

Newsletter October 2025

Welcome back to school after the Summer holidays. I hope you have all had a wonderful and restful Summer break. A warm welcome to the new families that have joined in Two-year-old, Nursery and Reception provision and others in different year groups.

I am writing to you with some reminders and dates about events coming up in the next half term.

Can I thank you all for your continued support this year.

Staff News

Royd Nursery Infant

Miss Victoria Grimmer has been appointed to work in the Early Years team. Congratulations to Miss Katie Shepherd who was married in the Summer holiday. She is now Mrs. Bradshaw.

Deepcar St John's

We welcome Mrs. Mel Hargreaves to the admin team.

Punctuality

School officially starts at 8.50am.

The doors at **both schools will open at 8.40am** and registration will take place at 8.50am. Should parents/carers at Royd opt to bring their child to school between 8.40am and 8.50am then parents/carers must stay with them until the bell sounds.

Both schools finish at 3.20pm.

Two and three year old provision

We still have limited places available in these provisions. If you know of anyone looking for a setting, please pass on the school details so we can organise a visit. We are now starting to look at allocating places for January 2026.

Inset Days

The remaining INSET days this academic year are as follows:

Monday	3	November	2025
Friday	27	March	2026
Monday	20	July	2026

Breaking up on Thursday 26th March 2026 and 17th July 2026 means that there will be cheaper holidays for parents/carers to access.

Leave of Absence

Both schools are following the new guidance for absence fining as described by the Government. A copy of the flyer regarding penalty notice fines is attached to this email.

Uniform

Children should attend school every day in uniform. Please ensure your child's name is on all items of clothing and refer to the appropriate School website for uniform expectations. There are already a large number of sweaters and coats in Lost Property.

Toys from home

Please keep toys, cuddlies at home. Children should not be bringing these items to school. We have a number of teddies/comforters in school should a child need one.

Jobs/Vacancies

Royd is currently looking to appoint a lunchtime supervisor and a Level 2 Teaching Assistant. Information is on the school website under Our School/Vacancies or contact the school office at Royd if this is something you are interested in.

Jewellery

Pupils can wear a pair of stud earrings (not hoops) and a watch to school. These are the only jewellery allowed. No smart watches that can connect to a phone device are permitted.

For PE lessons jewellery needs to be removed for health and safety reasons. Earrings should be removed by parents/carers if children are younger. Older children can take their own studs out. If your child's ears are not healed or if recently pierced, tape can be worn over the earrings. This needs to be applied before school by parents/carers. If this tape becomes loose or falls off before PE, teachers will risk assess the PE activity and the sessions will be adjusted for that particular child. The child would not be able to play contact sports.

PE – Hairbands

If your child has long hair they must bring a hair bobble to tie their hair up for PE. Please tell your child to leave the hair bobble in school for future PE lessons.

PE Kit - Extra Curricular Clubs

If your child is attending an extra-curricular club(s) please ensure they bring a PE kit with them to school that day. Please note that children that attend Royd both their indoor and outdoor PE kit should be left on your child's peg for the duration of the school week.

PE days

Year group/class		Days
Reception		Monday and Friday
Y1	Class 7	Thursday (indoor and outdoor)
	Class 8	Thursday (indoor and outdoor)
	Class 9	Thursday (indoor and outdoor)
Y2	Class 7	Thursday Swimming (additional PE session allocated on timetable)
	Class 8	Thursday (indoor and outdoor)
	Class 9	Thursday (indoor and outdoor)
Y3/4	Mrs Thompson	Tuesday and Wednesday
Y3/4	Mrs Danks	Monday and Wednesday
Y3/4	Miss Steward	Monday and Wednesday
Y5		Tuesday (Miss Woods-Booth and Mr Horner swimming, Mrs Riley and Mrs Bells- PE) and Friday
Y6		Tuesday and Friday

Healthy Snacks

Children at Royd have a healthy snack provided for them to eat each day by the council.

At Deepcar St John's the **healthy** snacks must be brought in from home. Can you please ensure this is a piece of fruit or something else suitably healthy such as yoghurt.

Parentpay

All new parents/carers to Royd school need to register for Parentpay. A text was sent advising families to collect their letter from the school office. Year 3 parents/carers whose children have moved to Deepcar St John's need to re-register for Parentpay. If you require any help with registering, please contact the appropriate school office.

Parentpay debts for leavers in Y6 will be transferred to younger siblings. There are also a number of outstanding payments for children in school. Please ensure you are up to date as we are at the start of a new school year.

Dinner Charges

Dinners for Deepcar St John's children have been increased by the Local Authority to £2.95 per meal,
Children that attend Royd's Two-year-old provision or Nursery the cost of a meal is £2.65.

Fundraising

Thank you for all your support during the Summer Fair. We raised a whopping £1002 at Deepcar St John's and £840.58 for Royd.

Donations of uniform

Thank you to those parents/carers that have donated preloved uniform.

Raffle Donations

Our Parent fundraising group (PODS) are asking for donations for raffle prize. Do you own your own business or have a contact that can help with donations? If so, please contact PODS or school if you can help in this area.

Goldfish

We have many goldfish in the pond at Deepcar St John's. Would anyone like to come and collect some for an outdoor pond before the weather turns colder? Please contact the school office to organise collection.

Dates for Diary

Royd Nursery Infant

October

10 - Individual Photographs
23 - 'wear it pink' - fundraising for breast cancer (Thursday)

November

3 - Curriculum Day- school closed to children
11 - Remembrance Day
14 - Children In Need
17 - Flu vaccination FS2-Y2

Deepcar St John's

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