

13 February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Another half term has flown by and in the last 6 six weeks we have packed a lot in. We are now at the halfway point of the academic year, and we have lots to look forward to as we move towards Easter with the Year 9 students making their Key Stage 4 choices and our Year 11's will complete their second set of mock exams shortly after the break.

The highlight of the last few weeks was the school production of 'High School Musical' which was a huge success. We had 3 sell-out nights and 400 of our feeder school children having their own showing. This shows our school at its very best and it makes us very proud that all our student community comes together in this way to deliver this quality every year.

Unfortunately, we are increasingly dealing with issues in school that stem from poor or unsafe mobile-phone usage both inside and outside of school. Please speak with your child about responsible use of their phone, including avoiding filming/taking photos of others and/or incidents. These behaviours can lead to both safeguarding concerns and unsafe situations in the community. We appreciate your support in helping us keep all students safe.

I want to say thank you and goodbye to Ian Howe who is retiring after a brilliant career and having given Ecclesfield School many years of expertise, passion and commitment to both the school and the Geography department.

We would like to wish Ramadan Mubarak to all families observing the holy month, which is expected to begin on the evening of Tuesday 17 February and end on the evening of Wednesday 18 March. Prayer and a quiet space will be available during lunchtimes at school during Ramadan.

Please remember there is a training day on **Friday 27 March 2026**.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all for your support as always and remind you that we start the new term at 8:40am on Monday 23rd February on a week 2.

Yours sincerely



Mr R Walkden
Headteacher