

Newsletter

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From the Headteacher

Dear Readers,

Welcome back!

I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. This week, a group of our pupils returned from their incredible African adventure. Feedback from the students has been overwhelmingly positive, reflecting the unforgettable experiences they had during their 12-night trip. During their time abroad, they volunteered in local schools, leading activities for pupils and assisting with maintenance tasks such as building and gardening. They also had the opportunity to explore the natural beauty of the region, including a safari in the Maasai Mara and visits to both the giraffe and elephant sanctuaries.

Our pupils were outstanding ambassadors for the school, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to Miss Wright and Mrs Aitken for organising and leading this enriching experience.

Looking ahead, our Year 11 students begin their mock examinations on Monday. These assessments are a vital part of their preparation for the summer 2026 exams, and we wish them the very best of luck over the next two weeks.

As we move into the final weeks of the term, school life remains busy with preparations for Advent already underway. We look forward to a season filled with reflection, celebration, and community spirit.

Kind Regards
Mr M Kays
Headteacher



Important dates

- Year 11 Mocks – Monday 10th November.
- Inset Day – Friday 28th November
- Year 7 SEND parents evening – Tuesday 2nd December.
- Reward Trips – Thursday 18th December
- Term Ends – Friday 19th December.

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PTA Christmas Market.



We are delighted to share that our PTA is organising our very first **Christmas Market**, which will take place on **Thursday, 4th December**. This promises to be a festive and lively evening for our school community. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in hosting a stall at the event, please contact **Miss Neves** for further details. We look forward to welcoming many of you and celebrating the season together.

World Food Day

Thank you to everyone in our community for the incredible food donations during the final week of term. The volume of contributions was truly overwhelming. Glossop Food Bank visited the school this week to collect the donations and expressed heartfelt thanks for our generosity.

Class Charts

Over the coming weeks, parental logins for Class Charts will be sent home. Replacing My Fusion has taken some time, but we're pleased to introduce Class Charts as our new platform. It will allow all parents and guardians to access live school data, including credits, debits, attendance records, and homework assignments.

From Student Leadership



A Message from Toby-Head student

It's been a busy first week back for us.

We have been planning for Anti-Bullying Week next week and we have got a few things going on next week:

Cake Sale – Friday break time. All money raised will go towards anti-bullying projects. If you're able to donate any cakes (homemade or shop-bought), we'd really appreciate it!

Odd Socks Day – Friday! Wear odd socks to show that being different is something to celebrate. Anyone wearing odd socks will get half-price cake at our stall

We are also getting ready for Interfaith Week, where we will be celebrating different beliefs and how they bring people together.

Why regular school attendance and good punctuality so important for your child?

Regular attendance at school means that your child can make the most of their education and improve their chances in adult life. School can also help your child's social skills such as making and developing friendships.

The link between attendance and attainment in school is clear. The more a child is in school the more they increase their opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Good punctuality is important. For example, if a child arrives 15 minutes late at school each day, they lose almost 2 weeks of education over the year. Good punctuality also helps your child get into good habits for when they enter the world of work.

Lateness can cause your child embarrassment and, in some circumstances, can count as unauthorised absence

How can I help my child enjoy school and attend regularly?

Be organised, have a plan, be consistent and involve your child!

You should:

- ensure they have an appropriate bedtime routine
- create good routines for mornings at home so that your child can arrive punctually and is properly equipped
- avoid absence from school wherever possible – try to make doctors and dental appointments out of school hours
- make time to encourage and show interest in schoolwork, friendships etc.
- attend school parents' evenings
- Create a calm space for them to do homework, check they understand the homework and that it has been completed
- share any education concerns your child or you may have with the school staff as soon as possible
- set realistic boundaries

Where can I get help and advice?

If you need support in relation to your child's attendance, help is available. Please make an appointment with the school to discuss your concerns.

Parents/carers are strongly advised to work in partnership with the school to address any difficulties impacting school attendance.