

Sowerby Primary Academy Newsletter No. 2 2025



‘Sowing seeds of success: growing courageous learners’

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Dear parents, carers,

Thank you to Y6 parents who attended the PGL meeting this week. I am sure that the children are all excited about the prospect for the week away. Please see below for more information.

Please can I politely remind parents about our policy for earrings in school. Not to be worn on PE days please. Alternatively your child should be able to remove them for PE lessons. If that is not the case provide tape for them to be covered. Staff are not permitted to help with this so if tape is needed this would need to be done at home if they cannot do it. Having dealt with injuries from this kind of thing, it is important that we follow these recommendations.

I wanted to congratulate the children on such a positive start to the term and how well they are demonstrating kindness to each other, reinforcing our schools values. Kindness, Courage, Acceptance, Resilience and Respect.

Thank you.

Keeley Ungerechts

Executive Headteacher

New Starters for 2026 Reception Class

Admission applications for new starters open on 12th October, 2025 and close on 15th January, 2026. This is for children born between September 2021 and August 2022. We will be holding open evenings later in the year, the date is yet to be decided.

FOSS News

✨ You are invited! ✨

As a new term begins it's time for FOSS to think about the next year of fund raising events and we would love to invite you along to our AGM.

Date 📅 7th October 2025 Time ⌚ 7pm Venue 🏠 Golden Fleece hotel Thirsk

Here we'd like to discuss various aspects of life at FOSS and this includes

😊 The success of last year. what funds were raised, spent and what money carries over to the next year. 🎉

💰 Available funds per child for this academic year and agree an amount.

👤 Trustee roles available within FOSS , such as secretary, treasurer and chair. All roles to be voted on and agreed.

💡 Events for the coming year. Ideas to be shared among attendees on how we can raise funds through events and grants this coming year.

FOSS has grown from strength to strength over the last few years and last year saw our best fund raising total EVER! ❤️

We have been able to supply the school and the children with so much more than what the school budget allows for and it's made an incredible difference to their time at school. 😊

For this to continue though we need help! Therefore we're asking you to join us at our AGM and come and see what FOSS is all about. You don't have to sign up hours of your time but we just ask that you come say hello 🤝 and see what we do and why we do it. If you have time within the year to help at our events and share ideas then that would be incredible. We're a fab little team, full of fun and banter, and we'd love for you to join us 🙏

Without helpers FOSS absolutely cannot continue and without this means our children don't get the events and experiences we offer 😞 So if your child is new to Sowerby primary academy or you've been thinking of joining and just never got round to it.....now's the time!

We hope to see you there!



The Menu Choice for next week is Menu 3 of our new Autumn menu.

Please note, we have updated the menus for Autumn. If your child is going to be late into school and they require a hot meal. Please can you phone the office and pre-order their meal. To view the menus on our school website, please click on the link below. Thank you.

<https://sowerbyp.sites.schooljotter2.com/children-1/school-meals>

Year 6 Visit to PGL at Newby Wiske on 13th October, 2025

Please follow the link below to access information about your child's visit to PGL. Thank you.

<https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/resources/parent-guide/about>



IMPORTANT: Parent Pay Reminder Information

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL PARENTPAY ACCOUNTS ARE CLEARED BEFORE THE END OF THE TERM - THANK YOU.

Please can we politely remind parents to keep their Parent Pay account in a positive balance to pay for school meals, breakfast club, Before and After School Club services etc.

School meals and Breakfast Club attendance must be paid on a **weekly basis**.

School meals are £2.85 per day.

Nursery fees and Before and After School Club needs to be paid by the **7th of the following month**.

We regularly send text messages as a reminder. Please do not ignore these.

All negative balances must be cleared by the end of each month. Thank you.

Clubs and Activities

Simon Carson - After School Club Y1 - Y6

The session will be football and a variety of fun sports & games! Please ensure your child has suitable clothing and footwear for outdoor activities. For further information, please click on the link below.

<https://simoncarsonsportsschool.co.uk/shop/after-school-clubs/sowerby-autumn-1/>

Drama lessons

DRAMA IS FOR EVERYONE

At Drama Kids we welcome all children from shy to natural performer. One hour weekly of just drama develops social interaction and communication skills, increases creativity and performance skills and boosts confidence and self-esteem. EASINGWOLD METHODIST CHURCH, CHAPEL STREET – TUESDAY 6PM – 7PM – OPENING TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER. NOW TAKING BOOKINGS

To find out more or book 2 Trials for £20 contact Caryn at york@dramakids.co.uk / 07309 880805 or visit www.dramakids.co.uk

Dragonflies

Our wrap around care before and after school club is Dragonflies. A separate registration form is required but this is open to all Rec-Y6 pupils. Booking is essential as we do have limited numbers. It runs from 7.30am and finishes at 6pm. Please can we ask that you inform Dragonflies if your child is not attending a pre-booked session, i.e if they are going home with a friend etc. This can be done by contacting Miss Dixon on dragonfly@sowerbyacademy.org.

Policies and costs are on the school website:

We have opened the Reception/y1 class from 3.09.25 for after school care. Y2-y6 will be in the classroom across with both classes coming together to spending time together during the sessions. £4 for an morning session 7.30am-8.50pm with breakfast included

£9 for an evening session with a light snack a drink included. We are reviewing the demand for Dragonflies for 4 year olds from Nursery at this time. Applications for this will be reviewed on case by case scenario. This is due to the level of support they may require, being available.

Any inquiries to dragonfly@sowerbyacademy.org.









Attendance

I am sorry but we are not able to authorise any holidays in term time. It is imperative that we close educational gaps created by lost learning and we must follow DfE guidance on this. Thank you for your understanding. Exceptional Circumstances Leave [Request form must be submitted prior to leave being taken.](#) This is also available on school website (parents tab/parents information)

Attendance last week

Whole School: 98.33 %

Unauthorised Absence:0.29%

Best class attendance last week: **100% Peake, Attenborough and Sharman Class Well done!**

Dates for your diary



15th September, 2025 Individual photos.

10th October, 2025 Flu Immunisation

13th October, 2025 PGL visit for Y6 children

5th November to 11th November , 2025 - Book Fair

18th November, 2025 - Y6 Crucial Crew

2nd March 2026 Saplings Photographs

26th March, 2026 Class Photographs

The term and holiday dates for the academic year 2025/2026 are on the school website. Please click on the link below to view these. Thank you.

<https://www.sowerbyacademy.org/home/term-dates>

[Up and coming events](#)