



NEWSLETTER

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Harvest Assembly: On Thursday 22nd of October we will be having our usual Harvest Assembly Celebration and collection. Parents/carers are welcome to join us: Please bring any donations on the day. A list of suggested donations can be found on page 6 of this newsletter.

KS2 Assembly – 2.15pm

KS1 (Reception, Y1 & Y2) Assembly – 2.45pm

All donations will be given to Growing Together Radcliffe based at Westminster Community Centre, Radcliffe. The centre offers vital support services for vulnerable individuals and families in Radcliffe, including food assistance through a referral-based food bank, “Live Well” activities for those with long term health conditions, and intergenerational workshops that connect people across age groups. More information regarding events and activities at the centre can be found on the school website by clicking on the parents tab, then clicking on Growing Together Radcliffe.



BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS: The recent expansion of Free School Meals to include families in receipt of universal Credit means more people may be entitled to Free School Meals. If you have not already done so then please click this link [new online OFSM system](#) and complete a quick form to check if you are entitled to free school meals. You could be saving up to £551 a school year.

Spotted Box and the Golden Ticket: At dinner times we have introduced a new Golden Ticket – given to children who are showing great manners and behaviour in the dinner hall. If they get their ticket pulled out on a Friday assembly, they will receive a bigger and better prize!

Science Workshops: We will soon be holding some in school Science workshops for the children – watch this space!

Congratulations!

Golden Book Award: YR: Toby Y1: Annie Y2: Ada

Y3: Sophie Y4: Y5: Sofia Y6: Edie

Lunchtime awards: Whole Class Reception Whole Class Y4

Attendance Awards: Y2 97.3% Y5 99%

Times Tables Rockstars : TTRS is a fun, engaging online programme that helps children practise and improve their times tables recall. Regular practice helps children recall multiplication facts quickly and confidently, which is essential for success in maths, including division, fractions and more complex calculations. We encourage children to access TTRS regularly at home, even for just a few minutes a day, to build fluency, confidence and enjoyment in maths. They earn virtual coins for answering questions correctly. They can spend these coins on customising their rock star avatar with outfits and accessories.

Throughout the year we have in school class tournaments where we present the winners in our Friday celebration assembly. Year 1 and Year 2 have already completed their first in class tournament. Year 3 have their first one starting on Thursday 22nd October. In addition, we also have trust tournaments. The first one being Year 5 on the 9th of November.

If you have lost or misplaced your child's login please speak to their class teacher who will provide you with another one.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning!



Netball Team: Well done to the team this week who played St Margaret's from the Beacon Alliance group of schools. We had a squad of 10 so all substitutes experienced some game time.

We got off to a great start but unfortunately lost 10-5 but there were some great performances.

Well done to Maddie and Stanley who were awarded team player of the match by the opposition and our coach team player of the match respectively.

Thank you to all our parents who came to watch and support the team

Thank you once again to our team coach Mrs Pickering!

See our social media pages for photos.

Mental Health: Every child completed a mental health workshop last week in their class with Amelia our mental health practitioner. They explored five ways to well-being including looking at mindfulness techniques.

Amelia is in our school every week and works with individual children, parents and is setting up a lunch time wellbeing group as well.

School Trips:



Y3 Workshop, Thursday 5th November, 9am – 3.15pm payments can now be made on Arbor.

Y4 Tatton Park, Friday 30th April, payments can now be made on Arbor.

Pupil Voice – Year 6:

“I enjoyed the netball match very much & enjoyed sharing my position with others. I liked watching the thrill of the match”



Parents That Lunch: Thank you to all the year 5 parents who attended on Tuesday. The doodlebot was a great hit! Our next parents that lunch is below. Letters for this will be sent out via ARBOR soon. **Year 3, Friday, 13th November 2026.**

Reminders:

PE Kit and School Uniform: Please ensure that PE kit which is worn to school for the day follows the school uniform policy which is on the website
It should be navy blue/black shorts and a white tee shirt. Please avoid sports brands and football shirts
For colder weather please wear plain sweatshirts and jogging bottoms

Arriving to school: Please ensure that children do not arrive early in the mornings at the school gates as this is not safe – we have some older children gathering before 8.30am!

The school premises are open at 8.40 and school doors open at 8.45am. From 8.40 there is a member of staff on the KS2 yard for the children to go to if needed.

Earrings: Please remember for safety purposes and in line with our Uniform policy – **we do NOT allow dangling or hoop earrings.** Only stud earrings are allowed. For PE lessons, earrings need to be removed or covered with micropore tape.

Red bands for Head Injuries: For some individuals with sensory issues – we also have “ouch head bump” badges to alert to head injuries.

Maths Workshop - Wednesday 4th November 2pm: These are maths workshops for KS1/Reception parents to come and work with their children in a maths workshop with staff.

ARBOR: Please ensure you have allowed push notifications on the Arbor app so you don't miss any important information.

27/28 School Dates Calendar: Please note that these dates have slightly altered and have been reposted on the website. We have altered the September start dates in line with Government guidelines to improve attendance. It has been proven that broken weeks of 2-3 days in September often encourages families to take extra days holiday instead of attending school. All the schools in our Trust are now following this pattern.

Friends of Cams Lane

Next Meeting
Wednesday 4th November
3.15pm In School



We cannot run events in school without help and volunteers to be part of the FCL. This is the reason why we have not held a Halloween event this term – we do not have enough helpers. The children have asked about a Halloween disco but we have not been able to have one due to the “skeleton” volunteer numbers. No pun intended!

Diary Dates

Thursday 22nd October	 Harvest Assemblies Parents/carers welcome to attend KS2 2.15 pm Reception & KS1 2.45 pm
Thursday 22nd October	School Closes for Half Term At 3.15pm
Monday 2nd November	School Re-opens
Wednesday 4th November	Maths Workshop for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 parents 2pm
Thursday 5th November	Y3 School Workshop Stone Age
Friday 13th November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 26th November	Open Day for Prospective Parents 10am – 11:30am 1:30pm – 3pm



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What's missing?

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We currently only have a handful of active members on our committee. We urgently need more volunteers to help plan and manage events. Please consider joining Friends of Cams Lane this year and make a vital difference in our school community!

**Come to our AGM
Wednesday 4th November 2026 at
3.15pm
All welcome
Sign in at the school office**



Parentkind

Growing Together Radcliffe

We're running low on stock

We are currently low on the following items;

Tinned meat, curry, corned beef, pies, spam etc

Tuna, salmon & fish

Tinned veg, all types & potatoes

Tinned beans and sausages

Instant mash

Pot noodles/super noodles

custard, fruit, biscuits

Jam, peanut butter, spread

Coffee, milk, sugar, eggs

Toothbrushes, shaving foam.

**Anything you can spare would be appreciated,
we also take monetary donations.**

**Growing Together CIC,
Westminster Ave,
Radcliffe M263WD
open Friday's 9am - 12pm
Tel : Tina 07963 605283
Gill 07523 743653**



ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%

How do **YOU** measure up?

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	340 lessons



The poster above shows what percentage attendance means to your child in terms of lost learning. Excellent attendance at school is linked to better academic progress and attainment by ensuring your child has access to a broad, balanced and knowledge-rich curriculum. It also ensures that your child can benefit from the extra-curricular activities on offer at school that promote good social and emotional development.

80% attendance over 5 years = 1 whole year of education lost.

Just a couple of minutes late each day = Lost Learning

Minutes late each day	Lost learning time each year
5 minutes	3 days
10 minutes	6.5 days
15 minutes	2 weeks

Please note: Article 28 of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child states: **“Every child has a right to an education.”**



The NSPCC has also cited, **'failure to ensure regular school attendance which prevents the child reaching their full potential academically'** as one of their six forms of neglect.



ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.

Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.

The fine is £160 but if you pay it within 21 days it will be reduced to £80

£160



2

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution

1 day = 2 sessions

A PENALTY FOR EACH CHILD



+£160

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+£160

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4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid within 21 days

3

4

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+£160

+£160

+£160

+£160

4 children &
2 parents =
£1,280

Reduced to £640 if paid
within 21 days

5

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

SECOND TIME

2 parents and

1 child = £320

2 children = £640

3 children = £960

4 children = £1,280

No discount for early payment



THIRD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given.

Instead your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000