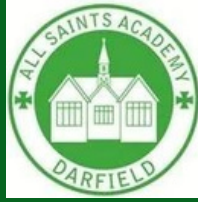


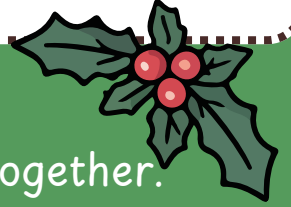


SCHOOL NEWS



Friday 12th
December 2025

YOUR WEEKLY SCHOOL UPDATE



A loving place where we all care, learn and grow together.

Our school vision

At All Saints Academy, it is our vision to provide the 'good soil' for every member of our community to develop deep roots and flourish as a unique individual and achieve their full potential. With the highest of expectations, we nurture and develop each individual so that they can explore who they are and make a positive contribution to our local community and the wider world.



Our school Values

Respect Kindness Honesty Perseverance Courage Empathy

WEEKLY REMINDERS

- **Monday 15th December**

KS1 Nativity (Years 1 and 2) 10am and 2.15pm. Join us for festive drinks and mince pies from 8.40am in the community room.

- **Tuesday 16th December**

Christmas Showcase, Years 3, 4 and 5. 10am and 2.15pm. Join us for festive drinks in the community room from 8.40am.

- **Wednesday 17th December**

Elf run for the whole school! Get your sponsor forms filled in to raise money for the wonderful Barnsley Hospice.



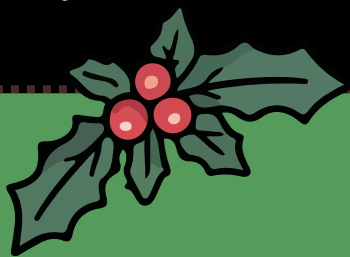
PTFA Christmas Discos

Thank you so much to the PTFA for organising and delivering two wonderful Christmas discos! The children had great fun with their friends and we raised £304 for the children in the process.



Christmas Church Service

On Wednesday 10th December all children from Reception to Year 6 went to church for our Christmas service. We were lucky to have John to lead our service which we are very grateful for. The Year 6 children read with excellence and the Reception children did everyone proud acting out the story of the first Christmas. Thank you to all the parents, carers and wider family members who came to join us in church. It was great to see so many of you (although I was a little worried we would run out of space!)



A huge thank you to all staff and parents who have donated gifts to Thornhill House Adopt a Grandparent appeal this year. We were able to make up 22 gifts.

The Year 5 children visited this week to deliver the gifts and sing Christmas songs for the residents, they all sang beautifully





Our school attendance target: 96%

Current whole school attendance: 94.4%

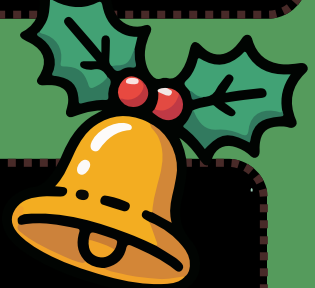
Persistent absence (less than 90%): 20%

Headlice

There has been a few cases of headlice within school. Please check your child's hair and treat with proper treatment if necessary.

Treatment is available free of charge from participating pharmacies.

School closes at the usual time for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 18th December. We return to school on Monday 5th January 2026

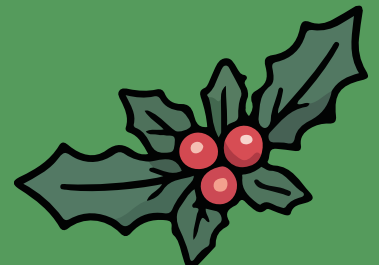
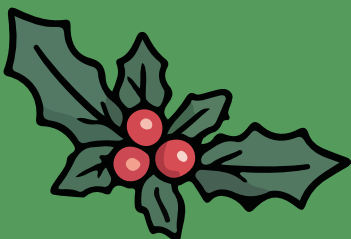


Important Statutory Assessment days.

- Year 6 SAT's, Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026
- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (PSC) W/C Monday 8th June 2026
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Weeks commencing Monday 1st June and Monday 8th June 2026.

Roblox poster

There are lots of children playing on Roblox during their time at home. Some disagreements happening online are being brought into school and leading to issues. Please see the poster for information around how to keep your child safe while playing on Roblox. Please monitor what they are doing online. See Poster below.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable on smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

PLAY TOGETHER

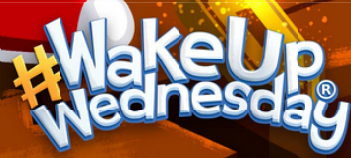
Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

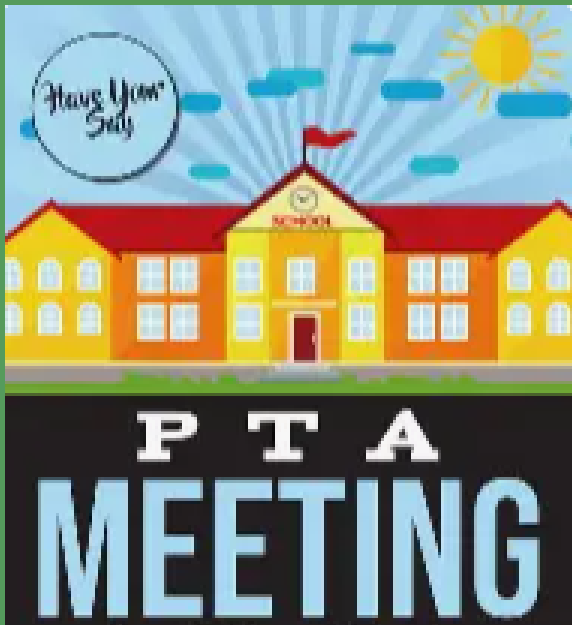
TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at GAMINGible.





PTA Meetings

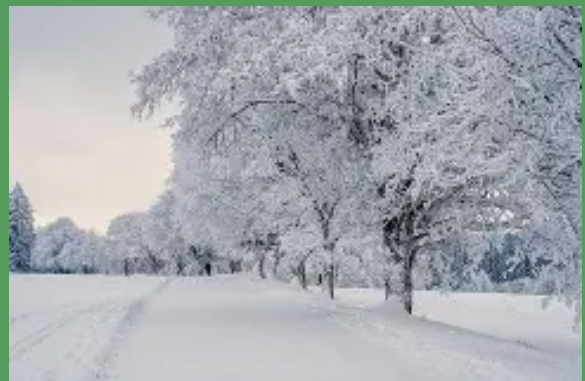
We have updated the dates for the PTFA meetings for the year. Current and new members welcome.

- 15th January @ 9am
- 12th March @ 9am
- 30th April @ 9am
- 2nd July @ 9am

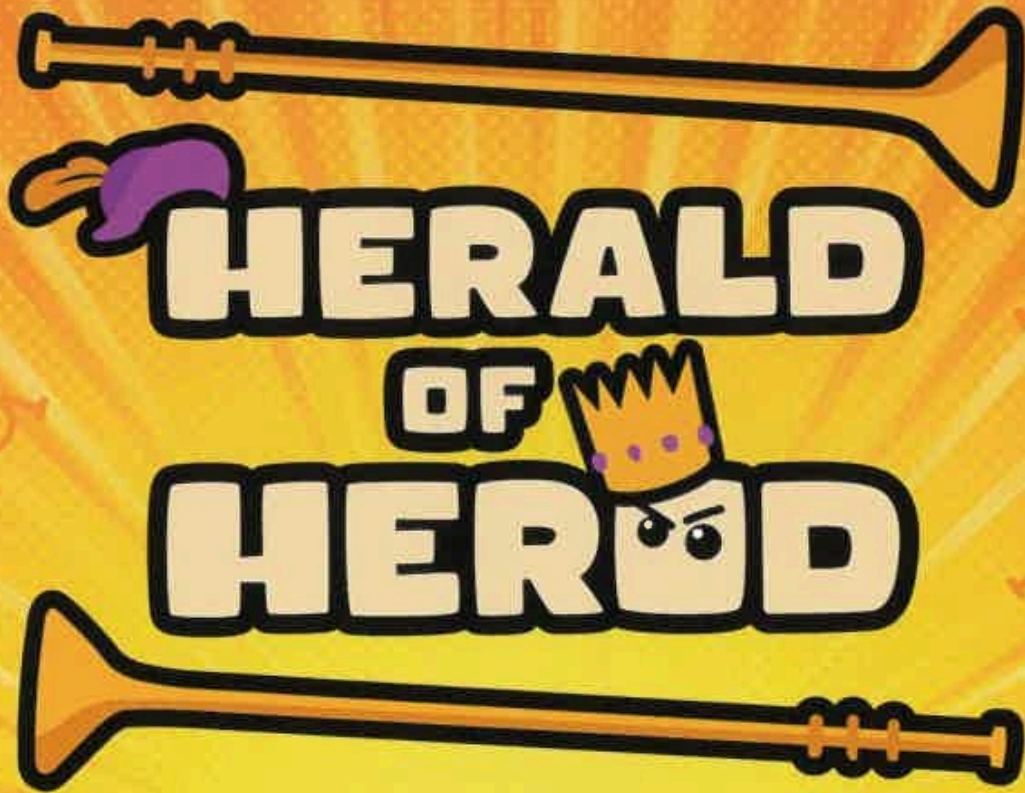
Autumn and winter weather.

Please ensure children are sent to school each day with a coat. The weather is very changeable and even if it seems lovely in the morning, it can be throwing it down with rain by breaktime! If you do choose to by winter boots for your child, please ensure these are inline with the school uniform policy.

In the colder months, children are permitted to wear plain black boots. These must be black leather or leather look. Boots should be plain without buckles or fur.



4FRONT THEATRE PRESENTS



HERALD OF HEROD

A CHRISTMAS PANT-IVITY



Darfield Church Hall, Church Street, S73 9JX

Saturday afternoon 20th December 2025 starting at 2:30pm till 3:30pm

Tickets £2 per adult - accompanied children FREE

**Tickets can be purchased from the 4Front Theatre website
(on the 'Tour Dates' page listing the 'Herald of Herod' Darfield event)**

4 THEATRE
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Three peculiar Magi have appeared in the Royal Palace, talking of the birth of a potential rival King! The cruel King Herod is keen to unravel this mystery.

For Harry the humble Herald, this is the chance of a lifetime... to embark upon an epic quest and be noticed by the King!

Explore the nativity story like never before with plenty of songs, plenty of laughs, and a very boo-able baddy, in 4Front's brand new Christmas pan-tivity! (panto/nativity)



**SUITABLE FOR FAMILIES AND
CHILDREN OF ALL AGES**



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OTHER EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY - Christmas 2025 at Darfield and Houghton Churches:

Sat 20th December 4pm — Carol Service, Houghton

Sun 21st December 6pm — Carols by Candlelight, Darfield

Christmas Eve 3pm — Crib Service, Darfield

Christmas Eve 11.30pm — Midnight Communion, Houghton

Christmas Day 10am — Christmas Communion, Darfield

please join us!

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Diary dates for the academic year.

We try our best to stick with the dates selected, however sometimes changes may need to be made. We will give you as much notice as possible.

SEN coffee mornings: 'Chit chat' café <i>(In place of SEN drop in once a half term)</i>	Monday 9th February @ 8.50am Monday 23rd March @ 8.50am Monday 18th May @ 8.50am Monday 6th July @ 8.50am
Christingle workshop	Year 3 only: Wednesday 3rd December 2025, 9am
Year 2 Pantomime trip	Tuesday 9th December 2025, PM
Christmas Church Service	Wednesday 10th December 2025 AM
Christmas dinner	Wednesday 10th December 2025
Pantomime @ the parish hall (Rec-Y6)	Wednesday 17th December 2025, AM
Christmas class party day	Thursday 18th December 2025
Christmas Performances	<u>Early Years Foundation Stage Nativity</u> Friday 12th December 2025, 10am & 2.15pm <u>Key Stage 1 Christmas play</u> Monday 15th December 2025, 10am & 2.15pm <u>Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5 Christmas sing-song</u> Tuesday 16th December 2025, 10am & 2.15pm
Young Voices	Monday 9th February 2026
Online safety week	Monday 9th February-Friday 13th February 2026 Inc. Safer Internet Day Tuesday 10th February 2026
World book day	Thursday 5th March 2026
Science week	Monday 9th March – Friday 13th March 2026
Comic Relief	Friday 20th March 2026
Easter service	Wednesday 25th March 2026
Class photographs	Thursday 18th June 2026
Year 6 Bikeability	Monday 15th June- Friday 19th June 2026
Sports 'days' <i>Weather dependant</i>	<i>Specific times will be sent out nearer the time.</i> <u>EYFS:</u> Tuesday 23rd June 2026 PM <u>Year 1 & Year 2</u> Tuesday 23rd June 2026 AM <u>Year 3 & Year 4</u> Wednesday 24th June 2026 AM <u>Year 5 & Year 6:</u> Wednesday 24th June 2026 PM
Annual written reports to parents	Friday 10th July 2026
Year 6 Leavers Service	Tuesday 14th July 2026 <i>Provisional until transition dates from secondary schools are confirmed</i>
Internal transition day	Wednesday 15th July 2026 <i>Year 6 pupils will be informed of their secondary transition days once their placement confirmed.</i>
Reception graduation	Monday 13th July 2026
End of year prize giving	Friday 17th July 2026

You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers**.

First Tuesday of every month

7pm - 8.30pm
Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone



What parents say:

*'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel, and I really do feel less alone and more validated. **My hope is back**'*

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism. Sometimes my wife Sally will join in as well.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

All Saints Academy

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR

For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

September (22 Days)

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Tuesday 2nd September 2025