



WHEATCROFT COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carers,

As we come to the end of this first half-term, we would like to say a huge well done to all our children for their hard work and positive attitude. It has been a fantastic start to the school year, and the children have been full of enthusiasm and determination to be their very best. I have been impressed with the work that I have seen across subjects and the learning behaviours in class, across school and at playtime. We are so proud of how pupils have embraced our focus on expectations and lived out our community values of respect and courage. A highlight of every day for me is seeing happy children coming into school, being greeted with smiles and children leaving the same way, with pride in all they have done that day.

Speaking Up and Living Our Values

This half term, we have been so proud of the many children who have shown what it truly means to live by our four community values of Respect, Courage, Perseverance and Integrity. Whether it's through showing empathy towards others, persevering with a challenging task, or demonstrating leadership and teamwork, pupils across the school have been shining examples of Wheatcroft at its best.

We are focused as a school on developing oracy – helping children become confident, articulate speakers who can express their ideas clearly and respectfully. Across lessons, assemblies and group work, children have been practising active listening, building vocabulary, and taking pride in speaking with confidence and care.

To celebrate those who go above and beyond, staff will be awarding special 'positive postcards' in our Achievement Assemblies between now and half term, recognising pupils who have shown exceptional effort, progress or contribution linked to our community values and oracy focus. I am especially looking forward to hearing about how their speaking and listening skills have been used to go above and beyond.

Celebration Assembly – Friday 24th October

We are looking forward to our Celebration Assembly on Friday 24th October at 9:00am, where we will recognise and celebrate our pupils who have demonstrated outstanding work and effort across the curriculum this half term. The awards are always a wonderful surprise for the children, who never know in advance that they will be receiving a certificate! It's one of the highlights of our term — a chance to celebrate achievement, effort and those little moments of excellence that make us so proud of our Wheatcroft learners. We look forward to welcoming families to join us for this special assembly.

Attendance Stars!

We are delighted with our attendance for the half-term at 95.2%, which is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of the commitment to good attendance habits. It is 0.3% up on the same time last year with persistent absence (attendance below 90%) having reduced by an incredible -8.4%. Thank you! Our target for the year remains 96%, and we are confident we can reach it together. Every day in school really does make a difference, helping children make steady progress and build strong friendships. Thank you for your continued effort in ensuring pupils are here every day and on time – it really matters.



♥ Be Kind Week 2025 – “Be the Reason Someone Smiles Today”

For our last week of half term, Wheatcroft will be celebrating Be Kind Week 2025, a special opportunity for our whole school community to reflect on, and celebrate, the power of kindness. Throughout the week, classes will explore all the different ways we can show kindness— from kind words, encouraging positive speech and gratitude, helping others, caring for our environment, and making sure everyone feels included. The week will end on Friday with a non-uniform ‘Kindness Curriculum Day’, where each class will explore kindness through creative learning, discussion and reflection before coming together as a school to share what they have done. School will finish at the usual time. Our aim is to foster a culture in which small, everyday acts of kindness are noticed, celebrated and become part of who we are at Wheatcroft. As our motto for the week reminds us — “Be the reason someone smiles today.”

📱 Mobile Phones – Year 5 & 6 Reminder

A polite reminder that only pupils in Years 5 and 6 who walk to and from school independently may bring a mobile phone to school. Phones must be switched off and handed in at the start of the day and will be returned at home time. Phones should not be used, seen, or heard at any point during the school day or while pupils are on school grounds, including home time. This rule helps us to keep everyone safe and focused on learning. Thank you for your support in reinforcing this message with your child.

🎪 PTA ‘Magic Night’ – Thursday!

Our wonderful PTA are hosting a Magic Night at school on Thursday 23rd October 5pm – 7pm. Tickets are £3 per person and children must be accompanied by an adult. The evening promises music, fun, laughter, and of course magic! There will be food and refreshments. It’s a great opportunity to come together as a community and raise valuable funds for the school. Tickets are available from the office or via the PTA – we hope to see lots of families there!

🍏 Harvest Festival Celebrations

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival celebrations next week on Tuesday 21st October, with two performances taking place at 9:00am and 2:30pm. Families are warmly invited to join us for one of these performances. As part of our celebrations, we are collecting donations for The Rainbow Centre to support local families in need. Any contributions of tinned goods, pasta, cereal, or toiletries would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping us make a positive difference in our community.

🍂 End of Half-Term

Thank you for your continued partnership, encouragement, and involvement in school life – it makes all the difference. We encourage all families to keep up daily reading over the break – even ten minutes a day makes a huge difference.

When we return we will be focusing on our school values of Integrity and Perseverance alongside the value of individual liberty. We also look forward to preparing for the festive events in the run-up to Christmas. Always exciting! More information will be shared via newsletters and the school website.

We wish everyone a safe and restful half-term break. Enjoy time together and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday November 3rd, refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead. We can’t wait to build on this brilliant start to the year next half-term.

With warm wishes,

Mr. G. Dyer
Headteacher

