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Mission Statement

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that we are all equal and that we should behave kindly and humbly towards each other.



What week is it for school dinners on Monday 2nd March?

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

Prayer of the Month – March – Come Holy Spirit

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

R. *And kindle in them the fire of your love.*

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

R. *And you will renew the face of the earth.*

Let us pray

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of your faithful,
grant that by that same Holy Spirit,
we may be truly wise, and ever rejoice in your consolation,
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen





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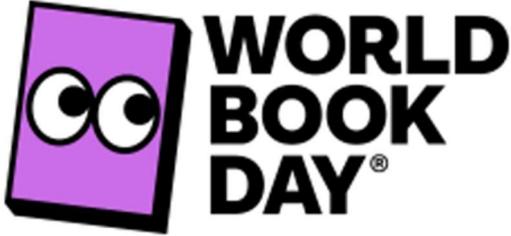
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<p>Monday 2nd March 2026</p>	<p>Mass in School</p>	<p>Father Albert will say Mass in school to mark the start of Lent, 9:15am, parents and carers are welcome, please enter by the school office. Children who have already received First Holy Communion are invited to stay after Mass for Reconciliation with Father Albert – please sign up on</p> 
<p>Thursday 5th March 2026</p>		<p>Please see more information in this newsletter!</p>
<p>Friday 6th March 2026</p>		<p>3:00pm to 4:30pm Enter by the school office</p>
<p>Sunday 8th March 2026</p>	<p>School Mass at St Catherine's Church</p>	<p>9:00am start, everyone is welcome!</p>
<p>Tuesday 10th March 2026</p>	<p>Reception classes Stay and Learn - Maths</p>	<p>8:45am in Reception, come and join us!</p> 
<p>Wednesday 11th March 2026</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>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>

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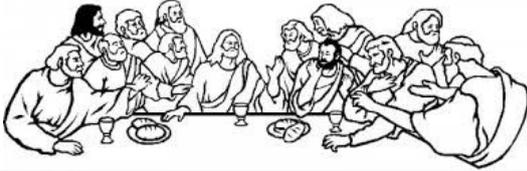
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<p>Friday 20th March 2026</p>	<p>Y2DH Swimming starts, last lesson will be Friday 1st May</p>	<p>Please sign up on  Children will need swimwear and a towel is a waterproof bag (no baggy shorts, bikinis or carrier bags please!)</p>
<p>Monday 23rd March 2026</p>	<p>Nursery Stay and Learn – Number</p>	<p>8:45am in Nursery, come and join us! </p>
<p>Wednesday 25th March 2026</p>	<p>F2 Vision Screening</p>	<p>Nurses will be in school to see the Reception children!</p>
<p>Thursday 26th March 2026</p>	<p>Nursery Stay and Learn – Number</p>	<p>8:45am in Nursery, come and join us! </p>
<p>Monday 30th March 2026</p>	<p>Lent Celebration of the Word Y3MS “Palm Sunday”</p> 	<p>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).</p>
<p>Tuesday 31st March 2026</p>	<p>Lent Celebration of the Word Y3JN “The Last Supper”</p> 	<p>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).</p>
<p>Tuesday 31st March 2026</p>	<p>Year 3 Parent Meeting Residential Trip “Whirlow Farm”</p>	<p>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!</p>



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<p>Wednesday 1st April 2026</p>	<p>Lent Celebration of the Word Y5EH "The Garden of Gethsemane"</p> 	<p>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).</p>
<p>Thursday 2nd April 2026</p>	<p>Lent Celebration of the Word Y5OW "The Stations of the Cross"</p> 	<p>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).</p>
<p>Friday 3rd April 2026</p>	<p>Good Friday – Bank Holiday – school is closed</p>	
<p>Monday 6th April 2026</p>	<p>Easter Monday – Bank Holiday – school is closed</p>	
<p>Tuesday 7th to Friday 17th April</p>	<p>Easter holidays – school is closed</p>	
<p>Friday 17th April 2026</p>	<p>Closing date for Nursery applications for September 202</p>	
<p>Monday 20th April 2026</p>	<p>Back to school for Summer 1 half term</p>	

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

**NOTICE AND CELEBRATE NEW GROWTH IN THE EARTH
AND LEAVE FLOWERS WHERE THEY ARE GROWING
SO THAT EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THEM**



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Attendance and Punctuality 13th February

The highest attendance in school this week was 99.4%

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

Y3MS and Y6RR with 2 lates!

Well done to your children and their families!

Overall school attendance for last week was:

95.7%

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
F2AS	Mrs Atkinson and Miss Sweeney	10	90.7
F2WS	Mrs Wood and Mrs Stables	7	96.3
Y1AM	Miss Morris	3	96.7
Y1LF	Miss Franks	5	98.0
Y2DH	Mr Hawksworth	11	96.3
Y2NR	Miss Rodgers	5	95.3
Y3JN	Miss Ng	3	94.0
Y3MS	Miss Suleiman	2	97.0
Y4EB	Miss Brian	4	92.8
Y4IF	Miss Frost	7	91.1
Y5EH	Miss Huddleston	4	98.7
Y5OW	Miss Willis	15	94.6
Y6ED	Miss Drinkhill	6	99.0
Y6RR	Mrs Ralph	2	99.4



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Attendance and Punctuality 27th February

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Well done to the following class for the highest attendance:

Y5EH

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:

96.1%

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
F2AS	Mrs Atkinson and Miss Sweeney	7	87.9
F2WS	Mrs Wood and Mrs Stables	4	95.0
Y1AM	Miss Morris	2	94.2
Y1LF	Miss Franks	2	96.7
Y2DH	Mr Hawksworth	2	96.7
Y2NR	Miss Rodgers	4	99.6
Y3JN	Miss Ng	0	99.2
Y3MS	Miss Suleiman	1	91.7
Y4EB	Miss Brian	5	96.9
Y4IF	Miss Frost	13	96.9
Y5EH	Miss Huddleston	4	
Y5OW	Miss Willis	7	96.7
Y6ED	Miss Drinkhill	8	94.0
Y6RR	Mrs Ralph	4	99.6



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A Culture of Safeguarding at St Catherine's

As you may already know, we now have a team of teachers working to support the management of the high number of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities at our school.

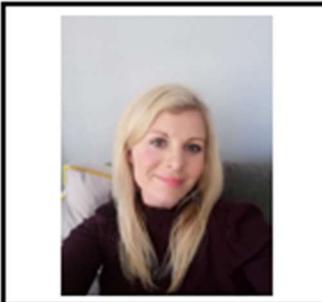
Here's the SEND Team:



This is Mrs Emma Lear. Mrs Lear is the school's SENDCO – Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. Mrs Lear has overall responsibility for managing how children with additional needs are supported, but specifically works with children with Education and Health Care Plans (EHCPs), our Social Communication 'Hub' children and children in Year 5 and Year 6.

ANY parent with a concern about their child's Special Educational Needs can contact Mrs Lear at lear@stcatherines.academy and she will be happy to help!

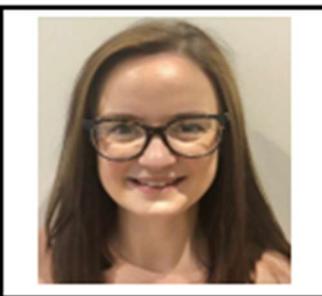
Mrs Lear also oversees:



Mrs Emma Porter. Mrs Porter is our **Early Years Lead**. Mrs Porter works with all of the children and staff in **Nursery and Reception** classes, so if your child is in one of these classes and has any additional needs, you can contact Mrs Porter at esefton@stcatherines.academy and she will be happy to help! If your child is in one of these classes and has an EHCP or is in our Hub, then you will meet with and have contact with both Mrs Porter and Mrs Lear.



Miss Jodie Ng. Miss Ng is one of our Year 1 teachers and now has responsibility for children in Year 1 and Year 2 who have SEND. You can contact Miss Ng at ing@stcatherines.academy if you have any concerns about if your child has any additional needs. If your child is in **Year 1 or Year 2** and has an EHCP or is in our Hub, then you will meet with and have contact with both Miss Ng and Mrs Lear.



Mrs Becky Puchalka. Mrs Puchalka is part of our leadership team in school and Designated Safeguarding Deputy and now has responsibility for children in Year 3 and Year 4 who have SEND.

You can contact Mrs Puchalka at bpuchalka@stcatherines.academy if you have any concerns about if your child has any additional needs. If your child is in **Year 3 or Year 4** and has an EHCP or is in our Hub, then you will meet with and have contact with both Mrs Puchalka and Mrs Lear.

We are very proud of our work supporting children with SEND at St Catherine's – we are an inclusive school, with teachers and Teaching Assistants that work extremely hard to make sure that every child's needs are met to the best of our ability. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any of the SEND Team if you have any questions or concerns – we are here to help!

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MERIT WINNERS – well done to all of you!

Y1AM	Noel	For always making good choices, and for being so kind and sensible this week, making sure that everyone in his group had a turn!
	Safaa	For her persistence in her Phonics Screening Check, and for being super creative in the Making Area, she made an amazing guitar!
Y1LF	Nael	For having a great time in class, he's been amazing in RWI and Maths!
	Ariam	For impressing Miss Fleetwood and having a great week!
Y2DH	Daniel D and Heanos	For great behaviour choices this week!
	Daniel K	For great artwork in RE!
Y2NR	Stella	For a fabulous first week back, being super focussed on herself and her learning, smashing her Maths by following each step carefully!
	Tariq	For giving really thoughtful reflections in his learning and for showing curiosity, asking questions to deepen his understanding on new learning!
Y3JN	Alfie	For a wonderful first week back – he has worked hard, listened well and made some fantastic choices!
	Elijah	For catching all adults' eyes when at swimming for his fantastic listening and effort, he tried so hard in the pool!
Y3MS	Isabelle	For working hard on her handwriting and her presentation in her books!
	Yulia	For persevering when finding challenges difficult!
Y4EB	Shalom	For her constant positive attitude and for always producing beautiful work!
	Christopher	For working hard in all of his learning, and always trying his best!
Y4IF	Lena	For great use of technical vocabulary in her Geography analyse!
	Zakariya	For working really hard in all lessons, even though he missed some of the work before half term!
Y5EH	Esa	For working very hard all week and putting in 100% effort to all his work in every lesson!
	Shanice	For wonderful resilience and hard work in her Maths learning, she has even been spotted by Miss Drinkhill!
Y5OW		



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Y6ED	Zayyan	For having a brilliant start to Spring 2 – showing enthusiasm in lessons and making brilliant choices around the classroom!
	Johan	For fantastic effort in his homework, creating a thoughtful story board!
Y6RR	Kayla	For working really hard in Maths and really impressing Miss Winterbottom!
	Rimoune	



Staff News: Ms Siobhan Reid has started her secondment to St Patrick's this week, we are missing her, but we know she is doing great things in her new role, and we look forward to having her back with us in September!



Wonder of the Week



Well done!

Isaac T Y5OW



For being an amazing and dedicated Peer Mediator,
thank you for your hard work!

Yard Winners

Year 4



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

Year 1	Hannah A and Lawrence
Year 2	Tatiana and Aasher
Year 3	Eyob and Ivy
Year 4	Hasset and Richard
Year 5	Saron and Hannah
Year 6	Nuh, Deborah and Elif





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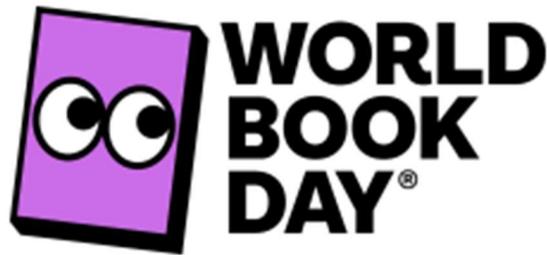
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We will celebrate World Book Day in school on

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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diocese of hallam
promoting care and social action

THE GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL FOR SCHOOLS 2026

The Good Shepherd Appeal has a long-standing tradition in the Diocese of Hallam, and is the **key fundraising initiative for Caritas Hallam** (formerly known as Hallam Caring Services). Caritas Hallam is the *social action* arm of the Diocese of Hallam.

Although Caritas offers support to the many different social action projects around the Diocese, the **Good Shepherd Appeal** primarily fundraises for the provision of **Counselling Services in Schools**.

These services are used *in schools by schools*, to benefit:

- **the children** of those schools,
- **the families** of those children, and
- **the staff** working with the children.

The theme of this year's Good Shepherd appeal is:

Peace

Peace in the world begins with having peace in our hearts. One heart at a time, we can all help bring God's peace into the world. The Caritas Hallam team help people to find peace. They walk alongside individuals, families, schools and other communities to help them find some peace.

For our 2026 Appeal, we are inviting schools to explore:

- God as the source of Peace:
- St Francis of Assisi, and his journey with Peace – and St Clare of Assisi too
- Becoming a Channel of Peace for others



This Lent, each class will be fundraising for the Good Shepherd Appeal. Each class will have a jar in their classroom and will be taking part in a '**penny fundraising appeal**' to see if they can fill a jar with 1p, 2p and 5p coins. Please donate to help this great cause if you are able to.



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Your voice matters!

Are you a parent/carer of a child/young person living with neurodivergence?

Maybe you have a diagnosis, maybe you are on a waiting list, maybe you are just starting to think about additional challenges your child may be facing.

Please take just 5 minutes to complete the survey and tell us what you think.

For any queries, please email: neurodiversity.sheffield@family-action.org.uk

Family Action - Neurodiversity Sheffield

We want to hear from you!

At Neurodiversity Sheffield we want to support as many families as possible and we need your help to understand what support you are looking for, and when and how you need that support.

Scan for more info



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Wild Wellbeing

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

****Additional weekend date added****



**Friday 6th February
Saturday 28th February &
Friday 13th March**

1.00pm - 3.00pm



**Meeting at Shirecliffe Community Centre
to walk to Parkwood Springs
Shirecliffe Road, Sheffield 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+. With thanks to funding from the South
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Think More Positively



WINCOBANK

Upper Wincobank Chapel
132 Wincobank Avenue
Sheffield S5 6BB
#76 & 76a bus route

Four-part
course

Weekly on Thursdays

starting March 5th

and continuing 12th, 19th, 26th March

12:30pm to 2pm

Registration required



To register,
please scan QR code
or contact:

07879 923016
sheffield@uk.brahmakumaris.org
brahmakumaris.uk/events

Free of charge



Age 18 and over

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HOPE community allotments

Would like to welcome you to our

Women's sessions

- No prior knowledge or experience needed



- A safe, inclusive, women only gardening space.

- Children welcome.

- £1 to attend. All tools, equipment and refreshments provided.

- Learn new skills and experience the joy of growing your own fruit, vegetables and flowers.

- Find calm, satisfaction, moments of fun and connection.

Tuesdays 12:30-2:30

Start date 10th Feb

Any questions email us at: hope.allotments@gmail.com



Join us at: High Wincobank allotments
347 Windmill lane
Sheffield
S5 6FA

