

Learning Together, Growing Stronger.

### **Good news**

We're thrilled to share some fantastic news—our school has been awarded Artforms Music Champion School Status for 2025! This wonderful recognition celebrates our ongoing commitment to music education, the creativity of our children, and the dedication of our staff. Artforms praised our school for the amazing work we've already done and our strong plans to take music even further. A huge thank you to everyone who helps make music such a vibrant and part of our school life.



### **Active Uniform**

We have written to you recently to notify you of our move to an active uniform starting in September. The uniform page of our website has been updated to reflect these changes. In the coming weeks, we will also add images of the new hoodies once samples have been received, allowing you to make informed choices.

### **Teacher Training Days**

These have been published on the website but for reference are set as:  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026.

### **Break the rules day**

There is a buzz of excitement around this with the pupils. They know we are fundraising for new scooters and helmets but something tells us that the chance to break a few little rules here and there has them the most excited. Remember for each rule broken, pupils should bring 50p so if they break all 8 rules a total of £4 donation is requested please.

Here are the rules that children can choose to break:

1. No school uniform
2. Any hairstyle, hair accessories, or hair colour
3. Jewellery and accessories can be worn
4. Unhealthy snacks can be brought for playtime
5. Juice in bottles can be brought instead of water
6. Children can wear temporary tattoos
7. Children can sit where they like in class
8. Children can bring a teddy to school

### **Request**

We have recently introduced 3 pogo sticks to OPAL. These have been gifted to us and have gone down a treat with the children. If you, or anyone you know, has an unwanted pogo stick at your house we would very happily accept them into school. Thank you.

Alternatively, we have recently set up an Amazon wish list which includes items we would like for OPAL and playtimes. Items on this list range from £4 to £25. If you are feeling charitable and would like to order from it, the link is here

<https://amzn.eu/axQugJM>

We would appreciate it, if you have any links to businesses, groups or people who you think may support us by sharing the link to our wish list with them.

### **Diary Dates**

13<sup>th</sup> June – Break the rules day (see letter from FOA)  
13<sup>th</sup> June – Goat Yoga – places limited – book your place  
17<sup>th</sup> June at 1.45 - OPAL presentation and stay and play.  
23<sup>rd</sup> June – Reception reports to be sent home.  
26<sup>th</sup> June – Meeting for new reception parents. 6pm.  
1<sup>st</sup> July – Transition Day (Year 3 are also at Harewood House, so a separate transition event will be organised)  
3<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 5 to the Sculpture Park  
8<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day for year 1 -6 (Rec. TBC)  
11<sup>th</sup> July – Reports sent home for years 1 to 6.  
14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – Rock School for Year 6.  
18<sup>th</sup> July – Last Day in School before the summer holidays.

### **Fundraising**

Reminder - If you are shopping online, please scan the QR code below and go through easy fundraising. It costs you nothing and a small percentage goes to school – every little helps.



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### **Pupil voice**

Our class council meetings help us gather pupil voice and to understand how the children would like to help to steer the direction of the school. Occasionally they ask for weird and wonderful things: swimming pools, zip lines and trampolines have been popular requests. Sometimes their dreams come true with (think goats!). They do inform groups in school with new ideas – this year they have requested extra reading areas from the English team and this has been actioned, they recently fed back to FOA about the events they would like to see being arranged next academic year. It is an important aspect of school in order that the children feel their voices are heard. More recently, they have voted for the right to bring their own stationery into school. We have given this some consideration and have decided that for pupils in Y3-Y6 this is something we would like to action. From September, pupils in these year groups can choose to bring in a reasonably sized pencil case (oversized ones are not recommended). These can include essential supplies:

- Pencils
- Pens (blue **or** black **&** green)
- glue stick
- rubber
- sharpener
- yellow and green highlighter
- ruler

### **Scissors are not needed.**

The advantage of this is that children learn a sense of responsibility in looking after their own belongings. In addition, we know from experience that some children prefer to write in one pen, whereas others prefer a different one. This offers them their own choice. We recommend that all items are labelled with their names on and would like to add that school will always have stock if children do not wish to bring their own.

### **Attendance**

Our school target is 97%. At present we are behind our school target, and it stands at 95.4%.

**Please help by making attendance and punctuality a priority.**

To date the classes with the best attendance this year are:

Phase 1 - Willow 3 95.97%

Phase 2 - Rowan 4 - 97.02%

### **School day timings**


We would like to remind all parents and carers of the daily schedule for pupils in Reception to Year 6. The school opens its doors at 8:40 am, allowing time for children to settle in before the start of the day. Registration commences promptly at 8:50 am, followed by lessons beginning at 9:00 am. This provides a total of 32 hours and 30 minutes of registration, educational & recreational engagement each week. It is crucial that children are present and ready to learn each day.


A member of staff is always on duty in each playground from 8:40 am to supervise the children; we kindly ask that you refrain from dropping off your child before this time. School leaders will be available on site to assist with any queries you may have at the beginning of the day.


Nursery is open 9am until 3pm.



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