

Swallownest Sunshine

Autumn 2

November 7th 2025

A NOTE FROM MR WEBB

Welcome back everyone; I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful, restful break.

We have enjoyed a great first week back and the children have settled back into routines like they have never been away!

We have a very busy half-term ahead of us, including Anti-Bullying week, parent consultation meetings, our KS1 Reading Cafe, and of course, our Christmas celebrations!

This week, we have invited parents into school to join us for our SEN coffee morning and this morning's Y3/4 maths workshop. It has been lovely to welcome our families into school and we hope to give more opportunities to build these relationships across this half term.



DIARY DATES:

WC 10.11.25 - Anti-Bullying week

10.11.25 - Excel Martial Arts Anti-Bullying Assembly

11.11.25 - Remembrance Day

11.11.25 - Y2/ Y3 Moorlands Visit

16.11.25 - Odd Socks Day

WC 17.11.25 - Parent Consultation Meetings

17.11.25 - Excel Martial Arts Taster Day

20.11.25 - Foundation Unit open afternoon

EVENTS IN SCHOOL

In school this week, we have been learning about 2 very different, yet equally important events.

First of all, we learnt all about the Hindu festival of Divali - the festival of light. We shared the story of Rama and Sita before 2 of our children shared their own personal experiences of celebrating the festival. Ayaan and Avni told us all how they decorated their homes and spent time with their friends and families. Ayaan then wowed us all by teaching us to count to 10 in Hindi, while Avni told us all about her beautiful mehndi skin decorations. Thank you so much to both for sharing their experiences with us; we are so proud of you both!



We were then lucky enough to be visited by Alan, a former member of the RAF who shared stories and his medals with the children as part of our learning about Remembrance. Next week, Y5 and Y6 will be taking part in a national live assembly on Remembrance Day while we will be observing a minutes silence at 11am on Tuesday 11th November.



WIDER EXPERIENCES

On Tuesday 4th November, Mexico Class celebrated the traditional Mexican holiday, **Day of the Dead**. The *Day of the Dead*, or Día de los Muertos, is a vibrant celebration that honors deceased loved ones and is an important part of Mexican culture. Didn't they look great!



Following the last edition of Swallownest Sunshine, I need to offer an apology.

I reported on our 3 boys who took part in the School Games Cross Country event and wrongly listed Miller, Lucas and Logan as our participants.

It should have read Miller, Lucas and Thomas!

Thomas - I offer my sincere apologies and congratulate you on your efforts!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS:

Whole school target = 96.6%

England 1 - 96.1%

England 2 - 94.5%

China Class - 96.7%

Kenya Class - 95.7%

India Class - 97.5%

New Zealand Class - 95.6%

Canada Class - 93.2%

Mexico Class - 95.8%

Determination - 95.3%

Honesty - 96.4%

Passion - 97%

Teamwork - 95.4%

Whole school = 95.5%



TIME TO CELEBRATE!

WE WON!!

We are delighted to share that, out of all participating Rotherham schools, we have come out on top in the WOW Walk to School Challenge.

This means that our children are the most active in the way in which they travel to and from school. This contributes to a healthy lifestyle and is something that we are very proud of! #GoldStandard!

