



Signpost

24th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing this as a second draft following our Ofsted visit the last two days!

I wanted to take a heartfelt moment to express my deepest gratitude to our wonderful school community. We recently welcomed the Ofsted inspection team to our school, and while we must wait a little longer to share the official report and outcomes with you, I simply could not wait to say thank you. We have been completely overwhelmed by the sheer volume of supportive, kind, and lovely comments we received from you during the visit; your partnership means the world to us. Most of all, I am bursting with pride over our phenomenal children. Their behaviour was absolutely impeccable—as it always is—and they shone brightly, beautifully demonstrating our 'Bee-haviours for Learning' at every turn. We are so incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated family community supporting us, and I am so proud of what we continue to achieve together. Watch this space! Once we can share the report, we will look forward to celebrating with the whole school community by inviting everybody to our 'Sign-Fest'- a festival to celebrate our wonderful school and children. We will invite our current Year Two's who will be in Year Three to come back us.

As we reach the end of another fantastic academic year, my heart is incredibly full. Walking through the school, I am constantly reminded of how lucky we are. Our corridors are filled with laughter, our classrooms are buzzing with curiosity, and our playground is a place of genuine friendship. More than any academic milestone, our greatest success this year has been watching our children grow into happy, confident, and kind individuals. They look out for one another, welcome visitors with big smiles, and tackle every challenge with a bounce in their step. You should be immensely proud of them as we certainly are

Transition morning

Change can be big when you are little, but our recent transition days were an absolute triumph. The children spent a wonderful morning in their new classrooms, meeting their next teachers and getting a feel for the year ahead. The excitement in the air was palpable, and the children handled the change with incredible maturity. Here is what some of our pupils had to say about their morning:

"My new teacher is really kind. I can't wait to be in Year One"

— *Year 1 Pupil*

"I was a little bit worried, but my new teacher is really nice and we got to paint self-portraits. It was the best morning ever!"

— *Reception Pupil*

Safeguarding update

As we head into the long summer break, the safety and well-being of our children remain our top priority. While school is closed, we encourage all parents to remain vigilant regarding online safety, particularly as children may spend more time on devices. Please ensure age-appropriate filters are active on home Wi-Fi and devices.



Busy 'bee'ing our best

Year Two concert

There wasn't a dry eye in the house during our spectacular 'Adventure Awaits' Year 2 Leavers Concert and Graduation. The children performed with such enthusiasm, confidence, and joy, perfectly capturing their journey with us. To our wonderful Year 2 leavers, we are so incredibly proud of the people you have become. While we are sad to see you go, we know you are ready to spread your wings. As you take this next big step into the Junior school, remember to keep shining brightly, asking big questions, and being the kind friends we know you are. Good luck Year Two, you will always have a special place in our hearts.

A year of adventure and enrichment

We believe that learning should be an adventure, and this year has been packed to the brim with exciting hands-on experiences! Our curriculum came to life through an incredible array of trips and enrichment days, including:

- The Fishing Heritage Centre & Yorkshire Wildlife Park: Where we explored local history and came face-to-face with amazing animals.
- Creative Masterclasses: Working alongside a professional artist to create beautiful masterpieces.
- Cooky Cooks Pizza Making: Developing culinary skills (and enjoying some very delicious, cheesy results!).
- Wimbledon Day & World Book Day: From strawberries and cream tennis fun to celebrating our favourite literary characters.
- Global Adventure Day: Experiencing and celebrating different cultures from all around the world.

These experiences do so much to spark a lifelong love of learning, and we want to thank our staff and volunteers for making them possible.

Looking ahead

We are always looking for ways to enrich our school day, and we are thrilled to announce that we are extending our after-school club offer next academic year! We want to give our children even more opportunities to discover new passions. Alongside our usual sports and creative clubs, we will be introducing:

- Woodwork Club: Developing fine motor skills, safety, and 3D design.
- Science Club: Messy, hands-on experiments to spark curiosity.
- Lego Club: Engineering, storytelling, and cooperative building.

Keep an eye on your inbox early in the Autumn term for sign-up details and the full timetable.

Goodbye and good luck

At this time of year, we also have to say some sad goodbyes to members of our staff team. This term, we are bidding a very fond farewell to Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Pennell and Mrs. Priscott. They have all been pillars of our school community, bringing warmth, dedication, and endless care to our children over the years. They will be dearly missed by pupils and colleagues alike. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts for everything they have given to our school and wish them the absolute best in their next chapters.

We are also exciting to getting ready for our Year Two trip to Back to Bear and completing our mini first aiders training again and a professional artist teaching us to draw our new class animal.



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Thank you all for your incredible partnership, support, and kindness throughout this year. I wish you all a safe, sunny, and restful summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back on 26th August.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Hannah Gray
Head teacher



DIARY DATES

August	Sun 16 th	Last date to order lunches for the first week back at school
	Wed 26 th	Start of Term 1 – 8.50am
	Mon 31 st	Bank Holiday Monday – school closed
September	Wk beg 2 nd	New Reception staggered start
	Fri 4 th	All Reception in school
	Fri 18 th	Year 1 and Year 2 Art workshop Jeans for Genes Day
	Tue 22 nd	Mini First Aiders
	Wed 23 rd	Mini First Aiders
October	Thurs 8 th	Year 2 trip to Back to Bear
	Mon 12 th	Individual Pupil photos
	Tue 13 th	Parents Evening
	Wed 14 th	Parents Evening
	Fri 16 th	End of Term 1 – 3.30pm
November	Mon 2 nd	Start of Term 2 – 8.50am



The Class Attendance each week can be found on the Attendance page on our website.

https://www.signhillsinfants.co.uk/parents/attendance/class_attendance/weekly_class_attendance_25_26.html

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