



# Headteacher Newsletter January 2026

Dear pupils and parents,

Happy New Year to you all! We hope that, despite the snow disruption last week, you had a lovely relaxing break and are refreshed for the new term. Thank you to all parents who helped us by being so flexible. We always endeavour to open school where possible but with a significant number of staff travelling from the Chapel area and Sheffield, it can prove challenging when trying to ensure the safety of all concerned.

## Diary Dates

Please see below dates and events planned for this half term -

Thursday 15th January	Class 2 & 3 Mini Basketball HVC
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 2 & 3 Yoga Session with Laura's Yoga Club (in school)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Whole School Sports Leader Session (in school)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Class 2 & 3 Sports Hall Athletics HVC
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	PTFA Meeting 8pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 2 Trip to Weston Park Museum
w/c Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Mental Health Week
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 2 & 3 Young Voices trip
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School Sports Leader Session (in school)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset Day
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	First Day of Term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Class 2 Forest School

## Future Inset Days

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- Thursday 21st May 2026
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

## School Information

Please ensure that you continue to tell us about any changes to medical needs for your children. You should also email the office with any changes to your contact details (e.g. email / phone numbers, addresses etc).

## Year 6 Booster Clubs

A reminder to all Year 6 parents / carers that booster sessions are taking place every Monday and Thursday starting at 8.15am. We encourage all Year 6 pupils to attend these sessions, as they provide an excellent opportunity to reinforce learning and boost confidence.

## School Improvements

During the Christmas holiday our new signs were put up that feature our new logo. We absolutely love them!



## School Uniform

It has been wonderful to see children wearing the school uniform; it makes them feel part of the community and it is easy to recognise when offsite at events.

As a reminder:

School Uniform consists of:

- Sweatshirt or cardigan in royal blue
- A polo shirt in white or royal blue
- Trousers, skirt, pinafore dress or shorts (for the summer) in grey or black
- Summer dress in royal blue / white gingham (for the summer)
- A fleece (optional) in royal blue
- Dark coloured shoes

PE kit consists of:

- Tracksuit, jogging trousers or legging in black or blue
- A fleece in blue or black or a round necked school sweatshirt
- Round neck t-shirt in white or blue (we would **prefer** a school logo on the t-shirt but it is not a requirement)
- Navy or black short (advised for Spring / Summer)
- Trainers or plimsolls in a dark colour

Also, it is really important that long hair is tied back during the school day and jewellery should not be worn to school, except earring studs, which should be removed or taped over for PE.

## Easyfundraising

Did you know that we are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/grindlefordprimaryschool/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=rm-en-n1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/grindlefordprimaryschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-n1)

## Facebook



Please like and follow our Facebook page, as well as encouraging current or prospective parents to do so. Thank you!

<https://facebook.com/61560770514176>

Thank you all for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'KL Gemmell'.

Kate Gemmell (Executive Headteacher)