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Parent Workshop



Wednesday 25th June 2025

9:00 to 10:00am

"Transition"

For parents of children in Reception to Year 6

Mrs Lear and Ms Winterbottom will be sharing ideas and support to help your child prepare for their next year group – this workshop will be especially useful if you or your child are anxious about changing class or school.



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The Trust is having a new website so they can showcase their schools, St Catherine's is part of the Trust and will be included on the website!

A photographer is coming to St Catherine's school and nursery on Wednesday this week to take some photos of the children 'in action', and we need permission for your child to be included (we have previously only asked for permission for the St Catherine's website, and not the Trust website ...).

If you are happy for your child to be included on the new Trust website, please go to ParentPay and give permission BEFORE the photographer comes on Wednesday.

Thank you to those parents who have already signed up!









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What week is it for school dinners on Monday 23rd June 2025?

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WEEK TWO	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option	Red Tractor Pork Sausage Roll & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Red Tractor Beef Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza & Tomato Pasta Salad	MSC Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Meal Option	Cheese & Onion Pastry Roll & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Plant-based Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread vg	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Chilli & Sunny Vegetable Rice vg	Crispy Vegetable Fingers & Chips vg
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans
Sandwich	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Sandwich	Tuna Mayo				
Vegetables	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Broccoli, Carrots & Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, or Sliced Carrots	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Dessert	Banana Cake Vg & Custard	Shortbread & Orange Slices vg	Hidden Fruit Chocolate Brownie	Flapjack vg	Chocolate Oaty Slice Vg

Dates to Remember and Other Important Things!

New information is highlighted

Saturday 21st June 2025



Summer Fair at school



11am to 2pm
Children must be accompanied by an adult from home!

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9:00 to 10:00 in CCC

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Thursday 26th June 2025 Year 1 Trip "Heeley City Farm"

Children will be travelling by bus coach, packed lunch will be provided by school, please sign up on ParentPay!



ParentPay

Monday 30th June 2025 Y1SS Swimming



Lessons start for Y1SS, please sign up on ParentPay!



Wednesday 2nd July 2025

Transition Day 1

Children will spend time in their new classroom with their new teacher, look out for more details soon!

Thursday 3rd July 2025 Year 2 Trip "Graves Park"



Year 2 will be going on a bus to Graves Park for a day of fun outdoor activities! The cost of the trip is £3.20, please sign up on ParentPay!



At the end of the day, children will be collected at 3:15pm as usual ... UNLESS you choose for them to take part in the residential!

Thursday 3rd July 2025 Year 2 Residential "Camping"

Children can choose to stay after school and be collected at 7:00pm, the cost of this is £5.

Once you have booked this, we can release the second option which is to sign up for sleeping the night in a tent, the cost of this is another £5.

Please sign up on ParentPay!,









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Friday 4 th July 2025	Mass in School for Year 2 and Year 3	Mrs Gillott will be writing to the parents of Year 2 children with some more information!
Friday 4 th July 2025	Year 6 Trip "Catholic Cup"	14 of our Year 6 children will be taking part in this football competition at Goals!
Monday 7 th July 2025	SPORTS DAY	Save the date!
Tuesday 8 th July 2025	Chimp Project : Parent Workshop "Time to Sleep"	This workshop will be delivered by Saika and Lucy as part of the Chimp Project and is for parents of the children in Year 3 and Year 4. The workshop starts at 9:00am and will be for about an hour!
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Transition Day 2	Children will spend time in their new classroom with their new teacher, look out for more details soon!
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Parent Coffee Morning "SORTING THINGS OUT" Sort it Out! ዣቼ ऐብ ሃብዛ ክክሉ ያቴ ሃብ ታርታሔ ክሦብብ አንድ ሰው በትርጉም ለማገዝ እዚህ ይሆናል።	9:00 to 10:00 in CCC This is a session for parents who are struggling with school admin it might be that you need some help with ParentPay, or ClassDojo (coming soon!) everyone is very welcome!







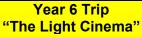
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New information is highlighted

Thursday 10th July 2025





Year 6 will be travelling by bus to the cinema to see a U-rated film, they will need a packed lunch. The cost of the trip is £7.45, please sign up on ParentPay!



Friday 11th July 2025

Mass in Church

Tuesday 15th July 2025

Y4IK Trip "St Marie's Cathedral" Year 4 will be going on the bus to the Jubilee Pilgrimage for the morning, they will be back in time for lunch! The cost is £2.60, please sign up on ParentPay!



ParentPay

Wednesday 16th July 2025

Transition Day 3

Children will spend time in their new classroom with their new teacher, look out for more details soon!

Thursday 17th July 2025



Save the date!







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New information is highlighted Progress Assembly: Parents by invitation only! 9:00 to 9:45am Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Monday 21st July 2025 10:15 to 11:00am Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Year 6 Parents and family members are **End of Year Performance** welcome to join us, the performance starts at 9:15am in the school hall (not CCC), sorry but we are not able to admit latecomers as this will Tuesday distract the children. Please enter 22nd July 2025 through the staff car park to the KS2 building (near Y4 gate). You are welcome to stay afterwards for refreshments with the children! Wednesday **School Leavers Mass** 9:15am in school 23rd July 2025







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Jubilee Pledge

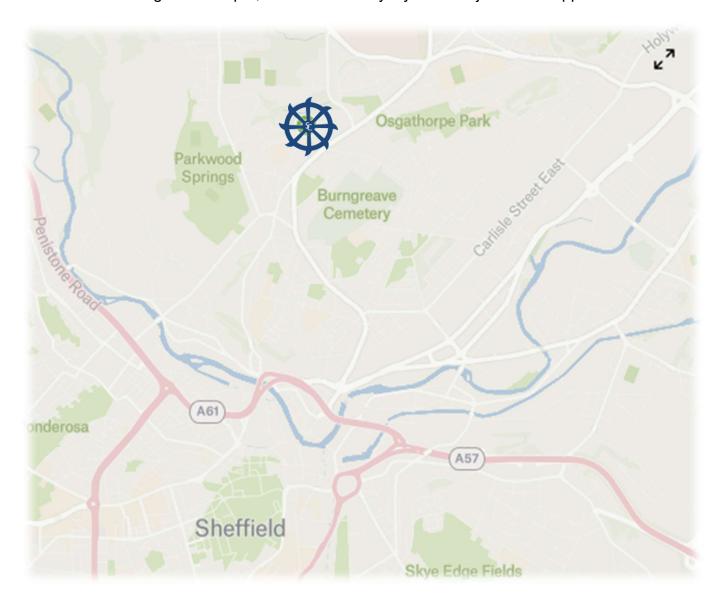
Following this link (below), you can zoom in to find St Catherine's!

https://cafod.org.uk/jubilee-schools/jubilee-pledge/jubilee-pledge-map

Our school is now officially on the Jubilee Schools Pledge Map!

We were the first Sheffield school to have written out our pledge and made it official by registering on the map!

Tomorrow at the Summer Fair, the Mini Vinnies will be making their pledge declaration on the stage at 12:10pm, it would be lovely if you could join us to support them!





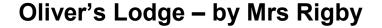




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When I started as Headteacher at St Catherine's in September 2000, Oliver was in Year 2. I met Anne his mum on day three of my headship, she came to talk to me about Oliver, his needs and how she could and would support us. Oliver was, at the time, the child with the most complex needs that I had met but supporting him to flourish was made possible by his family, always so sensible, pragmatic and helpful.

Oliver taught me and everyone in school so much. His complex autism meant that we all had to learn to think and teach differently, at that time none of the staff had any expertise in meeting the needs of neurodiverse children, in fact we didn't even say neurodiverse at that time! With the support of Anne in particular, staff developed the knowledge and skills they needed to make sure that Oliver's time as a St Catherine's pupils

was happy and successful. We had many challenges during Oliver's time with us and we met these challenges together. I have to say that staff were amazing, they remained open minded and solution focused, always willing to try a new approach and to learn more about Autism.

Oliver was included in all aspects of school life, we worked as a team alongside his family to make sure that we could meet his needs. Oliver was well supported by other children in school and in his class in particular, children embraced Oliver's difference and they gained a great deal from sharing their education with him.

Oliver's family and from him too, we began to get a reputation for being an inclusive, happy and effective school for all children and for those with Autism, over time more and more families have chosen St Catherine's as the place where they want their children to be educated. As a result of this trust in our school we were able to open Oliver's Lodge in September 2024.

Tragically, Oliver died at home on New Year's Day 2024 aged 29. He is missed incredibly badly by his mum and dad Anne and Martyn and by Harriet his lovely sister. We are proud to have been able to officially open our new provision for SEND pupils in Oliver's name, he was and remains an inspiration to us all.















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Parent RE Questionnaire 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our school's ongoing development, we would like to take this opportunity to capture your views about the Religious Education, Collective Worship and the Catholic Life of our school.

The Catholic Life and Mission of the school is the Catholic identity of our school and how we endeavour to live out the Gospel Values and Catholic social teachings every day. Through every interaction, we aim to demonstrate that everyone in our community belongs, that we are inclusive and care for our most vulnerable. Religious Education is the taught RE in school, which is reported on in the annual reports to parents, and the Collective Worship is the class liturgies, assemblies, and Masses that take place both in school and at St Catherine's Church. We really value your views, so please include areas that we do well and any areas that we could do even better.

Please scan the QR code below to complete the questionnaire, or follow this link: https://forms.gle/G2Lb4esmKcU4PJhz7











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A Culture of Safeguarding at St Catherine's HOT WEATHER

It's been really warm this week, and likely to continue, guidance for schools says:

Children should wear loose, light-coloured clothing to help keep cool and sunhats with wide brims.

Children should be encouraged to stay in the shade as much as possible.

Sunscreen with high protection factors should be used to protect skin.

Children should not take part in vigorous physical activity on very hot days.

Children should be encouraged to drink more water than usual in hot weather.

Here is the full guidance that we are following:

https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2025/06/hot-weather-and-heatwaves-guidance-for-schools-and-other-education-settings/

This is how we manage suncream in school, you need to apply it to your children in the morning.

For children in Nursery and Reception ...

Children **MUST** bring suncream to school!

They need their own bottle or tube with their name on, and they need to give it to their teacher, to be applied during outdoor play.

They play outside all the time, and so they need extra protection.



For children in Year 1 to Year 6 ...

Children **CAN** bring suncream to school!

They need their own bottle or tube with their name on, and they need to give it to their teacher to store safely, to be applied independently before lunchtime play.









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Attendance and Punctuality

The highest attendance in school this week was **99.3%**Well done to the following class for the highest attendance this week:

Y1JN

You'll be having a little treat for the highest attendance!

The best punctuality this week was Y2NR

Well done to your children and their families!

Overall school attendance for last week was:

96.3%

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
F2AW	Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Wood	2	94.6
F2DJ	Mrs Gillott	5	92.1
Y1JN	Miss Ng	5	99.3
Y1SS	Mrs Stables	7	98.6
Y2EH	Miss Huddleston	2	97.9
Y2NR	Miss Rodgers	1	93.3
Y3DH	Mr Hawksworth	9	96.8
ҮЗЕВ	Miss Brian	5	97.5
Y4IF	Miss Frost	7	98.1
Y4IK	Miss Kirk	15	97.1
Y5RP	Miss Franks	3	98.3
Y5SF	Mr Fowler	8	94.3
Y6ED	Miss Drinkhill	10	93.4
Y6RR	Mrs Ralph	8	96.8







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	MERIT V	VINNERS – well done to all of you!	
Y1JN	Nnenna	For always being fabulous helpers to Miss Ng, doing jobs around the classroom and taking care of our classroom environment. Miss Ng does not know what she will do without you next year!	
	Sofia		
V466	Ethan	For being a great friend, and a brilliant role model this week!	
Y1SS	Stella	For her amazing Phonics. She has moved up RWI groups, and impressed all of the Year 1 team this week!	
VOELL	Sireen	For being positive and so hardworking all week!	
Y2EH	Rosemary	For being confident and sharing her ideas in class!	
Y2NR	Lydia	For being on fire this week with her participation in lessons, and demonstrating her scientific skills when planning investigations!	
IZNK	Fenan	For being super precise when solving maths equations, checking through her work carefully showing her multiplication skills!	
Y3EB	Zakariya	For always putting in 100% effort to his learning, and making a great start in Reciprocal Reading!	
	Livleen	For being a great role model in the classroom especially during carpet time. He's always sat smartly and is consistently one of the first to show he's ready to learn!	
Y3DH	Aris	For showing great enthusiasm when learning about magnets in Science	
	Idris		
V/415	Saron	For approaching every task with a positive attitude and always trying their best. They listen carefully, work hard, and show kindness to others in class!	
Y4IF	Dara	For being focused, determined, and always eager to learn. They complete their work with care and never give up, even when things get tricky!	
Y4IK	Oliver and Abigail	For brilliant pieces of writing!	
	Tyler	For interesting ideas in P4C!	
Y5RP	Nick	For an amazing trip to the Hepworth Art Gallery – their sketch books look	
	John	amazing. They listened to the artist and enjoyed looking at different exhibitions!	
VESE	Asrom	For their maturity, politeness and their sensible attitude on the Hepworth	
Y5SF	Khizr	Gallery trip this week!	







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MERIT WINNERS – well done to all of you!			
Y6ED	Tyrelle	For impressing Miss Drinkhill with their enthusiasm and bravery at The Oakes, and their willingness to try new activities and support their peers	
	Eli		
Y6RR	Johns	For being so polite and grateful during our trip to The Oakes, it was fantastic to see him have such a good time!	
	Aneilia	For amazing enthusiasm and effort during our Cricket session this week!	

Wonders of the Week



Trey, Year 5

For having a great lunchtime play!

Esa, Year 4

For always helping to set the cricket up, without fail!

Yard Winners

Year 6







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FORWARDS

The 205th Sheffield (St Catherines) Scout Group have been providing fun, friendship and adventure activities in this area for over 80 years and have places available for young people aged 8-14.



Emergency Aid



Collector



Air Activities



Cyclist



Hobbies



Navigation



Scientist



Space

205th Sheffield (St Catherines) Scout Group The Scout Hut, Holtwood Road, Sheffield S4 7BA Meetings Held on Wednesdays @ 6.30pm (term-time) email: scoutgroup205stcatherines@yahoo.co.uk







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Wild Play at Ecclesall Woods - 29th and 30th July

Do you love outdoor adventures? Join our nature-inspired family sessions where we'll be building dens, getting creative in nature, playing woodland games and discovering the woodland! We're also part of the Children's University!

Our Wild Play events are perfect for children approximately 3-9 years old. Younger siblings can attend for free with a paying child. You only need to book a ticket for the participating children, but adults must stay for the fun too!



Have a look what else is happening:

https://www.wildsheffield.com/







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LEEDS SVP SUMMER CAMP



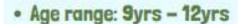
For over 90yrs Leeds camp has been providing children a much loved holiday in the picturesque countryside.

Applications for 2025 are now open! Saturday 16th - Friday 22nd August.



Activities include:

- Swimming & Sports
- Bowling
- Countryside walks
- Outdoor activity centre
- Disco & much more!



Children must be 9 by September 1st (finished Year 4, entering Year 5) and up to 12 (finished Year 7, entering Year 8)

- Included in the cost of a child's place is their weekly activities and all food.
- Cost per child for a week is £125.

Register Now



leedsapplicationforms@svp.org.uk









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News from Parkwood Springs

Find our location using S3 9AA



Our country park in the city

Connect with us online

/FriendsOfParkwoodSprings

@FriendsofPWS

@parkwoodsprings

21st June - Forest Garden 10am to 12.30

23rd June - Monday Conservation volunteering session 10am to 12

24th June - Open Meeting and AGM 6.40 for 7pm

28th June - Conservation Session 10am to 12.30

http://www.parkwood-springs.org.uk/pwsevents.html









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JULY 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each or FREE with a school membership code
Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk on the PARENTS page



Schools can purchase a

FACE School Annual Membership

which means ALL parents and ALL staff get unlimited FREE access to ALL 16 parent talks

Thursday 31st July 19:00 - 20:00

FREE



Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Screens are here to stay.

Identifying the issues and step by step guide to reduce the negative impact.

Monday 21st July

10:00 - 11:30

£24

recording available



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Monday 28th July 10:00 - 11:30 £24

recording available.



Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday 29th July 10:00 - 11:30

£24 recording available



Anxiety Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school.

Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk.

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July Timetable All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 ea Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings	ach 90 minutes long
Understanding Anger	1 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	1 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	8 July 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	14 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	15 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	22 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	22 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am