



Weekly Newsletter 38 (11th July 2025)

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What's happening in school next week?

- Miss Bennett is teaching class 2 on Monday and Tuesday.
- Street dance/cheerleading club 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- **Golden star assembly on Tuesday 15th July for Nursery, the Orchard and classes 7 & 8. 8:45am.**
- Miss Kane is teaching class 5 on Tuesday. Miss Crofts is supporting Class 8.
- Multisports club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- **Golden star assembly on Wednesday 16th July for classes 1, 2, 3 and 5. 8:45am.**
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 3 on Wednesday morning. Mrs Hearnshaw is supporting.
- Mrs Greenwood is teaching class 2 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Football club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Open afternoon on Wednesday – meet your child's new teacher – 3:15 – 4:15pm.
- Vinnies ice-cream van is visiting school on Thursday.
- Gymnastics club on Thursday.
- Friday will be a non-uniform day. A payment item will be set up on Parent Pay for a donation of £2.
- Miss Kane is teaching the Orchard on Friday morning and class 8 on Friday afternoon.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 7 on Friday morning and class 1 on Friday afternoon.
- Arts & crafts club and Gardening club on Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- School closes for the summer holidays! School re-opens on Tuesday 2nd September 2025.

Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 96.6%

Class 1: 94%

Class 2: 98%

Class 3: 96%

The Orchard: 92%

Class 5: 97%

Class 7: 99%

Class 8: 98%

Well done Class 7

Punctuality

Our doors open at 8.20am and learning starts at 8.30am. Our Phonics teaching begins at 9.00am each day. Here's the number of children late this week.

Monday: 5

Tuesday: 9

Wednesday: 9

Thursday: 6

Friday: 7

Total: 36

Looking ahead to the w.b. 2nd September 2025.

- The assembly theme will be “A New School Year”.
- School reopens for existing children at 8.20am on Tuesday 2nd September.
- Our Reception children start with us on Thursday 4th September.

Mrs T will send out all autumn dates over the holiday. This is the last newsletter of the year!

After school clubs from September 2025.

An email regarding after school clubs will be sent early next week and will be available on ParentPay to book your child's space from next week also. We will confirm when this will be once the clubs have been decided on.

Spaces are limited and offered on a first come first served basis. If there is a club that your child would like to attend but there are no spaces available, please contact the school office and we can add them to the reserves list.

After school childcare. Our plans and hopes were to run afterschool wraparound care with our existing staff. Interest from parents has been low and this will not be financially viable. School are investigating procuring this to an outside company. We hope to have this set up early in the autumn term. We'll keep you posted.

School Menu Spring/Summer 2025 (All school including Nursery)

| Week 2 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------------------------|--|---|--|---|---|
| Main course | Pork sausage roll & home baked potato wedges | Beef pasta Bolognese & garlic bread | Roast chicken with gravy, Yorkshire pudding & roast potatoes | Wholemeal margherita pizza & rice salad | Fish fingers & chips |
| Vegetarian main course | Macaroni cheese | Plant-based pasta Bolognese & garlic bread vg | Quorn grill, gravy, Yorkshire pudding & roast potatoes | Cheesy bean pitta | Cheese & onion pasty roll with chips |
| Jacket potato and filling | Jacket potato with cheese or 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 | Ham | Ham | Ham | Ham | Ham |
| | Tuna mayo | Tuna mayo | Tuna mayo | Tuna mayo | Tuna mayo |
| | Cheese | Cheese | Cheese | Cheese | Cheese |
| Vegetables | Garden peas, baked beans | Broccoli, cauliflower & carrots | Broccoli, carrots & sweetcorn | Garden peas or sliced carrots | Garden peas, baked beans |
| Dessert | Vanilla sponge vg & custard | Shortbread & orange slices vg | Chocolate Brownie | Flapjack vg | Chocolate oaty slice vg |

Yoghurt and fruit are also available each day as an alternative to dessert along with a selection of breads, salads and fresh drinking water.

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Snacks

Please can we remind parents that if they are giving their child grapes for their snack at school, that they need to be sliced in half, length ways. Thank you.

Supporting Maths at Home

Time your child to find the same number of different objects at home and out and about. How long does it take you to find 3 socks, 3 spoons, 3 things with zips on, 3 sticks, 3 pine cones...if you're out and about on a walk? For our older children, write down the times and ask them to put them in order. Which were the quickest to find? Which took the longest? Hard question – how much longer did it take to find the 'longest items' and the 'shortest items'?



Makaton – Signs of the Week



Blue

(run your hand along a vein)



Green

(as if you're scything the grass)

See if being signed here.

[Makaton for 'Blue' ❤️ - YouTube](#)

[Makaton Sign of the Week - 'green' - YouTube](#)

Word of the Week



transition



Meaning

- Moving from one activity, place or experience to another.



Challenge

How do you feel about making a transition to a new class or a new school?

CELEBRATING WORDS

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI-ENABLED SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing scams – emails designed to trick people into handing over login details or money – are not new, and do not rely on AI; however, AI has made them far more dangerous. Criminals can now generate highly convincing emails at speed, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language with ease. This makes phishing attempts harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to enhance or completely fake product photos and videos, and pressure buyers into paying deposits or full amounts upfront. These tactics are becoming more advanced, making it vital to pause, check, and verify the sale before parting with any money.

VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where voice has been enabled as an alternative to password-based logins. One such example was the use of AI deepfake audio as part of a fake kidnapping scam: the criminal used an AI voice clone of a 15-year-old to convince her parents she had been kidnapped and elicit a ransom.

EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can chat with young people about fake job offers, asking for money to secure a visit or paperwork. In 2025, The Guardian reported a scam targeting young people with promises of quick cash, posing as TikTok staff.

INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to manipulate video and audio, with technology available that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing videos of well-known figures promoting fake products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Cryptocurrency scams are a common tactic, luring people into investing in schemes that do not exist. Once payment is made, the criminal simply disappears with the money.

ROMANCE SCAMS & SEXTORTION

AI chat bots can now mimic real conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes it easier for criminals to build trust with young people – among other things, this can lead to fraud or sextortion. In 2024, the NCA's CEOP Safety Centre received 380 reports of sextortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 117 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

Advice for Parents & Educators

THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they are seeing and reading before taking any action. For example, if a social media post expresses urgency, proceed with caution; if content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items; however, where possible, encourage children to use reputable companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber-security safeguards in place, underpinned by consumer legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.

SEEK TO VERIFY

Criminals may breach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and fake content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. Small actions, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.

REPORT IT

As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the social media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations linked or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.



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Summer Reading Challenge 2025.

The Sheffield Libraries Summer Reading Challenge 2025, themed "Story Garden," encourages children aged 4-11 to read six or more library books over the summer. The challenge launches on Saturday 5th July, in Sheffield libraries, and ends on Saturday 13th September. Children can participate by visiting their local library, discovering new books, and enjoying fun, imaginative activities. Those who complete the challenge could receive a medal and certificate.

If you would like to take part but your child is not a member at Stocksbridge Library, you can pick up a registration form from the school office. You will then need to sign up to do the challenge with the library.

Message from School Trends

We're reaching out with an important reminder regarding summer uniform orders for the upcoming academic year.

Our summer order cut-off is **July 21st**. This means families have just over **1 week left** to ensure that their child has everything they need for the new term.

It's important for parents to know that orders placed after the 21st will be processed as quickly as possible, and we'll work to get them out for the new term. However, we cannot guarantee timely arrival for those later orders. Encouraging families to order now helps guarantee a smooth, confident start for their child.

Lost Coat & Lost Property

Please could we ask everyone to check at home if their child has come home with a coat that does not belong to them? The coat is a two-tone blue colour and age 7-8. We have searched all around school and we cannot find it so we are wondering if it has gone home with someone by mistake. Thank you.

We've also gathered a lot of lost property again. We'll put it outside next week, near the offices, each day. Please come and check. There are some lovely coats! If it isn't collected we will dispose of it on Friday.

Reach More Parents

Many thanks to all the parents who have signed up to Reach More Parents. It seems to be working well. We will continue to send letters via eschools until the end of this academic year and then move to Reach More. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so. A leaflet has been sent with this newsletter with more information.



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Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week



Shay Millington. I shall miss Shay's smile moving forward. He's a quiet chap in a big group, but chat to him with his friends and he's utterly delightful. Shay has worked so hard this year and made super progress but more than that, Shay is a kind and loyal friend. He also has a great sense of humour.



Nursery News

There are some tired little faces in Nursery this week but we have enjoyed lots of stories, lots of water play and some awesome train track building projects this week. Our children that were here today loved listening to the samba band that visited and certainly have some rhythm judging by the instruments they were playing later as they marched round the classroom.

Star of the Week



Oliver Tomlinson is such a fantastic member of Nursery. He asks thoughtful questions, perseveres, is always involved in as much as he can be, listens well and is always willing to help others who need it. We feel lucky to have been able to work and play alongside him this year - a wonderful role model for us all.

Trans Penine trail summer activity pack

Please visit the link below if you would like to download the summer activity pack.

The pack is aimed at primary school children with help as necessary from their parents or carers, and older children may enjoy some of the activities too.

The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home.

Download it from our Children's page at: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/>

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 bunch of friends had a great time performing at this year's dance show! Those smiles say it all!



This young man got his 1st swimming certificate.



What perseverance to complete a 500-piece jigsaw of the world!



This girl performed at a gala last week.



These lovely siblings wanted to show off their latest achievements!

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This week's praise board



- Thank you to Sophie Meaney, Sofiya Rattigan and Pearl Wright for our little chats throughout the day.
- Scarlett Milnes picked up rubbish on the floor without anyone asking.
- Viktor Irving for offering help to tidy up the playground.
- Rocco Kelly is always such a wonderful helper to Miss Kane when she is in the Orchard and she really appreciates it.
- Thank you to Ben Graham for helping around the classroom and supporting his friends with their sewing this week.
- Millie and Oscar Hardcastle have been really kind friends on the playground this week and have played with everyone.
- Harrison Spencer and Ella-Jo Brown wowed Miss Harrison with their neat handwriting in English.
- Thank you, Ava Hible, for helping Mrs Hearnshaw tidy some bits this week in the classroom.
- Autumn Frost designed a fantastic poster in literacy trying to persuade people to go to the library
- Ezra Fort has been amazing with his key words this week.
- Noah Greaves the grown-ups are super proud of you this week.
- Freddie Christian told us 'Camouflage means when animals hide from predators' when asked if he knew what the word camouflage meant- what a detailed description well done!
- Thank you, Rosie Davies, Eadie Tazzyman, Willow Harvey and Margot Parker-Hardwick for watering all the plants in the small yard.
- Harry Radford and Freya Sawicki are just awesome! Their love for learning just makes us smile so much.
- Teddy Bailey is an excellent 'player'. He can make games up from the most minimal of resources and knows how to make them last and involve others.
- Teddy Hanson is a phonics whizz - enthusiastic and quick.
- Jacob Barden has been showing us how fantastic he is at throwing, catching and balancing.
- Matilda Wharton-Lovett helped us to tidy up all the mess, even though she hadn't made it.
- Thank you Mrs Evans for making Class 8 some playdough.
- A huge thank you to Alexa (high school student from class 1) for her enthusiasm this week.





Tinies and Tots NEEDS YOU!

Who can volunteer?

Everyone is welcome to help: mums, dads, aunties, uncles, grans, grandads, and more!

When?

Every Monday
during term time
9:30am until 11:30am
The Christian Centre
Cedar Road, S36 1AS

We support our volunteers:
Any training or certificates you may need
are provided
including DBS checks, Safeguarding, Food Hygiene, and
Paediatric First Aid.

Don't worry if you're new:
we'll help you every step of the way!

For more information contact
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