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What's happening in school after half term break?

- Our new Autumn/Winter dinner menu starts this week, it is attached to the newsletter.
- Monday 3rd November is odd socks day for Anti-Bullying week. Please send your child to school wearing odd socks!
- Miss Kane is teaching class 5 on Monday afternoon.
- Hockey and Sewing after school clubs on Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 8 on Tuesday afternoon.
- Gymnastic after school club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Boccia Festival on Stocksbridge High School on Tuesday, 3.45 – 4.45pm.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around school on Wednesday afternoon 1:30 – 2:30pm.
- Football after school club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Class 5 on Thursday 6th November.
- Miss Kane is teaching the Orchard on Thursday afternoon.
- Dance after school club on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- On Friday 7th November, we're having a fund-raising bun sale. We'd really appreciate any donations of buns. If you could send your child with a small amount of change to 'buy' one, that would be great. Thanks.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 6 on Friday morning and class 7 in the afternoon.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 3 on Friday afternoon.
- Arts & Craft and Gardening Clubs on Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm.

Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 94.4%

Class 3: 91%

The Orchard: 78%

Class 5: 98%

Class 6: 97%

Class 7: 92%

Class 8: 99%

Well done Class 8

Punctuality

Our doors open at 8.20am and learning starts at 8.30am. Our Phonics teaching begins at 8.45am each day. We have too many children coming late each day. Here's the number of children late this week.

Monday: 9

Tuesday: 4

Wednesday: 4

Thursday: 4

Total: 21

Looking ahead to the 10th November 2025.

- The assembly theme will be 'Remembrance'.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 5 on Monday afternoon.
- Sewing AND Hockey after school clubs on Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Tuesday 11th November is Remembrance Day, we will have a special assembly and hold a 1 minute's silence in school at 11am.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 3 on Tuesday afternoon.
- Mrs Townsend is taking some children over to Alpine Lodge on Tuesday afternoon to join in with their Remembrance Celebrations.
- Gymnastics after school club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- **Parents Evening on Tuesday 11th November 3:15 – 4:45pm.**
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Miss Kane is teaching Class 5 on Wednesday morning.
- On Wednesday morning we have a visit from a grandparent who worked for many years in A & E.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around school on Wednesday 1:30 – 2:30pm.
- Football after school club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- We have the School Immunisation Service in school on Thursday 13th November administering the seasonal flu vaccination (nasal spray). Please ensure that you have completed the online consent form if you would like your child to receive this.
- Bags to School must be returned by Thursday 13th. There'll be a cordoned off part of the car park to leave them in. Thanks in advance for your support.
- Miss Kane is teaching in the Orchard on Thursday afternoon.
- Dance after school club on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Friday 14th November is Children in Need Day.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 6 on Friday morning and class 7 in the afternoon.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 3 on Friday afternoon.
- Arts & crafts after school club AND Gardening after school club on Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm.

After school clubs – starting w/c 3rd November 2025 (Rec, Y1 & Y2)

Mondays – Hockey club – AND Sewing Club - 3.00-4.00pm.

Tuesdays – Gymnastics Club – 3.00-4.00pm.

Wednesdays – Football Club – 3.00-4.00pm.

Thursdays – Dance Club – 3.00-4.00pm.

Fridays – Arts & crafts club AND Gardening club - 3.00-4.00pm.

All our clubs are on a first come first served basis. If any clubs are unavailable, please contact the school office and your child can be added to a reserves list.

Tweak of the Week: Show kindness to someone in school every day this week.

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

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Beef Burger with Home baked Potato Wedges	Mild Chicken Curry served with Mixed Rice	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Stuffing Mashed Potato	Margherita Pizza with Pasta	Fish fingers & chips
Vegetarian main course	Roasted Butternut, Pepper Tomato Dhal with Mixed Rice Flatbread VG	Vegetable Sausage Hotdog with Jacket Wedges	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing Mashed Potato	Sweet Sour Vegetables & Sunny Rice VG	Cheese Onion Roll with Chips Ketchup
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	Sweetcorn, Baked Beans	Broccoli, Cauliflower Carrots	Seasonal Greens Carrots	Broccoli or Sweetcorn	Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Dessert	Chocolate Oaty Slice VG	Syrup Sponge Pudding Custard	Apple Cinnamon Rolls	Vanilla Cookie Fruit Slices VG	Iced Sponge Cake Topped with a Glace Cherry

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

Makaton – Signs of the Week

	
Art	Police Officer
See if being signed here.	
Art	Police Officer

Phonics, Keyword and Reading at home.

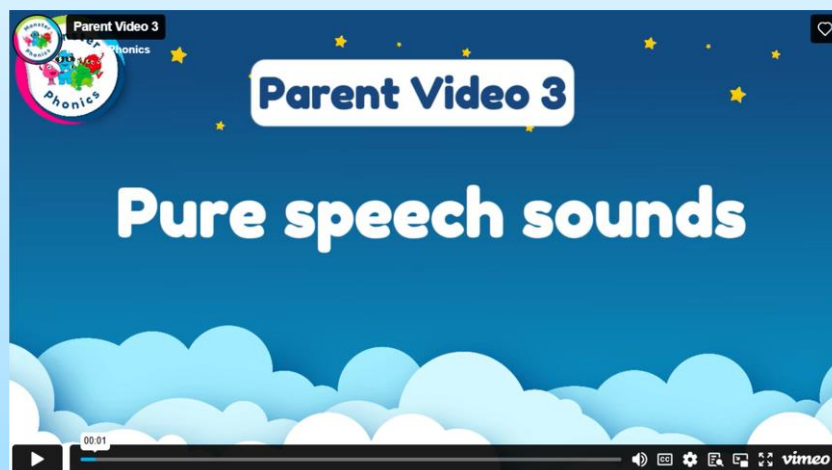
The children will begin their daily phonics lessons in class next week. We use Monster Phonics. Information about the scheme can be found on our website. Each week we'll let you know what sounds (phonemes) the children will be learning and which keywords (sometimes called Common Exception Words or High Frequency Words) they need to have learnt to read and in Year One and Two to spell by the end of the week.

It's really important that the children practise at home so that they keep up.

Autumn 1 Week 7	Reception	Year One	Year Two
Sounds/Phonemes	f ff l ll ss	ee suffixes ed/ing	Vowel suffix Y to I rule
Keywords	he she me we be of	see very day have when about out people	busy money hour Christmas



Supporting reading at home.



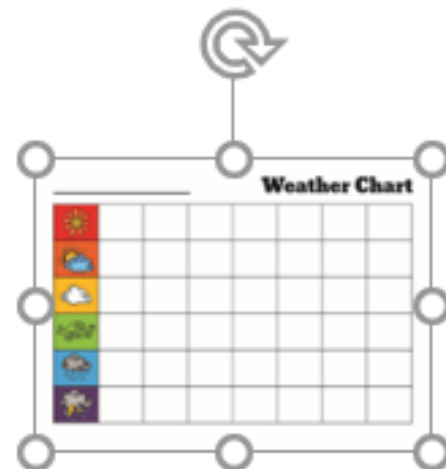
[Film 3](#) is all about how to pronounce the sounds. It's really important to say 'pure sounds' so that they can blend the sounds to hear and read words. The pure sounds are modelled in film 7.

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Word of the Week



climate



Meaning

-The weather found in a certain place over a long time.
-The weather is what it is like today. Climate is what the weather is usually like in a place like how it's warm in summer and cold in winter.



Challenge

Can you make a weather chart and record what it is like every day next week....and the week after too if you like.

CELEBRATING WORDS

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic skins, music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often "gone when they're gone".

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including iGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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Keeping children safe at Halloween

Please visit the following link for helpful tips and advice about safety around Halloween.

[How to keep children safe this Halloween | 12 top tips](#)

Threadworm

We have had a confirmed case of threadworm in school. Here is some advice and guidance from the NHS website on how best to treat threadworm.

[Threadworms - NHS](#)

School Trends

The supplier who we use for our school uniform, School Trends has given us a limited time discount code for anyone who is needing to order new uniform this half term - it is valid between 22/10/2025 and 02/11/2025.

Please use code **HALFTERM15** to get 15% off your order.

Christmas Card Competition

Following the successful Christmas Card competitions held over previous years the Town Council are once again inviting local schools to participate in this event for Christmas 2025.

Your school are invited to submit entries to the Town Council to be judged by the Mayor. There will be two finalists chosen from each school with one chosen as an overall winner. A Christmas Card with the winner's design will be produced with smaller pictures of the finalists' design on the inside. All finalists will receive a pack of cards plus the card will be used as the official Town Council Christmas Card.

If your school would like to take part could you please confirm by return email.

All entries will need to follow the criteria below: -

Submitted on A4 paper, only drawn using felt tip pens or crayons, NO glitter, stickers, glue or anything attached, bright colours show better on finished article

Names **MUST** be written on the back of each entry

All entries will be collected from schools first thing on the morning of 13th November 2025 with judging taking place shortly after, following which schools will be informed of winners. It is anticipated that cards will be delivered to schools by early December.

Assembly Theme: Anti-Bullying – Power for Good. Advice for parents can be found [here](#).



Christmas Fair – Monday 1st December

Our small, but effective, FOSNI (Friends of Stocksbridge Nursery Infant) team met this week to plan events for this term. We are going to hold our Christmas Fair again. If any parents/grandparents out there can offer a little time to help us get organized, we'd really appreciate it.

We're getting in touch early to ask for donations. We'd love to run the bottle stall again so any old bottle bags, and bottles of anything really would be welcomed.

If you have a sort of soft toys in the run up to Christmas, please could we have them to put in a soft toy raffle. Please could we ask that these be washed before you send them in. Thank you. If you have any unopened, unused and unwanted gifts lurking in drawers and cupboards, would you please consider donating these to school so we can use them in a raffle.

We'll send more information, probably on a regular basis as we move through the term. The stalls we are hoping to run, to give you some ideas are:

Homemade stall of bakes, a Jar for Joy stall, festive balloons, bauble fishing, a bottle raffle, soft toy tombola, face painting, festive tattoos and a colour hamper raffle. We're hoping for some festive music from our school choir. The man in red may make a visit and there'll be refreshments too.



Children in Need is on Friday 14th November and we would like to invite children to come to school dressed in their pajamas for Pudsey bear. We will also be holding a bake sale so any donations will be welcomed. Any goods left over will be sold outside the school office at home time.

There will be more information to follow when we come back after half term.

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Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week

Connor Booth-Bell. If you want to find a cheerful, fun-loving, mischief-making chap, Connor is your man. We all love Connor in school. He gives everything he does his absolute all. He is trying so hard in learning and is very obviously, and quite rightly, proud of the progress he's making. Connor lives life to the full and you cannot help but smile when you see his cheery little face around school.



Nursery News

There have been lots of spooky goings-on in Nursery this week - pumpkin spells, broomstick painting, spider webs, hammering, screwing and fizzy potions have all been on the menu. We also thoroughly enjoyed reading about sharks in the park, Funnybones and a very unusual witch's kitchen.

Star of the Week

We are so impressed with **Oliver Lodge's** progress. He is becoming quite the little chatterbox and is now trying all the activities and tasks on offer, seeing them through until he is satisfied with the outcomes and thus showing us all just how independent he can be.



This half term's Golden Stars

A big well done to the following children who were nominated for Golden Star Award this half term. They were thanked and celebrated for trying so hard to keep our Golden Rules.



Shanelle Kiffin, Tyler Borgan, Ezra Fort, Alyssa Williams, Luther Greaves, Tilly Anderson, Sullivan White, Amelia Menhennet, Rowan Dennis-Wild, Olive Reed, Tia Bee, Ben Graham, Cora Smith, Ted Guy, Willow Harvey, Oscar Ryan, Albie Crofts, Maisie Ogden, Oliver Wright, Rowan Legdon and Vinnie Grayson.



An extra shout out to Maisie Ogden who, during assembly, said well done to everyone after their name had been announced....and she's just 4!



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.



On Saturday between 2-4pm, these 2 amazing girls stood on the drive and sold their apples. Everyone who came were so generous, kind, incredibly complementary towards the girls and spoke words of encouragement.

The littlest girl wanted to raise some money for the Archer Project. This is a project that helps homeless people. Both girls stayed the entire time, willing passersby to buy some of their apples and they managed to raise an amazing £130 altogether. What kind and wonderful girls they are.

This lovely girl was super happy and proud of herself for passing her stage 2 at swimming. Well done, that's fantastic.



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This week's praise board



- Thank you to Rosalie Roberts and Maddie Harwood for helping tidy away after Harvest Festival.
- Today we said goodbye to the one and only Alfie Gould-Bist. We shall all miss our lovely little friend very much. He has captured many of our hearts in school. We wish him, his sister and his family well.
- Thank you to Leah Price and Reuben Kimpton who helped Mrs T this week giving out stickers in Golden Star Assemblies. You were a terrific help.
- Riley Fleetwood was a lovely friend helping one of our reception friends in the hall when they were a bit unsure where to go.
- Thank you, Freya Morgan and Ada Shaw, for showing Miss Miles your maps that you had drawn. She thought they were brilliant!
- Mrs T has had some lovely chats with Amelia Menhennet this week. 'Do you know my dad is a boy?' was the start of today's conversation.
- Adem Boudabouza is just always in the right place and always doing the right thing.
- Ella-Jo Brown did a great job of singing the Harvest Samba this morning and she didn't miss a Makaton sign in the whole song!
- Sophie Pickwell and Nancy Wharton- Lovatt, your little autumn song you wrote together was just wonderful.
- Tilly Hall was super kind and gave one of her friends something to take to the harvest festival assembly-thanks Tilly.
- Billie Brown shared her harvest food with a friend who said thank you the following day by bringing her a little gift.
- Luther Greaves has been really trying in phonics. Keep it up Luther
- Alfie Chappell was such a kind friend in maths, helping his friend who was a little unsure if they had the right amount of animals.
- Oliver Tomlinson and Teddy Hanson are just such sociable, polite boys.
- Ori Carr is just always in the right place, doing the right thing.
- Zachary Golightly is doing fantastic with key words; he blew Mrs Moore's socks off.
- Thank you, Rosie Davies, for all the yummy biscuits you made the grown-ups.
- Caleb Eady has super manners.
- Ruben Cotton is so much chattier these days and it's lovely.
- Thank you to Ava Dawson for making buns for all of Class 8.
- Amber Pickwell is utterly hilarious and she doesn't know it. She also has a beautiful smile.
- Matilda and Nancy Wharton-Lovett always say good morning.
- Oleander Lewis did some amazing Halloween writing. Well done, Oleander!
- We have enjoyed having Teddy Black at our school. We will miss him and we wish him lots of luck for his new school.
- Charlie Hodgkinson and Evelyn Pitt drew amazing maps of the school grounds. Well done Charlie and Evelyn!
- Jacob Barden was spotted helping Tommy Kaye put his shoes on. Thank you, Jacob.
- Thank you to Oleander Lewis' Dad for donating some cupboard tubes for the small yard.
- Finley Foster shared the play dough cutters with a friend who was finding it hard to wait before quietly just taking his turn afterwards.
- Dalton Crofts has done some excellent spooky maths counting. He was very eager to see what was coming out of the cauldron
- Harry Sawicki has shown perseverance and determination this week. He is really sticking at things now and showing such a positive attitude.
- As we say goodbye to the lovely Evie Gould-Bist, we would like to say what an absolute pleasure it has been having her in Nursery and we wish her and her family all the very best for the future.



November is 'Cut your Carbon' month!

When we return after the half term break we will be challenging you all to take some simple actions at home to help cut your carbon emissions. At the end of the month, we will count how many of you joined in and adding up the estimated carbon saved!



☐ Make 3 evening meals plant-based across the month.



☐ Make 3 journeys active across the month.



☐ Meal plan to reduce food waste for one week.



☐ Lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C for three washes across the month.



☐ Have a 'device-free' day.



☐ Drop your heating by 1°C for a week.

Completed by: _____

CUT YOUR CARBON
WITH OUR ACTIONS

These are simple actions that target some of the key causes of carbon emissions. Small changes like walking instead of driving, having a meat free meal and turning off devices can make a big difference that help to protect our planet.

We will also be encouraging you to 'Ditch the Drive' during our **10 Day Active Travel Challenge, which runs from 17th to 28th November 2025**. More information about this will be shared when we return after half term.

Cutting carbon is something that you will be hearing more from us about over the next 12 months as we now have a Carbon Action Plan, which is aiming to reduce our carbon footprint by 10% over the next 12 months.

Your Carbon Footprint Report

Your schools total carbon footprint is estimated to be: **156.90 tonnes CO₂e* per year**

Operational area	Emissions area	Scope	t CO ₂ e*	% **
Energy, Waste & Water	Fuel	1	40.4	26%
	Electricity	2	9.4	6%
	Waste	3	0.1	0%
	Water	3	0.5	<1%
Transport	School vehicles	1	0	0%
	School trips	3	1.4	<1%
	Student commuting	3	41.2	26%
	Staff commuting	3	16.6	11%
Food	Food	3	25.6	16%
Purchasing & Uniform	Purchasing	3	21.6	14%
	Uniform ***	Out-of-scope	39.5	n/a



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Join Our Year-Long Active Travel Initiative!



This year, children across the school are taking part in our exciting **Active Travel Initiative**! By travelling to school in an active way, pupils can **collect special badges each month** as a reward for their efforts.

To qualify for a badge, children must travel to school using one of the following methods:

- **Walk to school**
- **Scoot or cycle to school**
- **Park and stride** – this means being driven part of the way, then walking the **final 10 minutes** of the journey

Encouraging active travel not only helps keep children healthy and alert for the school day, but also supports a greener, less congested environment around our school.

Let's get moving and start collecting those badges!



Odd Socks Day

We'll be wearing our odd socks this Odd Socks Day, will you?

Monday 3rd November 2025

Andy and Odd Socks

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

#AntiBullyingWeek
#OddSocksDay

Monday 3rd
November 2025 is
Odd Socks Day!

Come to school
wearing odd socks
to show your
support for Anti
Bullying



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES WITH FOOD

LIMITED PLACES, BOOK EARLY!



How to access?



- Attend a Sheffield School (Reception-Y11)
- Be in receipt of income assessed free school meals
- Have a **HAF Code**

Not eligible but want to join the fun?

Please contact a club directly to discuss.

Please note, HAF providers may need to prioritise families in receipt of benefits related free school meals if activities are oversubscribed.



How to book?

To book activities online or by phone click the link below:



LOST YOUR HAF CODE?

[Report a problem with your HAF Code | Sheffield City Council](#)



OR

Call the HAF team on **0114 203 9303**



This October half-term use #HAF to share your fun!



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FREE
ENTRY!

THE VENUE INVITES YOU TO:

HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER
31



6PM-11PM

A FAMILY FRIENDLY PARTY

INCLUDING;

FOOD

BAR

CHILDREN ENTERTAINER

& MORE!



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