



NEWSLETTER

Edition—Autumn 2, 2024-2025

Key Dates:

Monday 6th January — Staff training day—SCHOOL CLOSED to children

Tuesday 7th January—School opens to children

Friday 14th February—School breaks up for half term

Attendance

This half term, we have seen improvements in many children's attendance! This has ensured that they are receiving vital interventions throughout morning tasks and makes a huge difference when it comes to their Maths and Literacy skills for future life. Children have taken home lots of prizes including Rudolf Raffle prizes and our half termly attendance prizes including an iPad! Keep going!

Delta Stars

We had such an exciting launch for our new Delta Stars programme this half term, including an assembly where Mr Bower and Miss Freeman both dressed up as golden stars! We are looking every day for Delta Stars within our school and these are children who showcase outstanding personal development qualities such as Social and Moral development, Pupil Leadership or skills in sharing views and opinions.



Next half term's Star Focus is Keeping Safe On and Offline. Maybe your child will be the first to win a Delta Star card this year!

Sports Celebrations

Our Girls and Boys' Football teams both reached the Pokemon Football Barnsley Cup finals this half term which was outstanding! Girls unfortunately could not attend due to being away at Dallowgill, however the boys managed to compete in their game and came third in the whole of Barnsley!

We are so proud of both of our football teams and cannot wait to attend more with other groups of children!

Please see below for the PE timetable for Spring 1 —please ensure your child has their PE kit on the applicable day, otherwise they will not be able to take part.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Year 4	Year 5	Year 1/2	Year 2	Year 3
Year 5/6	Year 1		Year 6	Year 3/4

Maths Day!

4 of our fantastic Year 6 pupils attended an exciting Primary Maths Challenge Day at Education House where they solved difficult problems and really put their knowledge to the test. They competed in tasks against the rest of the 37 primary schools in Delta and came fourth out of all these! Well done!



Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mr. T Bower

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Staff Shoutout

This half term, our staff shoutout goes to Mrs Armitage! You are a very special person and have committed so much to ensuring the children at Goldthorpe have a fantastic education. Congratulations on your retirement—we hope it is all you wish for and more!



After School Clubs

This half term, our clubs have been full! Children have taken part in clubs such as Choir, Dance, Girls' Football, and more! Children have really enjoyed this and it has been a joy to see so many trying new things. Keep an eye out for next half term's offer and sign up quick!

Reading Rewards

Many children have received a brand new book this half term as a result of reading three times or more per week at home and getting their reading diary signed! Please ensure you are reading regularly with your child it is so important to keep this up in order to support them and make sure they can read fluently.

Curriculum Showcase Assemblies

This half term, Year 4 and Year 6 had their Curriculum Showcase Assemblies to demonstrate to parents what they had been learning about in their lessons. Year 4 shared an art activity linked with their History topic of Vikings and Year 6 shared their work in Art and Design where they had learnt the artist, George Edward Marston.

Local Support Services to Goldthorpe:

Dearne Family Centre (support groups) Monday – Friday 8:30 – 4:30

Salvation Army (food bank) Monday 10:00 – 12:00 Monday 1:00 – 2:00

ICON (Baby crying support) – search – “ICON baby crying support”

YoungMinds (Mental Health Support for children) – search “youngminds”

Mind (Mental Health Support for adults) – search “mind”

Goldthorpe Community Shop (affordable food) Monday – Saturday 9:00 – 5:00

