



Newsletter October 2025

Upcoming Events

Key Dates this October

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| 1st October | October Newsletter Out |
| 2nd October | Census Day – special menu for lunch |
| 2nd October | Y3/4 Doncaster DSAT Competition – Football @ |
| St Michael's | |
| 8th October | Harvest services in Church – donations welcome |
| 8th October | Board Game Café Family Event @ 3:15pm |
| 10th October | 'Tuck Shop Fridays' starts - PTA |
| <i>12th October</i> | <i>Harvest Festival in Church (Sunday)</i> |
| 10th October | Y5/6 '500 Word Story' Competition starts |
| 13th October | Y3 Trip to Austerfield Centre – Stone Age |
| 13th October | Parents' Evening 3:30 – 4:30pm |
| 15th October | Parents' Evening 3:30 – 6:30pm |
| 16th October | 'With Me In Mind' Parent Workshops – 3:15 and |
| 4pm | |
| 20th October | Y1 'Safe Touch' lessons with school nurse |
| 23rd October | Y5/6 '500 Word Story' Competition deadline |
| 23rd October | Y2 Sponsored Danceathon Event – 2pm |
| 23rd October | Disco (FS2 and KS1 3:15-4:15pm, KS2 4:30- |
| 5:30pm) | |
| 24th October | Last day of term for children |

IMPORTANT – PARENT PAY

We are no longer using Parent Pay so please do not add any money to this system. All payments for clubs / trips should now be made through Arbor. Many thanks.

Don't forget's!

- ✓ **Make sure your child is in school for Census Day** on Thursday 2nd October – and please order a dinner!
- ✓ **Send your child in with a food donation** for our Harvest Festival on 8th October.
- ✓ **Attend Parent's Evening** on 15th October, 3:30pm – 6:30pm.
- ✓ **Come along to the With Me In Mind workshop** on 16th October, 3:15pm or 4pm.



My Happy Mind

This half term we've launched 'My Happy Mind' across school. This is a school wide scheme from Nursery all the way to Year 6 which helps children to develop an understanding of how their brilliant brains work and what jobs they do to support us being mentally well and emotionally regulated. We've been so impressed with how the children have started to talk about their brains and implement 'Happy Breathing' to support themselves. We're even more excited to launch the parent app for My Happy Mind in October. The app will have lots of strategies for you to use that we will have practiced with the children at school – watch this space!

We See Your Attendance...

Our whole school attendance is currently....
95.5%

Please keep sending your children **EVERY** day!

Census Day – Thursday 2nd October

Please ensure that your children are in school on Thursday 2nd October – this is our Census day that determines our funding, based on how many children we have present in school on that day. We have a special menu of burger, chips and corn-on-the-cob too – as the more meals ordered, the more funding we get too!

Please support us 😊

Harvest Festivals

On 8th October, all year groups will be going over to Church to take part in special Harvest services. Children are warmly invited to take across a food donation for the collection, which will be given to Food Train Rossington for local families in need. Please send in tinned / dry goods – nothing fresh or perishable!

Board Game Café Family Event

Our termly family event is a board game café, held on 8th October at 3:15pm in the New Hall. Board games will be available to play as a family, with drinks and refreshments available to purchase. Please come along – it's a great way of keeping our community strong!

Y5/6 '500 Word Story' Competition

All Y5/6 children are invited to

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Here is more detail about October's events, along with any other key messages to be shared.

show off their writing creativity – by writing a 500 word story to enter into a DSAT competition against our other Doncaster schools! We will introduce the task on 10th October, and they have until 23rd October to write their story. They can also be entered into the BBC competition too!

Parents' Evenings

On 15th October, we will have our parents' evenings held in the new hall for parents to meet with teachers, discuss your child's progress and find out their targets. Bookings can be made through Arbor, available from 6pm on 6th October. There will also be timeslots available on 13th October, for those parents unable to attend the main one.

With Me In Mind

We are thrilled to be working with 'With Me In Mind' as a school, to support children with mental health concerns and provide intervention to support. Mike, our lead, will be leading 2 parents workshops on 16th October to share the support available and be able to ask any questions you have. We will look after children in school so that parents can attend.

Discos – 23rd October

Our PTA will be holding our

discos on 23rd October - FS2 and KS1 3:15-4:15pm; KS2 4:30-5:30pm. Tickets are £3 each and include a drink and snack. Dancing shoes ready!

We See You...

This is where we celebrate key achievements of our children. If you'd like something including, please email (and a picture if able) to: weseeyou@smp.dsat.education

Congratulations to **Seb Ross**, in Y5P, for not just passing, but smashing his piano Grade 1 exam, achieving a Distinction with a mark of 145/150. Hard work pays off – well done!

A big 'well done' to **Jack Smith**, in Y3W, for completing a sponsored walk up Mam Tor with his football team 'Rossington Blues', raising over £100 towards new equipment for his team – a great achievement!



Oliver Finnegan, in Y5S, has been elected as 'Junior Mayor Ambassador' for Doncaster! This is a huge opportunity and responsibility – very well done, Oliver!

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" Romans 15:13