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What's happening in school next week?

- The assembly theme will be 'Winter Wonderland'.
- Y2 Nativity – A Midwife Crisis on Monday 15th December 2025 9:00 – 10:00am.
- We are taking classes 6, 7 and 8 to Alpine Lodge to sing to the residents on Monday morning.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 5 on Monday afternoon.
- Sewing club and Hockey club on Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- **Golden Star Assembly on Tuesday for classes 6, 7, 8 and Nursery 8:45am.**
- Tuesday 16th December is Christmas Lunch day complete with table decorations and crackers.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 8 on Tuesday afternoon.
- Games & sports skills club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Wednesday 17th December is Christmas Party Day! Children should come to school in their party outfits. Hopefully the man in red will make a visit. Puzzling Paul is coming to entertain the children.
- Party lunch day on Wednesday.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around school on Wednesday afternoon 1:30 – 2:30pm.
- Football club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- **Golden Start assembly on Thursday 18th December for classes 3, 5 and the Orchard 8:45am.**
- We are taking class 3 & 5 to Alpine Lodge to sing to the residents on Thursday morning.
- Miss Kane is teaching the Orchard on Thursday afternoon.
- Classes 7 & 8 are going to the Christian Centre for Christingle making at 1.30pm on Thursday. **Can any parents support walking the children there and back and making the Christingles? Please let your child's teacher know if you can help. Thank you.**
- Dance club on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Non-uniform day on Friday 19th December 2025.

Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 95%

Class 3: 94%

The Orchard: 88%

Class 5: 98%

Class 6: 96%

Class 7: 98%

Class 8: 97%

Well done Classes 5 & 7

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: 6

Tuesday: 10!!

Wednesday: 5

Thursday: 8

Friday: 9

Total: 38

- **THE GREAT RAINBOW RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN IN FAB FRIDAY ASSEMBLY! Tickets can be purchased via Parentpay or the school office. £1 per strip.**
- Classes 6 are going to the Christian Centre for Christingle making at 10.00am on Friday. **Can any parents support walking the children there and back and making the Christingles? Please let your child's teacher know if you can help. Thank you.**
- Miss Spencer 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.
- Break for Christmas holidays. Phew! School re-opens on Monday 5th January 2026.

The winners of the 100% attendance random wheel spinners this week were: Lucian Worrall, Freddie Christian & Etta Long.

The winners of the 'on time every day' random wheel spinner this week were: Reuben Kimpton, Zachary Golightly, Iris Burnham Wake.

Please come and find Mrs T next week for a pick out of the random prize box!

Looking ahead to the 5th January 2026! We haven't had Christmas yet!

- School reopens on the 5th January for the Spring Term.
- Mr Barker will be teaching Class 5 Monday – Wednesday and Mrs Cann on Thursdays and Fridays.
- Miss Kane is teaching The Orchard on Monday afternoon.
- Miss Kane is teaching Class 8 on Tuesday morning and Class 3 on Tuesday afternoon.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Miss Kane is teaching Class 3 on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Otten is on a course.
- Classes 3 & 5 are going swimming on Thursday morning – not at the same time. They will be escorted by their teachers and TAs, Mrs Townsend and Mrs Kaine. Four swimming instructors will meet us at the pool.
- Miss Spencer is teaching Class 5 on Friday morning and Class 7 in the afternoon.

Christmas Wrapping

We have bought all the children a gift to receive from Santa on Party Day. Would anyone mind wrapping up a Class set for us please. We'll provide the paper. If you can help, please pop to the school office. Thank you in advance.



Taking photos at Nativities.

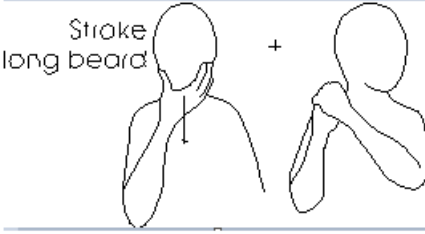

At both of the performances of Noisy Nativity this week, parents took photos of children despite being asked not to before the 'show' started. We don't ask this because we are being difficult. We ask it because there are children for whom we don't have permission to photograph. There are children who we do not share photos of because of safeguarding reasons. Parents don't know this information, hence our request not to take photos. We make a real effort in school to make sure you have a photo of your child. I hope we don't have to resort to asking parents to hand in mobile phones – please let's hope it doesn't come to that!

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

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Beef burger with home-baked potato wedges	Christmas Lunch If your child does not wish to order Christmas lunch please send them with a packed lunch. Thank you	Christmas Party Day If your child does not want the party day lunch please send them with a packed lunch. Thank you	Margherita pizza with pasta	Fish fingers & chips
Vegetarian main course	Roasted butternut, pepper & tomato dhal with mixed rice & flatbread			Sweet & sour vegetables & sunny rice	Cheese & onion roll with chips & ketchup
Jacket potato and filling/pasta	Jacket potato with tuna mayo, cheese or beans			Pasta with cheese	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo
Sandwich option	Ham			Ham	Ham
	Tuna mayo			Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo
	Cheese			Cheese	Cheese
Vegetables	Sweetcorn, baked beans			Broccoli or sweetcorn	Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Dessert	Chocolate oaty slice			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.

Makaton – Signs of the Week

	
Father Christmas	family
See if being signed here.	
Father Christmas	Family

Assembly Theme: Hannukah

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.

Term 2 Week 1	Reception	Year One	Year Two
Sounds/Phonemes	oo	ue ew	Constants suffixes contractions
Keywords	took now down	three tree trees green sleep queen please ever never river under better after	Review of Common Exception words.



Supporting reading at home.

This [short film](#) gives you so much to talk about. Why was the rabbit sad about the snowflake? Why did the bear walk off? How did rabbit feel? What do you think about the bear and the rabbit's friendship?



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Word of the Week



talent



Meaning

- What you are naturally good at.



Challenge

Watch this [clip](#) and tell Mrs T what your talent is?
If the link doesn't work it's on Literacy Shed, Christmas Shed, The Supporting Act

CELEBRATING WORDS

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MEMES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Memes may look like simple jokes, but, for many teenagers, they form a shared cultural language. Quickly created and reworked, they spread across social media platforms as images with text or short videos. Nearly eight in ten teenagers share memes (79%, YPulse), making them part of daily life. While memes encourage creativity and participation, they can also spread misinformation or reinforce harmful stereotypes.

SPREADING MISINFORMATION

While memes help to communicate complex topics, they can also spread misinformation. Memes may sometimes include content presenting false facts or biased viewpoints, especially around health, politics, or current events and, as they're designed to be shared quickly, young people may not question their accuracy.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Memes are widely circulated, and not always age-appropriate, meaning young people may encounter explicit language, sexual content, or graphic imagery, even without searching for it. As memes spread fast on platforms like Instagram, TikTok, or WhatsApp, it's nearly impossible to filter them completely.

MASKED MESSAGES

Some memes are designed to be confusing or layered with hidden meanings, making them hard for parents, and, sometimes, other young people to understand. Online groups often create these memes to look like inside jokes, but they can sometimes conceal offensive, harmful, or misleading content.

HIDDEN HARMS & LOSING SENSITIVITY

When serious topics like violence, racism, or mental health are turned into jokes, children and young people may become less sensitive to these issues over time. While a funny meme may seem light-hearted, it can carry messages that belittle certain groups, encourage risky behaviour, or mock personal struggles. Repeated exposure through memes can make harmful behaviour seem normal or less important. Over time, this can blur their understanding of what is funny versus what is discriminatory, harmful, or damaging to themselves and others.

PERMANENT DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Unlike spoken jokes, memes leave a trail. Created or shared memes can resurface later and be misunderstood, even if intended as harmless. Once online, memes may be copied, saved, or spread beyond a young person's control - digital actions can follow them into their future, shaping how they are perceived by peers, teachers, or even employers long after the original meme has been shared.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Talk regularly with young people and try to understand their online world - discuss what they find funny about the memes, and why. By listening without judgement, you build trust, making it easier for them to come to you if they see something harmful. Open conversations also help children and teens think critically about the messages behind memes rather than simply accepting them at face value.

MODEL HEALTHY BOUNDARIES

Show children and teens positive online behaviours, such as taking breaks from screens, avoiding late-night scrolling, and engaging in offline activities. Setting clear routines around screen time at home can help to reinforce healthy boundaries and reduce the risks of overuse. By modelling balanced technology use, adults can help children and young people see that digital entertainment, including memes, should be just one part of life.

TEACH DIGITAL LITERACY

Help children and young people learn to question where information comes from and whether it's reliable - developing media literacy skills prepares young people to understand and navigate through their future online lives. Show them how memes can sometimes exaggerate or misrepresent facts for laughs, and encourage them to check credible sources when memes claim to present truth.

FOSTER EMPATHY ONLINE

Remind children and young people that memes should never come at someone else's expense. Encourage them to think about how a meme might make another person feel before sharing or creating it. Highlight examples of positive memes that celebrate creativity without hurting others. Fostering empathy, respect, and kindness in digital spaces will help them become more aware of promoting a safer, more supportive online culture.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Cristina Moreno-Almeida is a Senior Lecturer in Digital Culture at Queen Mary University of London. She specialises in memes, online networks, and youth culture, examining how digital spaces shape identity and everyday life.



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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 young man completed his first ever grading at Tang Soo Do last weekend. He only started earlier this year and has managed to go from white belt straight to yellow belt skipping the yellow tag! He was the youngest there and absolutely smashed it. Well done!!



These guys sang their hearts out at the Barnsley Youth Choir Christmas concert. We're very proud of you all!



This young lady was so pleased and proud of herself for winning the Stocksbridge Town Hall Christmas card competition. A special visitor came to school to tell her the good news. Congratulations!



What's happening for Christmas in school next week?

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

A reminder to parents to

a) bring your tickets

b) organize for younger siblings to be cared for.

c) not to use your mobile phones on the school premises.

Please don't film or take pictures.

Mrs T will take photos and share with you.

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.....fingers crossed. See below.

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

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FOSNI RAINBOW CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



PINK - CLASS 3

RED - THE ORCHARD

ORANGE - CLASS 5

YELLOW - CLASS 6

GREEN - CLASS 7

BLUE - CLASS 8

PURPLE - NURSERY



Our raffle collection is now closed. Tickets for the raffle go on sale on Monday. They are £1.00 per strip. The children can either bring in their money or you can buy the strips via Parent Pay. We'll draw the raffle on the last day of term. The bags are so full - thank you very much!

Rainbow Raffle

On Wednesday this week we had only sold 10 strips of tickets. We'll see how this week goes and perhaps hold off with the draw until the new year when we may have sold a few more tickets.



Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week

Lyssie Redwood-Peace. There isn't enough space here to describe Lyssie's qualities. She is just an all-round lovely little girl. She is kind, compassionate and thoughtful. She has a strong sense of what's right, wrong and just. She is a loyal friend to many but will help anyone in need. Lyssie has a straight-talking way about her which makes me laugh.



Nursery News

Weren't they fantastic? On Wednesday evening we were so proud of each and every little person who helped to make our Nativity such a special start to Christmas. We know that they are all different and whilst some love to be in the spotlight, there are other children for whom this was a huge achievement. We were very proud of them all and know that you were too.

Star of the Week

We think Theo Lamb may have been born to star on The West End. He sang his heart out and stepped up into a different role at the very last minute without thinking about it. What a superstar!

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<p>Who has mastered a reading colour band this term so far?</p> <p>(These books are designed to practice a range of reading skills and develop a love of books and reading.)</p>	<p>Who has learnt all their keywords this term so far?</p> <p>(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).</p>
<p>Matilda Wharton-Lovett, Amber Pickwell, Jacob Barden, Noa Worrall, Khaliya Diamond-Nelson, Sully White, Ellia Webster, Rowan Dennis Wild, Vinnie Grayson, Charlie Hodgkinson, Ruben Cotton, Joey Moore, Harry Lodge, Charlie Milnes, Isaac Oates, Charlie Christian, George Gibson, Olive Reed, Grayson Howcroft, Ava McIntyre, Iris Burnham-Wake, Willow Harvey, Spencer Minto, Hector Morgan, Rowan Wilson, Oliver Wright, Ezra Stead, Oleander Lewis, Ava Dawson, Ezra Rudge, Logan Pritchett, Ronnie Waters, Ivy Clarkson, Lucian Worrall, Millie Hardcastle, Maddie Harwood</p> <div data-bbox="383 955 553 1138">  </div>	<p>Leah Price, Charlie Milnes, Lucas Smith, Grayson Howcroft, Dakota Rodgers, Eadie Tazzyman, Ezra Rudge, Freya Sawicki, Cohen Brookfield, Millie Hardcastle, Oscar Hardcastle</p> <div data-bbox="911 541 1357 737">  </div>



This week's praise board



- We have a little girl in the Orchard who we sing to, to help her follow instructions. On Friday, last week, I heard Billie Brown singing it to her to encourage her down the corridor in exactly the same way the adults do.
- Ben Richardson is growing in confidence with his maths and was able to complete a question by himself.
- Charlie Ibbotson-Daw is always such a lovely, kind friend.
- When a member of Class 6 was trying on her nativity costume, Charlie Christian gave her a lovely compliment saying how beautiful she looked in her costume.
- Jessie Tomlinson, Connor Murphy and Charlotte Halliday have worked so hard in phonics and it is really showing, well done.
- Thank you Xander Bryan- Quinn for all your lovely drawings you do and show us.
- Alyssa William always arrives to school with a smile on her face and is trying hard at everything she does.
- Cohen Brookfield has had a super week; thank you for all your cuddles.
- We are very impressed with Rowan Wilson's reading. Keep it up, Rowan!
- Willow Harvey helped some of the Reception children cut up their food at dinner time this week.
- Evelyn Pitt made a lovely collage in DT.
- Noa Worrall made us smile when she shared that she had a dream all about Christmas and now she is really excited!
- Billie-Mae McGuffie is trying hard in phonics. Keep it up, Billie!
- Khaliya Diamond-Nelson is putting her hand up more on the carpet and it is lovely to see. Well done Khaliya!
- Rosie Davies and Charlotte Cawthorne were like Cinderella in Gardening Club on Friday. They helped to sweep up and clean the tables after we made some bird feeders. Thank you, girls!
- Well done to all Class 6, 7 and 8 children for doing wonderful nativities this week. You were all amazing! A big thank you to the grown-ups in school for all the hard work.
- Harry Sawicki was a super 'short notice' innkeeper. There was no way he would have done that 2 months ago. Brilliant.
- Dalton Crofts has made a lovely art gallery in Nursery.



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Lots of amazing new games that are hot off the press, ready for you this festive period! As well as the usual favourites that you all enjoy.

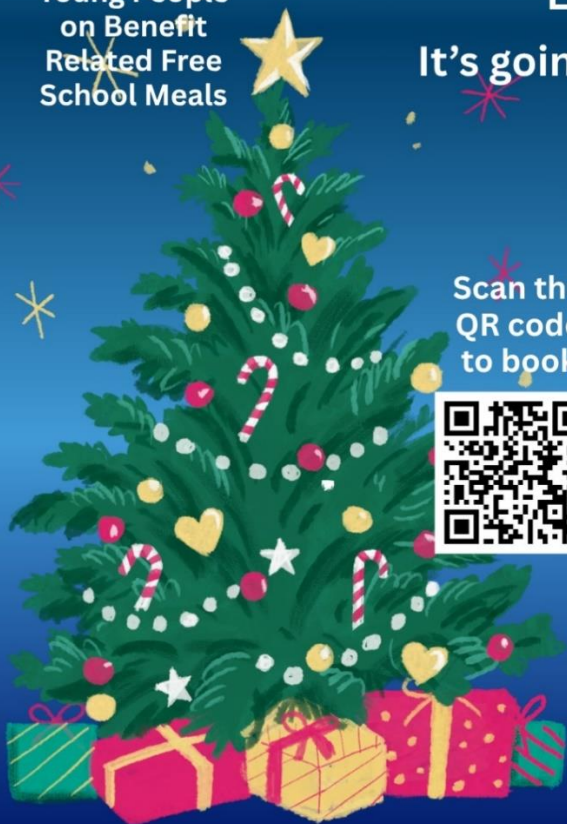
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Lunch is Included!

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Parson Cross Library
Monday, 22nd December
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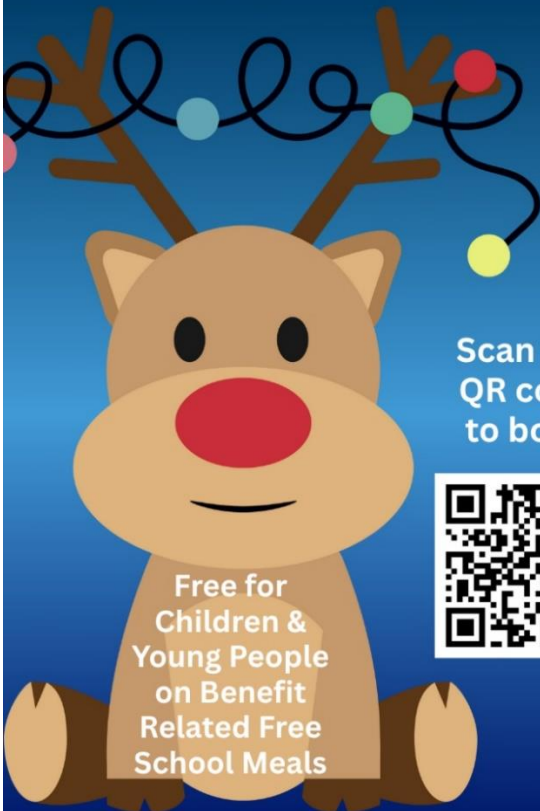
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Chapelton Library
Monday, 22nd December
10am - 2pm



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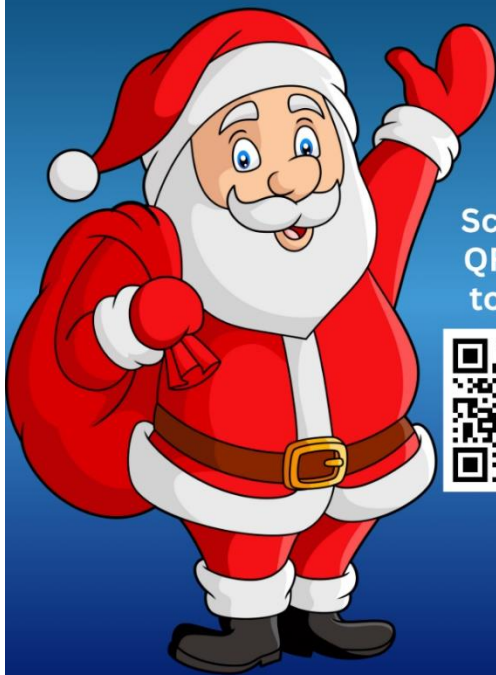
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10am - 2pm**



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Assembly Theme: Hannukah



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Activity & Age	When		Organisation	How to Book
Skateboard Coaching & Active Games 7-17 yrs	Mon 22 nd Mon 29 th 11am-4pm	The House Skatepark, Unit D Bardwell Road, S3 8AS	The House Skatepark	Scan the QR code or call 0114 249 0055
Ultimate Activity Camp Hillsborough 5-13 yrs	Mon 22 nd Tues 23 rd Mon 29 th 9.30am-3.30pm	Hillsborough Leisure Centre, Beulah Road, S6 2AN	On The Move	www.onthemove.org.uk or call 07903492712
Festive Family Disco 5-11 yrs	Fri 19 th 5pm-7pm	Niagara Centre, S6 1LU	RivelinCo	Scan the QR code or call 0114 327 1670/ 07481004230
Ultimate Activity Camp Stocksbridge 5-13 yrs	Tues 23 rd 10am-3pm Tues 30 th 9.30am-12.30pm	Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre, Moorland Drive S36 1EG	On The Move	Scan the QR code or www.onthemove.org.uk call 07903492712
Mixed Marshal Arts & Activity Club 7-16 yrs	Mon 22 nd Tues 23 rd Weds 24 th 10am-2pm	481 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge, Sheffield S36 1DH	Steel Evolution	Scan the QR code or call 07500846862

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