



# Travis St Lawrence CofE Primary

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24/10/25

Dear Parent/Carer,

End of half term letter

We hope that you are all well. What a wonderful first half term back we have had! We are so proud of how all of the children have settled and the determination that they have shown. This half term, there have been so many experiences our children have loved:

We have welcomed 50 new foundation 2 children and 36 new nursery children to our school. We have also welcomed 25 new children across school. They have settled so well and we are so grateful they have chosen our school to be part of their family.

We have appointed a sports coach for one day a week. He is in on a Tuesday and is offering a lunchtime football club, an after-school club and also working with specific classes. This half term, he has worked with year 2 and year 3. Next half term, he will be in year 1 and 5. The children are loving the extra activities.

We are truly blessed to be working so closely with Rachel Ridler, from our church. Rachel led a lovely backpack blessing service for our year 1- 6 children and then came into school to share the blessing with our nursery and foundation 2 children. It is so gorgeous to see the blessings hanging off their backpacks on their way to school.

Our year 5 and 6 children attended a knife crime talk followed by activities. They found it really informative and helped them to know how to keep themselves and others safe.

Our year 4H class started their swimming lessons and are doing incredibly well.

Our new catering company started with us- The Pantry- and children are loving the meals, especially the salad bar! We are hoping they will do a taster session for parents/carers soon.

Our new wraparound provider started with us- Premier Education- and is more popular than ever.

We welcomed parents/carers into school for the parent/carer welcome meetings. We shared information about the school curriculum, routines and how to support your child at home.

Our new Open the Book team started. The children are loving the drama and bible stories, especially when they can all get involved.

Representatives from our year 3 and 4 classes attended the DSAT football competition and won every match. They were such incredible ambassadors for our school.

Our year 3 children led a lovely Harvest service for the whole school and parents/carers. We are so grateful to you for your donations, the church was full. Our foundation also had their own in school Harvest service and again we were staggered by the amount of donations. All donations have been given to the DN7 foodbank.

Our year 1-6 children enjoyed the Snow White theatre company visit. There were lots of cheers for the goodies and boos for the baddies. The children were so well behaved.

Our year 4 visited Yorkshire Sculpture Park and learnt about the different artists and their influences. We are loving seeing the sketching coming to life.

Show Racism the Red Card day was a huge success and we loved seeing all the children wearing red. The assemblies were powerful and showed how important it is that we stand together against racism.

Our Young Voices rehearsals have started again ready for the new year concert.

Our DSWT team have been in to enhance our year 1 curriculum with their bible bootcamp.

The police have been in school and talked with our year 5 and 6 about internet safety.

Our year 4 children have taken part in pedestrian training.

Our pupil parliament met one of our local councillors to talk about the issues with parking and to look at possible solutions.

Teg, our school dog joined us and has been a hit with the children, and the staff! She has settled in so well and is loving all of the cuddles.

Wow, what a busy half term!

There is still so much more to come next half term, please see the diary dates below.

We would like to thank you so much for your continued support and for working so closely with school for the best of the children. We hope you have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

Yours truly

Mrs P Cousins

Headteacher

3.11.25	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all
4.11.25	School Open	School open to all
5.11.25	Year 4H swimming	Swimming continues for 4H
5.11.25	Residential	Year 6 residential
7.11.25	Year 1 and 2 Boccia	Representatives from year 1 and 2 to attend a DSAT Boccia competition at lower site.
11.11.25	Parent/Carer Meetings at upper site for both site children.	Spaces to be booked through Arbor App. School nursing will also be in for anyone to speak with.
Wk beg 10.11.25	Anti-Bullying week	There will be lots of activities around Anti-Bullying week.
10.11.25	Odd sock day	Children to wear odd socks (with their school uniform) as part of anti-bullying awareness.
12.11.25	Year 5 and 6 500 word	Representatives from year 5 and 6 to read aloud their 500 word story as part of DSAT competition at St Oswald's.
12.11.25	Year 3 visit	Year 3 visit Skills Street, Rotherham
14.11.25	Children in need	Children in need day- children can wear non-uniform and bring a monetary donation for the charity.
18.11.25	Bishop Leah in school	Bishop Leah Vasey-Saunders, Bishop of Doncaster, in school to lead a collective worship and meet children
19.11.25	Flu Vaccinations	F2- Yr 6 Flu Vaccinations. Letters to follow
19.11.25	Parent/Carer Meetings at lower site for both site children.	Spaces to be booked through Arbor App.

**Christmas Activities – more information of dates and times will be confirmed closer to the time.**

20.11.25	Christmas in a box	DSWT to lead a workshop to year 2 around Christmas in a box
27.11.25	Potential school disco	This is a potential date for the school disco but just depends on securing a DJ. More information to follow.
28.11.25	Advent service	Nursery Advent Service in church with parents/carers
1.12.25	Year 1 visit	Year 1 Christmas visit to Epworth
2.12.25	Christingle service	Year 1 Christingle service in church with parents/carers
2.12.25	Year 6 SATs meeting	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents/carers at 5pm
4.12.25	FS Nativities	Foundation Stage Nativities for parents/carers
10.12.25	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativities	KS1 Nativities for parents/carers
16.12.25	Santa Dash	Santa Dash event at upper site for all
17.12.25	Christmas Rehearsal	Year 4 to share their Christmas service with lower site children
17.12.25	Christmas Dinner Day	Christmas Dinner Day on both sites.
18.12.25	Christmas Service	Year 4 to share their Christmas service with their parents/carers and upper site children
18.12.25	Carols on the playground	Upper site children to share carols and Christmas songs to parents/carers, on the playground (wet weather alternative)
19.12.25	Party Day	Children to come in their Christmas Party Clothes
19.12.25	Light Service	All children to attend a light service in church
19.12.25	School Closes at 2pm for Christmas Term Break	
5.1.26	School closed for teacher training day.	
6.1.26	School open. All children return.	

