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CHARITY COLLECTION DAY

Friday 14th November



To celebrate our Charity Collection Day, on Friday,
all children in school and nursery can wear non-uniform!



We would be very grateful if you could please
donate £1 to one of the following charities:

Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity
to support the National Centre for Child Health Technology

CAFOD
to support those who face the injustice of poverty, conflict and the climate crisis

BBC Children in Need
to make life lighter for children



Please visit ParentPay to make your donation!



If you prefer to send cash, we will share it between the three charities, they are all worthy causes!

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Parent Workshop



Wednesday 12th November 2025

9:00am to 10:00am

**WHY IS PLAY SO
IMPORTANT?**

**For parents of children in
Year 3 to Year 6**

**Mrs Porter will be explaining more about the resources that
we use at playtimes and lunchtimes, and the impact!**

**If you are attending this workshop, where possible,
please try to arrange childcare for younger children so that they don't get restless!**

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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 10th November?

Parent Information | School Meals

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WEEK ONE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option	Red Tractor Pork Sausage Roll & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Beef Taco with Corn Tortilla, Tomato Sauce & Sunny Rice	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Stuffing & Mashed Potato	Wholemeal Tomato & Cheese Pizza & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Meal Option	Macaroni Cheese	Italian Quorn Meatballs served with Pasta ^{VG}	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Mash Potato	Vegetable Sausage in a Bun with Home-baked Potato Wedges ^{VG}	Vegetable Fingers & Chips with Ketchup ^{VG}
Vegetables	Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Mixed Salad or Broccoli	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, 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, Cheese, Salmon Mayo, or Beans
Dessert	Vanilla Shortbread ^{VG} & Chocolate Sauce	Flapjack with Fruit	Strawberry Jelly ^{VG}	Oaty Cookie with Fruit	Vanilla Ice Cream

Dates to Remember and Other Important Things!

New information is highlighted

Tuesday 11 th November 2025	F2AS Trip Local Walk	Children will visit Roe Woods to find signs of Autumn!
Tuesday 11 th November 2025		Today at after school club, children will have the opportunity to make a poppy tribute to mark Remembrance Day. To book a place on after school club, please visit 
Wednesday 12 th November 2025	F2WS Trip Local Walk	Children will visit Roe Woods to find signs of Autumn!
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.

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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	Charity Collection Day 	Today is non-uniform day! If you can spare it, please donate £1 ... you can use ParentPay, or send cash, see the poster on the front page for more details!
Friday 14 th November 2025		8:30 to 9:30am, enter by the main entrance at the school office! Card payments only please.
Wednesday 19 th 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.
Wednesday 19 th November 2025	School Photos	The photographers will be visiting school to take individual photos of all of our children. Details of how to order will be sent home with the children!
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 	Year 3 to Year 6 children will be walking to St Catherine's Church for Mass to celebrate the Feast Day of St Catherine of Alexandria, the patron of our school.



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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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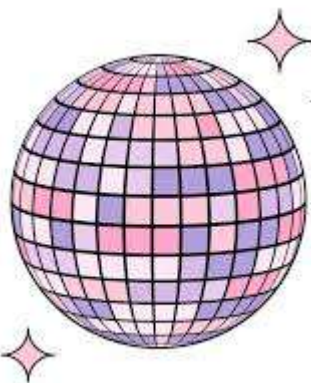
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Wednesday 10th December 2025	Year 3 to Year 6 Parent Workshop Maths	9:00 to 10:00am, please enter through the main entrance by the office. Miss Drinkhill will be explaining more about the Maths curriculum, and how to support your child!
Monday 15th 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	Reception classes Local Walk	Children will be walking to the post box, to post their letters to Father Christmas!
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 	Non-uniform day for Year 1 to Year 6. The disco starts straight after school and children need to be collected from their classroom door at 4:45pm. Children can wear their Christmas jumper if they have one, or party clothes – please make sure their shoes are suitable for the school day though! 10% of the takings will be donated to the Save the Children Christmas Jumper appeal. Please sign up on 
Friday 19th December 2025	Christmas Raffle	Save the date!

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Monday
22nd December 2025
to Friday
2nd January

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED

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, nuts,
chicken nuggets, yoghurt, sandwich

These are examples of what IS allowed:





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A Culture of Safeguarding at St Catherine's

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?



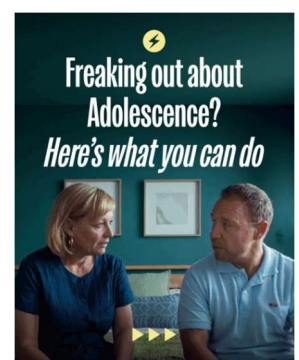
"But everyone else has one ..."

**SMARTPHONE
FREE CHILDHOOD**

This week, Mrs Redfern, Miss Drinkhill and Mrs Ralph held a parent workshop – thank you so much to those who were able to attend!

If you were not able to attend but you would like to access some of the information that was shared, please follow the link below.

Mrs Redfern, Miss Drinkhill and Mrs Ralph will hold another workshop in the new year, look out for the date!



<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org>

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Attendance and Punctuality

The highest attendance in school this week was 99.0%
Well done to the following classes for the highest attendance:

Y1AM and Y3JN

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

The best punctuality this week was Y6ED

Well done to your children and their families!

Overall school attendance for last week was:

95.6%

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
F2AS	Mrs Atkinson and Miss Sweeney	5	90.0
F2WS	Mrs Wood and Mrs Stables	4	94.7
Y1AM	Miss Morris	4	99.0
Y1LF	Miss Franks	2	94.0
Y2DH	Mr Hawksworth	4	96.3
Y2NR	Miss Rodgers	2	93.0
Y3JN	Miss Ng	2	99.0
Y3MS	Miss Suleiman	2	94.8
Y4EB	Miss Brian	5	96.9
Y4IF	Miss Frost	3	97.5
Y5EH	Miss Huddleston	6	97.8
Y5OW	Miss Willis	13	94.3
Y6ED	Miss Drinkhill	1	93.1
Y6RR	Mrs Ralph	3	98.1



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MERIT WINNERS – well done to all of you!

Y1AM	Nina	For settling into our school so well, she has made lots of friends by showing how kind and caring she is. She has also shared some amazing ideas and answers with the class when we have been talking about the seasons!
	James	For always following instructions first time every time, and for listening to all of the grownups in school. He always listens to his friends and peers during partner talk and has really impressed Miss Morris with his Maths this week!
Y1LF	Zakariyah	For being lovely members of Y1LF, they were so grateful to Mrs Gregory when she helped them make potions outside!
	Kore	
Y2DH	Sara	For excellent mathematical reasoning in Maths today!
	Leeha	For neat handwriting this week in all lessons!
Y2NR	Nahum	For being an all round superstar and being engaged with his learning, completing his tasks independently!
	Grace	For showing excitement to her learning, participating in all discussions, and for being a kind and patient learning partner!
Y3JN	Evlyn-Rose	For always giving 100% to all of her learning, and impressing adults who work with her!
	Ahadu	For a lovely information piece on Hadrian's Wall – the presentation was beautiful and the information fantastic!
Y3MS	Sufna	For being a great model when doing partner work, she always thinks of great ideas and also makes sure that she's listening and adding to her partners thoughts as well!
	Siren	For great improvement in her handwriting, she's taking so much more pride in how her work is presented in efficient time!
Y4EB	Aris	For his amazing attitude to everything, he is always sat smartly, and enthusiastic to learn!
	Shalom	For always having a smile on her face, her positive attitude to life is wonderful to see!
Y4IF	Aiyla	For fabulous improvement in times tables, really working hard and concentrating!
	Muhammad Zain	For great leadership skills during a freeze frame task, which resulted in a really good freeze frame outcome that showed thinking outside the box!
Y5EH	Esa	For being focused and working really hard in all his work this week, showing real determination to complete tasks to the best of his ability!
	Dawit	For showing a more positive and enthusiastic attitude to learning, for trying his best to make the right choices, and for showing pride in his work!
Y5OW	Hassan	For being a good friend to others, working very hard in Maths and always trying his best!
	Hannah	For always supporting her peers in their learning, asking for support when needed and working hard on her double page spread!

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Y6ED	Ellie	For always displaying a mature attitude to her learning and being a role model to others!
	Zephan	For trying his best every day, and for being so enthusiastic!
Y6RR	Raheema	For working fantastically well during her arithmetic test this week!
	Jacob	For brilliant contributions and knowledge during our project lessons!



Wonders of the Week



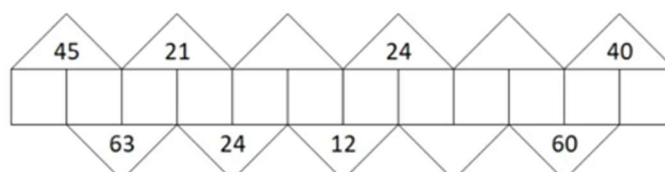
Balkisu and Adonay, Y5EH

For clearing the leaves and making an eco home for the wildlife!

Yard Winners: Year 6

Miss Drinkhill is thinking ...

Write a different number from 1 to 12
in each of the boxes below so that the
numbers in each triangle are a product
of the adjacent boxes. Then find the
missing products.





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Prayer of the Month - November

Glory be to the Father

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



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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Key Stage 1 Maths Challenge – November 2025

Jack's Beanstalk

Jack climbed the beanstalk.
He always went upwards.



He first did it like this: left, right, left, right.

Find five other ways that Jack can climb the beanstalk.



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Key Stage 2 Maths Challenge – November 2025

Anna's Coins

Anna put some 10p coins on the table.
One half of them were tails up.



Anna turned over two of the coins, and then
one third of them were tails up.

How many coins did Anna put on the table?



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Monthly Science Fun!

Check out November's experiment:

Grow a Rainbow!

You will need:

- Kitchen roll
- Felt-tip pens
- Two small bowls of water
- A paperclip
- Thread



To see a rainbow, you need to be standing so the sun is behind you, and the water in front of you.



- Step 1: Cut the kitchen roll into the shape of a rainbow.
- Step 2: At each end, use the felt-tip pens to colour a rainbow about 2cm up from the bottom.
- Step 3: Attach the paperclip to the top of the rainbow and tie a piece of thread to it. This will allow you to hold the rainbow.
- Step 4: Add water to the two bowls.
- Step 5: Hold the rainbow with both ends slightly submerged into each bowl of water and watch your rainbow grow!



A rainbow can be a full circle of light. Because you're normally standing on the ground when you look at one, you only see half of it. However, if you were in an aeroplane you would see more of the circle.

You will need a scientific process called the capillary action. This action happens when a liquid moves up through a hollow tube or into a spongy, solid material. It happens when three forces work together: cohesion, adhesion and surface tension. Water molecules like to stick to each other - this is called cohesion. They also like to stick to solids in a process called adhesion. In this experiment, you are going to use kitchen roll. The fibres in kitchen roll have lots of little holes. Water is absorbed through the kitchen roll because when the first water molecule adheres to it and begins to move upward, it pulls the next water molecule up with it, like a chain.

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

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Pitsmoor

MIDWINTER WINDOWS

Advent window trail

1st - 24th December

Would you like to create a window for display for the annual advent window trail in Pitsmoor?

Each night, a new decorated window will be on display, creating a giant living advent calendar in the local area.

If you live locally to St Catherine's, and would like to take part, please scan the QR code or visit the website below to complete the short sign up form.

<https://www.tinyurl.com/midwinterwindowssignup>





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INCLUSIVE TRAIL CYCLING AT PARKWOOD SPRINGS

Cycling in nature on e-assist trikes for Disabled people and those with long-term health conditions.

Monday & Tuesday

10.30 - 12.30pm / 1.30pm - 3.30pm

To book or for more information , contact Tom
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