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Get well soon Alfie.

What's happening in school next week?

- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 7 on Monday.
- Mr. Barker is teaching Class 5 on Wednesday afternoon.
- Mrs. Marsh is teaching Class 4 on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Mrs. Heavens is teaching Class 6 on Thursday.
- Class 1 have Forest School on Friday.
- Mrs. Townsend is not in school on Thursday and Friday.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Nursery on Friday.

Attendance

Class 1: 97%

Class 2: 98%

Class 4: 99%

Class 5: 96%

Class 6: 91%

Class 7: 89%

Class 8: 98%

**Our target
attendance
is 96%**

**This
week's
attendance
is 95.4%**

Well done Class 4

We have had a couple of cases of croup this week and some children with summer colds.

Looking ahead to the w.b. 24th May 2021

- Miss. S. Rogers is teaching Class 1 today.
- Golden Star assembly for children in Nursery, Classes 6, 7 & 8. Parents of nominated children will receive a zoom invite. The assembly is at 10.00am and is likely to last around 20 minutes.
- Mrs. Marsh is teaching Class 4 on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Mr. Barker is teaching Class 5 on Wednesday afternoon.
- Mrs. Heavens is teaching Class 7 on Thursday.
- Golden Star assembly for children in Classes 1, 2, 4 & 5. Parents of nominated children will be invited via zoom. The assembly is at 10.00am and is likely to last around 20 minutes.
- Class 1 have Forest School on Friday.
- Friday is non-uniform day. £1.00 contributions towards school fund for this are appreciated and can be made by ParentPay.
- School closes at 3.15pm on Friday 28th for the Spring Bank Holiday. We reopen on Monday 7th June for the last half term of this academic year. That's gone quickly.

Class 4 earned the most VIP tickets this week!

Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week

Ava Jones. She is blossoming and blooming in school and it's just so lovely to see. She is chattier, always has a cheery hello for grown-ups and a winning smile. It's wonderful to see her confidence grow and see the difference this has made to her in school. Well done Ava Jones and long may it continue!

Nursery News

We have been busy putting people on our buses this week - a great mark-making activity and lots of chatting about our families and where we would like to visit on our buses. The most popular part of the week seems to be our PE lessons in the school hall. We practised our throwing skills and did some agility work this week.

What fantastic listeners we are all becoming.

Superstar of the week

Elissa Nicholson is growing in confidence weekly. She is trying new things far more readily and with a smile on her face. Elissa is also such a helpful little girl. I don't know what we would do without her.



Who has celebrated their birthday since our last newsletter?

Alana Platts, Evie Shepherd, Luca Downs & Florence Brown

We hope you have a lovely birthday.

Tweak of the Week.

This week it was to '**Show respect for adults, each other and property.**' The winners were **Class 8**

Next week's Tweak of the Week is 'Show respect to your dinner lady.' We have talked about this in assembly for the last couple of weeks. Just a few of our children are being disrespectful, and sometimes rude, to our lunchtime staff. Working over lunchtime is possibly one of the hardest jobs in school – trying to get all the children fed and watered, cleaning, sanitizing, toileting, allowing them time to play outside, all in a relatively short space of time. We want our children to respect all adults, regardless of their role in school, hence this week's tweak. Let's see if a focus on it improves things.

NSPCC Digit Day

Our digit day on Friday raised £218.10 for the NSPCC. £162 was donated via ParentPay, £14.00 was handed in in cash and members of Christ Church in Stocksbridge heard we were raising money through Mollie Steele-Birch and her grandma and donated £42.10. Thank you!

Tidy Cloakroom award goes to Class 6 this week.

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the day 1	Beef meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta	Chicken curry with wholegrain rice.	Roast chicken with stuffing, mashed potato & gravy.	Beef pasta Bolognese & garlic bread	Fish fingers & chips
Dish of the day 2	Quorn meatballs in tomato sauce	Tomato and basil pasta	Quorn roast with stuffing, mashed potato & gravy	Bean bake & chips	Cheddar flan with homemade potato wedges
Oven baked jacket potato	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)
Sandwich option	Ham sandwich	Ham on bread cake	Ham sandwich	Ham on bread cake	Ham sandwich
	Tuna sandwich	Tuna on bread cake	Tuna sandwich	Tuna on bread cake	Tuna sandwich
	(V) Cheese sandwich	(V) Cheese on bread cake	(V) Cheese sandwich	(V) Cheese on bread cake	(V) Cheese sandwich
Vegetables	Garden peas Fresh salad	Carrots Sweetcorn	Savoy cabbage Mixed vegetables	Baked beans Garden peas	Cauliflower Sliced green beans
Desserts	Hot chocolate fudge cake with custard	Shortbread & fruit	Lemon drizzle cake with custard	Chocolate muffin	Ginger & mandarin muffin

Mathletics

Bronze

Georgia England-Woodcock, Elliott Lonigro, Flora Wilkinson, Charlotte England-Woodcock, George Swales, Aroussia Lahdiri, James Birch, Emily Veale, Georgia Woodhouse.

Silver

Georgia Woodhouse, Georgia England-Woodcock, Aroussia Lahdiri, Charlotte England-Woodcock

Gold

Emily Veale

Nursery Places September 2021

If you'd like your child to join Nursery in September, please remember to return your form to us ASAP as we will begin planning for them next week.

Golden loop earring handed in this morning. It's in the office if it's yours.

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This week's praise board



Jack Clayton for being amazing at tidying up. He puts the big bricks away with precision and accuracy. He was also nominated for doing number sums in his head without using the number line.

Hollie Turner always says good morning and for having the best manners.

Mia Lakin for trying hard learning numbers and letters this week.

Dominic Lakin for doing the most amazing poster to help the crayons in 'The Day the Crayons Quit' story. And this was before he started wearing his amazing Spiderman glasses.

Miss Miles spotted Nursery walking brilliantly to their PE lesson in the hall.

Joshua Willetts showed great reasoning skills in Welly Wednesday this week. He told the class which material would be the best to use for a boat.

Harriet Tibbles has produced some brilliant writing this week.

Flora Wilkinson has impeccable manners. She is always so polite.

Sunny Storey made sure Class 7 was tidy this week after a painting lesson.

Mrs. Newton for making lots of amazing cable reels for the children.

Bradley Kamryn-Dixon and William Machin both offered to help someone in Class 8 when they were struggling to make their boat.

Darcy Ruddlesdin for waiting patiently for the Reception children to finish in the toilets.

Lilly Turner has been spotted being very kind to her friends making sure other children are welcomed into games.

Holly Gillott for amazing throwing and catching with a tennis ball. Great co-ordination.

Amelia Fletcher for your quick response to our computer work this week.

Theo Green is blowing Mrs. Hearnshaw away at the moment.

Roman Richardson for making Class 6 laugh when he pretended to be eaten by a shark.

Oliver Lambert for creating an amazing boat during Welly Wednesday.

Lucy Mahon for including those without a partner in outdoor play.

Iqra Sajid for making sure all the children's hands are sanitized throughout the day. Iqra has named herself 'The Keeping Covid Away Queen.'

Millie Montgomery listens brilliantly and is so enthusiastic in her maths group.

Ebony Kangley for going to hall every day to collect Class 5's utensils, as she likes to call them.

Archie Brocklesby because he just does the right thing ALL the time and because he has such respect for adults and peers.

Roxy-Mae Whalen has been such a happy little chatterbox this week.



This week's praise board



Harriett Pickering cheered Miss Denton up with a hug and a signed good afternoon.

Harlow Long comes into school skipping with a smile on her face.

Eliza Binns has had a great week and followed the Golden Rules all week!

Kitty Albinson has tried hard with ALL her work this week.

Laila Palmer is so confident in maths now that she helps others in her group.

Chester Slater for putting up his hand 'left, right and centre' to answer every question he can. It proves how well he listens.

Freya Eyre does everything we ask her to do, usually with a skip and a smile. Well done.

Louie Green for super maths and his lovely Puff the Magic Dragon song.

Florence Brown for trying hard in maths with Miss Cowley.

Sophia Watkinson for taking the time to photograph and share her extensive hair accessory collection with Mrs. Townsend.

Nathan Glaves is a great friend to everyone.

The teachers loved listening to Lenny Levitt read his favourite book.

Spring Bank Holiday Food Vouchers

Sheffield City Council (SCC) are providing food vouchers for the Spring Bank Holiday to children who are eligible for 'benefits based' free school meals. The scheme will also include children accessing support from MAST and social care.

Every eligible child will receive a £15 voucher to cover food for the one-week holiday period. Families with more than one child will receive a total of £15 per child.

SCC have chosen Edenred as the supplier of the vouchers again. Voucher letters will be sent out by SCC the week commencing Monday 17th May. The letter will include the website link for Edenred and instructions on how to download the voucher. If parents have any trouble downloading or printing the voucher, then let school know and we'll try to help.

To redeem the vouchers, parents will need to use the website: www.selectyourcompliment.co.uk/grocery You will then be asked to enter your 16 digit Ecode and your chosen supermarket. The E-Gift voucher will be emailed to you within 24 hours. Please remember to check your junk/spam folder in case it is delivered there. The codes need to be activated within 3 months. Once claimed from the Edenred site, the voucher is valid for 12 months.

A film explaining the process can be viewed here:

<https://shared-assets.adobe.com/link/770e22dc-a0c2-430b-7cda-75049a835af5>

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Drumming

Do we have any budding drummers in our midst? Would you like your child to learn this instrument from September? I am trying to ascertain the level of interest for this. We may be able to 'employ' the services of a professional drumming teacher, who would come into school each week to teach your child in a group of approximately 6 children. The cost of the sessions would be £5 per week. We would 'book in' the children ½ term in advance. The lessons would take place within the school day. Please let me, the office or your child's teacher know if you are interested and we will see whether it is viable.

Grand Theft Auto

It has been brought to school's attention that some parents are allowing their children to play Grand Theft Auto. The game is rated 18 because the content includes sex, nudity, violence, inappropriate language and drug misuse. The children are talking about it in school. They don't have the understanding or skills to know how to deal with such content and as you can imagine it comes out in inappropriate ways in school. I have included the National Online Safety Guide for this game. I ask that you please don't allow your child to access this game, no matter how much they ask or how many times they moan about not being able to use it.

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AGE RESTRICTION
18+

What parents need to know about **GRAND THEFT AUTO (GTA)**



grand theft auto

Grand Theft Auto is an action-adventure video game series where players control criminals and wreak havoc in order to complete missions and progress through the game. During the early stages of the game, it solely focuses on completing missions to go up a level. However, as the game grew more popular the makers of GTA decided to introduce a narrative to each edition of the game. The aim of this was to increase user engagement, making gamers believe that they were not just playing as the character, but they became the character. Grand Theft Auto is accessible on a number of devices including PlayStation and Xbox, desktop computers, PSP, Nintendo DS, and Mobile.



Top Tips for Parents

THE RISK - PLAYING WITH STRANGERS

When buying GTA V you automatically have access to Grand Theft Auto Online, a version of the game that allows players to play online. They can play alone, invite players to a game, or be involved in public 'sessions' where people will be picked at random to play. When you first load into a game you are automatically placed into an open lobby, meaning you play with random people. The social club is GTA's very own social platform where users can bet money, share in-game photographs (which users can like and comment on), and even message other users directly.

What parents can do

To prevent your child playing with strangers on the game, you can change the settings to ensure they only play with their approved friends list. Upon signing up to the 'social club', it automatically sets a player's visibility settings to 'everyone', meaning their name and profile information is made public. Parents can alter this by changing the visibility settings to 'only me'.

WARNING!

Due to the nature of the game and the age restrictions, GTA includes content that is inappropriate for anyone under the age of 18, including sex, nudity, violence, profane language, and substance abuse. These are the main components that make up the game - you have to do certain things and witness certain things in order to move on in the game. Exposing your child to this type of content could affect their morals and understanding of right and wrong. Additionally, your child could become desensitised to similar situations, reinforcing the fact they they would find it hard to differentiate between right/wrong and good/bad.

THE RISK - ONLINE HACKERS

Hackers can make money by helping users cheat in the game. They can do a number of inappropriate things, including killing people, stealing weapons, spawning money into the game, and even ruining other characters. Spawning money tends to be a gamer's most popular choice, being able to buy \$100,000,000,000 (of in-game currency) for as little as five US dollars.

What parents can do

Actively monitor your child's online activity. These websites are very easy to find, meaning children and young people can easily navigate their way to these websites and pay for hackers. Not only is this an illegal activity, but you have the risk of giving your personal information to someone who may misuse it.

THE RISK - ADDICTION

Addiction is a risk with any game. Game developers use persuasive design techniques to force users to invest their time, and often money, in a game. Within GTA, your character is able to progress through the game for completing missions within a certain time frame, encouraging children to keep returning to the game. Gaming addiction is now a recognised health condition and the side effects are concerning, including sleep deprivation, decreased attention span and erratic emotional behaviour.

What parents can do

There are a number of things you can do if you are concerned about your child's screen time, including setting time limits within the home, especially during meal times and before bedtime. Talk to your child and ask why they are spending so much time on the game, and encourage healthy alternatives such as outdoor activities and spending quality time with friends and family.

THE RISK - LIVE CHAT

When playing GTA online, players have the option to use a microphone to broadcast their voice live to other players involved in the 'session'. These live voice chats are not moderated, meaning anything could be said, including inappropriate language, as well as verbal forms of bullying.

What parents can do

Talk openly with your child about not giving away personal information. Also remind them that conversations can be recorded, which could damage their online reputation. Depending on the device/platform, there will be ways to mute conversations. Make yourself aware of the device's/platform's individual settings and ensure that your child knows how to block and report.

THE RISK - MICROTRANSACTIONS

By completing missions and partaking in certain activities you earn in-game currency. This allows you to buy things such as prostitutes, vehicles, weapons, ammo, new outfits, cars, apartments and more. However, the items that are available to buy often have a high price that require a lot of game time, meaning the items are pretty unrealistic to buy.

What parents can do

If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to limit spending, we suggest purchasing a pre-paid gift card for your child. These can be purchased in specific amounts which will allow you to limit how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit or debit card to be used with their account.

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12 Top Tips TO SUPPORT MENTAL WELLBEING THROUGH NATURE Online and Offline

'Nature' is a superb choice as the theme of this year's Mental Health Awareness Week, as there's clear evidence that getting access to nature is excellent for our mental health. With Covid-19 restrictions beginning to ease, it's the perfect time of year to rediscover the natural world and give ourselves a calming, uplifting treat. You don't have to drag the family on a four-hour hike, either – just 10 minutes each day in the garden, in the local park or your nearest green space could really help. Here are 12 suggestions for ways you can benefit from nature ... both online and off.

ONLINE

1 Give something back to nature

A swift internet search should bring up details of any local conservation projects you could volunteer for, or litter-picking events that you could enrol the family in. It doesn't have to be a long-term commitment: most schemes are grateful for every bit of help!

2 Tranquil streams

Search your preferred music player for some soothing natural sounds. A few minutes' gentle audio of rainfall, ocean waves or birdsong are all great ways of unwinding at the end of the day to get you ready for an excellent night's sleep.

3 Give geocaching a go

If you've not heard of it, geocaching is a modern twist on the traditional treasure hunt. Participants look for items hidden in outdoor locations, using a GPS-enabled device like a mobile phone or tablet. We'd recommend that an adult accompanies young adventurers!

4 Share what you see

While you're out exploring nature, take a photo or video of anything you find that inspires you. Not only will it be a nice memory for you to look back on, but you could also share it safely on social media and maybe motivate others to engage with the natural world!

5 Watch the stars

Looking at the night sky can be incredibly calming. There are some comprehensive stargazing websites and apps to help you locate and recognise different stars. It can take 20 minutes or so before you can see stars fully in the dark, even on clear nights, so allow your eyes time to adjust.

6 Wildlife on the web

A Google search will bring up lots of sites that stream webcam footage of nature. From seals to barn owls, rabbits to badgers, you can get an intimate, heart-warming view of all kinds of animal communities from inside the comfort of your own home.

OFFLINE

1 Ditch the phone

Now the weather's improving, go for a walk in a green space nearby. If you're already familiar with your chosen route, you could always leave your phone at home to be completely free of the usual distractions and notifications.

2 Put down some roots

Planting flowers, shrubs, herbs or vegetables can be extremely rewarding. Not only does it help us to connect with nature – it also provides an ongoing project to draw pleasure from. If your home doesn't have a garden, no problem: a window box will do the job just as well!

3 A different kind of tweet

Most gardens in the UK attract a wonderful variety of birds, and just watching them for a few minutes can be immensely therapeutic. There are some excellent apps and sites to help you name any species you don't already know or even play a game: identifying bird song, like bird song bingo!

4 Feed your feathered friends

Hang a bird feeder where you can easily see it from a window. Then enjoy the feel-good factor of satisfied avian visitors perching where you can see them. For something more advanced, you could try building a nesting box to fix onto a fence or under a window sill.

5 Park your worries

If you're lucky enough to live within easy travelling distance of a park, you'd benefit from using it. Whether it's to play ball games, get on your bike, walk the dog or just get some fresh air into your lungs, the potential bonuses for mental health are enormous.

6 Art and soul

Younger children will enjoy drawing or painting animals or nature scenes, or writing a poem or song lyrics about nature. For extra art or crafting fun, you could collect natural materials – leaves, feathers, tree bark or seeds, for example – to use in your creations.

Meet Our Expert

Anna Bateman is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.



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