Weekly Newsletter 11 (21st November 2025)





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What's happening in school next week?

- Monday is bling your bike or scooter. Decorate your bikes or scooters with something bright or fancy. Weather permitting we'll have a bike and scooter parade.
- Miss Kane is teaching Class 3 on Monday morning and Class 5 on Monday afternoon.
- Sewing club AND Hockey club on Monday 3:00 4:00pm.
- Strider visit On Tuesday 25th November, meet Strider at Stocksbridge
 Leisure Centre at 7:45am for photos and a gentle walk to school. Strider will
 then meet & greet children on the main school gate.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 8 on Tuesday afternoon.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around school on Tuesday afternoon 1:30 – 2:30pm.
- Games & sports skills club on Tuesday 3:00 4:00pm.
- Wednesday is Wheel to School Day.
- Miss Kane is teaching the Orchard on Wednesday. Mrs Parsons is supporting in Class 8 am and Class 6 pm.
- On Wednesday, travel to school with your wheels scooters, bikes, buggies.
 Collect a sticker on the gate for taking part.
- Balance bikes training for all Reception children on Wednesday. Children in Reception will take part in Balance bike training during Welly Wednesday and it will be delivered by staff.
- Mrs Townsend is teaching Class 5 on Wednesday afternoon.
- Your child should be sent home with a piece of chalk on Wednesday for Thursdays active travel activity.
- Football club on Wednesday 3:00 4:00pm.
- Thursday is 'Let the chalk do the talking'. Use the chalk given to you by your teacher to leave a message or draw a pattern on your walk to school.
- Miss Kane teaching the Orchard on Thursday afternoon.
- Dance club on Thursday 3:00 4:00pm.

Attendance

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

Class 3: 96%

The Orchard: 100%

Class 5: 98%

Class 6: 92%

Class 7: 94%

Class 8: 100%

Well done Class 8 & The Orchard

Punctuality

We started the year so well and punctuality was great. It has slipped over the last few weeks with more children arriving late each day.

Monday: 8

Tuesday: 10

Wednesday: 5

Thursday: 5

Friday: 7

Total: 35

The winners of the 100% random wheel spinner this week were: Sophia Sainthouse, Hope Barnes and Seb Wood.

- Car Free Friday! On Friday 28th November, meet your teachers at one of the locations below and complete the questions as we walk to school together. (Locations are further down the newsletter).
- 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 club AND Gardening club on Friday 3:00 4:00pm.

Looking ahead to the 1st December 2025.

- The assembly theme will be 'Christmas is coming Advent'.
- Miss Kane is teaching 5 on Monday afternoon.
- Christmas Stall after school outside the offices.
- NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ON MONDAY you have not been charged for this session.
- Derek the Support Dog is coming to assembly on Tuesday. He's also visiting classes. We'd like to
 raise a little money for this charity. Please see the flyer below. Donations can be made via ParentPay.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 8 on Tuesday afternoon.
- Games & sports skills club on Tuesday 3:00 4:00pm.
- Y2 Scooter Skills on Tuesday with Paula Edwards from Modeshift Stars.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around school on Wednesday afternoon 1:30 2:30pm.
- Football club on Wednesday 3:00 4:00pm.
- Miss Kane teaching the Orchard on Thursday afternoon.
- Dance club on Thursday 3:00 4:00pm.
- Miss Spencer is teaching Nursery on Friday morning and class 7 in the afternoon.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 3 on Friday afternoon.
- Arts & crafts club AND Gardening 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 (FULL) - 3.00-4.00pm.

Tuesdays – Games & sports skills Club – 3.00-4.00pm.

Wednesdays – Football Club – 3.00-4.00pm. ONLY 1 SPACE REMAINING.

Thursdays – Dance Club – 3.00-4.00pm.

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

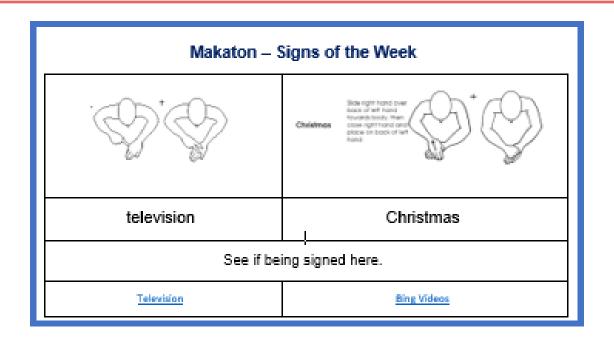
All our clubs are on a first come first served basis. If any clubs are unavailable, please contact the school office and your child can be added to a reserves list.

Do we have any parents/grandparents who work for the police and wouldn't mind giving up a little time to talk to the children about their job? We're also on the look out for anyone who works in dentistry -to talk to the children, not extract any teeth!

School Menu Autumn/Winter 2025 (All school including Nursery)

Week 2	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	Vegetable sausage hotdog with jacket wedges	Quorn grill, gravy, stuffing & mashed potato	Sweet & sour vegetables & sunny rice	Cheese & onion roll with chips & ketchup
Jacket potato and filling/pasta	Jacket potato with tuna mayo, cheese or beans	Jacket potato with tuna mayo, cheese or beans	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo	Pasta with cheese	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	Syrup sponge pudding & custard	Apple & cinnamon rolls	Vanilla cookie & fruit slices	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.



Phonics, Keyword and Reading at home.

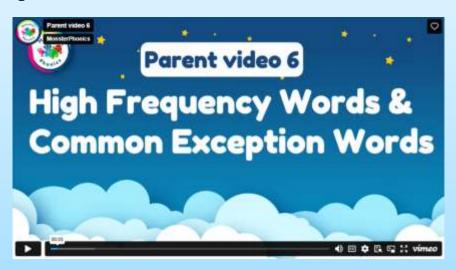
The children will begin their daily phonics lessons in class next week. We use Monster Phonics. Information about the scheme can be found on our website. Each week we'll let you know what sounds (phonemes) the children will be learning and which keywords (sometimes called Common Exception Words or High 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 10	Reception	Year One	Year Two
Sounds/Phonemes	ch sh th ng	Oo oa	After w-ar
			After w – or
Keywords	too her with are yes	Revision of all words previously learnt.	after again sure sugar



Supporting reading at home.

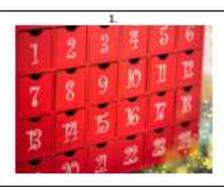


Film 6 High Frequency words are ones that we see all the time such as the, was, we, go. Some can be decoded/sounded out but many are tricky meaning they can't be sounded out. These are known as common exception words.

Word of the Week 🌽



advent







Advent starts 4 weeks before Christmas. It means 'coming', the coming of Jesus.

These things are all special at Advent. Do you know what they are.

CELEBRATING WORDS



What's happening for Christmas in school this year?

1st December - Christmas Stall 2.30pm - 3.30pm outside school office. (This replaces the school fair.)

9th December – 3.00-4.45pm – KS1 Christmas Multi-skills Festival at SHS.

10th December - 9.00am – Noisy Nativity Performance 1 for parents in Class 6, Class 7 (Surnames I-Z unless alternative date requested).

10th December – 1.30pm Christingle Making at SB Christian Centre – Classes 3 & 5.

10th December – 4.00pm Nursery Nativity

10th December – 4.00pm Members of the choir are singing in Stocksbridge.

11th December - Christmas Jumper Day. Donations via ParentPay to Save the Children.

11th December- 9.00am – Noisy Nativity Performance 2 for parents of Class 8, Class 7 (Surnames A-H unless alternative date requested).

12th December - If Santa can spare him from the workshop, Alfie the Elf may visit.

15th December – 9.00am – A Midwife Crisis – Classes 3 & 5.

15th December – 11.00am. Classes 6,7 & 8 are singing their Christmas Songs across at Alpine Lodge to the residents.

16th December – Christmas Dinner Day complete with crackers and Christmas Music.

17th December – Christmas Party Day. The children should come to school in their party clothes. No high heels, jewelry and remember, we'll still be playing outside. Puzzling Paul will be here to entertain us and the kitchen staff are making us a lovely party lunch.

18th December – 11.00am. Classes 3 & 5 are singing their Christmas Songs across at Alpine Lodge to the residents.

18th December - 1.30pm Christingle Making at SB Christian Centre - Classes 7 & 8.

19th December - The Great Rainbow Raffle Draw!

19th December - 10.00am Christingle Making at SB Christian Centre - Classes 6.

A reminder to organise child care for younger siblings at all our nativities. We do like younger siblings but we've had so many nativities spoilt because of the noise they invariably, and understandably make. We just want to give you the best performances we can.

Tickets for the nativities (other than Nursery) will be with you shortly.



FOSNI RAINBOW CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



PINK - CLASS 3

RED - THE ORCHARD

ORANGE - CLASS 5

YELLOW - CLASS 6

GREEN - CLASS 7

BLUE - CLASS 8

PURPLE - NURSERY



FOSNI are holding a Rainbow Christmas Raffle.

Each class has been assigned a colour with the idea being that children donate a small item of colour to their bag. We'll collect items for the next three weeks (until 6th December). We'll then sell raffle tickets for the final two weeks - £1.00 per strip in class. The raffle will be drawn in Fab Friday assembly on 19th December,









Sophie Pickwell. It's hard to know where to start, describing Sophie's qualities; she has so many. She is a dream to teach because she listens, tries hard and produces work that is a wonderful quality. She is a rule follower. If you want a role model for following the Golden Rules then Sophie is your girl. She is kind, thoughtful, considerate and loyal.

Who has mastered a	reading	colour	band this
term	so far?		

(These books are to designed to practice a range of reading skills and develop a love of books and reading.)

Ben Graham, Ben Richardson, Oscar Hardcastle.



Who has learnt all their keywords this term so far?

(Knowing keywords, high frequency words and/or common exception words means your child will be able to read more fluently and be less reliant on sounding out).

Teddy Bailey, Ori Carr, Rosie Davies, Isaac
Oates, Margot Parker-Hardwick, Logan
Pritchett, Ronnie Waters, Tilly Anderson, Jazmine
Attard, Logan Barden, Oscar Bradley, Ella-Jo
Brown, Scarlett Brown, Charlotte Cawthorne, Ivy
Clarkson, Teddy Eady, Riley Freestone, Noah
Greaves, Poppy Guy, Ted Guy, Millie
Hardcastle, Oscar Hardcastle, George
Harwood, Maddie Harwood, Ava Hible, Harry
Kaine, Reuben-J Kimpton, Freya Morgan,
Harriett Ottaway, Sophie Pickwell, Harry
Radford, Lyssie Redwood-Peace, Rosalie
Roberts, Ada-Grace Shaw, Henry Smith, Harrison
Spencer, Olivia Stokes, Fern Turner, Nancy
Wharton-Lovett and Lucian Worrall.



96%+ Attendance - Half term 1

Last week I missed off the lovely George Gibson. He had 100% attendance for Autumn Term 1. I have delivered his sticker and promised I would put his name on the newsletter.

Clinic info Flu 2025

If your child missed their Flu vaccination in school you can attend one of the community clinics listed below:

29/Nov/2025 09:30-12:30 Concord Sports Centre S5 6AE

09/Dec/2025 16:00-18:00 Hackenthorpe Community Centre S12 4JB

20/Dec/2025 09:30-12:30 Concord Sports Centre S5 6AE

Plus, every Thursday, Fir Vale Community Hub, S4 8GU 15:30-17:15

You do not need an appointment to attend these clinics

For more dates and info, please follow the link and visit our website:

https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/school-nursing/school-age-immunisation-service/

Or contact our office 0114 3053291/0114 3053230

School Age Immunisation Service



Nursery News

Well, what more excitement so we need than snow? It may have been chilly outside but we have made the most of it. Diggers have shifted the snowy porridge, Anna and Elsa have been on adventures with Olaf and we have done some super writing in the snowy salt. Somewhere in and amongst we have also practised crossing the road safely and chatted about the lollipop man, zebra crossings and why we need to stop when we see the red man.

Star of the Week

Paige Leuty is going from strength to strength. She is listening carefully, trying more things for herself and always makes us smile with her funny stories, friendliness and cheery ways. It's great having Paige around.

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!



Come and meet Strider! Tues 25th Nov



As part of our 10 day active travel challenge, Strider will be at Stocksbridge Leisure Centre at 7.45am for photos and a gentle walk to school. Strider will then meet and greet children on the main gate.

Grab your walking shoes (or boots!) and come along! Join in our active travel challenge and contribute to cutting your carbon at the same time by ditching the drive!

See you there!







This week's praise board







- Millie Hardcastle has worked very hard at home learning her lines for the Nativity.
- Harry Ward works so hard every day and is so eager to learn new things.
- Well done Riley Freestone for being very brave after you slipped on the pesky ice and grazed both your knees. We hope they're feeling better now!
- Remi Guy, thank you for being such a lovely, kind and patient friend to 2 reception children in class
- Harry Kaine was spotted being super kind and a true gent giving his coat to his friend Nancy 'because she was freezing'. This was when we were lining up outside during a fire drill at school, even though he was cold himself.
- George Barrott Young was soooooo helpful and brave when the nurses came to give flu vaccine to everyone! Well done George!
- Oscar Ryan for rubbing the back of his friend and offering comfort when his friend was feeling a bit sad! Awesome stuff!
- Alfie Chappell has learnt and shared lots of knowledge on Florence Nightingale this week
- Thankyou Charlie Ibbotson-Daw for always picking up the paper towels
- Etta Long, the grown-ups are super proud of you this week for using longer sentences when talking to us.
- Mrs Moore was wowed in history this week with all the facts and information that Opie Galston. Charlie Christian and Ezrah Stead could tell me about Florence Nightingale.
- Tyler Burgin did lovely reading this week, telling the story of Goldilocks and the 3 bears.
- Arlo did some great phonics this week, Well done Arlo; Mrs Moore was super proud of you.
- Amber Pickwell is a little mathematician! She could say which numbers are needed to make 5.
- Well done Ellia Webster for practising your keywords at home.
- Freddie Christian is working hard in phonics. He is also trying hard to remember all the keywords.
- Finley Foster made his friends a fabulous train track to play with.
- Austin Frost built fantastic marble runs last week and shared them with his friends.
- Reggie Bee is trying new things with a smile and enthusiasm
- Ruby Cain-Allan makes the grown-ups feel so special. She gives us the best winks!
- Liliana Shepherd always gives her all to everything. What more can we ask?
- Mr D is a superstar hero! Thank you ever so much for recovering our new tree saplings from the bin after they were thrown away accidentally! Miss Marshall popped them in a bucket while they waited to be planted and they did look awfully like rubbish! Next time she will put a sign on them explaining that they're not. Sorry Mr D and thank you for fixing it!



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.



Well done to this young lady for being the first to return her Cut your Carbon checklist! You are an eco-superstar!!

This month we are challenging everyone to take on 6 simple challenges at home to help cut your carbon. Are you doing your bit? Then let us know by returning the Cut you Carbon checklist that was sent home earlier this month to the school office by the end of November. An electronic copy is attached to this newsletter and spares are available from the office if needed. You can also send us photos of you joining in. They may make it into the newsletter or on to the Cut your Carbon noticeboard!

Hare & The Tortoise contributions

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated towards the cost of the Hare & The Tortoise show that was performed in school for the children back in October. We are forever grateful for the continuous support that we receive from our lovely parents.

Sheffield Parent Hub

Each half-term, the Sheffield Parent Hub inform us and highlight any upcoming seminars, discussion groups or workshops that they are offering to Sheffield parents and have asked us to share the links and signpost our parents to possibly book themselves onto these:

Coping With Teenagers Emotions 1335 | Sheffield 24.11.25, 9.45am, Astrea Academy

Time to Sleep Neurodivergent 1343 | Sheffield 24.11.25, 10.00am, Online

Time to Sleep Neurodivergent 1315 | Sheffield 02.12.25, 6.00pm, online

Risk Outside The Home Seminar 1280 | Sheffield 02.12.25, 6.00pm, online

Family Communication Seminar 1352 | Sheffield 04.12.25, 9.00am, Stocksbridge Junior School

Getting Teenagers to Cooperate 1319 | Sheffield 04.12.25, 12.30pm, online

Risk Outside The Home Seminar 1318 | Sheffield 09.12.25, 9.30am, Astrea Academy

Raising Resilient Children 1325 | Sheffield 10.12.25, 10.00am, online

SEND Workshop 1333 | Sheffield 10.12.25, 10.00am, First Start Family Hub

<u>Positive Parenting for Children with Additional Needs (0-12 SEND) 1309 | Sheffield</u> 11.12.25, 10.00am, online.

They have also advised that we can share the Sheffield Directory Link with parents which gives information about our offer and again parents can book themselves on or express an interest in one of our full parenting programmes:

https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/parent-hub-events/



Growing Wild! @ SNIS

Gardening Club has had a soggy and cold start to this half term's activities. That hasn't deterred our determined gardeners though! At the beginning of term we met with Bethan from Foodworks Sheffield. Last year we were awarded Nature Park funding and we used a little of it to partner with Foodworks to provide school with food plants to grow. Bethan brought our gorgeous winter crops and helped up plant them. We now have winter salads and cabbages happily growing in our small yard planters!



We are also delighted to report that we have been awarded £500 from the Sheffield Town Trust towards the cost of revamping our school allotment.



The allotment is in desperate need of some TLC to make it a useable space again. The funding will help us pay for materials but we will have to do the work ourselves. We are aiming to achieve our silver Food for Life award by the summer and having the allotment space to grow our food in is essential to this ambition!

If any parents, friends or interested members of the community are willing to help please contact the school office to volunteer. Thank you!

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Family Communication Seminar

A practical seminar for parents and carers of school aged children. Why communication quality matters to your child's education and how to create the best relationship environment for your children. This seminar covers the following helpful topics:

- Setting a good example for your child.
- · Home and school environments how to help your child.
- What we do and say the difference it can make.
- Learn simple effective skills of being assertive to improve communication in your relationships



For more information please contact Sheffield Parent Hub



0114 2057243



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Direct message (Sheffield Family Hubs)





Taking place at Stocksbridge Junior School on Thursday 4th December 9:00 – 10:30am.









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 or visit

www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org



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OR

Call the HAF team on 0114 203 9303



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

