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Outdoor stay and learn

Following on from Mrs Porter's workshop all about outdoor play, come and join EYFS (nursery and reception) outside!

Tuesday 14th October 8:30-9:30am

OR

Friday 17th October 8:30-9:30am

We go outside in all weathers, so please make sure you have outdoor clothing.





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What week is it for school dinners on Monday 6th October?

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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	Tuna Mayo	Tuna Mayo	Tuna Mayo	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

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	The sign up form has been emailed to all parents, please make sure you complete it if you want your child to have their flu jab at school!
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, bookings are now open, use your previous code! https://stcatherinesacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/
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!

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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 for collective prayer and liturgy, followed by a workshop led by Mrs Porter and Mr Lear on PLAY!
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 
Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025	HALF TERM HOLIDAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED	
Tuesday 4th November 2025	Nursery and Reception Parent Workshop Read Write Inc Phonics	2:30 to 3:15pm, please enter through the main entrance by the office. Mrs Porter will deliver this workshop for ADULTS ONLY! 
Wednesday 5th November 2025	Year 4 to Year 6 Parent Workshop Mobile Phones and Devices	9:00 to 10:00am, please enter through the main entrance by the office. Mrs Redfern, Mrs Ralph and Miss Drinkhill will be talking about use of phones by our children, please come if you can, it really will be helpful!
Thursday 6th November 2025	Year 1 Trip Parkwood Springs	This is a local walk, and so you do not need to complete ParentPay. Children will need sturdy footwear, and a coat.
Thursday 6th November 2025	 Cricket	Ace Cricket will be joining us for Year 5 PE and after school club!



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Friday 7 th November 2025		3:00 to 4:00pm, enter by the main entrance at the school office! Card payments only please.
Wednesday 12 th November 2025	Year 3 to Year 6 Parent Workshop Why is Play so Important?	9:00 to 10:00am, please enter through the main entrance by the office. Mrs Porter will be explaining why we have loose parts in the playground to fire the children's imagination!
Wednesday 12 th November 2025	Year 6 Height and Weight with the School Nursing Service	School Nursing will be in school to collect data on height and weight of our Year 6 children.
Thursday 13 th November 2025		3:00 to 4:00pm, enter by the main entrance at the school office! Card payments only please.
Friday 14 th November 2025		8:30 to 9:30am, enter by the main entrance at the school office! Card payments only please.
Thursday 20 th November 2025	Year 1 Trip Emergency Services Museum	Year 1 will be visiting the Emergency Services Museum to take part in a workshop. Please look out for this trip on 
Wednesday 19 th November 2025		All children will have an individual photo taken, they will bring home the details of how you can make a purchase.
Monday 24 th November 2025	Mass at Church (to be confirmed)	
Tuesday 25 th November 2025	Advent Assembly Y6RR "Hope"	Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the assembly starts at 9:15am in the school hall (not CCC), sorry but we are not able to admit latecomers as this will distract the children. Please enter through the staff car park to the KS2 building (near Y4 gate).

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Wednesday 26th November 2025	Year 1 and Year 2 Parent Workshop Maths	9:00 to 10:00am, please enter through the main entrance by the office. Miss Drinkhill will be explaining more about the Maths curriculum, and how to support your child!
Thursday 27th November 2025	Year 6 Trip National Holocaust Centre	Year 6 will be visiting the National Holocaust Centre to take part in a workshop. Please look out for this trip on 
Friday 28th November 2025	Year 2 Trip Kelham Island	Year 2 will be visiting Kelham Island to take part in a workshop. Please look out for this trip on 
Monday 1st December 2025	Mass in School	
Tuesday 2nd December 2025	Advent Assembly Y4IF "Peace"	Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the assembly starts at 9:15am in the school hall (not CCC), sorry but we are not able to admit latecomers as this will distract the children. Please enter through the staff car park to the KS2 building (near Y4 gate).
Thursday 4th December 2025	Year 4 Science of Sound Workshop	Year 4 will be taking part in a workshop in school. Please look out for this event on 
Tuesday 9th December 2025	Advent Assembly Y6ED "Joy"	Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the assembly starts at 9:15am in the school hall (not CCC), sorry but we are not able to admit latecomers as this will distract the children. Please enter through the staff car park to the KS2 building (near Y4 gate).
Wednesday 10th December 2025	Year 3 to Year 6 Parent Workshop Maths	9:00 to 10:00am, please enter through the main entrance by the office. Miss Drinkhill will be explaining more about the Maths curriculum, and how to support your child!

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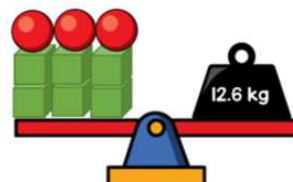
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Reception Trip Burngreave Library	This is a local walk, and so you do not need to complete ParentPay. Children will need sturdy footwear, and a coat.
Tuesday 16 th November 2025	Advent Assembly Y4EB "Love"	Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the assembly starts at 9:15am in the school hall (not CCC), sorry but we are not able to admit latecomers as this will distract the children. Please enter through the staff car park to the KS2 building (near Y4 gate).
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Reception to Year 6 Parent Coffee Morning Parent Voice	
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Year 1 to Year 6 Christmas Disco	Save the date!
Friday 19 th December 2025	Christmas Raffle	Save the date!
Monday 22 nd December 2025 to Friday 2 nd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED	

Miss Drinkhill is thinking ...

I balance some scales.



What is the mass of the cube?



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Mini Vinnies News!

On Wednesday the Mini Vinnies met to go through 25 amazing applications from the Y3 classes. The Mini Vinnies spent a long time reading them all and they were very impressed. It was a tough decision, but after some deliberating they decided that the new Y3 Mini Vinnies would be. . .

Maryam Y3JN
&
Amelia D Y3MS

Congratulations and welcome to the team!

Thank you to everyone who applied. If you were not successful this year, please apply again next year.

Wonders of the Week

Taibah, Year 6

For engaging in reading at lunchtime, she has a clear passion for her books!

Sarah, Year

For always playing fair, and enjoying her time with anything she does!

Yard Winners – Year 5





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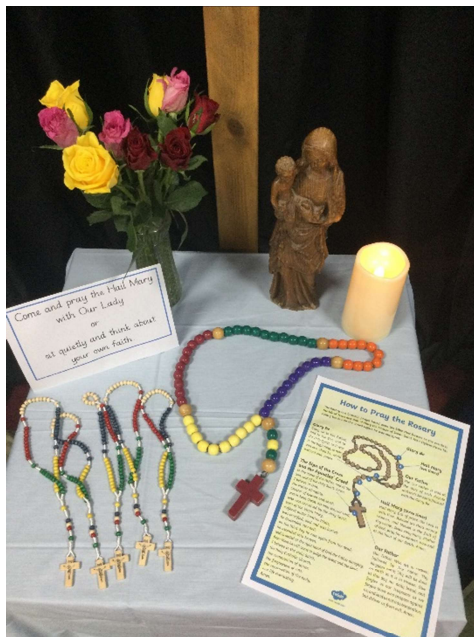
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October the month of the Holy Rosary

Prayer Space

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, October is the month of the Holy Rosary. In school we have set up a prayer space in KS2 where children can pray the Rosary, say a Mail Mary, or just sit and be in prayerful silence and think about their own faith.



Rosary Club

Rosary club has got off to a fantastic start. This week we learned what a Rosary was, why it is important to Catholic's and how to say the Hail Mary. We prayed one decade of the Rosary together. We just about managed to squeeze all the children into the Faith Room this week, but next week we will relocate to Miss Ng's classroom. Thank you Miss Ng for letting us use your classroom.





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Prayer of the Month

To align with October being the month of the Holy Rosary, our prayer of the month is the Hail Mary. Children in KS1 and KS2 are expected to know this prayer.

The Hail Mary

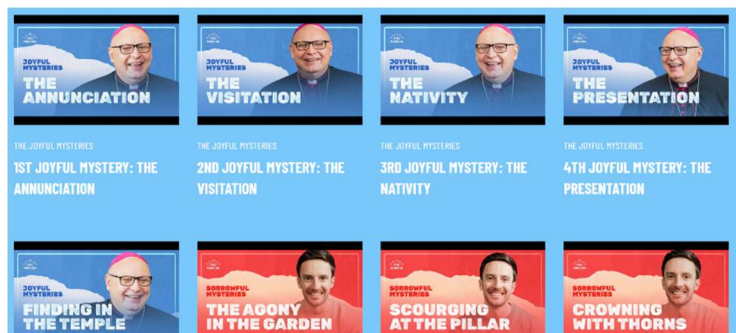
Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.

Amen

To help you pray the Rosary at home, there is a guide attached to this week's newsletter. Alternatively scan the QR code below for a video guide of how to pray the Rosary with the Mark 10 Mission and join in with their Rosary Challenge.



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A Culture of Safeguarding at St Catherine's

What is "Brainrot"

"Brainrot" in the context of [Roblox](#) refers to a popular trend of user-generated games and memes that feature absurd, AI-generated characters, often bizarre hybrid creatures with nonsensical, fun-to-say names like "Ballerina Cappuccina," "Strawberry Elephant," or "Tung Tung Sahur." These characters stem from the broader "Italian Brainrot" internet meme (popularized by Gen Alpha kids on platforms like TikTok and YouTube), where AI tools create surreal, low-effort animal mashups with Italian-inspired or random exotic flair. The term "brainrot" itself is internet slang for mindless, addictive content that "rots" your brain through repetition, but in Roblox, it's been gamified into a genre of simple, hyper-engaging experiences.

A Parent's Guide to

BRAINROT



Find out more:

<https://inclusiveteach.com/2025/09/28/what-is-brainrot-in-roblox/>

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Attendance and Punctuality

The highest attendance in school this week was 99.4%

Well done to the following class for the highest attendance for the second week running:

Y5EH

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

The best punctuality this week was Y3MS

Well done to your children and their families!

Overall school attendance for last week was:

96.8%

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
F2AS	Mrs Atkinson and Miss Sweeney	5	95.5
F2WS	Mrs Wood and Mrs Stables	6	94.9
Y1AM	Miss Morris	12	96.0
Y1LF	Miss Franks	3	99.3
Y2DH	Mr Hawksworth	6	95.7
Y2NR	Miss Rodgers	7	96.7
Y3JN	Miss Ng	5	96.1
Y3MS	Miss Suleiman	1	97.2
Y4EB	Miss Brian	6	94.9
Y4IF	Miss Frost	7	96.9
Y5EH	Miss Huddleston	9	99.4
Y5OW	Miss Willis	9	98.7
Y6ED	Miss Drinkhill	3	97.9
Y6RR	Mrs Ralph	2	95.5



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MERIT WINNERS – well done to all of you!

Y1AM	Obi	For always putting his hand up, and sharing his amazing ideas and thoughts with the class!
	Helen	For her amazing handwriting in Ready to Write, she concentrated so hard!
Y1LF	Lawrence	For being amazing in RWI, he's been so loud and clear with his sounds this week!
	Gabriel	For being such a kind member of Y1LF, he's got lovely manners and is always so cheerful!
Y2DH	Aiden	For impressing Mr Hawksworth with his Maths work this week, finding 10 more and 10 less!
	Rayan	For being a kind member of the class, always helping others and spreading kindness at playtimes!
Y2NR	Tawana	For a fabulous Big Write, showing resilience and focus to putting all of her hard work in writing together!
	Lial	For always trying her hardest to present her work beautifully and always taking pride in her learning!
Y3JN	Elorm	For settling brilliantly into life at St Catherine's, working hard always, and beautiful handwriting!
	Tinbite	For beautiful choice of language to describe what she is most grateful for in God's creation!
Y3MS	Matthew	For making great improvement showing that he is ready to learn; one of the first ones ready on the carpet, and always wants to help others!
	Zayn	For settling in really well in Y3MS; always showing he is ready to learn, he is a great role model for our class!
Y4EB	Aafiya	For kindly bringing in some apples from her tree to share with the class, and always being a kind friend to others!
	Joshua	For being so engaged in every lesson, and always having his hand up to share thoughts and answers!
Y4IF	Halima	For beautiful presentation, always taking time and care to present her work, making sure it is complete and to a high standard!
	Isaac B	For really impressing Miss Frost in Literacy with his participation and the quality of his writing. Well thought out ideas and good grammar!
Y5EH		
Y5OW	Abigail	For always trying her best and being a great friend to others!
	Tyler	For always setting great examples for others and meeting those expectations!



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Y6ED	Arzaan	For a wonderful week, trying hard and demonstrating independence and resilience in Maths and Literacy!
	Rameesa	For persevering with difficult Maths learning, and for effectively using support in the classroom to ensure she is successful!
Y6RR	John	For really impressing Mrs Ralph in his arithmetic test this week!
	Scarlett	For being a really kind, caring and helpful member of the class!

Key Stage 1 Maths Challenge – October 2025

What's in a Name?

Jim and Jan were having a chat about their names.

Jim said his name began with J and Jan said hers did too.

Jim said his name had three letters and Jan said hers did too.

Jim said his name had one vowel and Jan said hers did too.

Jim said his was 1 9 4

Jan said hers was 1 1 5

Can you see why?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	

What about your name?

If you used Jim and Jan's code, what would your name be in numbers?

Can you do any other names in this code?



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Key Stage 2 Maths Challenge – October 2025

Flashing Lights

Norrie is watching the aircraft warning lights on the tops of some tall buildings in the city. He sees two lights flash at the same time, then one of them flashes every 4th second, and the other flashes every 5th second.



How many times do they flash together during a whole minute?

Norrie then watched a third light. He saw it flash at the same time as the other two, then flash every 7th second. How many minutes before this light again flashes at exactly the same time as the other two?

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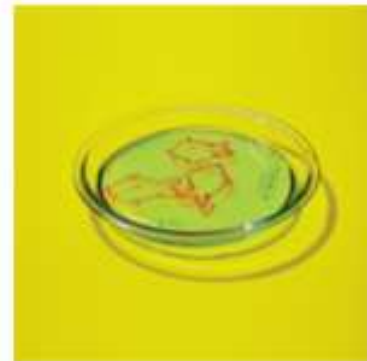
Monthly Science Fun!

Check out October's experiment:

Floating Fish!

You will need:

- Felt tip pens
- Glass plate or tray
- Measuring cup
- Tap water



DID YOU KNOW?

Contrary to popular belief, fish do have great memories. Some species of fish can recognize and remember humans that give them food rewards.

- Step 1: Draw a fish (or any simple shape) on the bottom of a glass plate with a felt tip pen. Make sure the lines are connected, and retrace your drawing for better results.
- Step 2: Let the drawing dry for a minute or two.
- Step 3: Slowly pour tap water into the plate until it just covers the bottom. Be careful not to splash the water.
- Step 4: Watch as the drawing lifts off the plate and floats!
- Step 5: Tilt the plate gently and observe how the floating shape moves.



DID YOU KNOW?

The smallest fish is the tiny goby, which lives in the Philippines. It rarely grows longer than half an inch at adulthood, yet is so abundant it supports a fishery.

Because felt tip pens are created to not stick to surfaces, it is made with a chemical that causes it to release from a surface easily. By comparison if we were to use a permanent marker this experiment would not work as the ink used in those markers is designed to stick to surfaces.

Want to share your results? Email ebrian@stcatherines.academy with any pictures. It might be included in the next newsletter!

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How to Pray the Rosary

The Rosary is a Catholic prayer based upon the Bible that focuses on the events in the life of Jesus and that of Mary the Mother of Jesus. Saint John Ogilvie threw his rosary beads into the crowd before he was martyred.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Sign of the Cross and the Apostles' Creed

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

Glory Be

Hail Mary (ten times)

Our Father

The Our Father is said at the start of each decade and each decade is finished with the Glory Be.

Hail Mary (three times)

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Our Father

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. Amen.





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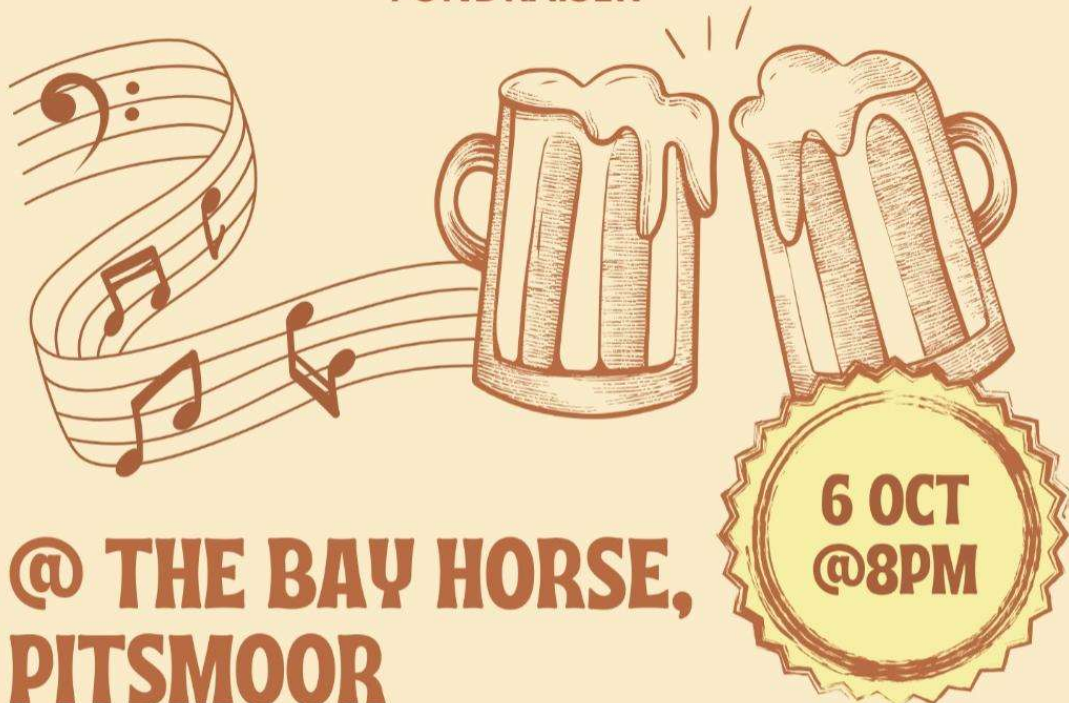
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CHRIST CHURCH PITSMOOR PRESENTS

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CHILDRENS NEARLY NEW SALE

NORTH NOTTS ARENA, WORKSOP, S80 1QS

- TOYS
- CLOTHES
- EQUIPMENT
- & MUCH MORE!

Saturday 11th October
11:30-13:00

All profits go to NCT Charity.
Registered charity in England and Wales: 801595
and Scotland: SC041592

More details at  /BassetlawNCT

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The Friends of Parkwood Springs
proudly presents

Under The Sea!

Community Lantern Procession

Saturday
18th October
Procession at 5.45pm

Meet on the field by Pit Stop Cafe,
behind Shirecliffe Road car park
S5 8XA from 4.30pm

Sheffield City Council

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Little fish!



Lantern Making Workshops

for all ages to make small lanterns to carry



October
Saturday 4th 1pm - 5pm
Sunday 5th 1pm - 5pm



Saturday 11th 1pm - 5pm
Sunday 12th 1pm - 5pm
Monday 13th 1pm - 7pm



Abbeyfield House
S4 7BL



Parkwood Springs
Lantern Procession
Saturday 18th October





BIG FISH!



Lantern Making Workshops

For teens and adults to help make this year's spectacular lantern!



September
Sunday 21st 4pm - 7pm
Saturday 27th 1pm - 5pm
Sunday 28th 1pm - 7pm



October
Monday 6th 1pm - 7pm



Abbeyfield House, S4 7BL



Parkwood Springs Lantern Procession
Saturday 18th October



Patrick will be attending After School Club to work with our children to make lanterns for the procession on the following dates in October:

**Tuesday 7th
Friday 10th
Tuesday 14th**

If your child would like to be involved, please book them on After School Club on those dates!



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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 October

10th November

24th November

8th December

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Gentle walks - 'Explore with SOAR' sessions will also be held on Mondays at 11am. Contact Helen.Taylor@soarcommunity.org.uk



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Mission Statement

Jesus set us an example: that we are all equal and that we should behave kindly and humbly towards each other.

Lift Firth Park

We look forward to welcoming
prospective students & parents

Tuesday
7th October 2025
4.30pm - 6.30pm

Fircroft Avenue, Sheffield,
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