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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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Parent Open Morning - Wednesday 22nd October

Year 1 to Year 6

8:50-9:20am: Come and experience a Celebration of the Word session in your child's classroom.



9:30-10am: Workshop about play in the CCC with Mrs Porter & Mr Lear.

REMINDER FOR EVERYONE

Children can only bring PLAIN WATER in their drinks bottle! Please don't send squash, fizzy pop or fruit juice. If children have something other than plain water, they will need to empty their bottle and refill it from the tap at school. We want children to stay hydrated throughout the day, but we can only permit plain water.

Just another reminder for Key Stage 2 children – you can bring a snack from home to have at morning break, but this can only be FRUIT. These are examples of what is NOT allowed:



chocolate, biscuits, crisps,
sausage roll, cream cheese dip,
syrup sponge pudding, sweets,
chicken nuggets, yoghurt, sandwich

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What week is it for school dinners on Monday 13th October?

We have a new menu after half term, we'll post it next week on the website!

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WEEK THREE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option	Sweet & Sour Chicken Meatballs & Sunny Rice 	Beef Lasagne & Garlic Bread 	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes 	Margherita Pizza & Tomato Pasta Salad 	MSC Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Meal Option	Sweet & Sour Veggie Meatballs & Sunny Rice ^{VG} 	Vegetable Lasagne & Garlic Bread 	Mediterranean Vegetable & Chickpea Stew & Roast Potatoes ^{VG} 	Bean Burrito & Potato Wedges ^{VG} 	Cheese & Onion Puff Pastry Roll
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	Strawberry Mousse & Fruit Slices 	Chocolate Cookie & Orange Wedges ^{VG} 	Vanilla Cupcake	Chocolate Crunch 'Concrete' ^{VG} & Chocolate Sauce/Pink Custard	Homemade Jam Sponge & Custard

Dates to Remember and Other Important Things!

New information is highlighted

Monday 13th October 2025	Launch of the MERIT BADGE COMPETITION	Children in Year 1 to Year 6 will get an entry form for the merit badge competition, closing date is Monday 20 th October!
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 online sign-up form has now closed. If you missed it and you want your child to have the flu vaccination, please refer to the email that was sent from school on 8/10/25.
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/



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Friday 17th October 2025	St Clare Trust Mass	Letters have been sent out – if you have received one, please sign up on  ParentPay
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!
Monday 20th October 2025	CLOSING DATE FOR MERIT BADGE COMPETITION	Please hand in your entry to the school office!
Wednesday 22nd October 2025	Year 1 to Year 6 Parent Open Morning and Workshop from 8:50am	Parents are invited to join their children in the classroom to experience a Celebration of the Word, 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  ParentPay
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!  No children
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.

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Thursday 6th November 2025	 Cricket	Ace Cricket will be joining us for Year 5 PE and after school club!
Friday 7th November 2025		3:00 to 4:00pm, enter by the main entrance at the school office! Card payments only please.
Tuesday 11th November 2025	F2AS Trip Local Walk	Children will visit Roe Woods to find signs of Autumn!
Wednesday 12th November 2025	F2WS Trip Local Walk	Children will visit Roe Woods to find signs of Autumn!
Wednesday 12th 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 12th 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 13th November 2025		3:00 to 4:00pm, enter by the main entrance at the school office! Card payments only please.
Friday 14th November 2025		8:30 to 9:30am, enter by the main entrance at the school office! Card payments only please.
Thursday 18th December 2025	Reception classes Local Walk	Children will be walking to the post box, to post their letters to Father Christmas!
Thursday 20th 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 19th November 2025		All children will have an individual photo taken, they will bring home the details of how you can make a purchase.
Monday 24th November 2025	Mass at Church (to be confirmed)	

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Tuesday 25th 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).
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).



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Tuesday 16th 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 17th December 2025	Reception to Year 6 Parent Coffee Morning Parent Voice	
Thursday 18th December 2025	Year 1 to Year 6 Christmas Disco	Save the date!
Friday 19th December 2025	Christmas Raffle	Save the date!
Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED	

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

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A Culture of Safeguarding at St Catherine's



SPY DOG and SPY PET books by Andrew Cope

URGENT SAFEGUARDING CONCERN

You may have already seen on the news about the safeguarding concern linked to Spy Pet and Spy Dog books.

Towards the back of each book there is a URL link intended to direct keen readers to a companion website featuring bonus content. This URL link has been taken over by a third party who have used the site to post inappropriate material intended only for adult audiences.

The author, Andrew Cope, and Puffin Books have taken the matter extremely seriously and have commenced a complex legal process to have the website taken down as soon as possible.

We have been asked to:

- Remove these books from our shelves immediately and either black-out the URL, remove that page of the book, or remove the book from circulation.
- Check classrooms for any books that may be within quiet reading corners, or on display.
- Ask parents/carers return any copies that have been taken home by pupils to you immediately.
- Advise parents of the concerns and ask they also black-out the URL to prevent their child accessing the site inappropriately.
- Ask parents to notify you if they feel their child may have already accessed this URL site.



Andrew Cope, the author of these books and Puffin Books have both been proactive following this takeover of Andrew's website. The stories shared within these books continue to be suitable for children.



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Attendance and Punctuality

The highest attendance in school this week was **100%**
Well done to the following classes for the highest attendance:

Y5EH (for the second week running, well done!) **and F2WS**
You'll be having a little treat for the highest attendance!

The best punctuality this week was Y1LF and Y6RR

Well done to your children and their families!

Overall school attendance for last week was:

97.6%

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
F2AS	Mrs Atkinson and Miss Sweeney	8	96.3
F2WS	Mrs Wood and Mrs Stables	8	100%
Y1AM	Miss Morris	3	97.3
Y1LF	Miss Franks	1	96.7
Y2DH	Mr Hawksworth	4	98.7
Y2NR	Miss Rodgers	7	99.3
Y3JN	Miss Ng	2	99.0
Y3MS	Miss Suleiman	2	98.3
Y4EB	Miss Brian	4	95.9
Y4IF	Miss Frost	12	99.3
Y5EH	Miss Huddleston	3	100%
Y5OW	Miss Willis	8	97.8
Y6ED	Miss Drinkhill	4	92.4
Y6RR	Mrs Ralph	1	95.8



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MERIT WINNERS – well done to all of you!

Y1AM	Hannah S	For trying her absolute best in Ready to Write, getting her things out straight away, sitting beautifully at her Z desk and concentrating her hardest, producing some amazing handwriting!
	Simon	For always making good choices, always sharing with his friends and taking turns, he is always really kind to everyone in our class!
Y1LF	Yohannes	For being such kind friends and joining in so well in class, they were great in RE!
	Essey	
Y2DH	Rome	For an amazing piece of writing in Literacy!
	Amen	For a detailed sketch of Sheffield skyline!
Y2NR	Tariq	For blowing Miss Rodgers away with his knowledge around his learning of the Little Mesters – showcasing this beautifully when creating his workshop!
	Laura	For always being kind and respectful to her friends, and always showing she is ready to learn!
Y3JN	Catherine	For brilliant recapping of Year 2 knowledge to help with her new Year 3 learning!
	Ruwaida	For fabulous focus when completing her Star Reader job!
Y3MS	Elim	For impressing Miss Suleiman with facts they have remembered about Roman life, and using it in their Literacy work to create amazing compound sentences!
	Ivy	
Y4EB	Dorothy	For her amazing swimming abilities, and working incredibly hard in RW!!
	Lulia and Afomia	For always being positive in the classroom, and for always keeping the classroom so tidy!
Y4IF	Mizan	For always offering answers and responses to class discussions!
	Hasset	For being very thoughtful and reflective in class discussions, showing respect and value to other people's opinions!
Y5EH	Bilen	For a beautiful sketch in our History lesson of the model of our solar system, based on our learning of what the Ancient Sumerian and Babylonian civilisations believed!
	Jack	For engaging so well with the Chimp Management project, and using his new knowledge and understanding in such a positive way!
Y5OW	Sidona	For being such a brilliant friend to those around her, and for always being a helping hand to her peers!
	Nahom	For impressing Miss Willis with his drawing skills and double page spreads!

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Y6ED	Nuh	For being an absolute super star all week, making sensible choices in his learning, and writing an amazing Newspaper article!
	Kevin	For settling in to St Catherine's so wonderfully, and being an amazing addition to our classroom!
Y6RR	Jude	For really impressing me and Miss Drinkhill with her expanded multiplication in Maths!
	Nolawit	For making such an amazing effort with her joined-up handwriting, her Literacy work looks fab!

Wonders of the Week

Khizr, Jairus, Asrom, Ebba, Dagi, Year 6

For always helping at the end of lunchtime play to put the sports equipment away!

Yard Winners – Year 1

For helping staff put their equipment away!



Monday
13th October 2025

Launch of the
MERIT BADGE COMPETITION

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Free Parenting Clinics

with

Anisa Lewis

Positive Parenting

www.anisalewis.com



October

20th @ 12.00 pm

Helping Kids to Navigate Big Feelings

Sound familiar?

- The drop-off tears that make you feel like the worst parent ever.
- The after-school meltdown over literally nothing.
- The child who goes from chatty to "you just don't get it" in 0.2 seconds.

Big feelings show up in all shapes and sizes: stomps, slams, sobs, screams and usually at the most inconvenient time (like when you're already late, already tired, or just sat down with a cuppa).

Book your free spot now before life interrupts, because you know as soon as you put this down, someone will shout "Muuuum/Daaaaad!" and that will be that.

📌 Join us on Zoom for this free 30-minute talk

Book here:

<https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic>

or

hello@anisalewis.com for the booking link

Can't attend live?

Register anyway and you'll receive the replay straight to your inbox.

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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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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 logo and The Graces Charitable Trust logo are visible at the bottom left of the poster.

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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:

**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

Sheffield
City Council



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

