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Thank you to parents & grandparents who helped on today's visit to the YSP. Your support was much appreciated.

What's happening in school next week!

- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 4 on Monday 7th November.
- Mrs. Townsend is not in school on Monday afternoon.
- Class 1 are visiting Stocksbridge Library on Monday afternoon.
- Dance Club on Monday 3.45 – 4.00pm.
- HeppDT are working with Class 3 on Tuesday (8th).
- Class 1 & 2 are visiting the Yorkshire Sculpture Park on Tuesday.
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 6 on Tuesday.
- Class 3 are visiting Stocksbridge Library on Tuesday afternoon.
- Miss Rodgers is teaching Class 1 on Wednesday and Mrs. Taylor is teaching Nursery.
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 2 on Wednesday morning and Class 3 on Wednesday afternoon.
- Tutti Frutti are coming in on Wednesday to perform Jack Frost for the children. Their shows are amazing. You can read more about it [here](#).
- Chris Standley is in school on Thursday 10th November.
- HeppDT are working with Class 2 on Thursday 10th November.
- We have our remembrance assembly on Thursday at 9.00am.
- Mrs. Townsend is available to show parents around on Thursday at 1.30pm.
- Quidditch Club on Thursday 2.45 – 4.00pm.
- We have our first parent/teacher meetings of the year on Thursday 10th November. You will shortly be able to book appointments via eschools. We also have parent/teacher meetings on Tuesday 15th November. Both these dates are for face-to-face appointments. Your child's class teacher will also offer some dates and times for phone call appointments.
- On Thursday 10th Taylor Shaw will be offering food tasting in the hall. It's a chance for parents to taste some of the meals the children enjoy.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday and the also have Forest School.

Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is %

Class 1:	100%
Class 2:	98%
Class 3:	89%
Class 4:	95%
Class 5:	94%
Class 6:	95%
Class 7:	94%
The Nest:	89%
The Orchard:	100%

**Well done
Class 1 & The Orchard!**

Assembly Theme: Remembering

- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Nursery on Friday.
- On Friday 11th November, we will hold a 1 minute's silence at 11.00am.
- Multi sports club on Friday, 2.45 – 4.00pm.

Looking ahead to the w.b. 14th November

- It's Anti-Bullying Week. The theme this year is [Reach Out](#).
- HeppDT are working with Class 5 on Monday 14th November.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 4 on Monday.
- Class 2 are visiting Stocksbridge Library on Monday afternoon.
- Dance Club on Monday 2.45-.4.00pm.
- Class 4 are visiting Stocksbridge Library on Tuesday afternoon (15th November).
- Parent/teacher meetings on Tuesday 3.15 – 4.15pm.
- Miss S Rodgers is teaching Class 1 on Wednesday 16th November.
- Miss Bennet is teaching Class 7 on Wednesday 16th.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday 16th.
- Mrs. Townsend is available to show parents around at 1.30pm on Wednesday 16th.
- Quidditch Club on Wednesday and Thursday, 2.45 – 4.00pm.
- Chris Standley is in school on Thursday playing board games with the children. We are working up to whole classes being able to play board games all at the same time!
- Mrs. Townsend and Mr. Barker are not in school on Thursday 17th.
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 2 on Friday morning (18th) and Class 3 on Friday afternoon.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday. Class 5 have Forest School on Friday too.
- It's Children in Need Day on Friday 18th. Our newly reestablished (post Covid) school council will be deciding on what we are doing to raise money. Mrs. McGhee leads them so don't worry, it won't be anything too outlandish!
- Multisports club on Friday, 2.45 – 4.00pm.

Please note, Steve Cooper will be back in school from 3-7.00pm on Thursday 1st December to take family portraits. Please ring school to book a slot if you'd like a family photograph. (They make nice Christmas presents!)

Nursery News

Our fiddly fingers have been working hard with spooky spider webs, pumpkin seeds and magical potions in the water tray. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the Funnybones story and we have learnt all about skeletons and examined x-rays just like the doctor does.

Star of the Week

Tilly Hall has come on in leaps and bounds. What a mature, helpful little lady who loves to learn and always with a smile. She goes the extra mile to make everyone's day better- be that her friends', her teachers' or her own. Tilly we are so glad we have got you in Nursery.

Children in Need – Friday November 18th

We will have a spotty themed non-uniform day. Each class will attempt to fill a Pudsey Bear so please send any spare coins. Thank you.

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the day 1	Veggie meatballs in a tomato sauce & rice	Chicken burger with wedges	Roast chicken with stuffing, roast potatoes and gravy	Sausage & mash with gravy	Homemade cheese pizza with chips and tomato sauce
Dish of the day 2	Cheesy bean pitta pocket with baby baked potatoes	Cheesy pie with wedges	Quorn roast with stuffing, roast potatoes and gravy	Veggie mince pasta Bolognese & garlic bread	Cheese flan & chips with tomato sauce
Oven baked jacket potato	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo
Sandwich option	Egg	Ham	Ham	Ham, tuna mayo, cheese sandwiches	Ham, tuna mayo, cheese sandwiches
	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo
	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Vegetables	Mixed vegetables Garden salad	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Winter greens Cauliflower	Green beans, baked beans, carrots	Baked beans Garden peas
Desserts	Hobnob cookie with apple smiles	Jelly & mandarins	Flapjack finger & custard	Lemon drizzle cake	Frozen toffee yoghurt

Mrs Townsend's Pupils of the Week

Phoebe Hobson She is an always girl. She is always in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing, usually with a smile on her face. She's a pleasure to have in school. Thank you Phoebe.

100% attendance for the 1st half term

On Tuesday, in assembly, we celebrated those children who had 100% attendance for the first half term. A big well done to:

Alfie Alliban, Charlotte Armitage, Leo Bailey, Molly Bailey, Alisha-Rose Barrott-Young, Busby Blake, Aria Boudabouza, Nora Bowden-Lovell, Dollie Bowskill, Dylan Brearley, India Briggs, Mia Brookfield, Lily Broomhead, Jax Brown, Clayton Bullimore, Parker Burt, Bronte Campbell-Ricketts, Luca Carr, Seth Cheetham, Charlie Cleaver, Emily Clough, Oliver Collins, Rose Couldwell, Ella Cunningham, Bill Dang, Theo Davies, Kodi Dobson, Heber Eady, Theo Emson-Brown, Lylah-Shae Everitt, Zac-Riley Evison, Lily Fletcher, Athena Fort, Evie Foster, Holly-Mae Galloway, Nathan Graves, Junior Gould-Glegg, Reggie Grayson, Ada Green, Louie Green, Oscar Guy, Pippa Guy, Lillia Hall, Ava Halliday, Keegan Hanson, Phoebe Harvey, Olek Herbert, Seth Hirst, Max Howarth, Lucas Howcroft, Annie James, Erin Kerfoot, Emilie Lamb, Alice Marsh, Lucy Marsh, Scarlett Milnes, Ruben Moore, Carter Murphy, Isabella Murphy, Kit Parsons, Ella Payne, Millie Pitt, Harry Powell, Amelia Powlesland, Ivy-Jay Sampson-Coopland, Charlotte Sawdon, Izayah Scales, Evii Schofield, James Smedley, Maxwell Smith, Alice Spencer, Oliver Staniforth, Luca Tawade, Laurence Tibbles, Taliana Tshibangu, Thomas Turner, Jenson Turner-Jones, Nathaniel Tym, Henry Warren, Rowan Wild, Flora Wilkinson, Molly Wilkinson, Joshua Willetts, Jack Woodhouse, Pearl Wright, Archie Young-McMenemy.

Assembly Theme: Remembering



This week's praise board



Henry Smith worked his socks off to help Miss Price sweep up all the leaves.

Freya Morgan helped to set all our outdoor toys out without being asked – she just knew what needed doing.

Maddie Harwood accidentally spilled some of the water she was changing whilst painting. Without a second thought, she was straight over to the paper towels and had cleaned it up in no time.

Sophie Pickwell has superb manners and tells us the most interesting things.

Alicia-Fifi Kiffin really impressed Miss Shepherd and Miss Rodgers with her writing and knowledge about The Shard.

Bronte Campbell-Ricketts for always being ready to listen during lessons. Thank you Bronte!

Izayah Scales has popped down to the office several times this week and each time has used impeccable manners.

Evie-Rose Stephenson has dazzled us with her number thinking this week; she has had a really good go.

Jack Woodhouse has been trying really hard with his writing this week.

Class 5 have shown this week what fabulous manners they have when talking to grown-ups and each other.

Well done to the children from Class 7 and The Orchard for their collaborative work creating a band on the stage in the small yard. Excellent team work!

Rohan Simmons has dazzled adults this week with his actions when retelling Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Thank you to Evie Mallinson-Owens for being such a kind friend.

Caleb Black, Leo Priestley and Junior Gould-Clegg did some amazing maths this week.

Vinnie Gibson has been spotted sharing toys and holding the door open for his friends.

Riley Jowle is a superstar at tidying up. Thank you for being so helpful.



School Meals

As you know school meals are free for children in Reception, Year One and Year Two. Lots of children (and parents) take advantage of this and the children enjoy choosing their meal in school each day. If these meals had to be paid for they would cost close to £400 per year. Many of our children bring packed lunches and we want to suggest that they continue to do this (as a backup) but that they also try a school meal. You never know, they may like them. It would also save parents a considerable expense in buying food for the lunchboxes each day. The menu is always on the newsletter. There are lots of options. A hot meal is always provided along with a vegetarian option. There are jacket potatoes and sandwiches. There really is a lot of choice.

Class 1 & 2 visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park

A reminder to parents to give consent for Tuesday's visit and contribute to the cost if you can, via parent pay. We cannot take any child on Tuesday without parental consent to do so. Order forms for school packed lunches need to be handed into the school office by Monday. Thank you.

Tweak of the Week: Show your manners week!

Bringing toys to school

We would just like to remind you that children are not allowed to bring toys, cards etc. from home into school. It simply causes arguments between children and we have to spend time resolving these and finding lost items. Many thanks.

We also ask that the children do not wear jewelry other than small stud earrings to school.

Reporting Illnesses/Lateness

Lots of our parents are now using Studybugs to report illnesses and absences. The app is free to download. This is a really useful websites for which gives lots of advice about different illnesses.

[Home :: Healthier Together \(sybhealthiertogether.nhs.uk\)](http://sybhealthiertogether.nhs.uk)

Also, we just wanted to remind parents that if we do not receive a message (via phone, email or studybugs) about why your child is absent, we will contact you for safeguarding reasons.

For those children arriving late to school, we are now asking parents to register them via the sign in system in the office – Inventory. The system asks why the child is late.



Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

<https://studybugs.com>



Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health

See what illnesses are going around

Secure system, all communications encrypted

Assembly Theme: Remembering

Eat Smart Sheffield – Feed your Family for Less

They have produced a new booklet helping families to eat well and healthily for less money. It contains recipes, practical ideas and top tips. It can be accessed [here](#).



Poppy Appeal We have all sorts of goodies available to buy to support this year's poppy appeal. Please pop into the school office if you'd like to choose something with your child. Alternatively, you can send your child with some money and they can pop down themselves.



The children's out of school achievements this week. Keep them coming. What they do and learn out of school is as important as what they do here.



This lovely girl had a halloween party shoot to celebrate a birthday. How fab is that?

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This lovely little girl returned to the climbing wall after a little time away. She really enjoyed herself!



This little girl took part in her first gymnastics competition before the holiday. She was quite nervous to perform but did amazingly well getting first place and a gold medal!



This fine fellow won man of the match last weekend. Well done you. He also welcomed Bonny into his family.

Sheffield United

Would you like some FREE tickets to watch a competitive fixture at one of the world's most historic football grounds and help Sheffield United set a record?

You may not be aware that Sheffield United Women are playing all their home games in the Barclays Women's Championship at Bramall Lane.

On Sunday 20th November, Sheffield United Women will play London City Lionesses at Bramall Lane with a 1pm kick off and we would like to offer your pupils, school staff and their family's FREE tickets to come to the game.

Tickets are limited to 20 per school so it is first come first served. Just tell our school reception if you would like any.

Support for Parents

Several of our parents have spoken with us about their children struggling with sleep and toileting. I contacted Claire Murgatroyd who works in Early Years at the Local Authority. They run informal, online Coffee and Chat sessions each Friday morning for an hour. Although each session has a theme, the advisors will talk to parents about any concerns they have – you don't have to wait until the first Friday in the month to talk about toileting, they'll help if you ask. They can also run some information sessions in school if parents would be interested. Please let the school office know if you would like us to arrange any of these.

Start Well online Coffee and Chat advice sessions

Here is our rolling schedule:



1st Friday of the month - Toileting

2nd Friday of the month - Sleeping and Bedtime routines

3rd Friday of the month - Dump the Dummy and Oral Health Care

4th Friday of the month - General Support and Advice 0 – 5 years; including advice and support about language development.

Join us online for an informal chat with one of our experienced Early Years Practitioners who can offer support to Sheffield families with children under 5

All sessions are on Zoom and free to attend.

Here is the Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/99912098278?pwd=dVhhYTAXUDIYNEM1bkNLeHBUTepBQT09>

Meeting ID: 999 1209 8278

Passcode: Coffee

Time: 10 - 11am



Scan the code to check out our Facebook page for even more information from the team



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NeighbourGood

Warm and friendly places to go, people to talk to and trusted advice **when you need it.**



Help and advice on money issues

<https://qrco.de/MoneyAdvice>



Community support helpline

<https://qrco.de/CSHelpline>



Citizens Advice Sheffield

<https://qrco.de/CASheff>



Cost of living guide

<https://qrco.de/CostOfLivingGuide>

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Welcome places to go

Local support if you're worried about finance, energy, meals **and more.**



Family Centres

<https://qrco.de/FamilyCentres>



Voluntary, community & faith venues

<https://qrco.de/CommunitySupportCostOfLiving>



Libraries

<https://qrco.de/SheffLibraries>



How you can help

<https://qrco.de/HowToHelp>

For urgent support call the Community Support Helpline on 0114 273 4567

Word of the Week



megastructure

<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> 
<p>3</p> 	<p>4</p> 
 Meaning	 Challenge
<p>- A massive construction or structure, especially when it involves lots of buildings</p>	<p>Can you name these megastructures and tell Mrs T via <u>SeeSaw</u>?</p>

CELEBRATING WORDS

Tweak of the Week: Show your manners week!

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMIGO

Amigo is a social platform which purports to connect strangers from around the world – and, with built-in translation software, it reduces the expected language barriers. Focusing heavily on one-to-one chat, video calls and live streams, Amigo encourages its users to build up online relationships and unlock exclusive features such as private video and audio calls; essentially, the more that people chat, the more functions become available to them. This is an app designed with mature users very much in mind and is therefore definitely not recommended for children.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONE-TO-ONE COMMUNICATION

While online chats and livestreaming are a great way to communicate with people that children can trust (such as friends and family), Amigo encourages users to connect with complete strangers and develop a friendship through private chats, calls and videos. This will be a clear red flag for most parents, due to the possibility of a child encountering inappropriate content or an online predator.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTACT

Within minutes of signing up for our trial of Amigo (and without using a profile photo), users of the opposite sex were messaging with suggestive statements such as "You're just my type" and "Let's have fun". While the app's stated intent is to help people build friendships, some users obviously seek to take those relationships in a more mature and amorous direction.

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Like many apps that are free to download, Amigo's business model is centred on in-app purchases. Users are encouraged to pay for VIP membership – enabling them to send more messages each day and boosting their profile's visibility. People can also buy coins (again, for real money) which allow them to send virtual gifts and further increase the number of messages they can send daily.

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Amigo makes no secret of the fact that it's for people aged 18 or above. There's no age verification, however, so a young person could simply sign up under a false date of birth. The app's algorithm claims to match users of similar ages (making them more compatible), but either the algorithm isn't very reliable, or most users have entered a fake age which doesn't correspond with their profile pic.

REWARDS FOR REPEATED USE

Amigo gifts virtual coins to users if they reply to messages within 10 seconds, while there are also daily rewards for posting comments, sharing a video, getting likes or simply opening the app. It also encourages increasing 'intimacy levels' with other users to unlock extra features: once someone's online 'friendship' reaches intimacy level 3, they can hold one-to-one video calls with each other.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MONITOR DOWNLOADS

As well as frequent catch-ups with your child about what they've enjoyed doing online, you could consider taking the additional step of physically checking their phone every so often to see which apps they've installed. The safest option could be to enable 'ask to buy' (Apple) or 'purchase approvals' (Android) on their device, meaning your authorisation is needed to download any apps.

RESPECT AGE RESTRICTIONS

Apps have age restrictions for a reason, and Amigo is very definitely a mature content platform. Given that many of Amigo's users apparently use a bogus date of birth, you might want to remind your child about the implications of setting up a fake profile – such as being exposed to messages and videos that make them feel uncomfortable or feeling pressured into chatting with strangers.

BLOCK, REPORT, DISCUSS

Many children already know that connecting with strangers online is dangerous, but it never hurts to refresh their memory. Whatever communication apps your child uses, make sure they're fully aware that if anything online makes them feel uncomfortable, scared or upset, then they can block the user responsible, report the content, take a screenshot as evidence and come to tell you straight away.

ACTIVE LISTENING

If your child does approach you with a concern, make time to stop what you're doing and actively listen. Let them talk without interrupting or showing any judgement, then discuss their options and the possible solutions. This empowers them and reassures them that you're there to be supportive. If the issue is one that has put your child at risk, however, you may wish to contact the police.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and eating behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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