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Issue 20 6th February 2026

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School, S4 7BX

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What week is it for school dinners on Monday 9th February?

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

FASTING, SNACKS, MILK AND WATER

Children can only bring PLAIN WATER in their drinks bottle! Please don't send milk, 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. **If you would like your child to have milk at school, please sign up on ParentPay before the start of each half term – it's on there now for after the holidays!**

Just another reminder for children in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6) – you can bring a snack from home to have at morning break, but this can only be FRUIT.

Children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 (Reception to Year 2) do not need a snack at school, they have fruit at morning break!

We don't encourage children to fast during the school day, but we support those who choose to. Children who are fasting for religious observance need to bring a drink and a small packed lunch to school in case they need to break their fast. If a child is fasting for the first time in school, a parent must email school to let us know so that we can record that they have the support of their parent.

Thanks for your support!



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Prayer of the Month – February – The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty
Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(*at the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.*)
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.

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Ten Ten Resources Parent Newsletter

<https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/uasAxf9ThVdIC/>



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

Year 1	Petros, Helen
Year 2	Saad, Rome, Aiden, Eyosyas
Year 3	Tina, Abbie, Stefania, Johan, Sireen
Year 4	Halima, Erin
Year 5	Peniel, Elim
Year 6	Lawi, Leslie





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Dates to Remember and Other Important Things!

New information is highlighted

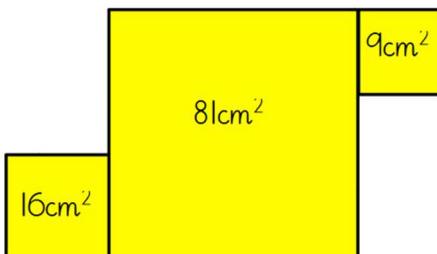
Monday 9 th February 2026	Year 4 meeting for parents of children going on the Cliffe House Residential	3:30 to 4:00pm, please enter by the school office, bring children with you!
Wednesday 11 th February 2026	Year 3 Swimming starts, every Wednesday until 8 th July	Please sign up on  ParentPay Y3MS will go first, Y3JN will be second and so Miss Ng's class will return to school a little bit later – about 3:25pm. Children will need swimwear and a towel is a waterproof bag (no baggy shorts, bikinis or carrier bags please!)
Wednesday 11 th February 2026	NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	Due to whole school training, there will be no after school club today!
Friday 13 th February 2026	Y2NR Swimming starts, last lesson will be Friday 13 th March	Please sign up on  ParentPay Children will need swimwear and a towel is a waterproof bag (no baggy shorts, bikinis or carrier bags please!)
16 th to 20 th February 2026	Half term holiday, school is closed	
17 th / 18 th February 2026	Lent and Ramadan are expected to start. Children who choose to fast during the school day need to bring a drink and a snack, in case they need to break their fast.	
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Training day, school is closed to pupils	

Miss Drinkhill is thinking ...

The shape below is made up of 3 squares.

A piece of wire is used to create the outside of the shape.

What length of wire is needed?





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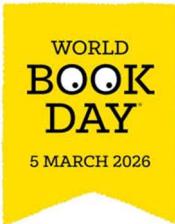
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<p>9:00am on Tuesday 24th February 2026</p>	<p>Last chance to sign up for milk for Spring 2 half term 24th February to 2nd April</p> <p>We will automatically order milk for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children who are under-5. • Children who are entitled to income-based free school meals, if you have already told us that they want milk at playtime. <p>You need to email school (enquiries@stcatherines.academy) if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child is over the age of 5 and they are eligible for income-based free school meals, and they want milk at playtime. <p>For milk for all other children, please sign up on ParentPay before 9:00am!</p> <p> ParentPay</p>
<p>Monday 2nd March 2026</p>	<p>Mass in School</p> <p>Father Albert will say Mass in school to mark the start of Lent</p>
<p>Thursday 5th March 2026</p>	<p></p> <p>Look out for more information on next week's newsletter!</p>
<p>Friday 6th March 2026</p>	<p></p> <p>3:00pm to 4:30pm Enter by the school office</p>
<p>Wednesday 11th March 2026</p>	<p></p> <p>3:00pm to 4:30pm Enter by the school office</p>
<p>Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th March</p>	<p>Year 4 Residential to Cliffe House</p> <p>If you have booked a place, please make final payment on</p> <p> ParentPay</p>
<p>Tuesday 17th March 2026</p>	<p>F2 Hearing Retests</p> <p>Nurses will be in school to catch those children in Reception who need to be seen again, or who missed it!</p>
<p>Friday 20th March 2026</p>	<p>Y2DH Swimming starts, last lesson will be Friday 1st May</p> <p>Please sign up on</p> <p> ParentPay</p> <p>Children will need swimwear and a towel is a waterproof bag (no baggy shorts, bikinis or carrier bags please!)</p>



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Wednesday 25 th March 2026	F2 Vision Screening	Nurses will be in school to see the Reception children!
Monday 30 th March 2026	Lent Celebration of the Word Y3MS “Palm Sunday” 	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).
Tuesday 31 st March 2026	Lent Celebration of the Word Y3JN “The Last Supper” 	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).
Tuesday 31 st March 2026	Year 3 Parent Meeting Residential Trip “Whirlow Farm”	3:15 to 4:00pm, please enter by the school office. Look out for more information nearer the time, this meeting is for parents of those children who have booked a place on the residential trip!
Wednesday 1 st April 2026	Lent Celebration of the Word Y5EH “The Garden of Gethsemane” 	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 2 nd April 2026	Lent Celebration of the Word Y5OW “The Stations of the Cross” 	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).
Friday 17 th April 2026	Closing date for Nursery applications for September 2026	



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Scabies

Itchy rash caused by mites laying eggs in the skin.

Spreads through skin contact, treat quickly to stop spreading.



A pharmacist can help with scabies but, see a GP if;

- your child is under two
- you suspect an infection
- you have a crusted, flaky rash on your elbows, knees, hands or feet
- your skin is still itching after four weeks

Do

- wash bedding and clothing at 60C or higher
- put clothes that can't be washed in a sealed bag

Don't

- have sex or physical contact
- share bedding, clothing or towels

Anyone can get scabies.

It has nothing to do with poor hygiene.

Source: NHS

BBC

Stewardship: Caring for Our Community

We teach our children to be stewards of the earth ... to care for the gifts of God's creation ... as parents and school staff, we work together to teach our children ... this week, our challenge is to

**PARK SAFELY AND CAREFULLY,
WITH RESPECT FOR OTHER ROAD USERS,
AND WITH CARE AND KINDNESS
TO RESIDENTS AND PEDESTRIANS**



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A Culture of Safeguarding at St Catherine's Allergies in children - information for parents

Parents often face a lot of uncertainty when navigating childhood allergies, but understanding the basics—what allergies are, how reactions happen, and how to support your child—can make daily life much easier. The most common allergies in children include food allergies, eczema, asthma, and hay fever, and around 40% of children in the UK are diagnosed with at least one allergy.

What Allergies Are

- Allergies occur when a child's immune system overreacts to harmless substances (allergens).
- Common allergens include foods, dust, pollen, pet dander, and medications.
- The immune system produces IgE antibodies, which trigger symptoms ranging from mild (itching, sneezing) to severe (anaphylaxis).

Common Childhood Allergies

Food Allergies

- Frequent triggers: milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, wheat, soy.
- Babies with cow's milk allergy who aren't breastfed may need special formula, which should be discussed with a GP.
- When introducing solids (around 6 months), offer potential allergens one at a time in tiny amounts to spot reactions early.

St Catherine's and Allergies

School Allergy Procedure for Parents

1. GP Assessment: If you suspect your child has an allergy, please arrange an appointment with your GP. If needed, the GP will refer your child to an allergy clinic for appropriate testing.
2. Provide Medical Evidence to School: Once an allergy has been formally diagnosed, please bring written confirmation to the school office. We will forward this information to Taylor Shaw, our school meal provider.
3. Special Diet Menu: After receiving confirmation, Taylor Shaw will prepare a special diet menu. You will be able to select your child's school meals from this menu.
4. Care Plan Meeting: You will then be invited to meet with Mrs Puchalka or Mrs Rowberry to create an individual care plan for your child.
5. Medication in School: Please provide any required medication to the school office and sign it in. This ensures staff can administer the correct treatment if your child ever needs it.

*If you suspect a food allergy but have not got it confirmed, then we will have to insist you bring your child a packed lunch until you have a diagnosis from the Doctor. This is to keep all children 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:

Y2NR

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:

95.1%

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
F2AS	Mrs Atkinson and Miss Sweeney	11	87.0
F2WS	Mrs Wood and Mrs Stables	10	91.3
Y1AM	Miss Morris	3	93.0
Y1LF	Miss Franks	3	93.3
Y2DH	Mr Hawksworth	2	97.7
Y2NR	Miss Rodgers	5	98.7
Y3JN	Miss Ng	0	98.0
Y3MS	Miss Suleiman	2	96.0
Y4EB	Miss Brian	4	96.3
Y4IF	Miss Frost	9	90.0
Y5EH	Miss Huddleston	6	97.8
Y5OW	Miss Willis	9	94.9
Y6ED	Miss Drinkhill	2	98.3
Y6RR	Mrs Ralph	3	98.1



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MERIT WINNERS – well done to all of you!

Y1AM	Henos	For putting 100% effort into every learning task this week. He has listened to instructions, made good choices, and it's shown in his learning!
	Evelyn	For really impressing Miss Morris this week, putting her hand up to share her amazing ideas with the class and making lots of good choices, she was amazing at woodwork and persisted even when it was a little tricky!
Y1LF	Joshua B	For amazing effort in RWI, Miss Franks has seen so much progress over the past few weeks and is blown away!
	Zac	For impressing Miss Franks with his Geography skills and knowing all about the Peak District!
Y2DH	Nathanael	For impressing Mr Hawksworth with his adding two digit numbers in Maths this week!
	Joseph	For an amazing first draft in Literacy with great handwriting!
Y2NR	Matsola	For working incredibly hard in RWI and reading, showing resilience when consistently practising with adults and peers, to reach his goal of moving into Reciprocal Reading!
	Naomi	For putting so much effort and thought into her writing, thinking carefully about her vocabulary choices and her sentence structure, producing a lovely piece of writing!
Y3JN	Tinaye	For amazing improvement in handwriting from September to now, the presentation of her work is always BEAUTIFUL!
	Lotachi	For being an all round superstar and bringing a smile to everyone's face!
Y3MS	Aaiza	For impressive recall in Geography and RE, they were linking back to previous learning as well as extending their understanding by drawing links between new learning and prior learning!
	Abigail	
Y4EB	Mia	For always working hard in all of her lessons, and taking so much care and pride with her work!
	Pasha	For doing amazing work in RWI, and for always bringing joy and humour to Miss Brian's day!
Y4IF	Mizan	For working hard in Maths practice sessions, applying her knowledge in a variety of ways!
	Zoya	For applying herself in every lesson, recognising where she needs help and wants to improve!
Y5EH	Tamera	For focusing more on her independent tasks, following instructions first time, and meeting expectations!
	Lodou	For trying to push himself more in his learning and try his best in his written work, and for continually being curious and asking lots of questions!
Y5OW		



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Y6ED	Freya	For working incredibly hard throughout assessment week, demonstrating resilience and determination each day!
	Kevin	For always making the right choices in the classroom, and for being a role model to other children!
Y6RR	Poppy	For a fantastic attitude towards her Maths assessments and impressing all the Year 6 staff with her progress and dedication to her learning!
	Khizr	For a fantastic scripture suggestion during this week's Celebration of the Word!

Wonders of the Week

Well done to all of you!



Aafiya and Lillian, Y4EB

For playing fairly and having independent ideas!

Balkisu, Dara and Irene, Y5EH

For always doing the right thing, even when it's difficult!

Elif and Raheema

For a perfect game of chess!

Jairus, Dagi, Ebba and Asrom, Y6ED

For consistently making good choices at lunchtime!

Yard Winners Year 6



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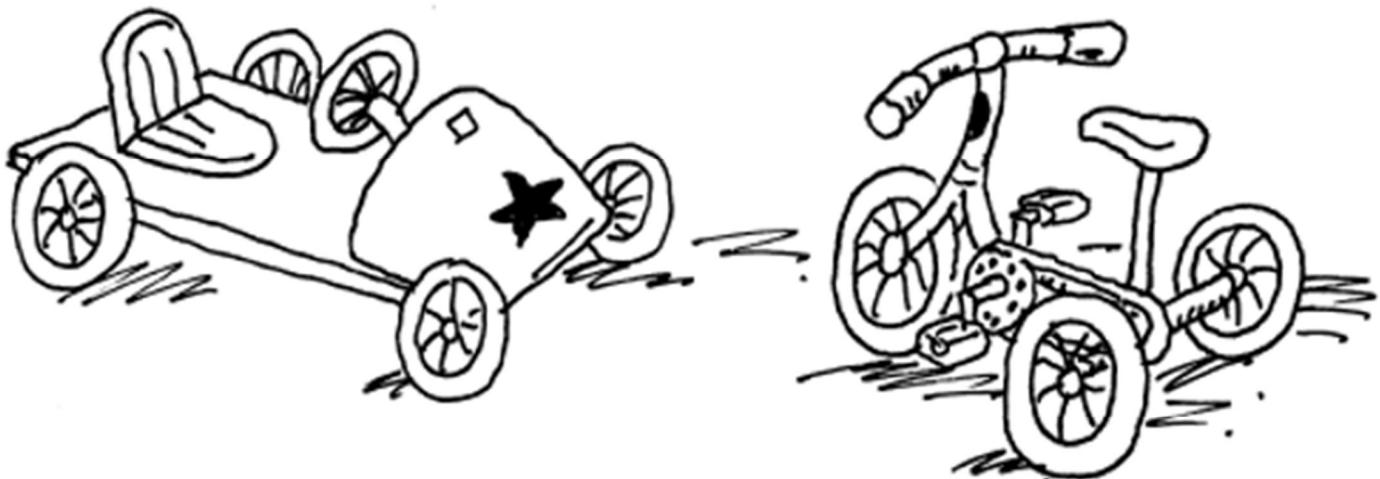
Key Stage 1 Maths Challenge – February 2026

Tricycles and Go Karts

The toy shop stocks tricycles and go-carts.

The tricycles have 3 wheels.

The go-carts have 5 wheels.



Suna counted the wheels.

He counted 37 altogether.

How many tricycles are there?

How many go-carts?



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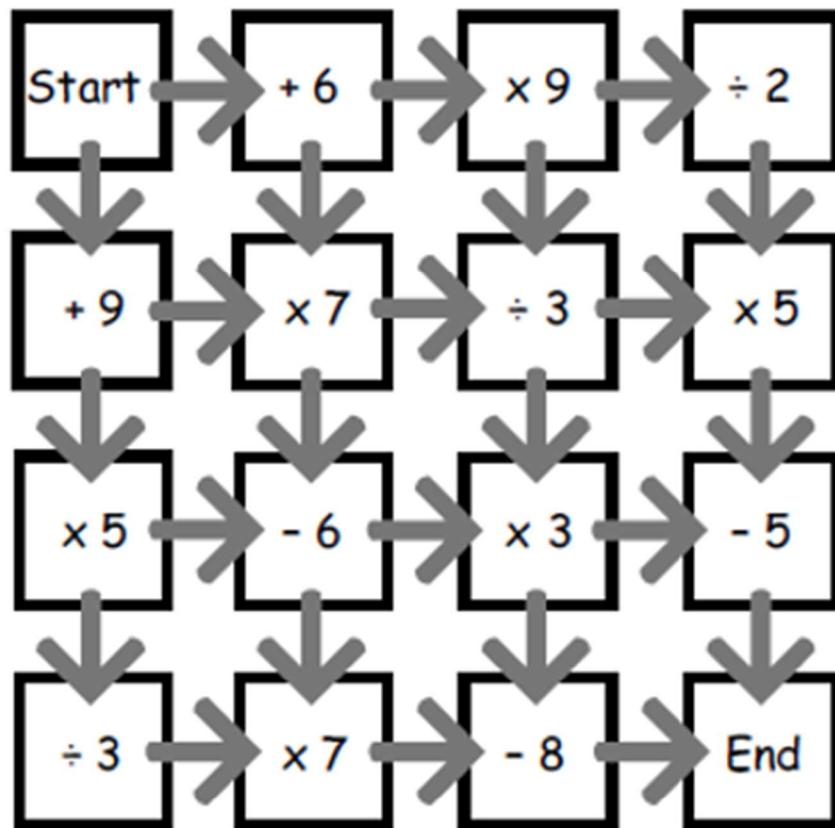
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Key Stage 2 Maths Challenge – February 2026

The Great Maze

Start with zero.

Find a route from 'Start' to 'End' that totals 100 exactly.



Which route has the highest total?

Which has the lowest total?



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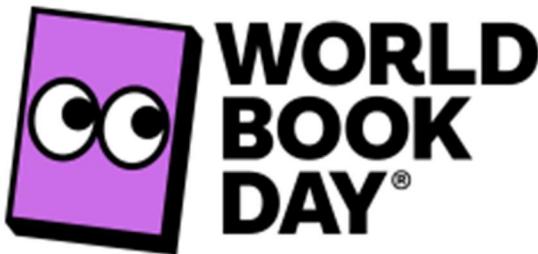


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We will celebrate World Book Day in school on

Thursday 5th March

This year's theme is **Go All In** and read about things that you like to do for fun and things you are interested in!

We would like to know what you like to do for fun and what you are interested in, so we can help you find books you will love!

On the 5th March staff and children can **dress up to show us**:

- **something you like to do for fun. This might be a favourite hobby (e.g. dancing, baking or gardening)**
- **or something that you are interested in. This might be a special interest (e.g. dinosaurs or aeroplanes)**



I like gardening!



I like dancing!



I like baking!



I am interested in dinosaurs!

**SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR**

We will also be running a **scholastic book fair** to celebrate WBD!

Friday 6th March 3:15-4:30pm

Wed 11th March 3:15-4:30pm

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Your child will receive their £1 book token from school soon! Children can use their token to buy a £1 World Book Day book, or they can use it towards a full price book.



Here are this year's £1 books!
Follow this link to explore the books, authors and illustrators!

[Books Archive - World Book Day](#)



We would like to encourage you to celebrate World Book Day at home too! Head to the [families](#) page for ideas here [Bring Joy to Reading at Home with World Book Day - World Book Day](#)



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February Half Term Kids Activity ••• Pack •••

Packed full of family
friendly fun activities
and challenges for
everyone!



Trans Pennine Trail



www.transpenninetrail.org.uk

<https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/childrens-page/tpt-activity-packs/>

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Have your say on Neurodiverse Friendly Libraries

GO
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IN.

National
Year of
Reading
2026



Sheffield Libraries have funding to make our spaces more welcoming for neurodiverse families.

Fill in our survey to tell us what matters to you. Your feedback will help shape these improvements!



<https://haveoursay.sheffield.gov.uk/have-your-say-on-neurodiverse-libraries>

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- Learn new skills
- Improve fitness and agility
- Build confidence
- Make new friends

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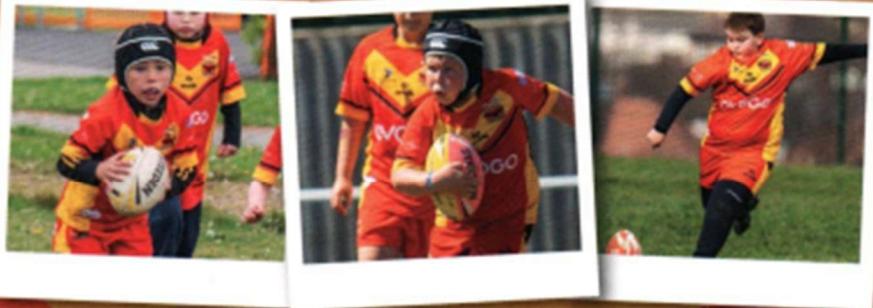
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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?
We'd love to hear from you!

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026



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Need ideas for family activities during the school holidays?
We've got you covered with our bumper edition....

SOUTH YORKSHIRE CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY ACTIVITY NEWSLETTER!

[Download it here:](https://bit.ly/SYCUActivityNewsletterFeb2026)
<https://bit.ly/SYCUActivityNewsletterFeb2026>

Earn CU Awards for doing the things you **love** right across South Yorkshire



The Sheffield College Holiday Club runs at our Hillsborough Campus from 9:00am to 4:00pm
Tuesday 17th to Thursday 19th of Feb.
It is open for drop-offs from no earlier than 8:45am
and collections at 4:00pm each day.
The camp is a multi-sport camp which aims to get kids active and involved, whatever their abilities.

It is aimed at Children aged 8 to 14 although all children from Year 3 and above are welcome.

The activities are led by our Foundation Degree Sports Coaching students under the guidance of our own experience sports coaches. Past activities include handball, basketball, ultimate frisbee, football, badminton, and many more.

To book, please go to [Tickets for Multi-sport Holiday Club](#). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Gracie Ecob at tscsports@sheffcol.ac.uk.



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SHEFFIELD GIANTS ACADEMY

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

JOIN THE GIANTS

**Full contact and flag
american football in
Sheffield.**

**First sessions are free -
just bring a gum shield and
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// SAT 7 FEB
// SAT 14 FEB
// SAT 21 FEB
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AGES 7-17**

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FEBRUARY FREE PARENTING CLINIC

RAISING RESILIENT KIDS: BUILDING
REAL CONFIDENCE

PARENTING CLINIC

RAISING RESILIENT KIDS

23 FEB

12.00 TO 12.30PM

HOSTED ON ZOOM

Come live or catch the replay

In this month's Free Parenting Clinic, we'll explore:

- The real difference between confidence and self-esteem (spoiler: they're not the same)
- Why "praise more" doesn't always build resilient kids
- How confidence is quietly shaped at home, every single day
- Practical, realistic ways to support your child to bounce back, believe in themselves, and try again

This isn't about raising loud, fearless children. It's about raising kids who trust themselves, cope with setbacks, and keep going when things wobble.

Join Anisa Lewis, Parenting Coach, for a relaxed, supportive 30-minute online talk, designed for busy parents who want tools that actually work in real family life.

Book your free place here:

<https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic>
or email: hello@anisalewis.com for the booking link.



Is your child holding it together all day, only to fall apart where it's safe?

Or maybe they doubt themselves, avoid challenges, or give up quickly when things feel hard?

We talk about confidence a lot... but what does it actually mean for our children?



Anisa Lewis
Parenting Coach



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Wild Wellbeing

**Fancy getting outdoors to banish
the winter blues and welcome in
the Spring?**

**Join us to step into the calm of nature to support
your wellbeing, as we run two short guided walks
to Parkwood Springs**



Friday 6th February & Friday 13th March
1.00pm - 3.00pm



**Meeting at Shirecliffe Community
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Shirecliffe Road, S5 8XJ**

FREE sessions, limited places, book now!
Book online <https://bit.ly/3LW2nVp>

**Call: 07761 201 864 or Email:
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Participants must be 18+.

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