



Writing Competition

Our children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 were all invited to take part in a writing competition earlier in the term, I was delighted with the number of stories that were written by our wonderful children. It was really hard to choose a winner from all the fabulous stories however, our 1st place winners were Scarlet in Year 6 and Tayloir in Year 3 who received a £50 book voucher.

And our runners up were, Milana and Daisy in Year 1, Dianne in Year 4 and Alic in Year 6 who all received a £20 book voucher each. Their stories will be typed up and displayed on our website soon. Every child who entered got a Learners' Code point for Creativity and Endeavour and their stories will be available in the school library for all the children to read.

We were delighted with all the entries – well done to all children who submitted a story!



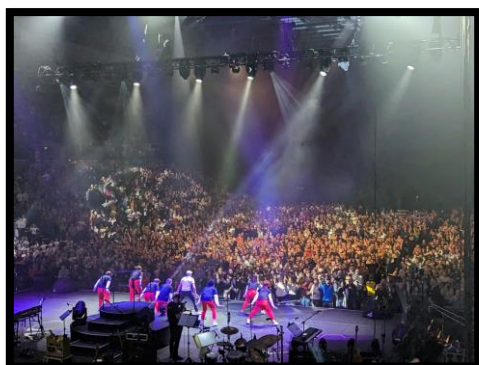
House Points

The children have had a busy week earning their house points for their teams, Sapphire have taken a lead, but there is still time for the other teams to catch up.



Young Voices 2023

The Year 5s had a truly memorable night at the Sheffield Arena being part of the Young Voices choir. They were all lucky enough to sing along with Heather Small, dance along with Urban Strides and make some truly unique noises with the Beatbox Collective. The children, along with the staff, had an amazing night, and we know the parents enjoyed watching and joining in too. Many of the children all asked the following week if they could do it all again and we really wish we could have.



Attendance

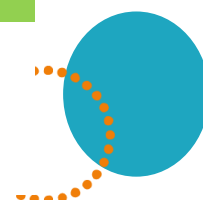
6th - 10th February 2023



Heeley	87.8%
Whirlow	95.4%
Sheaf	84.7%
Endcliffe	95.2%
Norfolk	95.5%
Crucible	94.4%
Lyceum	89.1%
Kelham	92.1%
Weston	90.7%
Millennium	89.6%
Graves	96.8%
Bolsover	91.8%
Peveril	86.5%
Shirebrook	77.1%

At Birley Spa Primary Academy we are committed to helping all pupils to achieve their full potential. Good attendance is a key factor in raising pupils' attainment and supporting their personal development. Whilst it is appreciated that children are ill from time to time, please think carefully before allowing your child to be absent from school. The chart below provides an indication of how just a few days absence can significantly impact a child's overall attendance percentage and impede their learning:

Description	Attendance	Whole Days Lost	Lost Hours of Learning
Excellent	100 – 99%	0 – 2	0 – 10
Good	98 – 96%	4 – 7.5	20 – 37.5
Requires Improvement	95 – 91%	9.5 – 17	47.5 – 85
Persistent Absentee	90 – 86%	19 – 27	95 – 135
Critical	85 – 80%	28.5 – 38	142.5 – 190



STAR OF THE WEEK 6th – 10th February

Heeley	Georgios – for being creative with numbers and independently investigating different ways to make numbers.	Cooper – for showing empathy towards his peers when they are upset.
Whirlow	Archie – for his positive attitude to learning and his aspiration to always do his best.	Parker – for always doing the right thing and his empathy with his friends.
Sheaf	Hattie – for showing endeavour and independently accessing resources to support your learning.	Daisy – for being an aspirational learner and identifying areas to improve your own work.
Norfolk	Diamond – for extending his learning by setting himself challenges at home. Well done.	Tiffany – for showing resilience in her learning, and approaching all her lessons with a positive attitude.
Endcliffe	Willow – for showing great teamwork in class, supporting other on her table and showing them how to use their word mats to help with spelling new words.	Darcie – for showing aspiration in your learning, particularly in phonics. Darcie is trying hard to learn new sounds and is applying this to her writing.
Lyceum	Amelia – for showing aspiration in your writing. You are working hard to improve the quantity and the quality of your work.	Joshua – for showing aspiration in your written work. You are working hard to improve the quantity and quality of your sentences independently. Well done!
Crucible	Amelia – for having confidence to share your thoughts and ideas you are showing great resilience .	Kenley – for showing resilience! After a couple of days off, working really hard to catch up and not giving up. Well done.
Weston	Tommy – for showing aspiration by independently identifying how to move his writing to the next level.	Kai – for showing resilience and determination in his Maths writing.
Kelham	Jayden – for working extremely hard on TT Rockstars every single day. Showing great teamwork helping Kelham succeed in the latest competition.	Osca – for being extremely resilient and trying his best at school.
Graves	Ella – for her resilience in maths and not giving up when finding it difficult. Also creativity and teamwork during history.	Abbey – for showing resilience and carrying on regardless. You are a superstar!
Millennium	Connor – for his teamwork, endeavour and all round enthusiasm at the Young Voices concert.	Oliver – for showing aspiration in all his learning. He is working more independently and is pushing himself to do the best he can.
Bolsover	Alic – for being a brilliant role model in class. You always help your friends if they need it, well done!	Layla – for using a range of grammatical features in her independent writing. You have used creativity skills to grip the reader.
Peveril	Isaac – for showing resilience in all subject. Your attitude towards learning has been great.	Maddison – for showing resilience in all subjects. Your attitude towards learning has been great.
Shirebrook	Elijah – for resilience , working really hard this week, managing distractions and following instructions.	

Dates for the Diary

13 th – 17 th February	Half Term – School Closed
20 th February	Inset Day – School Closed
21 st February	School reopens to children
2 nd March	World Book Day (Dress as recognised character of a book)
10 th March	Halle Concert – Key Stage 2
23 rd March	Easter Fayre
27 th March	Meet the Teacher – New Topics
28 th & 30 th March	Parents' Evening
31 st March	Easter Service at Spa View Church
3 rd – 14 th April	Easter Holidays – School Closed
17 th April	Inset Day – School Closed
1 st May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
8 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
9 th May – 12 th May	SATS Week – Y6
15 th – 19 th May	SATS Week – Y2
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term – School Closed
5 th June	Inset Day – School Closed
9 th June	Y6 Crucial Crew Visit
12 th – 18 th June	Phonics Assessment Week
3 rd July	Enterprise Week
11 th July	Sports Day – Y1 & Y2 / Y3 & Y4
12 th July	Sports Day – EYFS
13 th July	Sports Day - Y5 & Y6
14 th July	Reports Sent Home
17 th July	Summer Fayre
21 st July	Whole School Family Picnic

