



Withinfields' Newsletter - 24.10.25

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Events coloured in green are either those which are funded by our enrichment pot or events that contribute to the pot as fundraising. Thank you for your support.

Tuesday 4th Nov - am SEND coffee morning
Tuesday 4th Nov - pm and evening - Nursery parents' evening
Thursday 6th Nov - 2pm - 6pm Nursery to Year 6 parents' evening

BUN SALES – 50p

We enjoy buns each Friday at playtime. We ask for donations of buns from a different class each week as detailed below. Buns are 50p and this can be paid in cash or via School Gateway. Proceeds from these sales go into our Enrichment pot.

Date	Class to bring buns
7.11.25	Sweden
14.11.25	Austria
21.11.25	Belgium
28.11.25	Switzerland
5.12.25	Finland
12.12.25	Poland
19.12.25	Spain

Buns Sponsor of the week

We are delighted that an anonymous person has donated £40 this week to ensure that all children can have a bun that would like one. Thank you!

If you have a company that would like to sponsor a week or you wish to do it as a family, please complete this link.

<https://forms.gle/Bw5NCNcUdp6sfWb49>

You can use it as an opportunity to raise awareness of your business or ask to remain anonymous.

Our Enrichment pot pays for all school trips and special workshops within school for our children so that parents are not asked to pay for these.

Special moment of the week!

My highlight of the week has been our Poetry festival on Wednesday evening. It was lovely to see how confidently our finalists stood and recited the poems. All finalists were presented with a book to celebrate their achievements in getting to the final. The overall winner was Florence from Reception who had learned one of the Year 1 and 2 poems and recited it beautifully!

It was also lovely to see performances from our School Choir and our Cheerleading Squad. Both groups have been working hard this half term to perfect their repertoire. They both performed with enthusiasm and with huge smiles on their faces!

Well done to everyone who made it such a lovely evening!

Important information for next week

It is our half term holiday next week. I hope that all the children enjoy a good rest after a long half term! We have a training day on Monday, 3rd November, when the staff will be receiving training about cooperative learning strategies, so the children will return to school on Tuesday, 4th.

Other information

Parents' Evenings - Those parents that completed the online form should have received their appointment time via ClassDojo for Parents' Evenings which are taking place in the first week back after half term. Any queries, please send a ClassDojo message to your child's classteacher. When arriving for your appointment, please come to the main entrance off the car park.

Open day - We are holding this on 13th November with a talk from myself and tours of the school starting at 9.45am, 1.30pm and 6pm. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who is looking for a primary school for their Nursery or Reception child for September 2026.

Attendance - At the time of writing, there are 148 pupils with 100% attendance for the term. If these children have been in school for both register marks today, they will receive a certificate in the first week back celebrating this achievement! For the pupils who didn't manage to achieve 100% this half term, they have chance to get their first certificate next half term if they manage to attend every day between October half term and the Christmas holidays.

I am really pleased with the improvement in attendance this half term. At the end of last year, our whole school attendance was 94.4% which was slightly below national average, however, this half term, this has risen to 95.5% which is above national average. Attendance figures play a huge part in Ofsted inspections under the new framework that they have introduced. Given that we are expecting an inspection this year, we are really appreciative of the great start that our children have made to attendance thanks to strong parental support. Well done, everyone!

Safeguarding reminders - The Year 5 and 6 children had a talk last week from the fire service about staying safe on bonfire night and around fireworks. Please make sure that you remind your child about stranger danger if you are allowing children to go out trick-or-treating without you so that they only approach addresses where they know the occupants.

Healthy holidays - It is not too late for children to be booked on to sessions through this scheme if they are eligible for benefit-related free school meals. The sessions include activities as well as a meal at lunchtime. Please visit: <https://healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk/> to book sessions.

Year 6 applications for secondary schools - Please ensure that you have completed an application for a secondary school place if your child is in Year 6. The form can be found [here](#). Your login details will be the same as those that you used for applying for a place originally at Withinfields. It MUST be completed by the end of October otherwise your application will be considered a late application and will only be allocated a place after all on-time applications have been processed which may mean that you don't get an offer for the school that you prefer.