

Summer 2

Smawthorne Henry Moore Academy Newsletter



I been spending time this week looking back over the many wonderful learning opportunities, experiences and events of 2024-2025. As we come to the end of a fantastic academic year, we want to take a moment to reflect on and celebrate the many highlights we've shared as a school community.

This year marked a significant and exciting chapter for us as we became part of the Accomplish Multi-Academy Trust. Our children embraced the change with enthusiasm, and our launch week was a joyful celebration of new beginnings and opportunities. We were especially thrilled to welcome Grandad Wheels, the author, who inspired our pupils with his engaging storytelling and positive messages.

Since joining Accomplish MAT, we have seen meaningful enhancements to our curriculum—most notably in the teaching and learning of Art, thanks to the expertise of specialist teacher Emma Bairstow. The creative outcomes from our children have been exceptional, and we're so proud of their achievements.

Staff across the academy have engaged in extensive professional development and training, working closely with our Accomplish advisers to ensure our provision continues to meet the highest standards. We have reviewed our timetables, daily routines and curriculum enhancements, and we are excited to share the improvements we've made in the new academic year.

We say goodbye to Mr Powell, Mr Greenwood, Mrs Heaton and Mrs Preston this term. We wish everyone much happiness and luck in the future, with special thanks to Mrs Preston who retires after 39 wonderful years of service at our school!

We'd like to thank you for your continued support throughout this time of growth and change. It has been a privilege to see your children thrive and we are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting year of learning and success.

Warm regards, Mrs Dixon



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Summer Story Evening

We recently hosted our Summer Story Evening and loved welcoming children and families back to school for a delightful time of stories and ice pops. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us and helped celebrate the joy and importance of storytelling!

Encouraging children to read over the summer break is essential in helping them maintain and strengthen their literacy skills. Regular reading not only supports academic progress but also nurtures imagination, empathy and a lifelong love of books. Whether it's sharing a bedtime story, visiting the library, or exploring new genres, every reading moment counts—especially during the holidays.



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Art development

Creativity is a vital part of young children's development, fostering imagination, problem-solving skills, and self-expression. Recognising its importance, we have worked closely with our art specialist, Miss Bairstow, to enhance our art curriculum offer. Through her expertise, we have introduced a range of engaging and skill-building opportunities that encourage children to explore different materials, techniques, and artistic styles. Miss Bairstow's guidance has helped to ensure that our art curriculum not only supports creativity but also builds confidence and a deep appreciation for the arts from an early age.



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Year 2 visit to Anglers Country Park

Year 2 had a fantastic visit to Anglers Country Park, where they took part in hands-on scientific learning focused on habitats. The highlight of the trip was pond dipping, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Equipped with nets and trays, they explored the rich diversity of pond life, discovering creatures such as water snails, pond skaters and even tiny freshwater shrimp. This practical experience helped bring their classroom learning to life, deepening their understanding of living things and their environments. The trip sparked great curiosity and excitement, making it a memorable and meaningful learning experience for all.



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Summer Reading Challenge



Remember to pay a visit to Castleford (or any Wakefield Library) this summer to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge! You can borrow a range of books and it is a great way to entertain your child for an hour!

THE READING AGENCY

Summer Reading Challenge

Story Garden

Castleford Library

5 July at 10am

Come along and register for this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

Face painting, games, crafts for all the family.



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Year 1 visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Our Year 1 children had a wonderful visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, where they explored a wide variety of inspiring outdoor artworks set in beautiful natural surroundings. The trip offered a fantastic opportunity for the children to engage with art in a new and exciting way, sparking their creativity and curiosity. They particularly enjoyed discussing the different shapes, materials, sizes of the sculptures and how they interacted with the landscape. It was a truly enriching experience that supported both their artistic development and their understanding of the world around them.

The children saw our very own Henry Moore's sculpture!



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KS1 Reading Cafe



Our Key Stage 1 Reading Cafés have been very well attended this year; it has been lovely to see so many families enjoying books and activities together. Thank you to those adults who attended and for Mrs Scales and the team for setting it up so beautifully.



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Year 5 London Residential



It was simply incredible!



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Summer Festival



We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers for their incredible support with our Summer Festival. Your generous donations, valuable time and shared laughter were greatly appreciated and helped make the event a true celebration of our school community. We hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did! We're delighted to share that all the proceeds raised will go towards funding this year's subscription to myHappymind, supporting the wellbeing and mental health of all our children.



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Safe travels



As always, just a polite reminder to say please do not park on the yellow lines at the front of school; there are new signs to remind you of this. Thank you for working together to keep all children safe.



Smoke and Vape free school

Please remember not to smoke or vape around our children, school site, entrances and pavements. We were the first smoke free school in Wakefield but we need your help to continue making smoking and vaping invisible to our children!

Thank you in advance for supporting this mission.



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Sunflower Sports Afternoon

Miss Hunt has been celebrating the sporting achievements of our children, recognising their efforts and progress across a range of physical activities.

In the lead-up to Sports Day, pupils have been building their skills, confidence and teamwork through fun and engaging sessions. Miss Hunt's encouragement and enthusiasm have inspired everyone to do their best, and it was wonderful to see all children then succeed at Sports Day!



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Academic Outcomes 2025

This year has also seen some fantastic achievements and successes from our children's academic performance.

Reading: I am delighted to say that 88% of our Year 1 cohort passed their Phonics Screening Check. A huge congratulations for the children's efforts and a thank you to our Read, Write, Inc Phonics practitioners. By the end of Year 2, 91% of children passed their PSC.



Early Years: The children in our Early Years have achieved 71% of a Good Level of Development. We will continue to build on this success into next year and strive for even better for our young learners.

Maths: I am very pleased to say that 58% of our Year 4 children achieved full marks (25/25) on their Multiplication Check, this is a brilliant achievement!



KS2 SATS: Our children have worked hard and made some good progress this year. 47% achieved Expected Standards in Reading, Writing and Maths combined, with 60% of children achieving Reading, SPAG and Maths individually and 64% achieving EXP in writing.

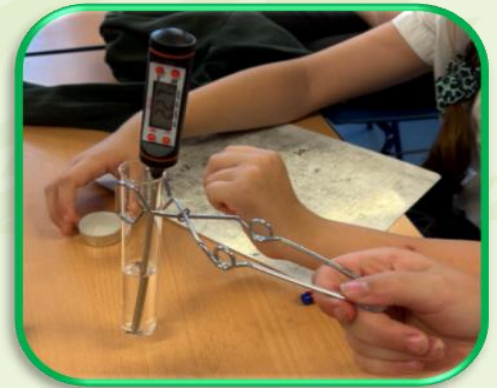
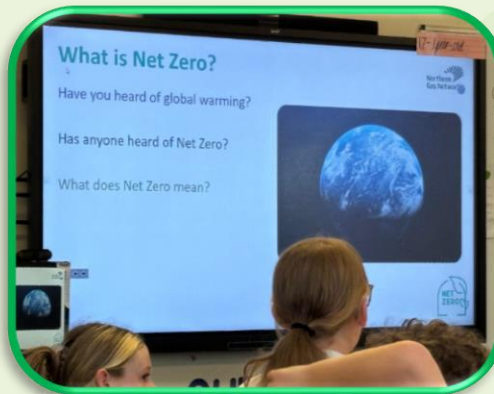


Early Years Sponsored Obstacle Course :

Our youngest children undertook a sponsored obstacle course to raise money for purchasing equipment and resources for our Early Years Unit. We are so grateful to all who donated and are pleased to announce that the children raised £2,410.



Year 6 workshop on sustainability:



Year 6 have been very interested in our new topic, climate change and renewable energy. It was a pleasure to welcome Northern Gas to deliver a workshop about sustainable energy.



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Reception Gymnastics Competition:



Year 6 Leavers Performance:



Diamond Dash Times tables Challenges:

We believe that repetition of times tables is crucial. Next term, we are introducing a fantastic motivational system in school called 'Diamond Dash'. This was created by an Accomplish academy and we are thrilled to take part! Children work their way through the awards during their time at Smawthorne Henry Moore Academy. Please find below all of the awards for your child to work towards. Of course, we always reinforce going on Timestable Rockstars as fun repetition too and we will regularly set competitions for this.

Below is a grid showing the awards on offer, which are designed to include all children. The expectation for each award has been matched to the National Curriculum expectations. There are 8 levels available and these should be taken based on each child's ability, not their year group. Children will be encouraged to take the challenges regularly after practising their skills in school and at home.

Apart from the Topaz and Emerald levels, each test is to be timed. There will be certificates given for each level of the challenge with badges also being presented to children who achieve Bronze, Silver and Gold challenges.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Gold</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A teacher on panel taking turns to ask Qs.• 2 Minutes on the clock. All correct answers and no hesitation.• All times tables and division facts up to (and including) 12 x 12.• Square numbers and square roots. <p>Gold Award certificate and badge to be given. Child put forward to the Diamond Dash.</p> |  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Silver</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All times tables 12 x 12 on a multiplication grid.• Division facts on reverse of grid including square roots and square numbers.• Timed: 8 minutes.• All correct answers within time. <p>Silver Award certificate and badge to be given.</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bronze</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 times tables on a multiplication grid.• Division facts on reverse of grid including square roots and square numbers.• Timed: 7 minutes.• All correct answers within time. <p>Bronze Award certificate and badge to be given.</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sapphire</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 times tables in written form.• Division facts on reverse.• Timed: 6 minutes.• All correct answers within time. <p>Sapphire Award certificate to be given.</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ruby</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 times tables in written form.• Division facts on reverse.• Timed: 5 minutes.• All correct answers within time. <p>Ruby Award certificate to be given.</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Pearl</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2, 5 and 10 times tables in written form.• Division facts on reverse.• Timed: 5 minutes.• All correct answers within time. <p>Pearl Award certificate to be given.</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Emerald</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2, 5 and 10 times tables in written form ie. $7 \times 2 =$• Times tables can be sat individually, but all three are needed to complete the award.• Not timed, but teacher discretion to decide whether the children are competent enough to receive the award.• All correct answers. <p>Emerald Award certificate to be given.</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Topaz</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to the 10th number in the sequence ie. In 2s to 20.• Each one can be taken at a separate time, but competency in all three is required to complete the award. <p>Topaz Award certificate to be given.</p> | |



Year 6 Treat Day:



There were smiles everywhere we looked!



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Sports Day 2025:

| KS | Red | Blue | Green | Yellow |
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| Reception | 133 | 143 | 113 | 102 |
| KS1 | 225 | 296 | 197 | 231 |
| LKS2 | 256 | 223 | 273 | 199 |
| UKS2 | 237 | 223 | 219 | 203 |
| Total | 851 2 nd | 885 1 st | 802 3 rd | 735 4 th |



Smawthorne's Got Talent:



Smawthorne's Got Talent 2025!



Auditions: In classes, Tuesday 8th – Friday 11th July
Each child is able to vote for their favourite act in their class and one act will go through to the final.

Grand Final: Wednesday 16th July at 2:00pm



Smawthorne's Got Talent 2:



Smawthorne's Got Talent!
Congratulations to
All of our performers!
for taking part in
2025 Smawthorne's Got Talent.
You were brilliant!



Wraparound Service:



Our Wraparound Service has been significantly enhanced over the course of the year. We now open at 7:30am and close at 6:00pm. The team now offer hot meals at afternoon Wraparound and have sourced additional activities such as air hockey, a pool table, enhanced craft resources and lots more! Pupil voice is extremely positive!

If you would like to hear more or visit Wraparound to see it in action, please just contact the office or speak to Managers Mrs Catherall (AM) or Miss Lumb (PM),



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Year 6 Graduation:

Our final Smawthorne Experience for Year 6 was just delightful. I am sure you will join me in wishing the children much happiness and luck at their new schools!



Attendance:

We have been focussing on rapidly improving our attendance again this year. Our current figure is 93.96%, which is our highest since the pandemic. However, our school target is above 96% and we are striving for this! Your child may have told you about our attendance jars – every time the class achieves 100% attendance for the day, a star is awarded. Once the jar is full, the children chose a reward from the menu!

Please continue to support us by making sure where at all possible, your child attends!

We will send out your child's attendance summary so that you can see how they are doing so far this year. Remember, below 90% is considered persistently absent.

We look forward to seeing which two classes will win the pizza parties at the end of term and who will receive a visit from the ice cream van for 100% attendance for the full year!



| Yearly Attendance | | |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Year: | Attendance: | Difference to 96% target: |
| 2022-2023 | 91.74 | 4.26 |
| 2023-2024 | 92.38 | 3.62 |
| 2024-2025 so far! | 93.96 | 2.01 |

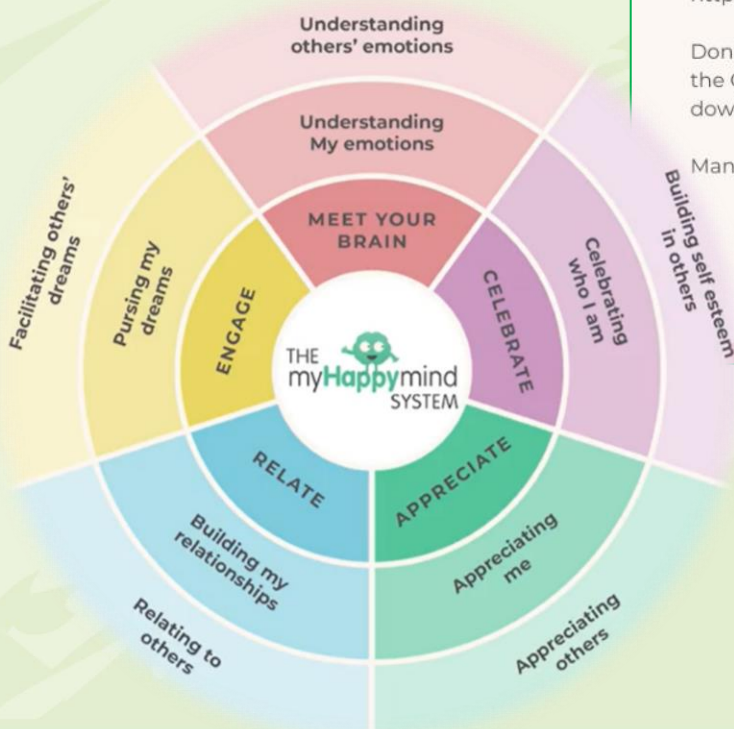


| 2024-2025 Attendance Incentives | | |
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| Attendance achievement: | Reward/Incentive: | |
| 100% Attendance for the term | Certificate and badge | |
| 100% Attendance for the full year | Certificate, badge and ice-cream van playtime | |
| 96% and above for the term | Raffle ticket for a family voucher | |
| 96% and above for the term | Raffle ticket to win a scooter | |
| Class 96% and above for the week | Roll of the dice in assembly Classopoly game | |
| Most money in class Classopoly envelope | Pizza party | |
| Class 100% attendance for the week | Chocolate fountain treat as a class | |
| Winning class attendance each week | Attendance teddy - Star and Ace | |
| 100% class attendance for the day | Add a star in the Star Jar, collect a full jar for a treat from the menu! | |

and with more experience

Mental Health:

We are pleased to inform you that we are now a silver award accredited myHappyMind school. Our second year of running the programme has allowed us to further develop children's awareness of themselves, develop their strategy of happy breathing and enhance their awareness of their character strengths. Here is a reminder of the units we have covered:



Parents and Carers! Thank you!

We are proud to announce that our school is officially a myHappyMind Silver Accredited school. The Accreditation recognises schools that are embedding the myHappyMind curriculum into school life and taking real action to improve the mental health and well-being of the school community.

We would like to thank those parents who provided feedback about the program, which supported the application.

As we were successful with our application, we will receive some fantastic resources to help us embed the myHappyMind curriculum next year including a Fred the Ted bean bag to help us create a nurture corner for the children.

Want to learn more about the science of myHappyMind and how you can use myHappyMind techniques at home? Why not grab a copy of myHappyMind's Founder, Laura Earnshaw's best-selling book 'My Happy Mind' <https://myhappymind.org/mhmbok>

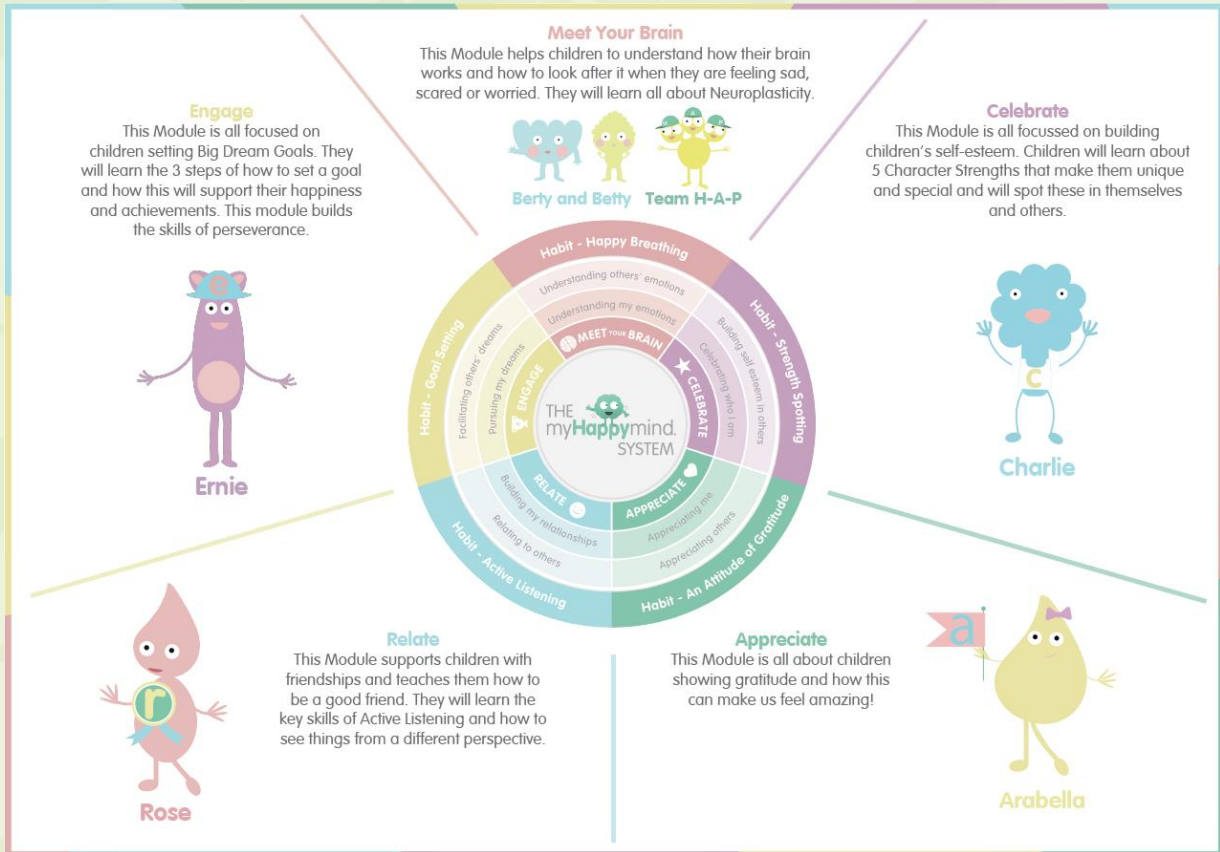
Don't forget to sign up to the FREE Parent app, you can use the QR code below to download it.

Many thanks,



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Mental Health:



In addition to the myHappyMind app that you can access at home, Mrs Boyd and Mrs Thorpe recommend the Luminova app:

Does your child struggle with worries or anxiety?

Help your child build confidence with a new digital therapy game

LUMINOVA
TALES OF COURAGE

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- ✓ For 7-12 year olds*
- ✓ NICE recommended
- ✓ Free instant access

To learn more visit: luminova.app/wakefield

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Integrated Care System

*LumiNova is for children aged 7 - 12 experiencing mild to moderate anxiety. It is not recommended for use with children with severe anxiety, and it cannot be used in children with any risk of self-harm or suicidal thoughts.

See instructions for use: www.luminova.co.uk

myHappymind.

Download your **FREE** myHappymind App to support your child's learning in school!

...A **FREE** online resource to support you and your family to learn more about how you can use myHappymind to support your child.

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YOU WILL NEED this authentication code to sign up

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Safeguarding:

One of our most important jobs is to keep the children safe. Please see our Safeguarding Officers in the poster below. If you are contacted about a concern that has been raised, please always remember that we are working to keep all children safe and work with families to ensure this is the case. We will always aim to be open and honest.

Safeguarding

Are you worried? You can talk to any adult in school, we are here to help.

Our school Safeguarding Officers are...

Ms. Pollitt
Chair of Governors
Safeguarding Governor

Mrs Dixon
Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead, E-Safety Leader

Miss Goldsmith
Deputy Headteacher
Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Mr Forsyth
Assistant Headteacher
Safeguarding Officer

Mrs Thorpe
Safeguarding and Child Protection Lead

Mrs Boyd
Learning Mentor
Safeguarding Officer
Attendance Officer

Miss Hunt
SENCo
Safeguarding Officer

Miss Ogley
Safeguarding Officer

Are you worried?
Talk to someone.

ChildLine
0800 1111

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The Children Act 1989 requires that everyone who works with children must report any child who is thought to be at risk of serious harm. The Education Act 2002 requires all schools to have arrangements to safeguard the children. We have procedures in place to do this and a policy that all staff, volunteers and regular visitors must work to. You can request a copy of our safeguarding policy from reception. This can also be found on our school website.

Diary dates for Autumn 1 half term:

Here are some key dates coming up!

Monday 1st September: **Inset Day** School is closed to children as staff training is taking place.

Monday 1st September: **Additional transition visit**, between 2.00-3.00pm (for invited children only).

Tuesday 2nd September: **School re-opens** for all full time children.

Tuesday 2nd September: **Induction morning** for new to pre-school/nursery children, 9.00am.

Tuesday 2nd September: **Induction afternoon** for new to pre-school/nursery children, 1.00pm.

Wednesday 3rd September: **School re-opens** for all part-time nursery and pre-school children.

Wednesday 8th October: **Year 5** visit to Magna.

Monday 13th October: **Year 6** visit to Eden Camp.

Wednesday 15th October and Thursday 16th October: **Year 3** visits to Murton Park.

Thursday 23rd October: **Halloween** social event.

Monday 25th to Friday 31st October: **School closed** for half term

Monday 3rd November: **School re-opens**.

Here's to lots of Smawthorne Experiences for the children to enjoy together!

Thank you for your support and kindness.



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