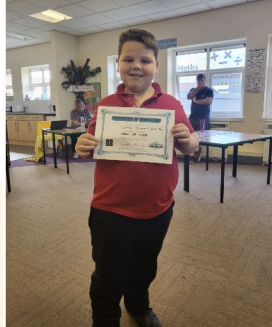
Y5 are learning how to play the guitar. We are loving our weekly music lesson. It's so much fun!



## Wider Curriculum

Crew AP have been developing their **computing skills** this week. They have started their coding unit of work and absolutely loved it.

It was also lovely to see these pupils working together and developing their kindness HoWLs.



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# Sports both in and out of school!

## Basketball club

📅 3rd October 2023 👤 Lauren Marsh

We are starting to get really confident with our basketball skills now!



## Y5/6 Football Tournament

📅 4th October 2023 👤 Hannah McLoughlin

We have had a fantastic time at our football tournament, shown kindness throughout, cheering each other on and giving it our best! Well done team Carcroft, proud of you all!



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# Attendance for this week...

## Current School Attendance is ....

W/E 06/10/2023	Attendance Figure %
Crew Godley (Y2)	100
Crew Pashley (Y1/2)	100
Crew Boswell (Y5)	98.62
Crew MI (Y5)	98.57
Crew Thompson (Y3)	97.06
Crew McLoughlin (Y6)	96.55
Crew Shields (Y4)	95.22
Crew Marsh (Y1)	94.29
Crew Robson (Y2)	93.75
Crew MW (FS2)	90.59
Crew Dorman (FS1)	87.78
Crew Hamill (Y3/4)	85.50
Crew Lyons (Y3/4/5)	65.00
Crew Emmerson (FS2)	55.00

Well done to Crew  
Godley/ Crew  
Pashley/ Crew  
Boswell/Crew MI

Impressive work  
Crew Mcloughlin

All at or above 96%

Crew Shields were  
so close with 95%!

Let's try for 96% next  
week Crew's  
Marsh/Robson/MW/Dor  
man/Hamill/ Crew AP  
and Emmerson

Just a  
reminder of  
our School  
Attendance  
Target- 96%

Autumn 1 is looking  
pretty good for  
attendance. Let's  
keep it going!

We are at 95%!!!

Just a reminder  
that to achieve 96%  
for the year that  
children must not  
be absent for more  
than 6 or 7 days in a  
year.