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 Balby Central Primary Academy



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Final message of the year from Mrs Cooke

Over the academic year there are many times which stand out to us as a team, the children and the school community. They can be different or the same but they all have one thing in common, because they are about our children, your children, the children in our school community.

We started the year knowing there was a pending Ofsted inspection and we were delighted the hard work was recognised with a 'Good' inspection outcome. The school has been on a journey of improvement and we are proud of what we have achieved. Magical memories have been made with The Colour Run, School Picnic and Christmas Concerts as key events. Thinking ahead, save the date for our Picnic Day next year as 4th July 2025, it will hopefully be bigger and better again! Our Central News and social media content shares many of the achievements across school, from seeing the children in all year groups enjoy the different foods and recipes made in Design Technology sessions, how they are developing their writing and those key skills of early reading in phonics to more challenging texts as children move through school. Arithmetic remains a big focus and we have seen children grow in confidence at using their times tables skills, applying them in different maths problems. The opportunities we give our children are always a priority at Balby Central and this year, with residential experiences to Dearne Valley, Keswick in the Lake District and our offer that every child has the chance to go to London, have made for some great experiences! We have loved it as much as the children have.

With STEM projects, strong links with Doncaster Stories and our local area we will continue to ensure that our children have the best start. These experiences enhance the work we do in school and our drive to ensure that every child succeeds on their own individual pathway. We look forward to the next part of the journey.

Each year we say goodbye to members of the team who have contributed to the journey, they have all brought something different to the school but have worked together. We say goodbye to Mr Smith, Miss Batten, Mrs Cassell and Mr Butterfield and thank them for all that they have done in their time at the school.

As we come to the end of the year, it is important to celebrate the children who will be leaving us this week as they move to new schools and to the Year 6 children who will be on the next steps of their educational journey. A time when there will be lots of mixed emotions and celebrations of their time and achievements in primary school, with trepidation and excitement for the journey ahead. Last week the children visited their new schools and have had many stories to tell. They should all be proud of their achievements and we were delighted that we could share in the celebration of them as individuals and as a group at Glastonbalby Festival and the Leavers Celebration this week. We wish them well for their futures, we hope they will come back and share their stories with us of their successes and all things important to the world of teenagers!

At we start the year, we will be welcoming some new members to team Balby, Mrs Bailey will be taking up the SENCO position and teaching in Year 3, Mrs Mosteckyj will be teaching in Year 4, Miss Dodd will be joining us as a Learning Support Assistant, Mrs Wayman will be joining us as Attendance and Admissions Officer and we be welcoming back Mrs Thirlwell to the team.

Mrs Cooke's Summertime Challenges

Get your parents to ask 10 times tables questions, can you answer 10 back as quickly as possible?

Can you find items in a shop starting with all letters of the alphabet?

Add up the shopping, who gets the closest?

Play 21 -count up to 21 taking it in turns to add no more than 3 at a time. Do not be the one to say 21!

Read a number plate on a car. Use the letters, can you make a word using those letters? Can you use them in order? Who makes the longest word?

Car colour race - state a colour. The first to find 10 cars of that colour wins!

How many books can you read over the holidays? Come and tell me about them when we get back!



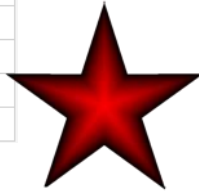
Attendance



Whole school attendance this week - 94.2%
Children with 100% attendance this week - 338

Class Attendance This Week

Rainbow	91.4%
EMERALD	92.6%
SAPPHIRE	92.8%
PURPLE	95.1%
WHITE	93.4%
CRIMSON	93.7%
SCARLET	93.8%
RUBY	95.9%
VIOLET	95.1%
BLUE	94.0%
INDIGO	95.3%
GREEN	95.6%
YELLOW	94.4%
ORANGE	95.1%
RED	95.5%



We have 22 children who have achieved 100% attendance this year. You are amazing!

As a whole school we aim for at least 96% attendance which would bring us in line with the national figure. This year, we have achieved 93.4% attendance across the whole school. Let's try and improve it next year!

This year we have 256 children who have an attendance of 95% or above for the whole school year.



Well done to Ruby class again for achieving the highest attendance of the week. You are showing the school how it is done at the moment.

I bet your attendance is the highest this year as a class too - well done!

Fundraising this year

We are proud to announce that over the past academic year, our school community has come together to raise an impressive **£9277.84** through various fundraising initiatives. This incredible achievement is a testament to the generosity and commitment of our staff, students, and parents.

The funds raised will be distributed to several important charities, including the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Save the Children, Macmillan, and Comic Relief. These organisations play a vital role in supporting those in need, both locally and globally, and we are thrilled to be able to contribute to their important work.

The success of our fundraising campaigns over the year would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our school community. We are immensely proud of everyone who has contributed to this fantastic achievement.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our supporters for their kindness and generosity. Your efforts have made a real difference and we are truly grateful for your support.

Thank you for helping us make a positive impact in our community and beyond.



Things you need to know for next year

Which class is my child in?

Match the class colour to the class teacher.

Rainbow	Miss Hudson Giddings
Emerald	Mrs Lakin
Sapphire	Miss Jenkins
White	Mrs Gilson
Purple	Miss Bouttell
Crimson	Miss Wales
Scarlet	Mr Short
Ruby	Miss Shaw
Violet	Mrs Rawlings
Blue	Mrs Mosteckyj
Indigo	Mrs Blundell
Yellow	Mrs Hildebrand
Green	Mrs Hogarty
Orange	Miss Henry
Red	Miss Talbot

PE Days Next Year

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		Y3 (Leger)
Tuesday		Y1 (Leger)
Wednesday	Y4 + Swimming	Y5
Thursday	EYFS	Y2
Friday		Y6

New to Year 4 Parents

Your children start swimming lessons on Wednesday 4th September. Girls will need a swimming costume, towel, a bobble for their hair and a hair brush. Boys will need tight fitting swim shorts (no pockets) and a towel.

Deodorant may be brought but cannot be a spray and must be a roll on only. Please make sure your children are wearing coats on Wednesdays as it is cold when they leave the swimming baths.



Choir Parents

It has been a pleasure to work with the choir this year and we look forward to next year. All children have the lyrics for next year and the music is available for you and your child to access on the following link.

<https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/register-referral?code=MTE3Mi8xNzlxMjA0NDE1>



Frog Day

20th September

Children in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 are invited to attend school dressed in anything Frog. It is to raise the profile of phonics in school and its importance in early reading skills. On this date there will be 2 meetings for parents to learn and understand how to help your child with their early reading skills. More information early next term.

Remember your attendance is important in week 1

We will be launching next year with a huge attendance initiative. We start back to school on Tuesday 3rd September. We want to give our children the best possible start to their new term. Any child who attends every day in the first week will receive a treat on the first Friday, ready to start the next week with excitement and by being prepared for the rest of the year. Let's see if we can get the highest attendance we have ever had! We will have lots of fun attendance launch weeks next year so please look out for information and opportunities for our children!

Assemblies this week

Picture News Assembly

Story: Research company, YouGov, has surveyed young people about which jobs they'd like to have in the future, alongside Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Talk to your child: Are all jobs equal?

Safeguarding Assembly

This week we have talked to the children about keeping safe over the summer holidays. Please remind your children about keeping safe in the sun, when playing away from home, crossing roads and stranger danger. We wish all of our families a happy and safe summer break. Our Year 6 children are focusing on their upcoming transition to secondary school.

Safeguarding Online Content

As children head towards the summer holidays there may be more time for them to access online content. It is important that we all work to keep children as safe as possible online. The following picture provides hints and tips for doing this.



Summer Staycation

Doncaster council are offering lots of free, fun activities to do with your children this summer. Follow the link in the picture to find out what's happening in our area.



Struggling for activities in Doncaster this holidays?

Click below and find an idea to suit you.



Household Support Funding

The Government has provided further Household Support Funding to Local Authorities for the period 1 April 2024 to 30 September 2024 to support those households most in need with the cost of essentials. To apply or find out more click on the picture link below.



Have an amazing holiday!

Enjoy your family time. Make memories and stay safe.

See you on Tuesday 3rd September.

