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What week is it for school dinners on Monday 1st December?

Parent Information | School Meals

Please see the Packed Lunch Policy on the school website

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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

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Sunday
30th November 2025



Start of Advent



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Monday 1st December 2025	Mass in School	Father Albert will be joining children from Year 3 to Year 6, in school, to celebrate the start of Advent. He will also be hearing from those children who have signed up to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Monday 1st December 2025	Raffle Tickets on sale from today 	20p each, available from the office! Tickets will also be on sale in Breakfast Club.
Tuesday 2nd December 2025	Nursery Sheffield Family Hub Play Session	Nursery parents are welcome to join us for a play session from 8:30 to 9:30am!
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 
Thursday 4th December 2025	Year 3 to Year 6 Cricket	Cricket will be at After School Club today, please sign up 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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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!
Wednesday 10th December 2025	F2AS Nativity 	Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the Nativity starts at 2:30pm, please enter by the school office. Sorry but we are not able to admit latecomers as this will distract the children.
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 December 2025	Y4IF Local Walk	Y4IF will be going to Loxley Court Nursing Home to sing Christmas Carols for the residents!
Tuesday 16th December 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	
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Christmas Dinner!	Look out for the menu! On this day, there will be two dinner options (RED or GREEN), no jacket potatoes or sandwiches!

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Wednesday 17th December 2025	F2WS Nativity 	Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the Nativity starts at 2:30pm, please enter by the school office. Sorry but we are not able to admit latecomers as this will distract the children.
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 	<p>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!</p> <p>10% of the takings will be donated to the Save the Children Christmas Jumper appeal. Please sign up on</p> 
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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A Culture of Safeguarding at St Catherine's

In November, there have been **307** occasions where children have arrived late for school through the school office.

We understand that sometimes there are unavoidable incidents which result in late arrival to school BUT

It is really important for children to be in school on time, so that:

- they can be welcomed by staff
- they can connect socially with their peers
- they can settle in to a morning routine
- they are ready for learning

Coming in to school late, when learning has started and the rest of the class are settled, can cause children worry and anxiety.

Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time between 8.30 and 8.45am.



Gates open at 8:30am and learning starts



**School register is closed at 8:45am
Morning Nursery starts at 8:45am
Gates close at 8:45am**

IF IN A SCHOOL YEAR YOUR CHILD IS LATE EVERYDAY...	YOUR CHILD WOULD HAVE LOST APPROXIMATELY...	OR THEY WOULD HAVE MISSED APPROXIMATELY...
5 minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost

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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 Y1LF, Y6ED and

(for the third week running!) **Y3JN**

Well done to your children and their families!

Overall school attendance for last week was:

90.5%

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
F2AS	Mrs Atkinson and Miss Sweeney	8	75.9
F2WS	Mrs Wood and Mrs Stables	4	88.7
Y1AM	Miss Morris	5	82.0
Y1LF	Miss Franks	2	90.3
Y2DH	Mr Hawksworth	4	98.3
Y2NR	Miss Rodgers	5	95.3
Y3JN	Miss Ng	2	96.1
Y3MS	Miss Suleiman	3	95.9
Y4EB	Miss Brian	5	83.8
Y4IF	Miss Frost	5	86.1
Y5EH	Miss Huddleston	9	88.8
Y5OW	Miss Willis	11	94.6
Y6ED	Miss Drinkhill	2	92.4
Y6RR	Mrs Ralph	5	98.7



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MERIT WINNERS – well done to all of you!

Y1AM	Helen	For always being so kind and listening to all adults the first time!
	Edom	For being really focused in the creative area, and for helping his friends to make good choices!
Y1LF	Lorelle	For great answers during class participation in our History lesson, and great knowledge of music, improvising and finding the beat with dance moves!
	Sula	For always being helpful and on hand for any of her friends who need support in the creative area, handing them scissors, finding the end of the Sellotape!
Y2DH	 <p>To all of the children in Year 2, for being so excited and well behaved on the trip to Kelham Island Museum, Mr Hawksworth and Miss Rodgers had a wonderful time with you all!</p>	
Y2NR		
Y3JN	Benjamin	For really impressing Miss Ng with his brilliant retention of learning in both Literacy and Science!
	Alazar	For beautiful singing during Mass in Church this week, he made lots of people smile with his enthusiasm!
Y3MS	Matei	For working so hard to improve their attitude to learning. They are making great decisions, distancing themselves from distractions, and pushing themselves to complete more challenges in Literacy and Maths; Miss Suleiman is very impressed!
	Alicia	
Y4EB	Aafiya	For being very helpful and always pushing herself to do more!
	Mikias	For being a good role model and always completing his work without fuss!
Y4IF	Lena	For great focus and working hard in all subjects!
	Adom	For trying to think of new ways to present her work!
Y5EH	Selihom	For always contributing wonderfully to class discussions, sharing her ideas and answering questions (and asking them!)!
	Rufael	For amazing energy and enthusiasm in Cricket this week, showing fabulous batting, throwing and catching skills, always with a huge smile!
Y5OW	Rocco	For perseverance in Maths, and for helping clean up the classroom every day, thank you!
	Isabelle	For being a friendly helper to all, thank you!



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Y6ED	Ameer	For always trying his best with learning, and for wonderful presentation in his Project book!
	Jonathan	For a fantastic start to his new Big Write, ensuring he uses a range of punctuation and vocabulary!
Y6RR	Yadel	For being absolutely incredible on the Year 6 trip to the Holocaust Memorial Centre. They were both so enthusiastic, respectful and engaged, and made Mrs Ralph feel very proud!
	Nathan	



Wonders of the Week



Trey, Y6RR

For being a great member of the
Year 6 team on the MUGA, and playing fairly!

Tyler, Y5OW

For being a great all round friend to everyone in his class!

Zayn and Elorm, Year 3

For always playing fairly and being a good friend!

Yard Winners: Year 3



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Congratulations to our wonderful Children's University Award Winners!



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Advent

Sunday 30th November 2025 marks the beginning of Advent and the start of a new liturgical year in the church calendar.

What is advent?

Advent means 'coming'. It is a four-week season dedicated to preparing for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas time and the return of Christ at the second coming. Each week of advent focuses on a different theme—hope, peace, joy and love. In school our Y4 and Y6 classes will be helping us to prepare during this season with their wonderful advent assemblies, details of which are on the school newsletter. In classrooms and shared prayer spaces our altar cloths will change to purple, a colour that signifies repentance. Each class has their own advent wreath and will gather around it daily to think and reflect upon the advent season. We wish you and your families a peaceful and prayerful Advent season.

Prayer of the Month - December

Act of Contrition

O my God,
because you are so good,
I am very sorry that I have sinned
against you,
and with the help of your grace
I will not sin again.





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Mini Vinnies Reverse Advent Calendar 2025



This year during the season of advent the Mini Vinnies chaplaincy team have decided that they would like to run a reverse advent calendar again. Instead of receiving things during the season of advent we would kindly request that our school community bring in items that we can then in turn donate to Burngreave food bank. Burngreave foodbank do fabulous work to help local people in our area. A link to their website can be found here:

<https://burngreave.foodbank.org.uk/>

We would be extremely grateful if you could bring in any of the items in the list below. You do not need to bring in something every day. Just one item would be an amazing help. Your child can place the item around the prayer area in their class.

We also understand that it is a time of financial worry for us all, so if you feel it more appropriate, you may prefer to make a festive bookmark, Christmas craft item or a card for your collection box instead of buying something.

We will start receiving donations into classrooms from Monday 1st December

Yes
Tinned beans
Tinned fruit
Tinned Veg
Tinned tomatoes
Tinned soup
Rice
Cereal
Biscuits
Tinned fish
Cartons of fruit juice
UHT long life milk
Instant mash
Pasta sauce
Cooking oil
Shower gel
Shampoo
Deodorant
Nappies size 5&6
Small jar of instant coffee



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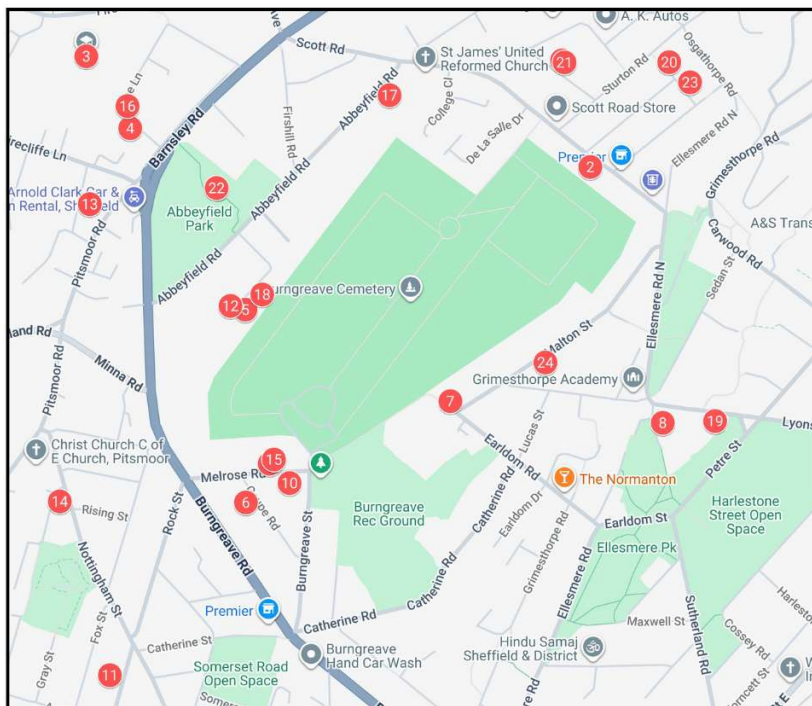
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Pitsmoor MIDWINTER WINDOWS



1st - 24th December 2025

Throughout Advent 2025, homes across Pitsmoor will create festive window displays to bring light to the dark nights.

Find each day's windows by going to the number marked on the map.

**Each window will also be shown at
www.pitsmoormidwinterwindows.co.uk**

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| 1 - 26 Skipton Road | 13 - 9 Shirley Road |
| 2 - 130 Scott Road | 14 - 241 Nottingham Street |
| 3 - St Catherine's Catholic Primary School, Firshill Cres | 15 - 57 Melrose Road |
| 4 - 21 Roe Lane | 16 - 32 Roe Lane |
| 5 - 45 Holtwood Road | 17 - 176 Abbeyfield Road |
| 6 - 39 Coupe Road | 18 - 31 Holtwood Road |
| 7 - 85 Malton Street | 19 - 18 Lyons Street |
| 8 - St Peters Ellesmere, 6 Lyons Close | 20 - 2 Cawston Road |
| 9 - 53 Melrose Road | 21 - 24 Skipton Road |
| 10 - 28 Melrose Road | 22 - Abbeyfield House, Abbeyfield Park |
| 11 - 157 Rock Street | 23 - 21 Cawston Road |
| 12 - 34 Holtwood Road | 24 - 28 Malton Street |

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FREE PARENTING CLINIC



PARENT WELLBEING

When you're Talked out and Touched Out

By the time December rolls in, most parents are running on the emotional equivalent of the last Quality Street in the tin. Everyone needs something from you, all the time: a cuddle, a chat, a lift, a decision, a snack, a miracle... and meanwhile your own tank is clanging on empty.

This clinic is your pause button.

- A breather.
- A space to reset before the festive chaos sweeps you up like a rogue tinsel tornado.

Join Anisa (Parenting Coach) for her monthly Free Parenting Clinic. This online session is all about parent wellbeing, protecting your bandwidth, and finding small but powerful ways to fill your own cup again.

**Monday 8th December
at 12.00pm**

Online via Zoom

The session will be recorded and shared with all who register.

ARE YOU:

- Running on empty?
- Do you find yourself craving just five minutes of quiet because everyone wants your attention, your energy, your last nerve?
- Is being "talked out and touched out" leaving you snappy, overwhelmed, or simply worn thin?

Then this free 30-minute online clinic is for you.

Booking:

<https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic>
OR hello@anisalewis.com

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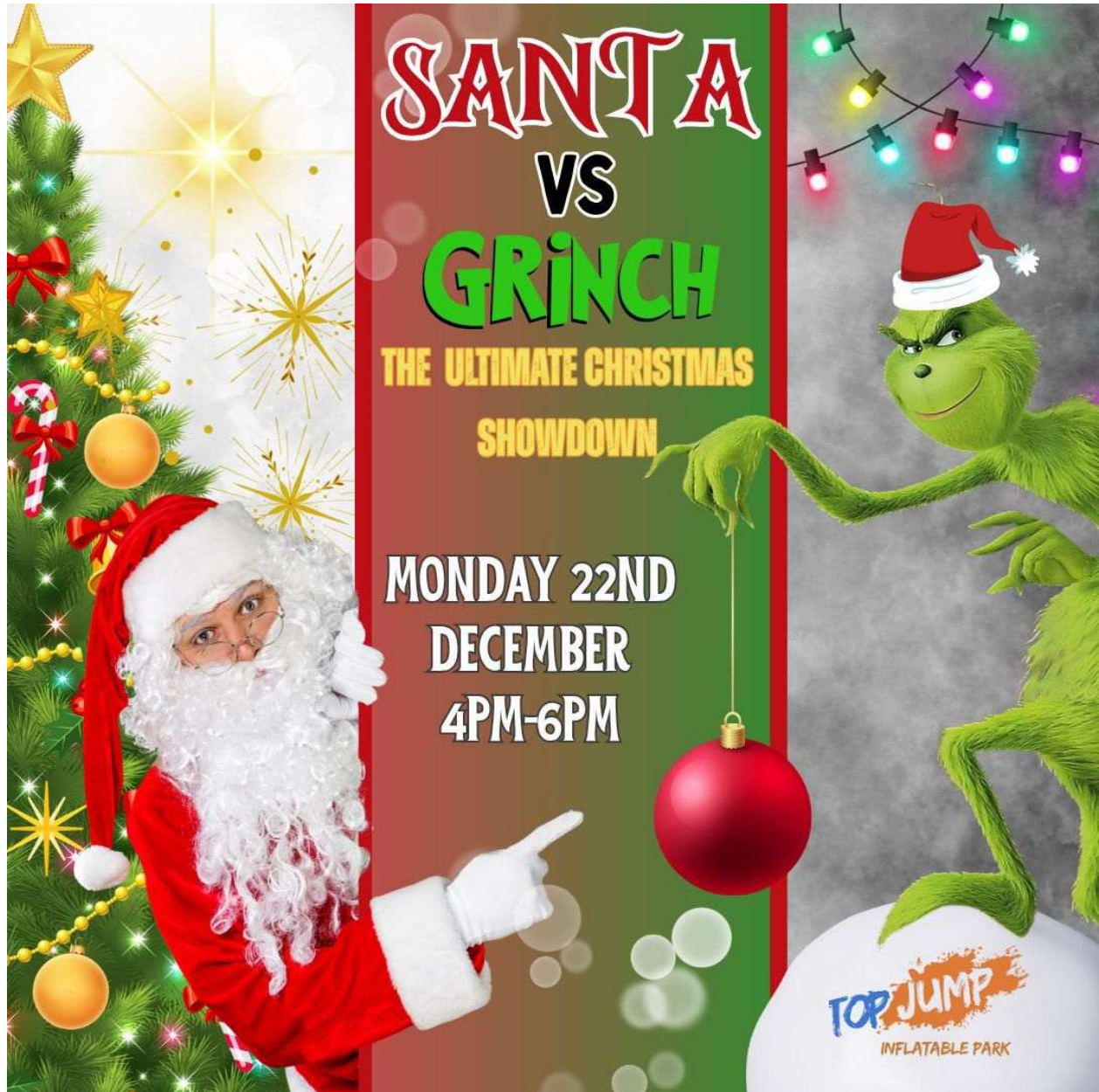
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