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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

03 10 October 2025

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please remember to donate any uniform that your children have grown out of as it can be recycled in school.

Underwear:

Also, if you have any children's underwear that we can use in school - we would appreciate this for our collection too in case of accidents.

If your child has had an accident at school, please remember to wash any borrowed items and return them to school, as soon as possible. This is much appreciated.

Happy weekend!

Mrs Burgess x



Dates for your Diary

20th October Y4 trip to y4 Jorvik

21st October - Parent Evening

22nd October - Parent Evening

22nd October - Photographs - individual/sibling groups from 8.15 a.m.

12th Nov Y3 Grimm & Co

13th Nov Y5 Magna

9th Dec FS2, Y1 and Y2 Theatre trip



Year 2

Preparing for the King's arrival at Conisbrough Castle

Trip 2 had a fantastic visit to Conisbrough Castle! The children were fully immersed in the experience as we prepared for the king's arrival.

Everyone enjoyed dressing up in medieval costumes, which really brought the history to life.

We were given a wonderful tour of the impressive stone keep, learning about its structure, defences, and the lives of the people who once lived there.

The children showed great enthusiasm throughout the day, answering lots of questions and demonstrating their excellent knowledge of castles.

It was a truly memorable trip, and we are so proud of how engaged and amazing they were.





IT'S BACK! AFTER-SCHOOL CODE CLUB

This week saw the kick-off of our after-school Code Club, and what a fantastic start it was!

The children dived straight into using Chromebooks, creatively coding musical animations via the online software from [Code.org](https://code.org).

The children used coding fundamentals such as repetition, sequencing, and functions in fun and engaging ways.

Some of them even started dancing!





Year 1

Year 1 Have Had a Fantastic Time Exploring Greater Than, Less Than, and Equal To!

This week in Year 1, the children have been busy building their understanding of numbers through fun and interactive activities all about greater than (>), less than (<), and equal to (=).

Using number cards, counters, cubes – and even some crocodile props – the children learned how to compare numbers and identify which is bigger, smaller, or the same. They especially enjoyed using the "greedy crocodile," who always wants to eat the bigger number!

Through games, hands-on tasks, and partner challenges, the children have grown in confidence and are now much quicker at recognising which number is greater or less – and explaining their reasoning too!

It's been a joy to see their enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the week. Well done, Year 1!

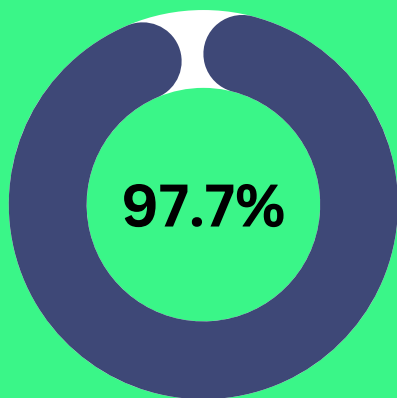


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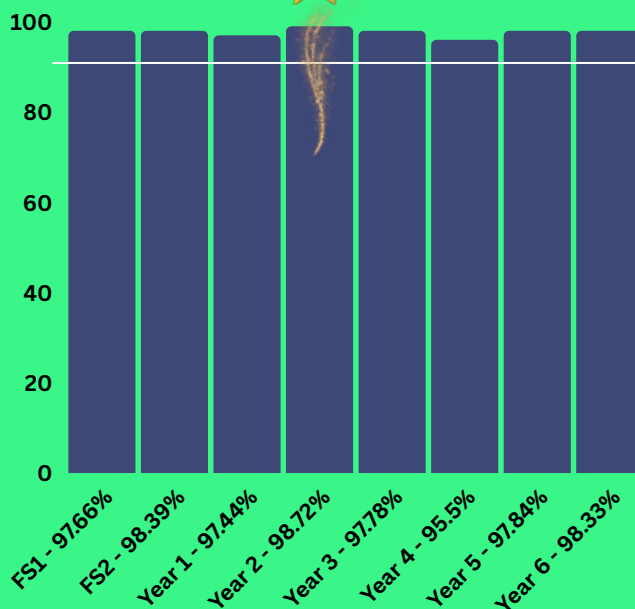


WELL DONE Y2



Our whole school attendance for the week 97.65%

All classes that achieved 97% and above will get an extra 10 minute break.



Y2 are class winners this week with 98.72%!

AMAZING! WELL DONE!

**Is your child starting primary school
in Sheffield this year?**

**Complete the Ready for School
Health Questionnaire!**

Filling out this questionnaire
lets School Nurses know about
anything preventing your
child from being school ready,
such as:

- Going to the toilet
- Eating
- Sleeping
- Teeth
- Vaccinations



Please scan the QR code to fill out
the questionnaire.

School Nurses can direct you towards
any group or individual support using
the information that you provide.

School code: **SF140341**



www.sheffield.childscreening.co.uk/Forms/SHQ



Harvest Festival

What a fantastic morning it was on Monday as the whole school came together for our Harvest Festival Service at St. Mary's Church!

Students from Year 1 to Year 6 contributed with lovely prayers and readings, creating a real sense of community.

Rev. Rhodes led the service, filling the church with joyful singing. It was a wonderful opportunity for us all — parents, pupils, and the Walkley community - to reflect on the many things we should be grateful for.



Year 3 are busy with their product analysis

Year 3 are doing some great product analysis for their current DT unit. The children will be designing their own chocolate packaging.

To help us with this, we have been looking at existing products and taking them apart to see how they have been constructed. We have even used our problem solving skills to construct some nets. I can't wait to see their final products!

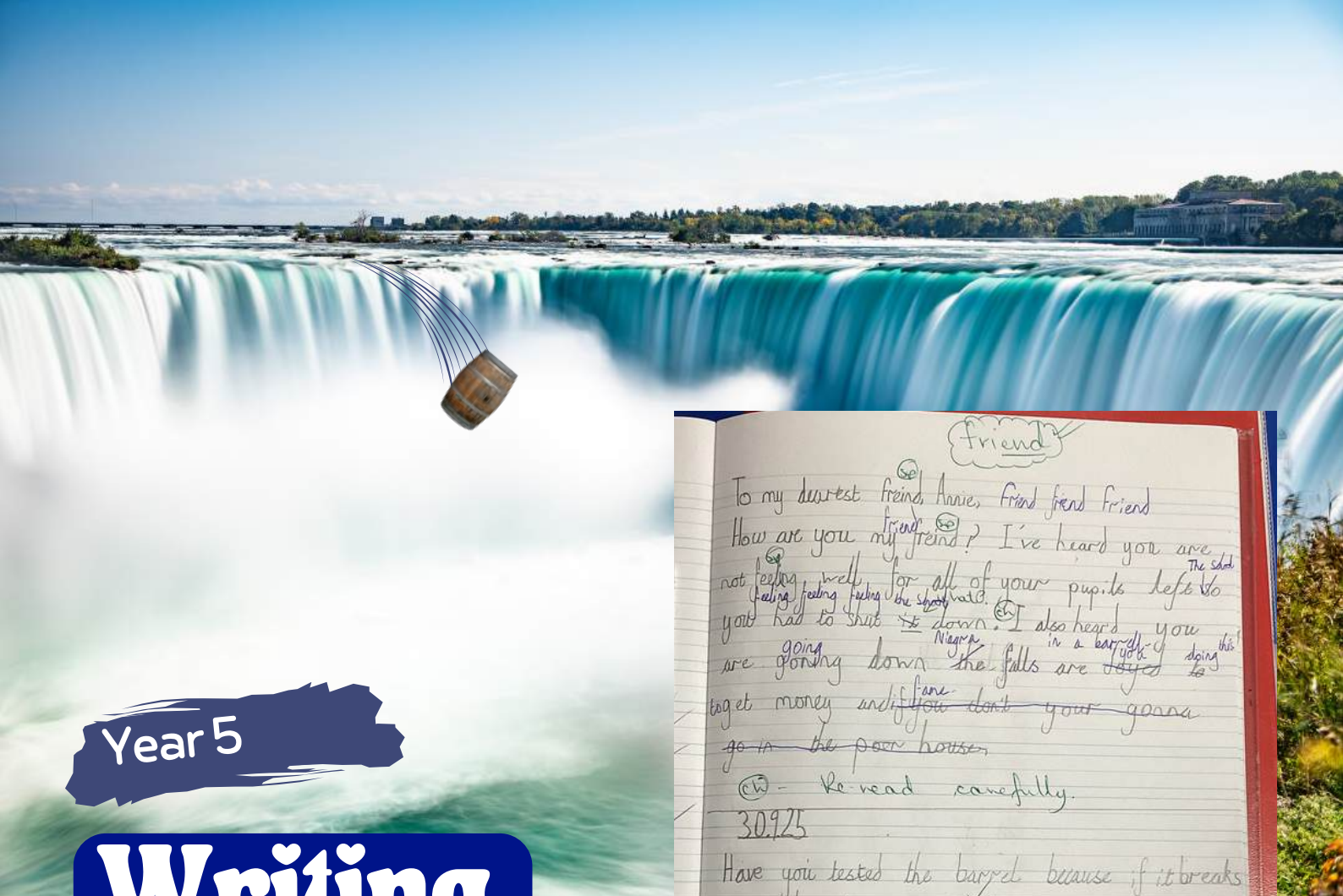




Year 6

Finding out what blood is made up of!

Y6 continued their science learning by looking at the function of blood and what it is made up of. We created a model so we could see the platelets, plasma, red and white blood cells.



Year 5

Writing letters to a daredevil

This week, Y5 have been writing letters to Annie Edson Taylor (one of the world's first ever daredevils) about her plans to throw herself down Niagara Falls in a barrel.

The children had to decide whether they would encourage or discourage Annie from going ahead with the stunt and write in the role of one of Annie's best friends.

I was so, so impressed by how well the children applied all of the work we have done on sentence structure and their editing skills are improving so rapidly!

Great work, Y5!

