



I hope you and your family had a wonderful break and that the summer holidays provided you with opportunities to relax and create cherished memories with your loved ones. I am excited to welcome you back to school for another fun-filled and successful academic year.

### **Welcoming Our New Reception Children**

A warm welcome to the newest members of our school community—the reception children. It's heartwarming to see their eager faces as they embark on their educational journey with us. Despite the unpredictable weather during their first days at school, our little ones have shown resilience and adaptability, characteristics that will serve them well in their future endeavours.

### **Exciting Trips**

As always, we believe in offering our pupils well-rounded experiences that extend beyond the classroom. So far this term, many of our pupils have had the opportunity to explore and learn outside our school walls. Our Year 2 students embarked on a thrilling adventure to Warwick Castle. Exploring the history, architecture, and enjoying the Predator bird show as part of their topic on Tunnels, Turrets and Towers.

Year 3 had a wild time at Dudley Zoo, where they got up close and personal with a variety of fascinating animals. It was an educational and eye-opening experience, with Meerkats at the top of their highlights.

Year 4 pupils enjoyed the great outdoors at Baggeridge Country Park. Surrounded by nature's beauty, they engaged in team-building activities and learned about the importance of preserving our environment.

These trips not only provide the stimulus for new topics but also offer valuable opportunities for hands-on learning, social interaction, and personal growth. I would like to express my thanks to the teachers and staff who worked hard to organise and supervise these enriching experiences for our pupils.

More exciting news – over the summer holidays we have had extensive work completed on the woodland area next to the Claremont entrance. Here we have created bird and bug boxes, along with seating and a fire pit.

Over the next few weeks, pupils will have a chance to explore this area so watch this space!

As we begin this new academic year, I encourage all our pupils to make the most of the opportunities for learning in and out of the classroom. Parents and carers, your continued support and involvement in your child's education are truly appreciated and make a significant difference in their academic journey. Together, we will make it a year of achievements, discoveries, and memorable moments.

Warm regards,  
Kathy Jefferson  
Head Teacher



We are thrilled to share the excitement and creativity that Year 1 brought to their Superhero Day last week.

Our young heroes truly embraced the spirit of the day by donning their capes, masks, and favourite superhero costumes. The classroom was transformed into a dynamic world of imagination as they engaged in role-play activities, embodying the heroes they admire.

The highlight of the day was the collaborative effort of crafting their very own superhero outfits, showcasing their artistic talents. To complete their heroic adventures, students collaborated to create stunning background landscapes for their superhero escapades.

Year 1's Superhero Day was an extraordinary blend of fun, imagination, and teamwork, leaving us all inspired by the incredible superheroes within our school community.

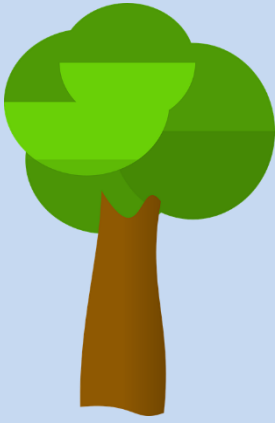


To begin our topic on Pharaohs, Year 5 took part in an Ancient Egyptian Workshop. We learnt all about the beginning and end of the Era and participated in a series of activities including Egyptian maths, research about the Egyptians and playing an Egyptian board game.

In the afternoon we helped mummify a body and took part in a burial ritual.



## Woodland Area



Our new exciting woodland area.

We are excited to highlight a fantastic learning opportunity for our primary school students – Makaton!

### What is Makaton?

Makaton is a unique language program that uses signs and symbols to help children and adults with communication difficulties. It's a powerful tool that promotes inclusive communication, allowing everyone to express themselves more effectively.

### Why Makaton Matters

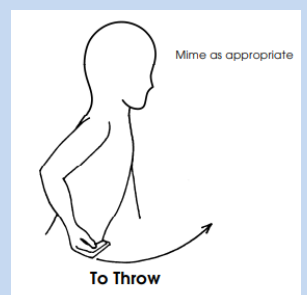
**Inclusivity:** Makaton makes it possible for all students to communicate, regardless of their verbal abilities.

**Enhanced Learning:** Using signs and symbols can aid memory and understanding, making learning more engaging.

**Boosts Confidence:** Makaton empowers students by giving them the tools to express their thoughts and feelings.

Each week we will feature a QR code showing Makaton sign of the week.

Please see below:-





What an exciting few days it has been for Year 4, visiting Baggeridge Country Park!

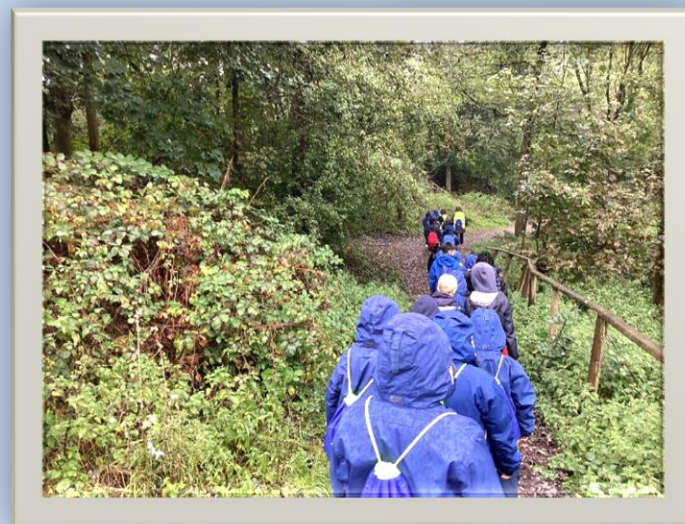
The children fully immersed themselves in a nature hike and a woodland walk, learning about the history of the park and also identifying areas of higher altitude, allowing the children to engage in first topic of the academic year, 'Misty Mountain Sierra'.

All classes displayed exemplary behaviour and our school learning behaviours shone through.

Despite the rainy conditions, the children and staff certainly reached their 10,000 step target!

Ibraheem 4LD - "My favourite part was when I got to the top of the hill!"

Daniella 4CC - "I enjoyed looking at the views at the top."



School Photographer 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

As pupils will be having their school photograph taken next week, our focus will be on the school uniform.

Please ensure that your child's uniform is clean and correct and that they remember their blazer, tie, hair is tied back (**no large bows please**) and most importantly their smile!

## Parking

We would like to address an important topic that concerns the safety and well-being of our pupils; considerate parking around the school site is paramount and we value your support on this.

- It would be a great help if traffic flow was directed in a 'one way' system during drop off and collection times. If all traffic wishing to use Goldthorn Road or Claremont Road approached via the Penn Road this would greatly assist in easing this congestion. Parents would then be able to drop off children and continue in the same direction. Turning in the road should be avoided at all times as it causes a severe backlog very quickly.
- In addition, using Lyndhurst Road in the opposite direction, so that we have a return route to the Penn Road, would further support this.
- Additional parking is also available at TESCO supermarket where we have an agreed arrangement for parents to park and walk.
- Please be aware of new parking rules around the site. Where there are yellow lines with a kerb marking this means NO WAITING or STOPPING at that point for any period of time, this risks a penalty, and we would not want any parent to fall foul of this.
- If possible, please consider parking away from the school and walk. If you are remaining in your vehicle, please turn all engines off and consider the pollution it causes to the environment, residents, parents and children.
- Please do not park in **Claremont Mews**
- Please do not walk through the 'vehicle exit' gate.
- Please use the zebra crossings and **not cross** in between cars.

Remember that the safety of our pupils is our top priority. When dropping off or picking up your child, please drive slowly and attentively. Always obey traffic laws and be mindful of pedestrians and other vehicles.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a safe and pleasant environment for all our pupils and families.

Together, we can make The Royal an even better place for our children to learn and grow.

## Dates for the diary

- 18th September Yr 5 & 6 Visiting Author
- 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> September School Photographer
- 8<sup>th</sup> October Whole School Festival in Chapel
- 9<sup>th</sup> October Y3 Harvest Festival in Chapel

## **Sporting Fixtures**

- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September U11 Football v WGS (A)



Please could we remind all Parents/Carers not to use the vehicle entrance gate as a pedestrian gate. If you arrive after registration, please could we ask that you gain access **via the Penn Road pedestrian gate only**.

This also applies to the vehicle exit gate at the end of the day. This gate is for car vehicles only.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

## **Attendance**

**This week's attendance champions :-**

**Class RAR 100%  
Congratulations**