

Netherton J&I School

Parents Newsletter



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2025/26 No 1



Headteacher News :

Dear Parents,

School Development Plan 2025/26

Leaders have finalised the school development plan for this academic year and our priorities are included below:

Priority 1 - Developing Teaching and Learning

Continue to embed a culture of high achievement for all pupils, developing teaching with appropriate CPD (professional development) and bespoke support. (Leadership Team Focus)

- Leaders have again this year prioritised staff CPD in order to develop teaching which is strongly recommended in the new OFSTED framework. This involves training provided through the Local Authority, Wakefield Schools Trust and Outwood Teaching Hub. The SENDco and English subject leader are already working with the hub on reading programmes which again is strongly linked to our School Development Plan for this year.

Priority 2 - Reading

Continue to embed a revised approach to whole school reading, ensuring that staff across school are skilled at teaching reading beyond phonics.

(Mrs Rosamond - Phonics Leader, Mrs Douglas - Reading Leader)

Priority 3 - Wider Curriculum

1. Carefully selected resources enhance the school's provision in RSHE and personal development.
(Miss Reid - RSHE Subject Leader)
2. To strengthen provision in DT to ensure progression in skills across school.
(Mrs Cunliffe - D.T Subject Leader)
3. To improve provision in Computing to reflect a greater focus on online safety, CDP and AI.
(Miss Haley - Computing Subject Leader)

School Improvement Advisor Support

Rachel Redfearn, our school improvement advisor retired in July and we have been allocated Julie Mills as our new Senior School Improvement Advisor. She has visited school twice since the beginning of term. These were on 10.09.25 for an introductory visit to meet the school and on 06.10.25 for the Autumn term KIT (Keeping in touch) visit.

Planned Support following the KIT visit is aligned to the school's priorities for 25/26 and will initially look at the teaching of reading and writing.



Scholastic Book Fair

Our book fair took place this week and it was lovely to see so many children excited to buy a new book once again this year. Many thanks

to parents for supporting this event as it allows school to receive free books. We are looking forward to choosing our commission books after half term.

A special thank you to our Year 6 Reading Leaders and Year 5 Reading Squad who took book sales and supported our younger children to choose a book; you were amazing! Special thanks to Mrs Douglas who organised and led the event.



Nursery Places

We have spaces in our nursery for the current September intake, January intake 2026 and Easter intake April 2026. We are also taking names for next September in order for us to plan ahead. If you have a toddler then please come and get their name down! Many thanks.

Community News

Coxley players Pantomime

Tickets are now on sale for this year's pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, written by Alex Jackson. Will Jack be able to defeat the giant and save Jill?

Tickets available from the Top Shop only £4 each.

Show Dates are:

- Friday 28th November at @ 7:30pm
- Saturday 29th November at 2:30pm



Key Dates and events for this half term

- Parents Evening - Wednesday 22nd October - letters will be coming out very soon for you to book an appointment time.
- Half Term - Friday 24th October

INSET Days 2025/26

- Monday 3rd November 2025
- Monday 23rd February 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026

Class News:

EY2

Lots of maths in EY2, learning about mass and patterns. Mrs Rosamond



Year 1

Year 1 investigated which objects were waterproof, opaque or transparent in Science. We are also having a real focus on spelling in our writing and have done lots of spelling practice this week!

Mrs Cunliffe



Year 2

In PE Year 2 have been learning a dance called 'The Circus' and have practised and performed our own dance this week. Miss Reid

Year 3

In Year 3, we have continued our artwork inspired by Yayoi Kusama. The children painted the pumpkins that they had designed! Mr Fox



Year 5

Year 5 had a fantastic STEM day this week when they were building and testing rockets and looking at future sustainability! Mrs Douglas





Endeavour Award



EY2:

Stanley Rhodes

Robyn Gill

Class 2:

Freya Place

Eadie Kemp

Class 3:

Maison Harris

Bailey May

Class 6:

Lilly-Mae Ellis

Emily Kemp

Class 1:

Polly Gray-Battye

Class 4:

Harper Greatorex

Isabelle Ashcroft

Class 5:

Harry Broxholme



Star of the Week



Early Years 1:

Isabelle Bonia

Jasmine Burgess

Harry Ashton

Alina Sheldon

Zachary Bakewell

Lydia Stockhill

Nellie McGee Wood

Curtis Mandizidza

School Meals:

A reminder to parents that children in EY2, Year 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school meal.

Meal options for next week are given below:

Monday	Beef Burger Chickpea & Vegetable Jollof Jacket potato various fillings Wholemeal Sandwich of cheese, ham, egg mayonnaise or tuna mayonnaise.
Tuesday	BBQ Chicken & Rice Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake Jacket potato various fillings Wholemeal Sandwich of cheese, ham, egg mayonnaise or tuna mayonnaise.
Wednesday	Roast Gammon Quorn Chiquin Jacket potato various fillings Wholemeal Sandwich of cheese, ham, egg mayonnaise or tuna mayonnaise.
Thursday	Margherita Pizza Italian Quorn Meatball Sub Jacket potato various fillings Wholemeal Sandwich of cheese, ham, egg mayonnaise or tuna mayonnaise
Friday	Fish Fingers Cheese & Tomato Flan/Quiche Jacket potato various fillings Wholemeal Sandwich of cheese, ham, egg mayonnaise or tuna mayonnaise.
	Fresh vegetables and salad will be available each day. A selection of desserts available each day.