



Learning Together, Growing Stronger.

### **Celebrating a Fantastic Half Term**

As we head into the half term break, there is much to celebrate across school, and we're delighted to share just a few recent highlights.

**Year 5** enjoyed a fantastic residential to Malham, taking part in long walks and a range of fieldwork activities. Staff were impressed by their enthusiasm throughout. The night before the trip, some pupils also competed in the city-wide Poetry Slam at the Carriageworks — and one of our teams won first place!

**Year 4** also embraced the outdoors with their own residential this week. You may have spotted the tents on the field! Staff praised the pupils for their teamwork and mature attitudes.

**Year 6** showed great resilience and determination during their SATs — we're incredibly proud of their efforts.

Finally, a huge congratulations to our **girls' football team** for an outstanding season. They're through to the semi-finals and were recognised by the league manager for being the only undefeated team across all leagues, finishing with a perfect score of 40/40. A big thank you to Miss Bowers for her support and to the parents who helped make this possible.

### **Stay and Play Sessions**

Thank you to all the families who've joined our Stay and Play sessions — it's been wonderful to see you enjoying our OPAL areas together and to hear your positive feedback. These sessions will continue every Monday until 4:00pm, until further notice. Please remember that children must be supervised by an adult, and older siblings from Allerton High are not permitted on site.

### **Pupil Collection Procedures**

We would like to remind all parents and carers that children can only be collected by a named contact who is listed on Arbor. This is an important part of our safeguarding procedures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils. Please note that siblings aged 14 or under are not considered responsible adults and therefore cannot collect children from school. Our staff are instructed to challenge anyone they believe may be underage and will not release children to them if they do not meet the age requirement. For this reason, siblings who collect, must be added to Arbor as a named contact too. It is important that we have their contact details. If you find yourself unable to collect your child, or need additional support, please remember that we offer an after-school care provision which may be able to assist you. For more information or to arrange a place, please contact the school office.

**A reminder that pupils should not wear nail polish, makeup, or certain accessories to school, in line with our uniform policy, which can be found on our website.**

### **Stop Loan Sharks Week 19th -26<sup>th</sup> May**

Stop Loan Sharks week is due to take place from 19<sup>th</sup> through to 26<sup>th</sup> May. This is a time to raise awareness about the dangers of illegal money lenders and how they can harm families. If you're worried about money or know someone who might be affected, free and confidential support is available. Visit [www.stoploansharks.co.uk](http://www.stoploansharks.co.uk) for more information and advice.

### **Diary Dates**

23<sup>rd</sup> May – Last day in school before the half-term break.

2<sup>nd</sup> June or 4<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 to Herd Farm.

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.

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

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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**Classes**

In our reception classes, after the first few weeks of term, we reviewed and adjusted the class groupings. This was done thoughtfully and with great care, based on what we had learned about each child during the settling-in period.

As we get to know the children better — observing how they interact, form friendships, and respond to different group dynamics — we are able to make informed decisions that support their happiness and wellbeing. Our aim is always to ensure that every child feels secure, settled, and able to thrive in their designated class.

This flexible approach is one we will continue to apply, for this cohort, when needed, always with the best interests of the children at heart. Any changes will be made carefully and in close consultation with staff who know the children well.

**Wellbeing Tip for the May Half Term**

The half term is a great time to rest, recharge, and enjoy simple pleasures together as a family. This May, try a "Screen-Free Hour" each day. Use the time to go for a walk, play a board game, read a book, or get creative with drawing or building. Even just sitting in the garden or park and noticing five things you can see, hear, or smell can help calm the mind. Small moments like these can help to boost mood, reduce stress, and create lasting family memories.



**Attendance**

We would like to inform you that after the May half term we are no longer using the absence voicemail system to record student absences.

Going forward, **all absences must be reported through Arbor**. This change will help us manage attendance more efficiently and ensure that all information is recorded accurately.

Please log into your Arbor parent account to register your child's absence.

**To report an absence using the Arbor Parent Portal:**

- Navigate to the home page and click the green "Log Absence" button in the top-right corner
- Input the absence details, including the reason and start/end times, and submit the request
- School staff will then review and approve or reject the absence, and it will be visible in the Attendance tab of the Parent Portal or Arbor App

If you need any assistance accessing Arbor, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Our school target is 97%. At present we are behind our school target, and it stands at 95.9%.

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

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

Phase 1 - Willow 3 96.29%

Phase 2 - Rowan 4 - 97.22%

This half term we celebrated with the below classes with a pizza and fire pit party;

Phase 1 - Cherry 2 - 98.06%

Phase 2 - Maple 6 - 98.38%

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