



Summer Term July 2025

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another academic year. But what a fantastic year it has been!

This term has been just as busy as the rest of the year, with sports days, tournaments, other celebrations taking place. The children have had a great time, however they have continued to focus on their learning and have made great progress across the curriculum.

As we prepare for the summer break, I would like to say a huge **'Thank you'** to every member of staff who works at Windhill Primary - they all work tirelessly to ensure pupils have the best experiences during their time at Windhill. Without their dedication and continued commitment, the school would be a very different place.

Finally, a **'Thank you'** to you all too for your continued support. From all the staff and governors at Windhill, we hope you have a lovely summer break, and we look forward seeing most of you back in school in September.

Take care,

Mrs Howard

Our Summer Events!

The children have been very busy throughout June & July. Please enjoy looking through the photo gallery at all the amazing experiences they have taken part in including:

The Primary Enterprise Challenge at Barnsley Metro dome, welcoming visitors from Tennessee in the USA, taking part in Pride Day to celebrate everything special and unique about themselves, residential visits to Austerfield for Year 4 and Walesby Forest for Year 6, cricket, athletics and rounders tournaments, sports days, visit to the Mining Museum, taking part in Doncaster Stories book celebrations, the Year 6 Aladdin production, and finally our Nursery children's graduation! It certainly has been a busy 7 weeks!







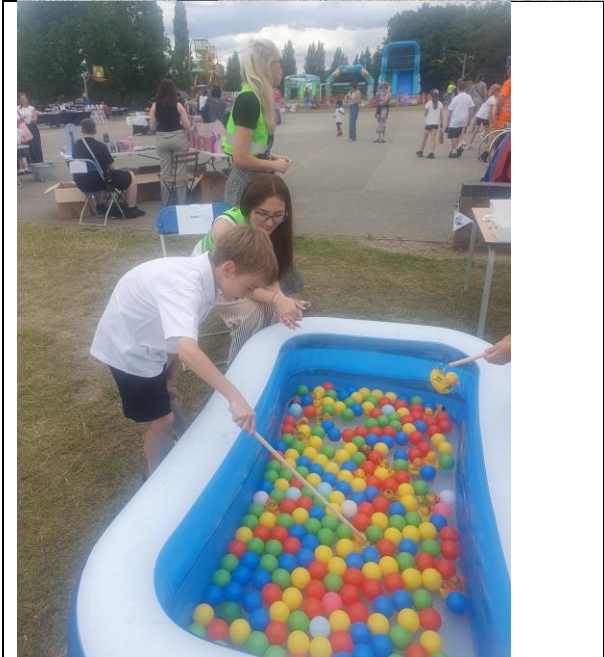


Summer Fayre

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to the summer fayre on the 16th of July. We hope that you agree that it was a brilliant afternoon and a great way to bring the school community together. A special 'Thank you' to Mrs Blackshaw who organised the majority of the event and helped to ensure everything ran smoothly.

Thank you to everyone who was able to support the summer fayre or was able to attend. We raised an amazing £2312 which will go towards Christmas activities and events for all the children.





Staff updates

We have had a baby boom this year with Miss Troughton, Mrs O'Dwyer and Mrs Hicks all welcoming beautiful baby boys. All are doing well and enjoying time with their families.



During the summer, both Miss Whitehouse (soon to be Mrs Wardle) and Miss Allen (soon to be Mrs Wilson) will be getting married. We hope they both have wonderful wedding days, and enjoy celebrating with their close family and friends.

Happy Retirement!

This week, Mrs Harrison, our school cook will be hanging up her apron for a final time as she starts her well-earned retirement. Having worked for Doncaster Schools Catering for over 55 years, with the last 27 years at Windhill Primary, she has dedicated her career to ensuring children receive a healthy and delicious school dinner - including her famous Chocolate Crunch!

Mrs Harrison is looking forward to spending time with her family and enjoying holidays. We will all miss her and hope that she will keep popping back in to school to see us!

Congratulations Mrs Harrison!



Goodbye Year 6

One of the hardest parts about this time of the year is saying '**Goodbye**' to our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to move on to their secondary schools in September. This year is no exception.

This year's Year 6 are such a hard-working, resilient and dedicated bunch of young adults, who are such a close knit group. They show tremendous support for each other and with others throughout school. During their time in school, they have been determined to achieve their full potential and this has led to them to achieving above national attainment in all subjects in their recent SAT tests - a phenomenal achievement!

Despite their final term being filled with sporting events, residentials and transition visits, they still managed to put on an amazing performance of 'Aladdin' last week.

We will certainly miss their presence around school, they have been an amazing Year 6. However they are more than ready to move on now - continue being fabulous Year 6, **we will miss you all!**

Attendance

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance

In September 2024, the government introduced updated statutory guidance around school attendance. The main changes included:

- A penalty notice (fine) will be considered when 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence within a 10 school week period has occurred. This applies for any unauthorised absences, not just holidays.
- First offence: An increase to the rate of a penalty notice from £120 to £160 if paid within 28 days, and £60 to £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Second offence (within 3 years): A second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period being charged at a higher rate of £160 **with no option** for this second offence to be discharged at the lower rate of £80.
- A national limit of **2 penalty notices** can be issued for the same child within a **rolling 3-year period**. This means, if you take a child on holiday more than twice within a 3 year period, you are likely to be prosecuted or face similar legal action.

Please be aware that if you have had 2 penalty notices this year and are planning to take another holiday next year, this will be within the 3-year period and you could face a much higher fine (possibly up to £2500 per pupil, per parent) or face legal action.

Inset Days & School Holidays 2025-26

Next year, staff training (inset days) will take place on:

- Monday 1st September
- Friday 24th October
- Friday 19th December
- Monday 1st June
- Monday 20th July



School will be closed to all pupils on these days.

School holidays can be found using this link: [Doncaster school holidays 25-26](#)

Have a super summer and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 2nd September @ 8.45am!