



## Silsden Primary School

18th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we once again reach the end of the summer term I would like to express my thanks to all of our staff and children for the hard work that they have done this year. I would like to especially highlight the work of our office, site, and kitchen staff who work so hard to make sure our school is welcoming and runs smoothly, cars are parked correctly, is clean, our huge school site is well maintained, and that children (and staff) are fed. These staff often get forgotten, but they have made a great contribution yet again this year. Visitors regularly comment and praise the work that these people do.

Children have made fantastic progress this year and they have loved starting to experience our new outdoor learning curriculum, understanding our Silsden Seven, and of course the climbing wall! Next year we will be including the bees and the pond in their learning! We will also be looking to do something special with our barn...

There have been so many great moments this year – The sledging day obviously stands out as do the two new residential visits in Year 3 and Year 4. I can't mention all of them. Please look at the school's Facebook page and take a moment to scroll through the year to just see all the amazing things that your children have done from Nursery all the way to Year 6.

Of particular note this year are our end of KS2 results which have been superb. These are set out below and show how well our children have achieved historically compared to other years and against other schools. These results are the best that the school has ever had, and show that in all subjects and areas our children have achieved either in line or significantly above children nationally.

The below table shows the current headline attainment figures for our school over the last four years.

	2022	2023	2024	2025	National
<b>End of Reception</b>	65.1%	78.1%	<b>82.0%</b>	67.5%	68.5%
<b>Year 1 Phonics</b>	88.5%	97.6%	<b>96.3%</b>	91.0%	80.7%

<b>End of Year 6</b>	2022	2023	2024	2025	National
RWM Combined	52.8%	57.8%	62.2%	<b>72.0%</b>	62.0%
Reading	75.3%	77.8%	77.8%	<b>82.0%</b>	75.0%
Writing	55.6%	65.6%	71.1%	<b>80.0%</b>	72.0%
Maths	72.2%	83.3%	80.0%	<b>90.0%</b>	74.0%
SPAG	71.1%	75.6%	77.8%	<b>89.0%</b>	73.0%



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The Outcomes for children attaining the higher standard (Greater Depth) at the end of KS2 are set out below. Some of these results are exceptional.

End of Year 6	2022	2023	2024	2025	National
RWM Combined	8%	4%	8%	10%	8%
Reading	30%	26%	28%	34%	33%
Writing	8%	8%	11%	14%	13%
Maths	27%	30%	24%	46%	26%
SPAG	36%	32%	36%	43%	30%

These results are down to the hard work of teachers over many years and the support and engagement of parents in their children's learning. We should all be pleased with them and incredibly proud of our school.

Attendance is another area of school which we work hard to improve as we know how important good attendance is to ensure your children get the most out of our school and do well. I am delighted that attendance has improved again. Our school attendance for the year is 96.0% which is well over the 94.6% nationally.

Thank you to all of you for making this happen. We will of course try and improve attendance further and hope that parents will also do all they can to support good attendance at school next year.

Today you will receive your child's end of year school reports. These are in a different format to previous years to incorporate your children's progress with the Silsden Seven and attitudes to learning, behaviour and attendance. I would like to thank the teachers for the hard work and time that they have taken in writing these. Please read them carefully alongside your child and make time to work on the next steps over the summer. If you are able to do this, it will really help your children with their learning when they return to school. I would also be grateful if you would give us some feedback on this new format.

Thanks once again to our amazing PTFA who have worked hard all year to fundraise for our school. The parents who are involved in this have done a fantastic job organising events throughout the year yet again. They have raised an incredible amount of money this year and I know that they will be announcing this in the near future. Thank you also for supporting the events that they arrange! Please consider how you can become involved with the PTFA in September – they will be looking for new members.

As with any end of year in a school as large as ours there are staff who will be moving on. This year is no different.

Mrs Hutchinson, Mrs Blake, Mrs Bogg, Mrs Spencer, Mrs Gill, and Mrs Gornall will all be leaving our teaching assistant team. Mr Peat, Miss Smith and Miss Whitton will be leaving our teaching team. All of these staff have made a great contribution to our school and its success. Some over many years. We would like to thank them all for their work and dedication to the school community and wish them every success in their new adventures.



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We are excited to be welcoming four new teachers in September. Mrs Roberts (Year R), Mrs Kirkby (Year 2), Mrs Dixon (Year 4) and Miss Knight (Year 6). They have all been in school and met their new classes on transition day. Please make sure you make them feel welcome when they start in September

On behalf of all the staff and myself, we wish you a fantastic summer holiday. Thank you for your ongoing support this year and working with us to make our school great! We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 2nd September.

Yours faithfully,

K.S.Russell  
Headteacher