



Sunnyfields Autumn Term 1 Newsletter



Note from Mrs Hutton

What a busy and exciting half term it has been at Sunnyfields!

Our children have enjoyed a wide range of enriching experiences both in and beyond the classroom. We have welcomed specialist visitors into school, including the With Me In Mind team, who have worked with pupils to promote positive wellbeing and emotional health. We have also been fortunate to host expert coaches from rugby, golf and hockey, giving children the opportunity to develop new skills, discover new interests and experience a variety of sports.

Our Year 5 pupils successfully completed their Bikeability training this half term, developing essential road safety awareness and cycling confidence.

Across the school, children have also taken part in National Poetry Day, celebrating the joy of language and creativity, while Black History Month has provided valuable opportunities to learn about important historical figures, achievements and cultures, helping to broaden our understanding of the world around us.

We are incredibly proud of all that our children have achieved this half term and the enthusiasm they have shown in embracing every opportunity.

Finally, we would like to say a sincere thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support. Working together helps us provide the very best experiences for our children, and we greatly appreciate your partnership.

We wish everyone a safe, restful half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term ahead. 🍂✨



Reminders

Our Target for attendance is 97%.

If your child is not able to attend school, please let us know as soon as possible before the start of the school day.

Sport @ Sunnyfields Golf







This year, as part of our commitment to broadening children's experiences and opening up new opportunities, we were delighted to welcome a golfer into school to work with our pupils. Providing access to a wide range of enrichment opportunities supports the Department for Education's aspiration for schools to develop pupils' cultural capital and expose children to experiences they may not otherwise encounter.

Daffodil, Clover and Poppies Class had a fantastic time taking part in the session, learning new skills, developing confidence and enjoying the opportunity to try a sport that was new to many of them. The children showed great enthusiasm throughout and were a real credit to the school. We look forward to continuing to provide exciting enrichment opportunities that inspire our pupils and help them discover new interests and talents.









Sport @ Sunnyfields

Football



As part of our commitment to encouraging participation in sport and raising aspirations from a young age, we took seven Year 2 girls to a local girls' football competition. The event provided a fantastic introduction to competitive sport, helping to promote girls' involvement in football and build confidence, teamwork and enjoyment of physical activity.

A huge well done to all of the girls who took part. They represented Sunnyfields Primary School brilliantly, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, determination and enthusiasm throughout the event. We are incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves and embraced this exciting opportunity. ⚽👏





Sport @ Sunnyfields Rugby



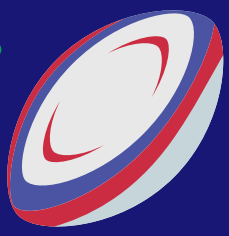


At Sunnyfields, we are committed to providing a wide range of enrichment opportunities that inspire children and promote lifelong participation in sport. This half term, children benefited from specialist rugby coaching delivered through a partnership with Bentley ARLFC and the Doncaster Dons. The programme included lunchtime clubs specifically designed to encourage and promote girls' participation in rugby, alongside weekly curriculum sessions for Foxgloves and Clover Class, led by experienced rugby coaches.

The programme culminated in an exciting intra-school rugby competition held at Bentley Rugby Club, where children had the opportunity to showcase the skills, teamwork and confidence they had developed throughout the half term. Coaches from the local rugby club were also in attendance, giving children the chance to perform in a community sporting environment and be recognised for their talent and enthusiasm. This enriching experience helped develop resilience, teamwork, physical fitness and aspirations beyond the classroom.



Rugby: Year 3 and 4 Doncaster Schools Competition



Rugby Competition Success! 🏉

A huge well done to our Year 3 and 4 boys and girls who represented Sunnyfields Primary School brilliantly at the rugby competition held at Hatchell Wood.

The team were unbeaten throughout the afternoon, showcasing fantastic teamwork, determination, resilience and sportsmanship. Their impressive performances saw them progress all the way to the final, where they narrowly missed out on victory, losing by just one try.

We could not be prouder of how they conducted themselves both on and off the pitch. They were outstanding ambassadors for our school and demonstrated our values throughout the event.

A huge shout out to all of the children involved. You represented Sunnyfields with pride and should be incredibly proud of your achievements. Well done, team! 🌟🏉





Sport @ Sunnyfields Hockey





As part of our commitment to providing high-quality enrichment opportunities, we were delighted to welcome specialist coaches from Doncaster Hockey Club into school this half term. Pupils from several classes have benefited from expert coaching, helping them to develop and refine their hockey skills while building confidence, teamwork and resilience.

It has been fantastic for our children to access such specialist teaching and coaching, giving them an insight into the sport and inspiring them to develop their talents further. The sessions have been thoroughly enjoyed by all involved, and the children have represented the school brilliantly with their enthusiasm and willingness to learn.



Timestables

🎸 Times Tables Rock Stars – Let's Keep Rocking! 🌟

What a fantastic start to the school year at Sunnyfields! Our children have been working hard on their times tables, and we're delighted to share some exciting updates from our September edition of The Table Times!

🏆 Rock Star Success!

A huge well done to everyone who has been practising on Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). Special congratulations to our leaderboard stars and to Daffodils, who have shown fantastic enthusiasm and participation!

📈 Climbing the Charts!

Sunnyfields is currently ranked 22nd among local primary schools for mean Studio speed. We're determined to climb even higher in October, and every little bit of practice will help us get there!

🏠 Keep Rocking at Home!

We would love all families to encourage their children to use TTRS regularly at home. Just 5–10 minutes a day can make a real difference to children's confidence, fluency and speed when recalling multiplication facts. Whether they're earning coins, challenging themselves to beat their personal best or simply enjoying the games, every minute counts!

🎸 TTRS After-School Club

Don't forget that TTRS Club takes place every Thursday after school with Miss Lumley! It's a brilliant opportunity for children to practise, build confidence and have fun with their times tables.

🌟 Year 4 Rock Stars

Our Year 4 pupils have hit the ground running with their baseline assessments as they begin preparing for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). Year 4 parents are encouraged to message their child's class teacher to find out their individual times tables targets.

📅 Year 4 MTC Parents' Meeting – Tuesday 20 October at 3.30pm. Come along to find out more about the check and how you can support your child at home.

Let's make October our biggest and best month yet! Together, we can build confident mathematicians, celebrate personal achievements and help Sunnyfields climb that leaderboard!

🎤 Keep practising, keep improving and KEEP ROCKING, Sunnyfields! 🎸⭐











Enrichment at Sunnyfields



At Sunnyfields, we pride ourselves on providing our children with a wide range of enrichi experiences that help them develop new skills, interests and a love of learning beyond th classroom.

Before the summer break, our dedicated Gardening Club were hard at work planting, growing and caring for a variety of fruit and vegetables around the school grounds. Their hard work and commitment paid off, and we were delighted to see them selling some of their beautiful school-grown produce to our school community. The project provided valuable opportunities for children to learn about sustainability, healthy living and teamwork, while developing a real sense of pride in the fruits of their labour.

Well done to all of our young gardeners for their enthusiasm and effort. We look forward to seeing what they grow next! 🌱🍅🥕









Supporting our Community







Our Student Council members made a great donation to the local food bank after harvest festival! Thnk you to everyone for generous donations



Reading at Sunnyfields



At Sunnyfields we promote reading, this helps develop language acquisition and spelling and creativity. We run a book club once a week. Here is one of our year 2 girls reeading to her peers





See our new BookFlix Wall of recomendations, recomended by both our classes as well as national trending recomendations





Children have been sharing what they love about their class books

Exploring Culture Through Movement

Daffodil Class Learn the Haka in PE

This half term, Daffodil Class have been learning the Haka during their PE lessons. The Haka is a traditional Māori performance from New Zealand that combines movement, expression, rhythm and teamwork.

As well as developing coordination, confidence and physical skills, the children have enjoyed learning about the cultural significance of the Haka and the values it represents, including unity, respect, pride and belonging.

Exploring different traditions from around the world helps to broaden children's cultural awareness and understanding, supporting them to appreciate and celebrate diversity within our wider global community.

Well done to Daffodil Class for their enthusiasm, energy and respect shown throughout their learning. 🌟



Sunnyfields Enrichment Clubs

Monday 9th November - Friday 11th December

Monday

Lunch Time
12.30pm - 1.00pm
Homework Club

3.30pm - 4.30pm
KS2 Football

Tuesday

Street Dance
(F2, KS1 & KS2)
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Rugby
(KS2)
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Art Club
(KS1 & KS2)
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Girls Football
(KS1 & KS2)
12.30pm - 1.00pm

Multi Sports
(F2, KS1)
12.30pm - 1.00pm

Wednesday

Reading Club
12.30pm - 1.00pm

Running Club
(KS2)
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Gardening Club
(KS2)
Max 10 spaces

Thursday

Tap & Ballet
(KS1, KS2)
3.30pm - 4.30pm

TTRS & Homework Club (KS2)
3.30pm - 4.30pm

School Choir
(F2, KS1, KS2)
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Friday

Woodland Warriors
(09.00 - 09.30)
Max 10 Spaces

Something for everyone!

Strong Roots and Bright Futures

ATTENDANCE

Every day helps us grow!



Good attendance looks like...

- Aim for our school target of 97% or above.
- Be in school every day you are well enough.
- Arrive on time, ready to learn.

Why every day matters

Being here helps children build skills, keep up with learning, enjoy friendships and feel they belong.

Our highest attending class this half term is...

FOX GLOVES!

Well done for your fantastic attendance!



Holidays mean missed learning

A one-week term-time holiday means 5 school days of missed lessons. Children miss new learning and practice, which can make catching up harder.

Please book holidays during school breaks.

Learn ♥ Belong ♥ Achieve

SUNNYFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
"Strong Roots and Bright Futures"

You belong

Be kind

WITH ME IN MIND

Growing wellbeing together at Sunnyfields

Talk Listen Support Thrive

What is With Me In Mind?

An NHS Mental Health Support Team working alongside school to support children's emotional wellbeing and mental health.

Our whole-school approach

Together, we will make wellbeing part of everyday school life:

- Listen to pupils and families to understand our school's needs.
- Build a caring, inclusive culture where everyone belongs.
- Develop learning about feelings, resilience and asking for help.
- Support staff with advice, training and practical strategies.
- Work with families and review the difference our support makes.

Our Wellbeing Ambassadors

Our pupil ambassadors have now completed their training!

They will help promote kindness, share pupils' ideas and encourage children to speak to a trusted adult.

Ambassadors are supported by staff; adults manage worries and concerns.

Clinical support

Children can be referred for evidence-based support for mild to moderate mental health difficulties. The team will discuss needs and decide what support is suitable.

This may include direct therapeutic support, work with parents and carers, or advice and signposting to other services.

Want to know more?

Please speak to Mrs Gatt for further information or if you would like a referral form.

G	Grow Together	A	All Belong	R	Respect For All	D	Dig Deep	E	Express Yourself	N	Nurture Kindness

Service information: RDaSH NHS – With Me In Mind

Strong Roots and Bright Futures

SAFEGUARDING

Helping every child feel safe, heard and supported

Our safeguarding team

Nicola Gatt – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
Julie Hides & Kimberley Hutton – Deputy DSLs

We listen to children

We teach children to tell a trusted adult about any worry or concern.

- Worry boxes in school
- Daily check-ins
- Wellbeing surveys

Children learn what safeguarding means and how to ask for help.

Learning to stay safe

Lessons and assemblies build children's safety awareness, including:

- Dark Nights safety
- NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe
- Online safety

Safer online

Filtering helps block harmful content. Monitoring helps identify concerns so staff can respond.

Working with parents

Information posters help families understand safeguarding.

Assemblies to support parents' understanding are booked for the spring term.

Keeping staff informed

All staff receive updated safeguarding training so they can recognise concerns and respond appropriately.

Have a worry or concern?

Please speak to a member of our safeguarding team.

Listen ♥ Speak out ♥ Stay safe

safeguarding@sunnyfields.doncaster.sch.uk

The Sunnyfields

GARDEN VALUES



G - GROW TOGETHER

Work as a team, support one another, and maintain a positive attitude.



A - ALL BELONG

Everyone is welcomed, included, and valued.



R - RESPECT FOR ALL

Show respect for each other, our school environment, and our resources.



D - DIG DEEP

Show resilience, solve problems, and develop independence.



E - EXPRESS YOURSELF

Communicate clearly, listen to others, ask questions, and be creative.



N - NURTURE KINDNESS

Care for one another with compassion, showing kindness and good manners.



Contacting us



Staff Wellbeing

Our staff work incredibly hard and are deeply committed to our children. To support their wellbeing and maintain a healthy work-life balance, it is important that they are able to switch off and spend time with their own families outside of school hours. Thank you for helping us to protect this.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support in keeping communication positive, respectful and manageable for everyone.

If you are ever unsure who to contact, please just ask—the office team are always happy to help.



This terms calendar

November		
2nd	Children and Staff Return to School	
18th	Flu Vaccination	
18th	Cricket Engagement Day	Years 2-6
20th	Children in Need Day	
23rd – 26th	Year 6 Mock Week Whole School Assessment Week	
December		
3rd	KS2 Spelling Bee Final	3.30pm
3rd	Flu Vaccination (for those absent on the	
10th & 11th	Nursery Nativity	09.30am
9th & 10th	Reception & KS1 Nativity	2pm
11th	KS2 Christmas Concert	2pm
16th	Christmas Dinner	
17th	Christmas Party Day	
18th	Christmas Church Visit Last day of autumn Term	Afternoon

