



Silsden Primary School

17th July 2026

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. At this time of year lots of cards and gifts are brought into school for our teachers and TA's who work directly with your children. I would like to especially highlight the work of our non-teaching staff who work so hard to make sure our school is welcoming and runs smoothly and safely and ensure that the children are fed! These staff often get forgotten, but without their work and dedication our school would not be as great as it is!

You are all aware that we had OFSTED this week. This is probably the worst time of the year to have an inspection! I am unable to tell parents anything about the gradings that have been given to the seven areas of school that they look at. The report should be published some time between mid and late September. We are pleased though. The children were absolutely amazing – and they deserve even more credit than usual for demonstrating how great they are in the last week of the school year.

Today you will receive your child's end of year school reports. I would like to thank the teachers for the hard work and time that they have taken in writing these. Parents will be aware of the delay to the publication of the Year 6 SATS results which has caused our reports to be delayed this year. Please read your child's report 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.

Outcomes for our pupils have been really strong again this year across the school. Our pupils have achieved above the national averages in all the statutory assessment tests that we have to do as a school. There are tests in Reception, Year 1 Phonics, the Year 4 Multiplication Test and in Reading, Writing and Maths combined as well as the Spelling Punctuation and Grammar test in the Year 6 SATS. This is fantastic and a testament to their hard work, your support as parents and the effort and dedication of the school staff.

School uniform is an area of school that we have seen to deteriorate over the last few months. Parents are reminded that there is a strict school uniform policy for our school. We also believe that high standards of uniform are reflected in other aspects of school, such as behaviour and presentation of work. It sets the tone. Please read the school uniform policy carefully and ensure that over the summer holiday you get the correct uniform for your children. In September we will be monitoring this closely and children will receive sanctions if their uniform is not correct.

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 again this year this year. Please see the newsletter that is also being sent out to you. The PTFA really do need more help. Please can parents consider how they can give up some of their time to support the work that they do in school. Thank you also for supporting the events that they arrange!

This year we have to mention Miss Gregson and Mrs White. They will be leaving us to do new things in teaching. Miss Gregson is relocating and has been appointed to an Assistant Headteacher role. Mrs Beaumont, who is one of our Teaching Assistants will also be leaving us to take on a role supporting pupils with their learning at South



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Craven. Along side these staff Mrs Holmes will be starting her maternity leave in September as she is expecting her second child.

We would like to thank all of these staff and wish them well with the exciting events, challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

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 Monday 7th September!

Yours faithfully,

K.S.Russell
Headteacher