



Shade School News

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Attendance

Our attendance target is 95%

Below is the average attendance achieved by each class since the start of the year

Whole school attendance is

currently:
92.2%

YN— 91.9%

YR— 92%

Y1— 93%

Y2— 92%

Y3— 93.9%

Y4— 90%

Y5— 91.7%

Y6— 90%

Autumn 2 at Shade!



I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support,

Miss McCracken

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Nursery and Reception News

Nursery have enjoyed getting festive this half term and we hope everyone enjoyed the nativity. We have looked at our 'Lost and Found' story and found out about different penguins. We loved our pirates theme and became experts at delivering the post from our class post office. We have enjoyed exploring numbers to 5 including the numerals as well as using our 'beebots' to practice directions and instructions. Some of us have had a go taking photographs using the tablet.

Wow - what a smashing half term we've had in **Reception**, there has been a real learning buzz in the classroom. We found out about different festivals around the World including Day of The Dead, Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. The children worked incredibly hard to learn their songs for the Nativity, and their performance was one of the best ever! Well done Reception for working so incredibly hard this half term - enjoy a well earned holiday and have a very Merry Christmas!

Key Stage One News

Year One have had an incredibly busy half-term! We have thoroughly enjoyed all the Christmas festivities- especially getting ready for our Nativity! In English we've been exploring the text 'Look Up'. We have learnt all about time adverbials and imperative verbs and used this knowledge to help us write a set of instructions. We have really impressed Miss Kyriacou in Maths with our understanding of addition and subtraction within 10. In Geography we have studied our school and its immediate surroundings and in Science, animals including humans!

Another busy term in **Year 2**! In English we have used the book "10 Things I Can Do to Help My World" as a prompt for writing, including letters to experts (including Sir David Attenborough) and instructions for some simple ways we can be a bit more environmentally friendly. We now know how to brush our teeth whilst saving water and how to make recycled bird feeders. In

Maths we have been working on our addition and subtraction skills, especially thinking about making 'easy tens' to help with mental strategies. Science has been a continuation of work on animals including humans, whilst in Geography we have been using a range of digital and physical maps to help us recognise and form opinions on the human and physical features of Todmorden. To top all of that off, we have shown our class assembly and learned lots of lines and songs for the Nativity!

Key Stage Two News

This term in **Year 3** we have worked really hard on our multiplication and division skills. Working on our 3s, 4s and 8 times tables. Reading the Iron Man story has been great and the twists and turns in the story makes it exciting. The pictures in the new version are superb and how the author described the scenes and characters is very good. In Art we have loved drawing and creating shapes and patterns using charcoal and chalk- it is a totally different media to play with.

We have had a great second half term in **Year 4**! We have been reading "Varjak Paw" in English and have extended our knowledge of nouns, noun phrases and have written newspaper reports and stories. We have also learnt about different aspects of grammar in our writing. In Maths, we have developed our understanding of multiplication and division, using partitioning to help us. We have moved on this week to look at factors of numbers and how we can work them out. We have learnt about states of matter in Science, thinking about the different ways a solid, liquid or gas behave and their properties. We have learnt about the water cycle and its four main stages. In Geography, we have learnt about living in the Northwest of England and have compared Todmorden to Manchester.

Year 5 have had a fantastic end to 2023! The highlight of this half-term was our trip to Quarry Bank Mill where we built on our understanding of what life was like for Victorian children. In maths, we have furthered our knowledge of fractions, multiplication and division. We have also read two more books, Street Child and The Dog That Saved the World (Cup). Both texts have sparked debates and brilliant independent writing. In History, we have focused on the Industrial Revolution and child labour during the Victorian era and were in for a shock when we replicated a Victorian schoolroom. In Science, we have loved exploring and measuring different forces, including gravity, air resistance and water resistance.

Year 6 have had a very busy half term. In English, we have been studying a fantasy adventure novel; Shadow Forest by Matt Haig. We have created persuasive leaflets about Norway (where the story is set) and descriptive non-chronological reports about the creatures of the Shadow Forest. We have been reading After the War by Tom Palmer in our Guided Reading, which compliments our History topic, WWII. In Maths, we have completed units on Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Area, Perimeter and Volume. Our WWII topic in History has been extremely engaging; the children wrote and performed a wonderful assembly about their learning.



Shield Winners

Reception

Ozkar
Harper
Keegan
Nellie
Florence
Francesca

Year 1

Jaxon
Cooper
Ibrahim
George
Rupert
The Whole Class!

Year 2

Rose
Clarence
Kit
Phoebe
Lea
Alfie

Year 3

Esmeralda
Molly
Lana
Lottie
Stuart
Aiden



Year 5

Eli
Olivia
Sophie
Eddie
Bridget
Jemima

Year 6

Tristan
Oscar
Aoife
Abraham
Jawad
Tommy

Year 4

Sophie
Thomas
Robyn
Sophie
Sam
Rowan

Coming Up

Nursery—Next half term we will be welcoming our new children to nursery and looking at a variety of different traditional stories from Goldilocks to the Three Little Pigs. We will be continuing with our phase 1 phonics programme and investigating different numbers and properties of 3d shapes.

Reception- Our topic next half term will be Winter, and Houses and Homes. We will be looking at different kinds of buildings in and around our local area as well as the rest of the World. We will also be watching for wintery weather changes - hopefully we will get some snow!

Y1- Next half-term we will begin our fairytale topic in English. We will finish off subtraction in Maths before moving on to shape and place value within 20. In Geography we'll be exploring our island home and in Science we will begin exploring materials. Another busy half-term ahead!

Y2- After Christmas we will be developing written methods for trickier addition and subtraction as well and starting work on multiplication and division. In English our new text will be "Wild" by Emily Hughes. The Great Fire of London will be our topic for History whilst Science will focus on plants.

Y3- Next term we are looking forward to reading the book Arthur and the Golden Rope. In Maths, we are continuing with Multiplication and Division, and moving onto Money then Statistics. We will be learning about our European neighbours in Geography.

Y4- Next half term we will be reading "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane" in English, using the book to develop our story writing skills and further grammar work. In Maths, we will be focusing on multiplication and division and fractions. Our Science topic will be Electricity and we will be learning about Ancient Egypt in History.

Y5-We will be continuing to improve our understanding of multiplication, division and fractions in Maths and in English, moving onto our new class book, Shackleton's Journey. We will also be starting a subject not yet covered in Year 5, geography.

Y6- Next half term, we will be starting a new novel in English called Wonder by R.J. Palacio. In Maths, we will be moving on to Fractions. Our Science topic next half term is Evolution and Inheritance. In History and Geography, we will be learning about North America.

Diary Dates

Diary Dates—cut out and keep each time

Please be mindful that this list is added to throughout the year.

2023/24 Academic year

Mon 8th Jan	School reopens for Spring 1
Mon 8th Jan	Y4 Dentist visit in school
WB 15th Jan	Y3 Parents in school week
Tues 16th Jan	Residential Talk for Y5 and Y6– 3.30
Tues 23rd Jan	Y3 Mini Olympics
WB 29th Jan	Y2 Parents in school week
Wed 31st Jan	Y4 Taster Day at Todmorden High
Thurs 1st Feb	Y5 Overnight residential to Malham
Tues 6th Feb	Reception Mini Olympics
Tues 6th Feb	Y4 Trip to Towneley Hall
Wed 7th Feb	Reception Local Walk
Fri 9th Feb	School closes for Half term
Mon 19th Feb	School reopens for Spring 2
Fri 23rd Feb	Y5 Class Assembly
WB 26th Feb	Y1 Parents in School week
Tues 27th Feb	Class photos
Thurs 29th Feb	World Book Day (early due to Y6 residential)
Fri 1st Mar	Y3 Class Assembly
Mon 4th to Fri 8th Mar	Y6 Residential to Lakeside
Tues 5th Mar	Y4 Sound workshop– in school
Tues 12th Mar	Parents Evening 3.30-6.00
Thurs 14th Mar	Parents Evening 5.00-7.30
Fri 15th Mar	Comic/Sport Relief
Fri 15th Mar	Swimming Gala at Tod Sports Centre
Thurs 14th Mar	Parents Evening 5.00-7.30
Wb Mon 18th Mar	Y5 Parents in school week
Tues 19th Mar	YN Trip to Thornton Hall farm
Fri 22nd Mar	School closes for Easter
Mon 8th April	School opens for Summer 1
Fri 19th Apr	Y4 Class Assembly
Wb 22nd Apr	Y4 Parents in school week
Wed 24th Apr	Y4 Bikeability
Fri 3rd May	Reception Class Assembly
Mon 6th May	May Day bank holiday
Wed 8th May	Y5 Theatre trip to Blackpool
Wb 13th May	SATS week
Fri 17th May	Y1 Class Assembly
Wb 20th May	Y6 Parents in school week
Tues 21st May	Y4 Trip to Liverpool World Museum
Thurs 23rd May	School closes for half term
Fri 24th May	Inset day
Mon 3rd June	School reopens for Summer 2
Thurs 6th Jun	YN Teddy Bears Picnic
Wed 19th June	Y5 Transition Morning to THS
Fri 5th July	Y6 Transition Day to THS
Thurs 18th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly 2pm
Fri 19th July	School Closes for Summer Holidays

Diary Dates Key

Whole School

Mixed Groups

Nursery

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6