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Parent Workshop

For all KS2 parents, especially Year 5 and Year 6,
you are invited to join us for a parent workshop on

**Wednesday 5th
November
9:00am to 10:00am**

As you are aware, we do not
allow phones in school.
Mrs Redfern, Miss Drinkhill and
Mrs Ralph will be talking about

WHY?



**"But everyone
else has one ..."**



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Come to our Book Fair in the
School Community Centre!

- Friday 7th November 3-4pm
- Thursday 13th November 3-4pm
- Friday 14th November 8:30-9:30am

This is a pop-up book stall with a huge range of
new books for all ages and many from only £2.99!

Payment is card only.

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What week is it for school dinners on Monday 3rd November?

We have a new menu after half term, we've posted it on the website!

Parent Information | School Meals



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WEEK THREE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option	Beef Burger with Home-baked Potato Wedges	Mild Chicken Curry served with Mixed Rice	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Margherita Pizza with ½ Jacket Potato	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Meal Option	Vegetable Burger with Home-baked Potato Wedges ^{VG}	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Sweet & Sour Vegetables & Sunny Rice ^{VG}	Crispy Vegetable Fingers & Chips ^{VG}
Vegetables	Sweetcorn, Baked Beans	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	Broccoli or Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Sandwiches	Cheese	Tuna Mayo	Cheese	Tuna Mayo	Cheese
Wraps	Tuna Mayo Wrap	Cheese Wrap	Tuna Mayo Wrap	Cheese Wrap	Tuna Mayo Wrap
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
Dessert	Chocolate Oaty Slice ^{VG}	Syrup Sponge Pudding & Custard	Flapjack with Fruit Slices	Vanilla Cookie & Fruit Slices ^{VG}	Iced Sponge Cake

Dates to Remember and Other Important Things!

New information is highlighted

Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October 2025	HALF TERM HOLIDAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED PLEASE use the half term holiday to check your child(ren) for head lice, there have been a number of cases reported to teachers!	
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Back to school for Autumn 2 half term!	Please remember your PE kit, indoor shoes, etc. You'll need to remember your coat every day from now on ... MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS IN IT!! Please also sign up for milk by 9:00am! If your child has free school meals, please email us and let us know if they want milk.
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Changes to After School Club Please have a look at the website: <i>Parent information Wraparound Care</i>	Provision will stay the same, but with some additional activities for more structured enrichment!
Tuesday 4 th November 2025	Reception – F2WS and F2AS 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! 

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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		Ace Cricket will be joining us for Year 5 PE! If your child is Y3 to Y6 and would like to play after school, please sign up for Thursday Cricket Club (instead of 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.
Wednesday 19th November 2025	Parent Workshop CHIMP "Dealing with Disobedience"	This workshop is from 2:00pm to 3:15pm, and will help you with managing children's behaviours. Please enter by the school office entrance.
Thursday 18th December 2025	Reception classes Local Walk	Children will be walking to the post box, to post their letters to Father Christmas!

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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)	
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).

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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!
Monday 15th December 2025	Parent Workshop CHIMP "Planning Ahead – looking after yourself"	This workshop is from 2:00pm to 3:15pm, and will help you with remaining calm for your child. Please enter by the school office entrance.
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 2 Nativity 	Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the Nativity starts at 9:00am 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 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	



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Residentials 2026



Here are the details of the residentials for next year, please sign up on ParentPay to reserve your child's place! You can pay by instalments, but must pay a non-refundable deposit soon so that we can confirm numbers with the venues. If you have any questions about residentials, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Year 2 Camping

Thursday 2nd July 2026 for one night

£5.00 non-refundable deposit required

Year 3 Whirlow Hall Farm

Wednesday 13th May 2026 for one night

Thursday 14th May 2026 for one night

£30.00 non-refundable deposit required

Year 4 Cliffe House

Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th March 2026 for 2 nights

£50.00 non-refundable deposit required

Year 6 The Oakes

Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th June 2026 for 2 nights

£50.00 non-refundable deposit required



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A Culture of Safeguarding at St Catherine's

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.

Over the half term holidays, school will be closed, and staff will not be routinely checking emails and voicemails. You can contact the St Catherine's Safeguarding Team using the details below, and they will respond when school reopens on Monday 3rd November.



Mrs Redfern

Headteacher and
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Email address:

tredfern@stcatherines.academy



Mrs Puchalka

Designated Safeguarding Deputy

Email address:

bpuchalka@stcatherines.academy



Mrs Porter

Designated Safeguarding Deputy

Email address:

eporter@stcatherines.academy

Over the half term holidays, if you have an urgent concern, here is the email address:
<https://www.safeguardingsheffieldchildren.org/p/processes/referring-a-safeguarding-concern-to-childrens-social-care>

We all deserve to be happy,
healthy and safe. ❤️

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Attendance and Punctuality

The highest attendance in school this week was 98.7%
Well done to the following class for the highest attendance:

Y6RR

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

The best punctuality this week was Y3JN with zero lates!

Well done to your children and their families!

Overall school attendance for last week was:

95.8%

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
F2AS	Mrs Atkinson and Miss Sweeney	9	93.7
F2WS	Mrs Wood and Mrs Stables	12	94.7
Y1AM	Miss Morris	3	98.0
Y1LF	Miss Franks	6	97.3
Y2DH	Mr Hawksworth	9	97.3
Y2NR	Miss Rodgers	9	96.3
Y3JN	Miss Ng		96.5
Y3MS	Miss Suleiman	1	96.9
Y4EB	Miss Brian	3	95.3
Y4IF	Miss Frost	7	92.9
Y5EH	Miss Huddleston	4	97.5
Y5OW	Miss Willis	9	95.3
Y6ED	Miss Drinkhill	2	90.0
Y6RR	Mrs Ralph	4	98.7



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MERIT WINNERS – well done to all of you!

Y1AM	Henos	For kindness to his peers; last week he made Miss Morris very proud when he said 'well done' to our Merit winners with a smile, happy for his friends!
	Amal	For impressing Miss Morris with her behaviour; she always makes good choices and is very polite to friends, adults and everyone around school. Amal has also impressed Miss Morris with her ideas and writing in RWI sessions!
Y1LF	Kendeal	For both being great in choosing time; they've got a great friendship and enjoyed using the laptops and phones to make appointments for other children!
	Tsion	
Y2DH	Antonella	For great perseverance and independence in Maths today!
	Yaried	For great effort and attitude in RWI this half term!
Y2NR	Mahder	For making positive choices in and outside of the classroom, and for making impressive corrections in her History and Science learning!
	Antoni	For really thinking about his vocabulary choices and being creative with his writing to produce fabulous sentences!
Y3JN	Anabel	For always thinking hard about the work she is producing, both content and visually!
	Betty	For a brilliant first half term in Year 3, always approaching everything with a smile on her face and showing lots of determination!
Y3MS	Isabelle	For amazing contribution and ideas when helping to plan the Celebration of the Word for our parents' open morning!
	Youal	For creating impressive compound sentences in Literacy, as well as always wanting to challenge himself and create more!
Y4EB	Nevin	For impressing Miss Brian with his amazing attitude and enthusiasm at Weston Park Museum!
	Levi	For his eagerness and real excitement for being at Weston Park Museum, Miss Lear was so impressed!
Y4IF	Afiyah	For being engaged and answering lots of questions on our Anglo Saxon day at Weston Park Museum!
	Leo	For listening well and following instructions on the trip, also showing his inquisitive side and sharing his findings with the adults!
Y5EH	Stan	For working really hard on their Science analyse this week, and showcasing their fantastic knowledge from our learning this half term!
	Bethel	
Y5OW	Miri	For great work in class and in RWI!
	Asaph	For being so positive in the classroom!
	Peniel	For making some good choices this week!



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Y6ED	Jairus	For having an enthusiastic attitude towards our COTW performance, and for contributing thoughtful reflections!
	Amelia	For ALWAYS being ready for learning; resilient, positive and enthusiastic!
Y6RR	Ebubechi	For putting in so much effort into all of her work and producing an incredible Big Write!
	Kayla	For absolutely fantastic joined up handwriting during her Big Write!



Wonders of the Week



Coby, Year 1

For playing with his friends on the field and having a great time!

Matsola, Year 2

For enjoying his lunchtime play with lots of his friends!

Fatima and Ruwaidah, Year 3

For making a brilliant seesaw on the KS1 yard!

Joshua, Year 4

For always having fun and playing lovely, and entertaining staff!

Dara, Year 5

For always being a good friend to all her classmates!

Deborah, Year 6

For reminding children to go to adults for help when needed!

**These winners have been nominated by their class
for living out the weekly missions – God bless you all**



Year 1	Giovanni, Eiden, Hazel, Sula, Maranatha, Chikamara
Year 2	Laura, Yohans, Enea, Robyn
Year 3	Yostina, Abbie, Fenan, Betty, Aaiza
Year 4	Isaac G, Mia, Esther, Aafiya, Shalom, Noah
Year 5	Adonay, Bethel
Year 6	Asrom, Efrata, Scarlett, Kevin, Kayla, Amelia



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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

November the Month of Remembrance

November is the month of remembrance where we remember those who have passed away. In school we will be having a service of remembrance in KS2, and our prayer space in KS2 will also change to a remembrance theme to reflect this.

This year the theme is 'The Empty Chair.' An empty chair will be placed in the KS2 prayer space and the children will have the opportunity to tie a purple ribbon to it to in remembrance of someone who has died if they wish to do so. In addition to this, there will also be an Empty Chair prayer space at the entrance of school in front of the office along with a book of remembrance. Please feel free to tie a purple ribbon to the empty chair in remembrance of a loved one and/or write their name in the book of remembrance. The book of remembrance and the empty chair will then be used in our remembrance service as a way of remembering all our loved ones that have passed away.





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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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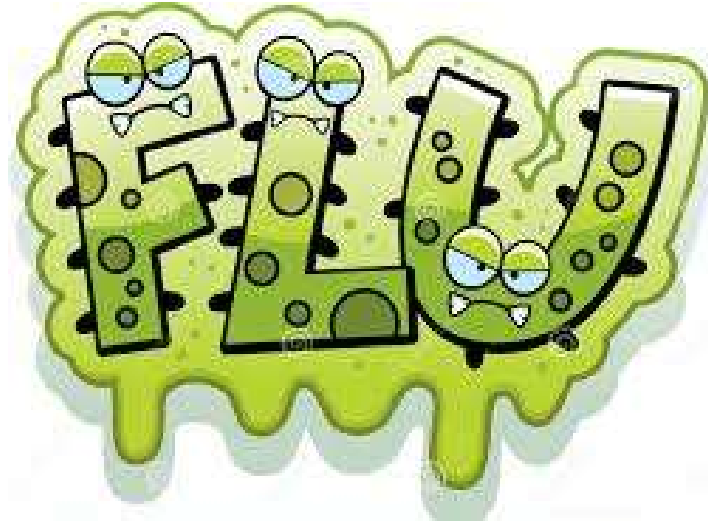
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If your child missed their flu vaccination, you can attend one of the community clinics:

25/Oct/2025	09:30/12:30	5	Concord Sports Centre S5 6AE
27/Oct/2025	09:30/15:00	5	Gleadless Scout S12 2LG
28/Oct/2025	09:30/15:00	5	Totley Methodist Church S17 4DJ
29/Oct/2025	09:30/15:30	5	St James Church: Norton S8 8JQ
30/Oct/2025	09:30/15:00	5	Leisure United Woodbourn Road S9 3HL
31/Oct/2025	09:30/15:00	5	The Burton Street Foundation S6 2HH
11/Nov/2025	16:00/18:00	5	All Saint Church Ecclesall S11 7PP
29/Nov/2025	09:30/12:30	5	Concord Sports Centre S5 6AE
09/Dec/2025	16:00/18:00	5	Hackenthorpe Community Centre S12 4JB
20/Dec/2025	09:30/12:30	5	Concord Sports Centre S5 6AE

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

For more dates and info, please visit the website:

<https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/school-nursing/school-age-immunisation-service/>



To find out more about flu, please visit the NHS website:

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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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