



# NEWSLETTER



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## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 17th October**  
3:30pm – 5:30pm  
Parents'/Carers' Evening

**Wednesday 18th October**  
3:30pm – 5:30pm  
Parents'/Carers' Evening

**Friday 20th October**

9:05am – 9:30am

Class 4 Family Worship

**Tuesday 24th October**  
2:30pm – 3:00pm  
Year 2 Topic Showcase

**Wednesday 25th October**  
2:30pm – 3:00pm  
Year 1 Topic Showcase

**Thursday 26th October**  
Reception 2024 Open Day  
(please call to book a slot)

**Friday 27th October**

9:05am – 9:30am

Always Assembly

SCHOOL CLOSING FOR HALF  
TERM

**Monday 6th November**  
Staff Training Day  
(school closed for pupils)

**Tuesday 7th November**  
SCHOOL REOPENS

## Harvest

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Harvest Service on Wednesday this week. Another big thank you to anyone who donated food for our Harvest Table; all the donations will be split between Brighthouse Food Bank and Calderdale Smart Move. Your support for our community and generosity is greatly appreciated. Our School Council will be visiting the food bank to see how our gifts will help others in Brighthouse.



## Family Learning

Thank you for all the parents, carers and grandparents who have joined us at our Family Learning sessions for phonics and maths so far this year. The children have loved having you in school and being able to show you how they learn. Thank you to Mrs Hainsworth and Miss Burrell for their time and planning to run these sessions.



## Open Day

Do you or any of your neighbours have a child born between September 2019 and August 2020? There is still time to book onto our Open Day on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October** if you have a child starting Reception in September 2024. Please call our Infant School office on 01484 714964 to book a slot. You will receive a tour of the school and have the chance to speak to staff members. Please see the flyer attached for more information.

**OPEN DAY**

Mrs Swallow, Head of School

## Chat Around the Table

This week, we had our Harvest Festival service in school; we have talked about the meaning of Harvest, thanking God for the gifts he has given us, and about giving back to or helping others.



- Can you think of a time you have done something to help someone else?
- How does your parent/carer help you and others?
- How does it make you feel when you help someone?

## MMR Vaccination Guidance

The back to school MMR Guidance from the NHS includes some really useful information about MMR / measles and how to get vaccinated.

Please click [here](#) to access the guide and see the flyers attached to this newsletter for further resources and information.

## Parents'/Carers' Evening Appointments

Thank you to everyone who has booked their parent/carer appointment on either **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October between 3:30pm and 5:30pm** or **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October between 3:30pm and 5:30pm**. This appointment is an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and targets to be working on.

When arriving for your appointment, please come to the main school office and a member of staff will direct you to the hall.

In order for the schedule to run smoothly, we ask that you arrive promptly for your appointment. There is limited space in the hall to wait so please do not arrive any earlier than a few minutes before your scheduled time. If by the end of your allotted time, you feel you have other things to discuss, your child's teacher will make a note of this and will schedule a further meeting with you.

### We Keep Children Safe By...

Following **Calderdale's First Day Calling Procedure**. On the first day of illness, please phone the school office on **01484 714964**. If no-one answers, please leave a message stating your child's name and reason for absence. Please update school daily via phone call or text if your child is still going to be absent from school. If your child is not in school and we have not received a reason, you will receive a text message from the school office. Please telephone the office to inform us why your child is off. You can also respond to the text. If your child is absent and we do not hear from you, Mrs Virtue, Miss Clayton or Mrs Wood will telephone home to find out why your child is not in school. If there is still no response, we will call your other contact numbers, this is to ensure you and your child are safe. If we do not manage to contact you, the next step would be a home visit and potential external agency involvement. **Attendance at school is very important in order for your child to progress both academically and socially. Please consider this when booking family holidays.**

**The Education Pupil Registration England Amendment Regulations 2013 came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013, stating that Headteachers cannot grant leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.**

**Please note**, children should not be attending dental/optician/general doctors' appointments in school times, these will be marked as **unauthorised** on the register (unless it is an emergency). Hospital appointments will only be authorised if an official appointment letter is seen by the office staff. This protocol is in line with the regulations set by the Government and Headteachers cannot 'opt' out of these. If you require your child to be absent from school, an absent request form must be completed; these are available for **all** types of absences from the school office.

The 2007 Regulations state that penalty notices (fines) will be issued to each parent who fails to ensure their child has regular attendance at school. Therefore, if your child is regularly not in school, the Education Welfare Officer may contact you about your child's absence and a penalty notice may be issued. This fine is not issued by the school and is payable directly to the Local Authority.

Please click [here](#) to read the NHS's guidance on attending school. If your child is too unwell for school, it is important that they remain at home to recover. At school, it is important that we control the spread of infection. In order to do so, we recommend the following:

COVID-19 positive	Calderdale Public Health states that children should remain absent from school for 3 days from a positive test.
Diarrhoea/vomiting	Child must be clear of symptoms for 48 hours from the last loose stool or period of vomiting
Headlice	Child's hair should be treated as soon as possible
Chicken Pox	Child can return to school once all spots have scabbed over – this usually takes about 5 days
Measles	Child can return to school 4 days after the onset of the rash
German Measles	Child can return to school 4 days after the onset of the rash
Hand, Foot and Mouth	Child can return to school as long as they are feeling well enough
Impetigo	Child can return to school once the lesions are clustered or healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment

### Home Grown Pumpkins

Our pumpkins in our allotment have been kindly harvested by Mr Lawley and our wonderful Catering Manager has used them to make dishes for the children to try such as pumpkin soup and roast pumpkin fries.





## A Special Message

As a school, we are introducing Special Message Cards to send home for parents/carers to read about when their child has been spotted demonstrating our CARING vision or displaying positive behaviour and attitude towards others. Keep an eye out in your child's bookbag for these notes and please praise your child for demonstrating our vision!

## A Special Message!



Just a little note to let you know that...

## Every Mind Matters

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, it was World Mental Health Day. To honour this, we have put some of our favourite messages from our Every Mind Matters section. If you or your child are struggling at all, we are here to support you. Mrs Wood and Miss Kerry are available to speak on the gate in a morning or by phone if you contact the office to book a call.

### A is for ACCEPTANCE

When a child shares something painful with us, if what they say makes us uncomfortable, how often do we reply with "Yes, but..." or "At least..."? Our intention is *always* to make them feel better, but these responses don't express our acceptance.

Whether child or adult, we don't always need resolution or to be *fixed*. Being heard, seen and *accepted* is enough.

### TODAY...

Think of at least one thing you accept right now, without trying to change it... What do you accept about someone else, even if it doesn't make you happy?

Promise me you'll always remember:  
you're braver than you believe,  
and stronger than you seem,  
and smarter than you think.



Christopher Robin

**Pushing feelings away can make them come back even stronger. When you are in wobbly mode, try simply allowing the feelings to be there. When we stop rejecting our feelings, they get easier to live with.**

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If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.



Dolly Parton

If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely!

Roald Dahl

Treat kind words and gestures like little gifts you can treasure. Have a folder on your phone or computer where you can take note of compliments and kindnesses when you receive them. Or write them down on pieces of paper and keep them in a jar. When you feel down, pick some out and read them.

01. Think over your day so far.
02. Identify 3 good moments.
03. Jot them down.
04. Relive them by remembering them in detail.

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No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.



Aesop

### V is for VALIDATE

Perspective takes a lot of practice, and until young people have mastered this skill, it can be very difficult for them to choose appropriate responses.

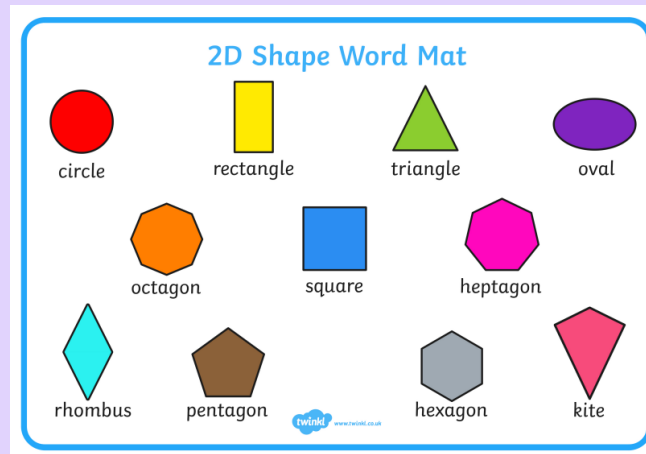
But their truth is their truth! Just accept it, and empathise, however ridiculous their feelings may seem. It grants them the permission to feel whatever they feel, and the relief of *being themselves*. Communicate "I get it". It is so powerful!

### TODAY...











Think of all the different ways that a person can say "I hear you", "I see you". Think about how it feels when someone says "You can feel whatever you feel".

## Magical Maths

This week, we are focusing on 2D shapes. The picture below will help the children to remember shape names and what they look like.

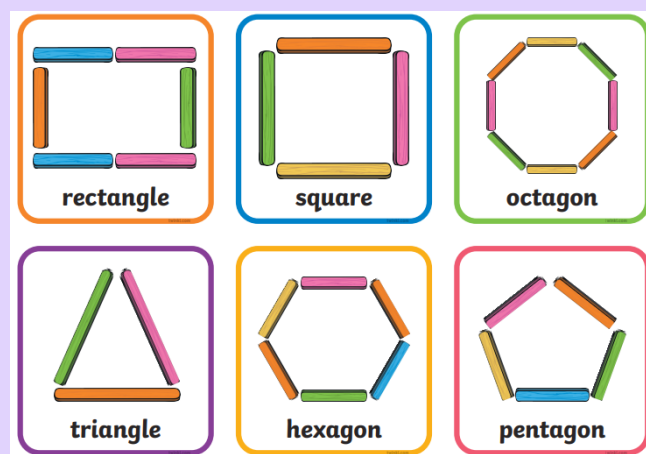


The table below shows the properties of the 2D shapes. This helps the children to define the shape and understand more. When looking at the properties of the shapes, we are keen for the children to use the mathematical term of 'vertices' rather than corner when describing the shapes.

Name		Sides	Vertices
triangle		3	3
circle		1	0
square		4	4
rectangle		4	4
pentagon		5	5
hexagon		6	6
oval		1	0
rhombus		4	4
trapezium		4	4
parallelogram		4	4

The children can go on a shape hunt, where they go around the house, garden or local area and spot different shapes. They could create a tally chart to mark down what they see on their shape adventure.

The children could also create shapes out of different objects they have at home, the picture below shows how you can make shapes from lolly sticks, spaghetti, straws, matchsticks...anything you have at home could be used!



The children can discuss how many sides a shape has and also how many vertices. It is also important the children see the shapes in different orientations and positions.



Dear Lord,

Thank you for looking after our school.

Thank you for loving each and every one of us here.

Help us to learn, play and share together, so that the wonderful world you have made becomes more beautiful every day.

Amen

## OUR SCHOOL VISION

Promoting excellence within a  
caring, Christian community

**Confident** - We embrace challenge and  
persevere

**Aspire** - We aim high

**Respectful** - We are friends and  
cherish God's world

**Inclusive** - We welcome everyone and  
are all of equal worth

**Nurturing** - We look after each other  
so we can all flourish

**Generous** - We give to each other and  
our community



"Love each other as I have loved  
you."

John 15:12



Our  
excellent  
OFSTED reports are  
on our websites

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## St. Andrew's CE (VA) Infant School

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Executive Headteacher: Mrs Karen Smith



## St. Andrew's CE (VA) Junior School

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Executive Headteacher: Mrs Karen Smith



# OPEN DAY

## PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Thursday 26th October 2023

**10:00am - 12:00pm or 1:30pm - 4:30pm**

Come and join us on our open day. See our children and staff during a normal school day at both schools (Infant and Junior). **Please call to reserve a place.**

### In April 22, OFSTED said:

"Pupils are happy and enthusiastic learners. They are proud of their work and love to talk about what they know and remember."

"Learning in every subject starts in the Reception class. The curriculum gives children a firm foundation on which to build future learning."

"Pupils say they are all good friends and love playing together. They enjoy helping others."



### Both schools offer Wrap Around Care

**Infant School: 7:30am— 5:30pm**

**Junior School: 7:45am— 6:00pm**



**Applications for Reception 2024 open on Friday 17th November 2023  
& close on Monday 15th January 2024**



**NHS**

**9 out of 10**

unvaccinated children  
can catch measles  
if someone in their  
class has it

Check your child is up  
to date with their  
MMR vaccinations



**NHS**

**102,000 children  
starting school in  
England are at risk  
of catching measles**

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## HALIFAX YOUNG SINGERS

Halifax Young Singers is an inclusive, open access Youth Choir, aimed at creating high quality music making experiences for young people across Calderdale.

**FREE** Open Evening **Thursday 19th Oct** Come along and see if HYS is for you  
times as below

There will be a showcase performance toward the end of each rehearsal - everyone welcome to stay.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR - Ages 7-11

every Thursday 6pm-7pm  
(during term-time)

### YOUTH CHOIR - Ages 12-21

every Thursday 7.15pm-9pm  
(during term-time)

VENUE: CALDERDALE MUSIC, THE OLD COURTHOUSE, BLACKWALL, HALIFAX HX1 2DL

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## Do you have a child with a vision impairment aged 0-4?

Give them the best possible start in life and sign up for our My Time to Play programme today.

We offer fun and supportive group sessions to help your child develop the practical skills and confidence to explore their world - all through the power of play. You will meet other parents and pick up skills from our expert staff that will help you support your child's early development with confidence.

### Our next programme starts at:

The Edge Play Gym, Brighouse. HD6 1AT  
Tuesday mornings, running fortnightly  
10.30am - 12.30pm

Places limited, please call or email to book your place. Siblings welcome.

Find out more at [guidedogs.org.uk/mttp](http://guidedogs.org.uk/mttp)  
or contact our local team

Book your place: [MTTPWY@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:MTTPWY@guidedogs.org.uk)

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