



Friday 28th November 2025

AUTUMN TERM

Newsletter

Welcome to your new look newsletter!

We have had such a strong and exciting start to the second half of the Autumn Term. The first week was a whirlwind of trips and workshops as the children began their new topics!

The week culminated in our wonderful Launch Day to celebrate becoming part of **Accomplish Multi-Academy Trust**. We gathered together as a new family of schools to celebrate this special moment in time.

More recently, we have come together as a school community to mark both **Remembrance Day** and **Children in Need**. We are almost ready to begin our journey into Christmas. Our newsletter showcases some of the vibrant learning in the humanities this half-term.

Emma Fox
Head Teacher



EARLY YEARS NEWS



In **EARLY YEARS**, the children launched their superheroes topic with role play by Little City, exploring and enjoying the hairdressers, the fire station, the builder's yard, the café, the supermarket and the post office.

It was a delight to see the children so engaged in these role play opportunities. We are looking forward to welcoming Little City back into school in February for Year One's Careers Day.



KEY STAGE ONE NEWS



YEAR ONE took part in a 'History off the Page Workshop', exploring and playing with old toys and crafting some of their own in the afternoon.

The children are now following the enquiry question: ***How are toys today similar and different from toys in the past?*** Their main focus is to identify ways in which toys remain similar over the past 70 years and ways in which toys have changed.



In **YEAR TWO**, the children took part in a 'Kings and Queens workshop', with a special visitor, Queen Elizabeth 1!

The children learnt how to greet a monarch, how to be a knight and a wealth of knowledge about different kings, queens and battles throughout history.

In the afternoon, the children learnt how to dance Tudor style and engaged in Tudor dancing!

The children are now focussing on the enquiry question: ***Who was the most powerful British monarch?***

Their main focus this half-term is continuity and change and considering the changing power of the monarchy through analysing some key monarchs.

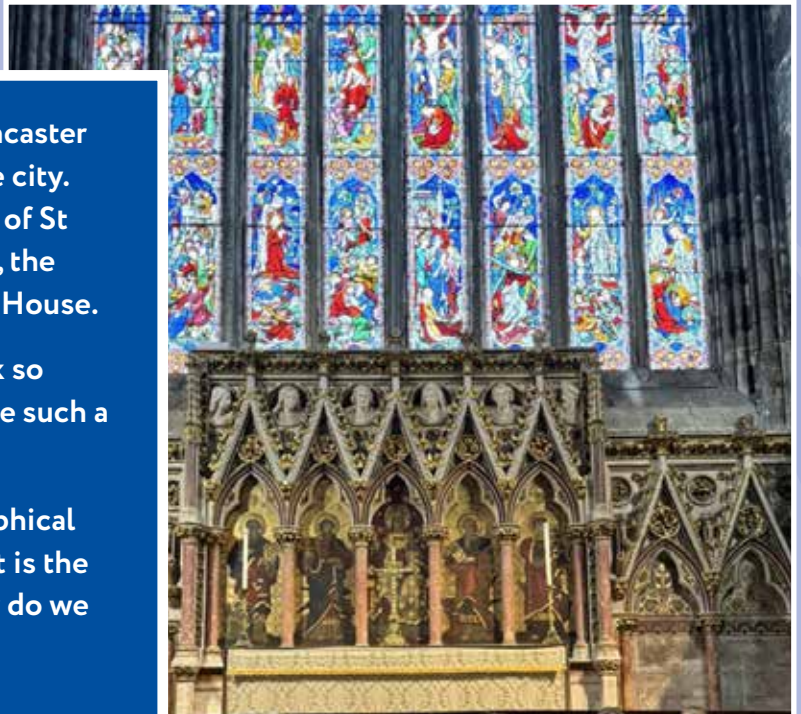
KEY STAGE TWO NEWS



YEAR THREE had a bus tour around Doncaster to explore the heritage and culture of the city. The children visited The Minster Church of St George, the fish market and the butchers, the Corn Exchange and, finally, The Mansion House.

It was a pleasure to hear the children talk so enthusiastically about buildings that were such a focal part of our own childhoods.

The children are continuing their geographical learning with the enquiry question: What is the land like in the United Kingdom and how do we use it?



YEAR FOUR'S, rearranged Roman workshop will be taking place on Tuesday 9th December and currently the children are exploring the enquiry question: How did the Romans influence Britain?

This unit follows on from the previous unit about the Romans and why they invaded Britain, ensuring that the children will have a deep understanding of this civilization by the end of term. The focus is on cause and consequence and understanding the legacy of the Romans in Doncaster and the surrounding area.

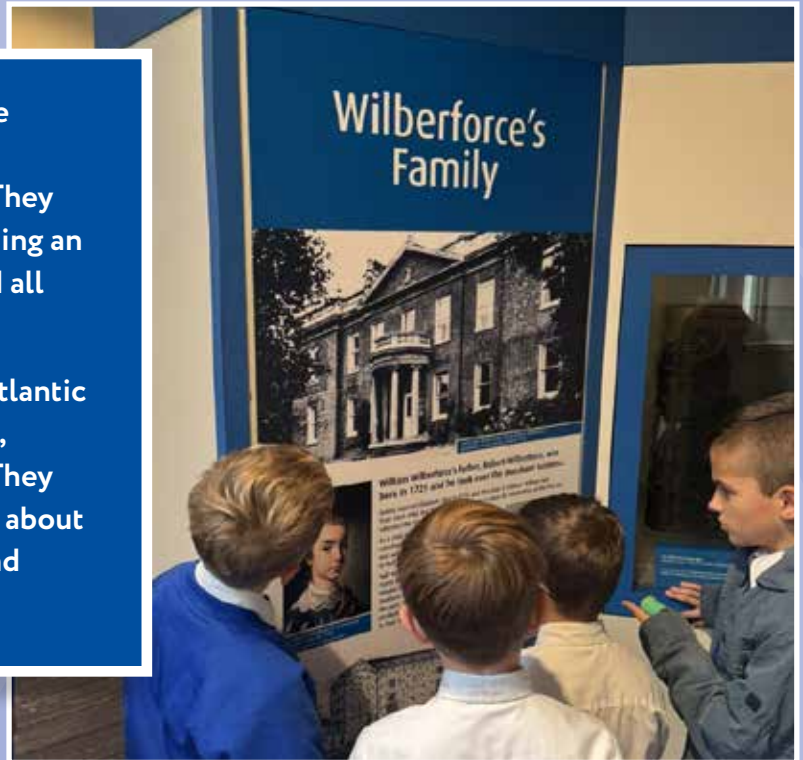


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YEAR FIVE visited the Wilberforce House Museum in Hull to learn about William Wilberforce and the abolition of slavery. They enjoyed taking part in workshops and gaining an insight into William Wilberforce's life and all that he campaigned for.

The children are learning about the transatlantic slave trade, linking to empire and industry, which is a new topic for school this year. They are completely immersed in their learning about triangular trade, connection to industry and finally the abolition of slavery.



YEAR SIX, visited The National Holocaust Centre and Museum in Newark as part of their learning about World War Two. The children traced the journey of 10-year old German boy, Leo Stein, on a journey on the Kindertransport from Berlin to England. They showed huge amounts of empathy as they explored aspects of the Holocaust in preparation for learning back in the classroom.

This trip was a precursor to the second half of the children's Conflict and Peace unit. The children's enquiry question is: *How and why did Britain fight in two world wars, and how did they change British society?*

This learning builds on previous learning on cause and consequence and enables the children to understand some of the ways in which the two world wars changed British society.



ACCOMPLISH MAT NEWS



On Friday 7th November we celebrated becoming part of the **Accomplish Trust**.

We gathered in the hall together to look back at the history of the school from its opening in 1876 in the current pre-school building to the opening of the new building in 1974 then significant events over the last 51 years.

We were joined by our new CEO Tracy Swinburne OBE, the Head Teachers within the trust and other members of staff from Accomplish along with members of our governing body.

The children were presented with beautiful gifts from each school, including an apple tree to plant and baskets of beautiful books.

Following the assembly, all children had the chance to work with children's illustrator Liz Million and some children worked with our new consultant artist, Emma Bairdstow, to produce a beautiful canvas based on a David Hockney landscape.

The day was a really memorable one and we are so proud to be part of this special family of schools.



Now that we are part of Accomplish, there are three new, significant policies which we have adopted. These are: Complaints, Health and Safety and Safeguarding; these will shortly be available to read on our website.

ATTENDANCE



As a school we are very focussed on improving our attendance which, at **94.3%**, was below the national figure last year and is low down on the Doncaster league tables.

In each newsletter we will now present attendance data for each class and our whole school attendance as we work towards achieving our target of **96%**.

We are excited to be launching our **Christmas Attendance Challenge** on Monday, where children will be rewarded with Christmas chocolate if they attend every day in December.

GROUP	Period: 17/11/2025 to 21/11/2025	Period: 01/09/2025 to 21/11/2025
RECEPTION	82.70%	91.70%
YEAR 1	93.30%	94.70%
YEAR 2	89.60%	93.20%
YEAR 3	91.80%	94.00%
YEAR 4	95.90%	95.00%
YEAR 5	90.80%	94.30%
YEAR 6	98.90%	96.20%

96.00%	WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET
94.10%	ACTUAL

96% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET
95-91% CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS
90% & BELOW PERSISTENT ABSENCE - SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

FESTIVE DIARY DATES



As we begin our journey into Christmas, please find below a list of significant, festive dates for your calendar:

Date	Event
Monday 1st December	Christmas Attendance Challenge Launch
Friday 5th December	Sponsored Santa Dash
Monday 8th December 9:30am and 2:30pm	Early Years Nativity
Tuesday 9th December 9:30am and 2:30pm	Key Stage Two Pantomimes
Wednesday 10th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 11th December 9:30am and 2:30pm	Key Stage One Nativity and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12th December	Key Stage One Nativity for the elderly community of Auckley
Monday 15th December	Visit to Sandrock House Care Home
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Party Day; wear party clothes
Wednesday 17th December	Dick Whittington Pantomime; wear Christmas jumpers; attendance prizes and certificates awarded; break up for Christmas!