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Workshops for parents of Nursery and Reception children

Mrs Porter would like to invite you to a series of workshops all about brain development, how young children learn, early maths, early reading and why we have an outdoor classroom.

Wednesday 17th September 9:00-10:15am

Wednesday 24th September 9:00-10:15am

Wednesday 1st October 9:00-10:15am

Please attend all three as they're all different

Please arrange childcare for babies and young children as it is very hard to deliver these sessions with distractions.



Where: in the community centre next to the office

Time: 9:00am - 10:15am

When you arrive, please help yourself to refreshments, sign the register and take a seat.



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What week is it for school dinners on Monday 8th September?

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WEEK ONE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option	Pork Sausage Toad in the Hole & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Red Tractor Mild Chicken Curry, Mixed Wholegrain & White Rice 	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza & Pasta Salad 	MSC Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Meal Option	Veggie Sausage Toad in the Hole & Home-baked Potato Wedges 	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Grill with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes 	Rainbow Vegetable Lentil Pitta Pockets & Hummus ^{VG} 	Cheese Flan, Chips & Ketchup
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, Cheese, Salmon Mayo, or Beans 
Sandwich	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Sandwich	Tuna Mayo	Tuna Mayo	Tuna Mayo	Tuna Mayo	Tuna Mayo
Vegetables	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots & Sweetcorn 	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Sliced Carrots 	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots 	Carrot & Cucumber Sticks or British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Sweetcorn 	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans 
Dessert	Banana Mousse & Orange Smiles 	Marble Sponge ^{VG} & Custard/Chocolate Sauce	Strawberry Jelly with Watermelon Slice ^{VG} 	Vanilla Cookie ^{VG}	Iced Sponge Cake

WELCOME BACK!

It's so nice to be together again.

REMINDERS:

Please be careful when you drive and park around school, and always make sure you are safely parked before dropping off your children!

Please make sure your child has everything they need in school, every day ... coat, water bottle, etc. If there is anything you need help with, please let the staff know!

Please make sure that children don't bring anything that they DON'T need ... for example toys or mobile phones!



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Dates to Remember and Other Important Things!

New information is highlighted

Monday 8th September 2025	Music Lessons start this week! 	<p>If you have booked music lessons for your child, please make sure that you pay before next week so that we can pay the music teachers!</p> 
Monday 8th September 2025	Deadline for ordering school milk	<p>Please sign up on</p> 
Wednesday 10th September 2025	Year 4 Swimming starts at Ponds Forge 	<p>Year 4 will be swimming every Wednesday until 28th January 2026. There is no charge, but you must give permission, please sign up on</p> 
Friday 12th September 2025	Year 3 and Year 4 Parent Workshop Relationships and Sex Education	<p>9am to 10am, please enter by the school office. Mrs Redfern will be explaining more about the RSE curriculum, and you will have the opportunity to ask questions!</p>
Sunday 14th September 2025	Mass in Church	<p>Everyone is very welcome to join us for the Education Sunday Mass at 9:00am at St Catherine's Church on Melrose Road!</p>
Monday 15th September 2025	Mass in School	<p>Children in Year 3 and above will be joining Father Albert in school for the first Mass of this school year!</p>
Wednesday 17th September 2025	Nursery and Reception Parent Workshop	<p>9:00 to 10:00, please enter by the school office. Mrs Porter will be delivering the first of a set of three workshops!</p>

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Thursday 18th September 2025	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Parent Workshop Relationships and Sex Education	9am to 10am, please enter by the school office. Mrs Redfern will be explaining more about the RSE curriculum, and you will have the opportunity to ask questions!
Friday 19th September 2025	Year 5 and Year 6 Parent Workshop Relationships and Sex Education	9am to 10am, please enter by the school office. Mrs Redfern will be explaining more about the RSE curriculum, and you will have the opportunity to ask questions!
Monday 22nd September to Wednesday 1st October 2025	Year 6 "Bikeability"	Children in Year 6 will bring home consent forms, please make sure they are returned to school before Bikeability starts!
Wednesday 24th September 2025	Nursery and Reception Parent Workshop	9:00 to 10:00, please enter by the school office. Mrs Porter will be delivering the second of a set of three workshops!
Thursday 25th September 2025	Year 3 "Roman Day"	Year 3 will be visited by a Roman soldier, who will bring along artefacts and deliver a workshop, please sign up on  ParentPay
Friday 26th September 2025	Guided Tour of EYFS (Nursery and Reception)	Guided tour for parents who are thinking about choosing St Catherine's for their child, please sign up on the school website!
Wednesday 1st October 2025	Nursery and Reception Parent Workshop	9:00 to 10:00, please enter by the school office. Mrs Porter will be delivering the last of a set of three workshops!
Thursday 2nd October 2025	Year 1 and Year 2 Parents Evening	Appointments will be available from 12:30 to 6:00pm, we will let you know when bookings open!

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Tuesday 14th October 2025	Nursery and Reception Outdoor Stay and Learn	9:00 to 10:00, please gather on the yard. Mrs Porter and the EYFS teachers are excited that you will be joining them today OR on Friday – you choose!
Tuesday 14th October 2025	Flu Vaccination at school for children in Reception to Year 6	PLEASE look out for the sign up form, we will send it out as soon as the NHS send it to us!
Thursday 16th October 2025	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Parents Evening	Appointments will be available from 12:30 to 6:00pm, we will let you know when bookings open!
Friday 17th October 2025	Nursery and Reception Outdoor Stay and Learn	9:00 to 10:00, please gather on the yard. Mrs Porter and the EYFS teachers are excited that you will be joining them today – if you came on Tuesday, you do not need to come today – it's the same content!
Friday 17th October 2025	St Clare Trust Mass	Twelve of our Year 6 children will be attending, look out for details nearer the time!
Sunday 19th October 2025	Mass in Church	Everyone is very welcome to join us for Mass at 9:00 at St Catherine's Church on Melrose Road!
Wednesday 22nd October 2025	Year 1 to Year 6 Parent Open Morning and Workshop	Parents are invited to join their children in the classroom, followed by a workshop led by Mrs Gillott. She will be telling you more about Catholic Life at St Catherine's!
Thursday 23rd October 2025	Year 4 Trip "Anglo Saxon Day"	Year 4 will be visiting Weston Park to take part in a workshop, please sign up on  ParentPay

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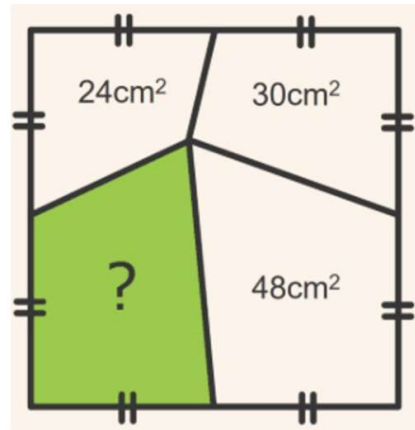
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Miss Drinkhill is thinking ...

What is the area of
the missing part?

How do you know?



Wonders of the Week

Jack, Year 5

For scoring a hat trick in a sneaky game of football!

Sofia, Dayna, Reuben and Asaph, Year 5

For great inventions on the yard this week!

Elif, Deborah and Aisha, Year 6

For helping staff to tidy and being so polite at all times!

Yard Winners

Everyone, for having a great start back!





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A Culture of Safeguarding at St Catherine's

Welcome back to school for the new academic year, it's wonderful to have the children back in the building!

We all have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

If you have any concerns about a student at this setting please share this information with us straight away. Issues such as appearance, hygiene, behaviour, can be shared with teaching or support staff. Do not worry about reporting small matters – we would rather you tell us than miss a worrying situation.

However, if you think that a student or an adult who cares for them has been or might be harmed; please talk to a member of our trained safeguarding team immediately (details below).

You can ask any member of staff to find them and speak to you about a confidential and urgent matter.



Mrs Redfern

Headteacher and
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Puchalka

Designated Safeguarding Deputy



Mrs Porter

Designated Safeguarding Deputy

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Attendance and Punctuality

The highest attendance in school this week was 98.9

Well done to the following class for the highest attendance this week:

Y6RR

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

The best punctuality this week was Y1AM, Y1LF, Y2DH, Y6ED and Y6RR!

Well done to your children and their families!

Overall school attendance for last week was:

93.4%

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
F2AS	Mrs Atkinson and Miss Sweeney		
F2WS	Mrs Wood and Mrs Stables		
Y1AM	Miss Morris	1	88.9
Y1LF	Miss Franks	1	93.7
Y2DH	Mr Hawksworth	1	98.3
Y2NR	Miss Rodgers	4	89.7
Y3JN	Miss Ng	2	93.3
Y3MS	Miss Suleiman	3	96.3
Y4EB	Miss Brian	3	91.4
Y4IF	Miss Frost	5	92.0
Y5EH	Miss Huddleston	4	92.2
Y5OW	Miss Willis	3	94.8
Y6ED	Miss Drinkhill	1	91.4
Y6RR	Mrs Ralph	1	98.9



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MERIT WINNERS – well done to all of you!

Y1AM	Lenny	For his excellent help with tidying up!
	Maranatha	For always making the right choices!
Y1LF	Murael	For being so kind and helpful, she's always offering to do little jobs to help Miss Franks!
	Hezekiah	For settling so well into Year 1 and showing everyone how to play chess!
Y2DH	Yohans	For excellent predictions and writing during Language and Literacy today!
	Nnenna	For always showing that she is ready to learn, with great enthusiasm and a smile!
Y2NR	Lamek	For bringing so much joy and positivity to the classroom in our first week, and starting each day with a huge smile!
	Steave	For thinking carefully about our school rules and being a great role model on ways we can follow them!
Y3JN	Tina	For a brilliant start to life in Year 3, following new classroom expectations and being a role model to others in the class!
	Eliora	Despite having an extended summer holiday she has come back an absolute superstar and made a brilliant start to Year 3!
Y3MS	Abigail	For being extra kind and supportive of others in class, as well as going the extra mile to keep the classroom tidy!
	Amelia D	For being extra kind and supportive of others in class, as well as going the extra mile to keep the classroom tidy!
Y4EB	Idris	For having a great first week in Year 4, constantly having his hand up to share answers!
	Kanyima	For being so positive on her first week of Year 4, and always willing to help others!
Y4IF	Amos	For making a great start to Year 4, working really hard to complete work and completing it well, making Miss Frost smile every day!
	Livleen	For making a great start to Year 4, working really hard to complete work and completing it well, making Miss Frost smile every day!
Y5EH		
Y5OW	Zack	For settling into his new classroom and asking for support when needed – incredible concentration and enthusiasm in Maths!
	Oduenyi	For being such a ray of sunshine, demonstrating super sitting, listening to all instructions, and being a supportive friend!

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Y6ED	Adon	For a fantastic start to Year 6, following all adult instructions and always being on task!
	Sara	For showing enthusiasm and curiosity towards our project!
Y6RR	Musa	For an amazing start to Year 6, and really impressing Mrs Ralph with his attitude to learning!
	Efrata	For fantastic enthusiasm and engagement in lessons this week!

Miss Drinkhill's Key Stage 1 – Maths Challenge

September 2025

Grouping Goodies

Pat has no more than 20 sweets in a bag.



She counts her sweets in groups of two. She has one left over.

Then she counts her sweets in groups of five. She has 2 left over.

How many sweets could Pat have? Is there another answer?



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Miss Drinkhill's Key Stage 2 Maths Challenge September 2025

The Deca Tree

In the forest there is a Deca Tree.



A Deca Tree has 10 trunks,

and on each trunk
there are 10 branches,



and on each branch there are 10 twigs,

and on each twig there are
10 leaves:



One day a woodcutter came along and cut down one
trunk from the tree.

Then he cut off one branch from another trunk of the
tree.

Then he cut off one twig from another branch.

Finally he pulled one leaf from another twig.

How many leaves were left on the tree then?



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As we return to school for a new school year, we are currently in the season of **ordinary time**.

It is a time when Catholics are encouraged to grow spiritually, to deepen their prayer life, read the scriptures and become a more holy and whole person.

Ordinary time begins on the Monday following the Sunday after January 6th and continues until the day before Ash Wednesday. It **begins again** on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and ends on the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent.

- Ordinary Time contains 33 or 34 weeks
- Sundays are marked numerically e.g. First Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- The colour for ordinary time is **green**.

In school look out for the colour green in class prayer areas and on our altar during Mass. In churches the priest will wear a green chasuble and again the altar will be dressed in green.

This is a chasuble, the priest will wear different colours depending on the liturgical season or special feast day.



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Playtime Prayer Group

Mrs Gillott will be running a prayer group during morning playtimes on **Wednesdays 10:15-10:30** in the Faith Room for children and staff.

We also need a name for our new prayer group - if you have any suggestions please pass them onto Mrs Gillott.



Education Sunday Mass – Sunday 14th September 9am.

On Sunday 14th September we will be celebrating Education Sunday with a special Mass at St Catherine of Alexandria Church. Mass will start at 9am and we warmly invite all members of our school community to come along.

For well over one hundred years there has been an annual recognition of Education Sunday in England and Wales. It is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone in the world of education. The theme for 2025 is "Lost and Found."

Please join us for Mass at:

St Catherine's Catholic Church,
Melrose Rd
Sheffield
S3 9DN

9am on Sunday 14th September.

We would love to see you there to celebrate with us!

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Prayer of the Month

Every month in school we will be focusing on a different prayer from the list of Common Prayers as set out in the Prayer and Liturgy Directory for England and Wales.

We will be incorporating these into assemblies and class celebration of the word times, as well as sharing them on the school newsletter.

This month the prayer is:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.



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Mass in School

Our first School Mass of the academic year is on
Monday 15th September at 9:15am.

This takes place in school in the CCC, and families and parishioners are warmly invited to join us.

Our children play an active role in school Mass by reading the scripture, processing the Gospel, reading the bidding prayers, processing the offertory gifts and singing joyously. Come along and celebrate with us.





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Conservation Volunteering Sessions at Parkwood Springs!

10am - 12:00pm

Meet Rangers Ryan and Katy at Shirecliffe Road carpark.

We look forward to seeing you there! Email

katy.knight@sheffield.gov.uk or

ryan.atkin@sheffield.gov.uk if you have any questions
about the sessions



UPCOMING DATES:

15th September

29th September

13th October

27th November

10th December

Gentle walks - 'Explore with SOAR'
sessions will also be held on Mondays
at 11am. Contact

Helen.Taylor@soarcommunity.org.uk

You are welcome to try out both
sessions

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AT FIRTH PARK ACADEMY

ACCESS VIA SPORTS ENTRANCE ON BELLHOUSE ROAD(S5 0RD)

STARTING WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2025

(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR(PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE)



Group 1	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Ages 4 - 5
Group 2	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Ages 6 - 7
Group 3	7:00pm – 8:00pm	Ages 8 - 9
Group 4	8:00pm – 9:00pm	Ages 10 - 13

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. The course will run on a weekly basis **EVERY WEDNESDAY** during school term times.

All of our courses are run by F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS. All of our coaches have been DBS/CRB POLICE CHECKED. The course is open to boys and girls aged between 4 and 13. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term(usually 10-15 weeks) every child will receive an engraved merit trophy and course certificate, with chances to win extra trophies including penalty shoot out, american shoot out and champions league competitions.

The cost of the course is £7.50 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£30) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. We have the use of excellent facilities with the course held indoors in the large sports hall.

**TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT
'FIRTH PARK' + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP TO;**

07846 770 250

Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)

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186th Sheffield Girl Guiding Unit
At Abbeyfield Primary Academy (Burrow)
Orphanage Road S3 9AN

Every Wednesday (Term Time) weekly fee/subs



Rainbows

for girls aged 4 to 7
Wednesday 5-6pm



Brownies

for girls aged 7 to 10
Wednesday 6-7.15pm



Guides

for girls aged 10 to 14
Wednesday 7.15-8.45pm

Join the fun and join Girl Guiding today!

Crafting, baking, sewing,
exploring, singing, dancing,
playing, camps, trips
all while earning badges!



**To find out more details and to
register visit**

www.girlguiding.org.uk



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SCOUTS

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