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What's happening in school after our Christmas break?

- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 7 on Monday morning and class 8 in the afternoon.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around on Monday afternoon 1:30 – 2:30pm.
- Street dance/cheerleading club on Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 1 on Tuesday morning and class 2 in the afternoon.
- Multisports club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching in Nursery on Wednesday.
- Football club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 3 on Thursday morning and the Orchard in the afternoon.
- Our Y2 children have drumming on Thursday afternoon.
- Gymnastics club on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Arts & crafts club AND ball skills club on Friday both are 3:00 – 4:00pm.

Many thanks for all the support over this long term – for volunteering in school, coming with us on visits, contributing to our trips out and all the myriad of other things we ask of you each week. Thank you for all your cards and gifts – very kind. Our Tweak of the Week for the children has been to 'hold it all together until Friday' and they have. Christmas time in a nursery infant school is magical, busy and exhausting but it is so wonderful to be part of this special time of year with so many young children. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas, a good rest, a break from the routine and a happy, healthy New Year. We'll see you all in 2025.

Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 93.4%

Class 1: 95%

Class 2: 95%

Class 3: 95%

The Orchard: %

Class 5: 95%

Class 7: 95%

Class 8: 90%

Well done Classes 1,2,3,5,7

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: 7

Tuesday: 10

Wednesday: 5

Thursday: 11

Friday: 5

Total: 38

Looking ahead to the w.b. 13th January 2025.

- The assembly theme will be 'Respect'.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 7 on Monday morning and class 8 in the afternoon.
- Street dance/cheerleading club 3:00 – 4:00pm **AND** reading club 3:00 – 4:00pm on Monday.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 1 on Tuesday morning and class 2 in the afternoon.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around school on Tuesday morning 9-10am.
- Multisports club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Mrs Townsend is teaching music to classes 3 & 5 in the hall on Wednesday afternoon.
- Football club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 3 on Thursday morning and the Orchard in the afternoon.
- Our Y2 children have drumming on Thursday afternoon.
- Gymnastics on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Art club on Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm **AND** book club on Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm.

After school clubs – week commencing 6th January 2025

Mondays – Street Dance/Cheerleading Club 3:00-4:00pm **AND** Book Club – 3:00-4:00pm

Tuesdays - Multisports Club – 3.00-4.00pm

Wednesdays – Football Club – 3.00-4.00pm

Thursdays – Gymnastics – 3.00-4.00pm

Fridays – Arts & crafts club 3:00-4:00pm **AND** Ball skills – 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.

Facebook

Please follow this link to view our new Facebook page: -

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557721150857>







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School Menu Autumn/Winter 2024 (All school including Nursery)

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Cheesy pasta spirals with pizza style topping	Beef lasagne with garlic & tomato bread	Roast gammon with gravy, stuffing and roast potatoes	Beef & potato pie with mashed potatoes	Fish fingers & chips
Vegetarian main course	Beany shepherds pie	Vegetable lasagne with garlic & tomato bread	Vegetable & bean paella (rice)	Vegetable meatballs, tomato sauce & mixed rice	Cheese & onion pastry roll & 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	Broccoli, cauliflower, carrots & sweetcorn	Sweetcorn & carrots	Broccoli, cauliflower & carrots	Baked beans, garden peas	Baked beans, garden peas
Dessert	Lemon cupcake with fruit slices	Chocolate cookie & orange wedges	Chocolate crunch 'concrete' & chocolate sauce	Strawberry mousse	Sponge cake with custard

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

Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School - Healthy Snack List

					
Fresh fruit	Fresh vegetables	Dried Fruit	Hard cheese	Cream crackers	Unaccompanied breadsticks

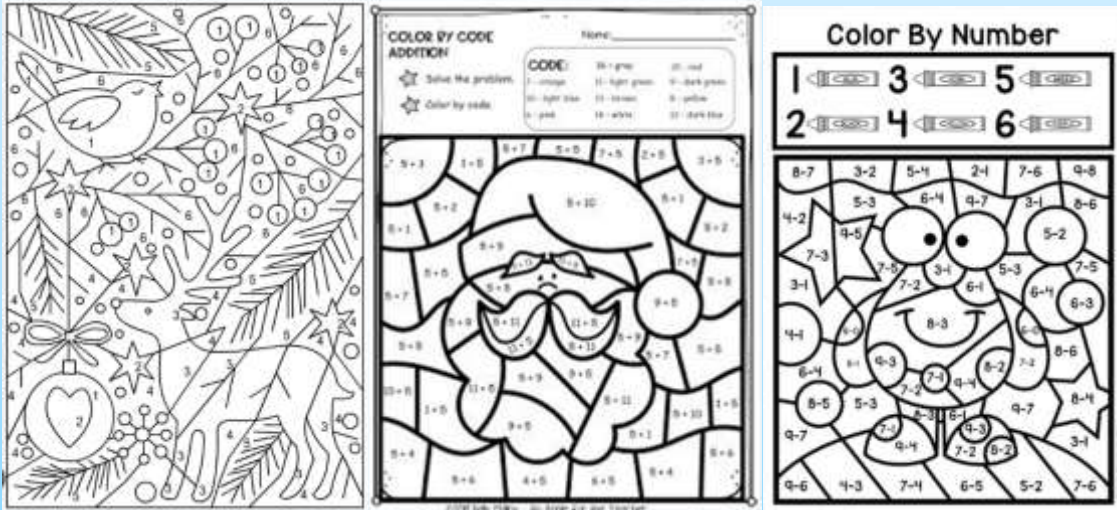
Snacks

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.

Assembly Theme: Epiphany

Supporting Maths at Home

Practice number recognition by completing a colour by numbers. There are lots of sets available or online printables. You can even find some which incorporate addition or subtraction. Why not try a festive one?



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.

Mrs Kaine has updated the system so that you can access the right books for your child.

	Reception	Year One	Year Two
Sounds/Phonemes	ow	ew k before y i e	Possessive apostrophe
Keywords	look now down	good took book looks looking car dark park hard garden found round around mouse shouted	Review all the common exception words we've done so far.
eBooks to share for those children on track. Teachers have assigned books for children who may be catching up.	Yowl down town	The crown jewels go missing The rescue The new drum kit	Any books missed,

Monster
Phonics

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Currently, children are growing up in an immediate and throwaway culture when it comes to content that's consumed online. So much material is now deliberately created to be shorter in nature – and may often contain hidden elements such as advertising, or extreme political and cultural views. With complex algorithms built to keep people on their phones and engaging with social media content, it's becoming increasingly difficult to reduce time spent on these platforms.

1 REDUCE DOOMSCROLLING

It's concerning how common for young people to spend hours 'doomscrolling': trawling through social media and aimlessly viewing every post they see, many of which might make them feel sad or anxious. Social media can be useful for keeping in touch with friends and family, as well as staying up to date on current events. However, it's important to use it with a clear purpose, instead of endlessly scrolling through content, which could lead to young people accidentally discovering harmful material.

2 TALK ABOUT THE CONTENT

It's important to keep abreast of the kind of content that a young person is being exposed to. Discussing what they're watching online can help you understand why they're using social media in the first place. Furthermore, ensure that children are aware of hidden content, such as advertising of a product – and that they know how to spot that the creator is being paid to talk about it.

3 FIND POSITIVE ASPECTS

Despite all the concerns, there's plenty of wholesome content on social media. It's worth spending time with children to help them find something suitable and enjoyable. Perhaps you'll even discover a joint interest, and you can enjoy the content alongside the child. As part of this, you should also point out why certain things shouldn't be given attention, explaining why it isn't suitable and why it's been created in the first place.

4 REDUCE SCREENTIME

Young people can sometimes be unaware of the exact amount of time they spend looking at social media. Smart phones don't just have the capacity to monitor screentime; they also record how much time is spent on each app. Consider setting targets to reduce this and support children to meet these goals, gradually reducing the amount of time spent on different apps.

5 FILL THE VOID

Monitoring and reducing screentime can create a lot of free time to fill, and young people can even face withdrawal symptoms when made to step away from their phones. To mitigate this, consider what offline activities you could introduce the child to, and what they would enjoy. This can ensure that young users will permanently cut down on their screentime, rather than temporarily doing so while they know it's being monitored.

6 REDUCE NOTIFICATIONS

One way in which social media platforms keep people coming back is through notifications. The algorithms behind these apps track people's daily habits, including the times of the day when they're most likely to engage with the platform. This data is then used to deliver specifically timed notifications to draw them back in. To avoid young users being exposed to this tactic, simply turn off notifications for the app in their phone's settings.

7 LIVE IN THE REAL WORLD

Overexposure to social media can distort someone's perception of the real world – from body norms to social conventions. This filtered environment can make it hard for young people to distinguish reality from online content, which is now becoming even more difficult with the rise of AI. To mitigate this concern, take time to teach young people how to discern truth from fiction, both on and off social media.

8 DIGITAL DETOX

Encouraging young people to take a 'digital detox', from even just a couple of the apps that they use, can result in an overall reduction of screentime and less exposure to potentially harmful content. Alternatively, rather than avoiding the app entirely, encourage children to take a 'digital detox' from content creators and influencers, and instead, keep in touch with friends and family – which is generally a far healthier use of these platforms.

9 MODEL GOOD BEHAVIOUR

Consider the habits that you're demonstrating to your children. How much time do you spend on your phone? How much do you 'doomscroll'? Comparing your own usage with the child's could put things into perspective for them – or if it turns out that you're also overusing social media, it can turn screentime reduction into a joint mission, which you and the child can work on together.

10 BE CLEAR ON THE "WHY"

Research shows that young people can become addicted to social media. There are many schools that are moving towards being 'phone free' due to the negative impacts of using social media and phones continuously. It's important to explain to young people why managing screentime is important. Set out the benefits and ensure they have all the relevant information, so it's not just seen as a punishment.

Meet Our Expert

John Inley is a senior leader in a Birmingham secondary school and has vast experience in leading schools over the past 15 years – including the development of computing curriculums across primary and secondary schools, writing e-safety policies and supporting schools with computing and e-safety advice.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/top-tips-for-safety-on-social-media>

Study Bugs

If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

Thank you,

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Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It helps us know sooner if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health.
(<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

If your child has outstanding vaccinations, you can attend one of the following drop-in clinics:

Saturday 21/12/2024 Concord sports centre, S5 6AE 9:30 – 13:00

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

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/>

These are all drop-in clinics. No appointment is necessary.

Thanks

School Aged Immunisation Service

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RECEPTION 2025/26 – information from the Local Authority.

Letters will be going out to relevant parents on or around 6th September, advising them about the need to apply for a school place in the 2025/26 Reception year group. These are parents of children born between the 1st September 2020 and the 31st August 2021. Parents are advised to make their applications online at:

www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare


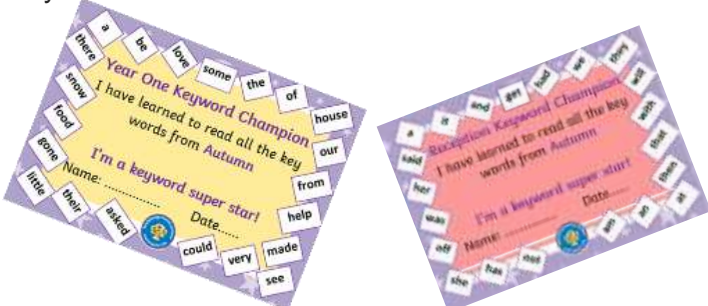
Parents also have the option to apply using a paper application form. I have attached a copy of this application form in case it's helpful for you to print this out and give it to parents. There is also a Guidance Sheet attached to help parents with completing their application.

Posters

A copy of the Time for School poster has been sent out with this week's letters.

Important Dates (for your information):

- Applications invited from: **6th September 2024**
- On-line site closes: **6th December 2024 (noon)**
- Closing date: **15th January 2025**
- Offer date: **16th April 2025**

<p>Who has mastered a reading colour band this week? (These books are to 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 week? (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>Oliver Jarvis Darcie Simmons Fern Turner Billie Brown Teddy Eady Rohan Simmons Harrison Spencer George Harwood Rory Harkness Shay Millington Poppy Guy</p> <p>Layali Mekkah Lahdiri Lottie Moore Sebastian Spriggs</p> 	<p>Logan Barden Junior Gould-Clegg Harrison Spencer Olivia Stokes Fern Turner Nancy Wharton-Lovett George Harwood Henry Smith Riley Fleetwood</p> <p>Maddie Harwood</p> 



This week's praise board



- Rowan Wild has played beautifully with his friends during choosing time this week.
- Lottie Moore and Scarlett Milnes for some excellent recount writing.
- Busby Blake for being a fun and enthusiastic camel!
- Evie Foster made the grown-ups laugh with her brilliant acting skills in the Nativity.
- Teddy Eady has such beautiful manners all the time.
- Ava Hible for always making the people around her smile.
- Sewi Herbert for doing excellent work in phonics.
- We are very proud of the Orchard children for their contributions to the nativities this year. For Rocco it was his very first one and he was just super.
- Henry Smith has got to be one of the kindest boys I know. He's always ready to help. Thank you, Henry, you're noticed.
- Riley Fleetwood is such a great helper, definitely a teacher in the making.
- Sophia Sainthouse and Shanelle Kiffin have wonderful manners ALL THE TIME.
- Harry Jackson has been very kind and helpful this week. We are very proud of you.
- Thank you to Pippa Housley's Mummy who kindly bought Class 8 a chocolate lolly each.
- Destiny Ryan is always ready to sort out the play dough table when it needs tidying up.
- Bille-Mae McGuffie helped a child who was struggling, to pick up all the beads she had dropped. Thank you.
- Arlo Dransfield has done some fantastic sharing in a week full of excited, tired children.
- Caleb Eady knows how to party. He was a great 'sportsman'. Thank you to all the grown-ups that helped on the pantomime trip. We really appreciated your help.
- Well done to all the children for their lovely singing at Alpine Lodge this week.
- The behaviour of the children at the pantomime on Thursday was exemplary.




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Mrs Townsend's Pupils of the Week

Ava Halliday for battling through her nerves and being a wonderful angel in Lights, Camel, Action. This is the first nativity Ava has managed and I am very proud of her.




Nursery News

We were so excited when Santa popped in on Wednesday. The children were keen to tell him what they were hoping for and the excitement was clear to see. Thank you so much for all the presents and treats that the children have proudly arrived with. We are incredibly grateful. You are so kind. Merry Christmas to you all and we hope you enjoy some special time together making unforgettable family memories.

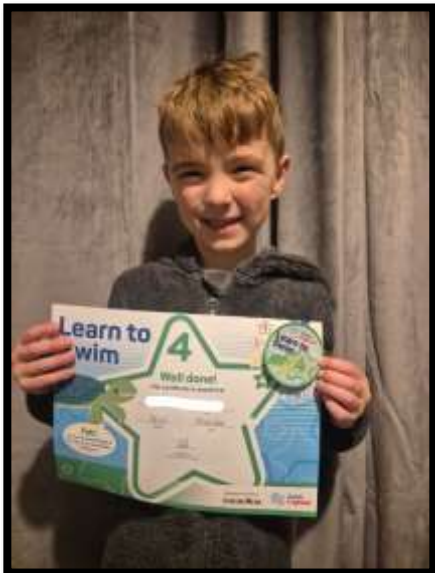


Star of the Week

Every Nursery should have a **Matilda Wharton-Lovett**. She is simply wonderful - kind, helpful, capable, willing and never without a smile. Matilda has time for everyone who needs her and we are always so pleased when she breezes through the door ready to share a giggle and ready to tackle whatever the day throws at her.



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 boy was very proud and wanted to share that he passed his stage 4 in swimming and gained his 25 meters certificate as well. Well done!

Assembly Theme: Epiphany



X GOALS

MEGA CHRISTMAS EVENT

- Football Development!
- Fun Games!
- Matches!
- £8 Per Player
- Great early Christmas gift!
- WhatsApp to secure your space!
 - 07446 147142

- 12:00-13:30
 - 9-12 Years - 36 Spaces
- 13:30-14:30
 - FREE TASTER SESSION
 - 5-8 Years & 9-12 Years
 - 18 Spaces per group
- 14:30-16:00
 - 5 - 8 Years - 36 Spaces

GOALS SHEFFIELD



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IMAGINATION GAMING



HEALTHY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



Come and join us for lots of fun... learning and playing some of the coolest, smartest, fast witted and amusing board games from across the world Games that are easy to pick up but hard to put down! The cornerstone of our ""Learn to Play, Play to Learn"" motto.



Lots and lots of amazing new games that are hot off the press, ready for our visitors this festive period! As well as the usual robotics, coding, problem solving and mind-bending puzzles that you all enjoy.

FREE spaces available for all Primary and Secondary School aged children and young people in receipt of free school meals and children and young people who have Special Education Needs or Disabilities.
It's going to be Tree-mendous!

Mon 23rd Dec

&

Sat 4th Jan

10.00am - 2.00 pm

Chapelton Library

Nether Ley Ave


S35 1AE



Scan the
QR Code
to book



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Christmas and New Year Opening Times

The **Food Bank** and **Outlet** will be open as normal over Christmas and New Year apart from Boxing Day.

On Thursday 26th December, the Outlet will be closed and we will be open for emergency food parcel collections only.

The FareShare delivery drivers are having a well deserved holiday for two weeks, however, our volunteers will be collecting supplies from the warehouse, to keep the Outlet open over the busy Christmas/New Year period for our customers.

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Christmas Edition

Kids Activity •••• Pack ••••

Packed full of family
friendly fun activities
and challenges for
everyone!



Trans Pennine Trail



www.transpenninetrail.org.uk

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RECRUITING FOR 2025



WINTER TRAINING - SATURDAYS 10:30-11:30
PARSON CROSS PARK - S5 8AL

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
NATASHA - 07931 162521

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