

21.11.2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The cold weather has arrived but all the amazing hard work and activity of our staff and children are keeping us all warm in school! Many thanks to Lee, our new Premises Manager, for getting the school heating on just in time too.

Many parents and carers joined our SEN coffee morning with SENDIAS this week. If you ever need more information or have any questions around SEN please do not hesitate to contact me or our EYFS SENCO, Catherine Hunter, through the school office.

Year 4 visited the British Museum this week and came back with some amazing stories about all the artifacts and displays they saw. More trips are planned across the school in the coming weeks so please make sure you communicate consent for these trips with your child's class teacher.

Next week, we are celebrating good attendance (more than we always do!) so there will be certificates and rewards for great attendance all week. Attendance is very important especially during assessment week, so if your child is well enough, please ensure they are in on time every day.

Many thanks for your continued support

Ben Pritchard

Deputy Head Teacher and SENCO

Autumn Lunch Menu

Click on the link to view our lunch menu for the Autumn term.



Next week is Week 4.



**Coffee Mornings
this term**



We are excited to be hosting these coffee mornings this term. You will receive a text reminder if the coffee morning is relevant to you and your family.

**Wednesday 26th November
Behaviour**

**Wednesday 3rd December
'Keeping families safe'
parent/carer workshop**

**Wednesday 10th December
Early reading and writing**

Speak to Sabrina or the school office if you have any questions.

Find information from previous Coffee Mornings [here](#).

Winter



Fair



**Thursday 11th
December**



3:45pm



More information coming soon!

Important Dates

Monday 24th – Friday 28th November – Attendance and Punctuality Week

Monday 24th – Thursday 27th November – 2YO parent meetings

Wednesday 26th November - Behaviour Coffee Morning - 9am

Thursday 27th November – Cardfields Year 6 Parents Meeting – 3:30pm

Wednesday 3rd December - 'Keeping Families Safe' workshop

Friday 5th December – Year 4 Music Assembly

Tuesday 9th December – Year 1 Local Church Visit

Wednesday 10th December - Early Reading and Writing Coffee Morning - 9am

Thursday 11th December - Year 5 Science Museum Space Trip

Friday 12th December – Year 5 Poetry Assembly

Thursday 11th December - Winter Fair - 3:45pm

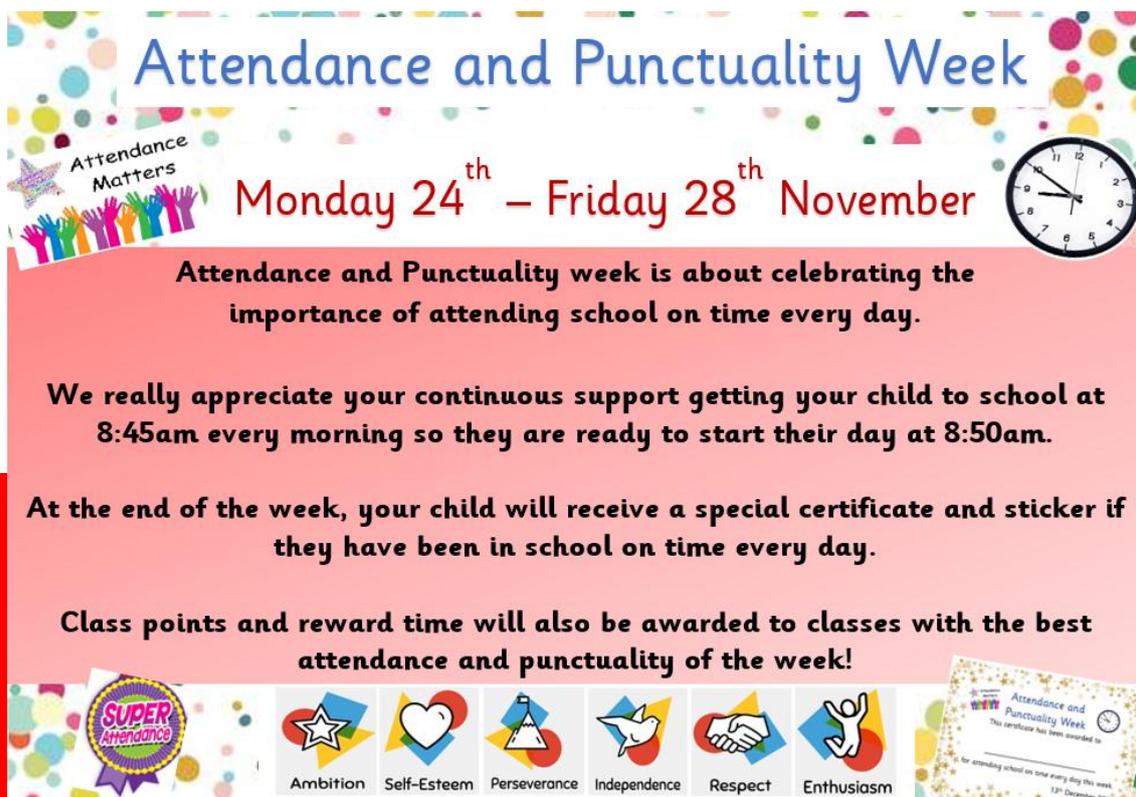
Monday 15th December - EYFS Winter Show

Tuesday 16th December - Parents Evening

Thursday 18th December - KS1 Winter Show

Friday 19th December - Last day of term - 1:30pm finish

Tuesday 6th January 2026 – Children return to school



Attendance and Punctuality Week

Monday 24th – Friday 28th November

Attendance Matters

Attendance and Punctuality week is about celebrating the importance of attending school on time every day.

We really appreciate your continuous support getting your child to school at 8:45am every morning so they are ready to start their day at 8:50am.

At the end of the week, your child will receive a special certificate and sticker if they have been in school on time every day.

Class points and reward time will also be awarded to classes with the best attendance and punctuality of the week!

SUPER Attendance

Ambition Self-Esteem Perseverance Independence Respect Enthusiasm

Attendance and Punctuality Week
This certificate has been awarded to
for attending school on time every day this week.
19th December 2024



School Attendance



Julia Donaldson

78%

Eric Carle

77%

Judith Kerr

71%

Tony Ross

87%

Greta Thunberg

93%

Harriet Tubman

86%

Florence Nightingale

98%

Marie Curie

91%

Isaac Newton

98%

Michael Faraday

96%

Maya Angelou

91%

William Shakespeare

89%

Benjamin Zephaniah

95%

Emmeline Pankhurst

91%

Martin Luther King

93%

Marcus Rashford

96%

Nelson Mandela

99%

The whole school's attendance for this week is **94.2%**

Attendance and Punctuality

Our target for individual and whole school attendance is 95%.

Click [here](#) to see the attendance prizes we will be awarding for this year.

The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to learn.

School starts at 8:50am. It is important that your child arrives on time to ensure they have a positive start to the day.

If your child is going to be absent, please call the school office on 02072725620.

The school office is open from 8am – 4:30pm.



Attendance Matters





Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2YO: Sidrah

You have a great understanding and love of books. You are retelling stories in your own words. We have been super proud of you and your imagination.

Thank you and well done.

Eric Carle 3YO: Levi

We have noticed Levi has been practicing using great manners this week. He has been saying 'please' and 'thank you' when asking to use his friends' toys or when asking for snacks at snack time. Thank you, Levi!

Tony Ross Reception: Nevaeh-Rose

For your amazing retention of information, especially our Talk4Writing story this week. Such great concentration.

Judith Kerr Reception: Nabeel

For trying hard to use a clear voice and for a brilliant retell of our innovated Little Jack story.

Greta Thunberg Year 1: Mohammed

For showing kindness and ambition this week. You are always willing to help out others and you always give your best shot in all that you do! Thank you for being a great role model! Keep it up!

Harriet Tubman Year 1: Arrabella

For showing enthusiasm all week. You have been so on task with your activities and are even independently challenging yourself in your writing and reading. We are so impressed with your love for learning. Keep it up!

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Salwa

For becoming more independent in her writing. Well done for using imaginative adjectives for your expanded noun phrases. Keep up the excellent work!

Marie Curie Year 2: Munira

Well done for your hard work this week. You have shown perseverance and independence by making an effort to follow the success criteria. Keep it up, we are so impressed!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Dre

Dre has been working hard in maths and pushing through challenges with real perseverance. Well done and keep up the good work!

Michael Faraday Year 3: Emily

For her effort and patience in her maths. Emily shows lots of perseverance by trying really hard in class. She is always ready, respectful and safe and has fantastic behaviour.

William Shakespeare Year 4: Sami

For showing perseverance by trying really hard to improve the pace of his reading. Sami has made a big improvement and I am really proud of his enthusiasm and effort.

Well done!

Maya Angelou Year 4: Azra

She is someone that shows a lot of enthusiasm towards all of her learning, asking questions and thinking deeply in lessons and she shows ambition by trying to make her work the best it can be. Keep up this great attitude Azra!

Benjamin Zephaniah Year 5: Aliya

I am so impressed with Aliya's attitude towards her learning and progress this year. Her smiling face brings positivity to the classroom. Well done!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Leo

Leo, you have worked incredibly hard this week, especially on your Harry Potter writing. Your imagination is amazing and I can see how much thought and care you put into your ideas, characters and descriptions. I truly think we might be looking at Duncombe's next great author!

Fantastic job!

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Adam A

Well done, Adam A. You showed real perseverance in Maths and kept on trying even when some questions were tricky — I love your positive attitude towards learning, and it really shows in your work. Good job.

Marcus Rashford Year 6: George

George, you have been absolutely brilliant this week. No matter the subject, you have an infectious enthusiasm for your learning that inspires and encourages those around you. You have been ambitious in your word choices during writing this week and you have been a great asset during the class discussions we had in our topic subjects and in reading.

Keep it up!

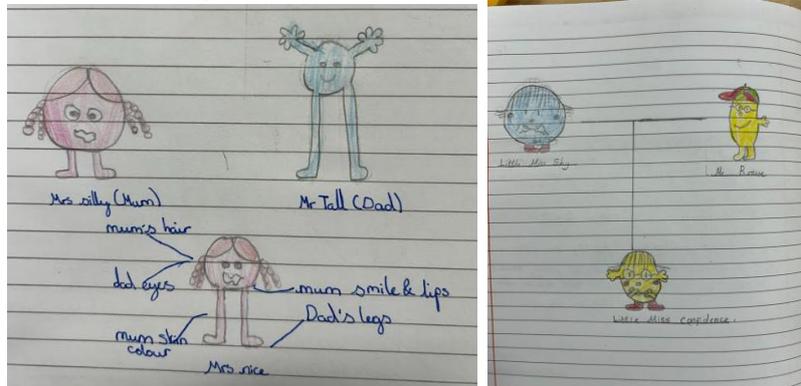
Nelson Mandela Year 6: Alexia

Alexia has worked incredibly hard in maths, learning how to find equivalent fractions and how to simplify them. You always show a brilliant attitude to learning and contribute to a positive learning environment!

Fantastic Work and Learning at Duncombe this week:

Year 6

Year 6 has been learning about environmental and inherited variation. To consolidate our learning, we used Mr and Mrs Men cartoons to give examples of how characteristics are inherited.



Year 5

Year 5 has been learning about Earth and Space. We found out that planets close to the Sun are really hot with short years and the planets that are far away are much colder with years that take a long time to finish. This helped us see that every planet is different and has its own special features because of where it sits in the solar system.



Year 4

Year 4 went to The British Museum to look at the Benin bronzes and artifacts from across Africa, in line with our Autumn Geography and History topics.



3YO Nursery

Nursery's been having a great time with our new fine motor tray! We have been talking about what measuring cups are bigger or smaller and we have been using a bunch of objects to pour, scoop and fill! It has been great fun!



2YO Nursery

Thank you for all that attended our first trip of the year. It is so nice to see the children's engagement with parents and in a new environment. Photos to follow on your child's tapestry. If any parents have taken any photos or videos please upload them on your child's Tapestry. What a stunning building!



Archway's
Christmas
Cracker

Free Christmas Treasure Trail

Win a Bumper hamper of goodies PTO

Discounts in selected shops with this flyer

Free Face Painting & Craft Activities

Santa's Grotto from 3pm

Festive Archway Market from 12pm

LOVE
JOY
PEACE

Featuring Duncombe School's choir at 4:15pm!

12-7pm Wednesday 26th November
Navigator Square, N19 3TD * more info at www.archwaylondon.com