



# Newsletter



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## What week is it for school dinners on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March?

Parent Information | School Meals

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Please see the Packed Lunch Policy on the school website

Look out for the new Spring/Summer menu which starts on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March!

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

## 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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## Dates to Remember and Other Important Things!

**New information is highlighted**

<b>Tuesday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	<b>F2 Hearing Retests</b>	Nurses will be in school to catch those children in Reception who need to be seen again, or who missed it!
<b>Friday</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	<b>Y2DH Swimming starts, last lesson will be Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Please sign up on  Children will need swimwear and a towel is a waterproof bag (no baggy shorts, bikinis or carrier bags please!)
<b>Monday</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	<b>Nursery Stay and Learn – Number</b>	8:45am in Nursery, come and join us! 
<b>Tuesday</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	<b>Last chance to sign up for the CAFOD family fast!</b>	We will be shopping today, so please sign up before 12 noon!
<b>Wednesday</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	<b>Family Fast</b>  <b>A better world needs all of us</b> <a href="https://cafod.org.uk/">https://cafod.org.uk/</a>	Year 1 to Year 6 children can choose to have a simple lunch of tomato soup, bread roll and a yoghurt, all money will be donated to CAFOD to help them to create a better world for all of us! Please sign up on 
<b>Wednesday</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	<b>F2 Vision Screening</b>	Nurses will be in school to see the Reception children!
<b>Thursday</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	<b>Nursery Stay and Learn – Number</b>	8:45am in Nursery, come and join us! 
<b>Monday</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	<b>Lent Celebration of the Word Y3MS "Palm Sunday"</b> 	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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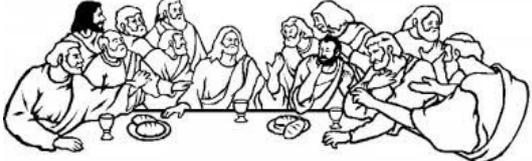
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<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>31<sup>st</sup> March 2026</b></p>	<p><b>Lent Celebration of the Word</b> <b>Y3JN</b> <b>“The Last Supper”</b></p> 	<p>Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the assembly starts at 9:15am in the school hall (not CCC), 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><b>Tuesday</b> <b>31<sup>st</sup> March 2026</b></p>	<p><b>Year 3 Parent Meeting</b> <b>Residential Trip</b> <b>“Whirlow Farm”</b></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>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2026</b></p>	<p><b>Lent Celebration of the Word</b> <b>Y5EH</b> <b>“The Garden of Gethsemane”</b></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><b>Thursday</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026</b></p>	<p><b>Lent Celebration of the Word</b> <b>Y5OW</b> <b>“The Stations of the Cross”</b></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><b>Friday</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026</b></p>	<p><b>Good Friday – Bank Holiday – school is closed</b></p>	
<p><b>Monday</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b></p>	<p><b>Easter Monday – Bank Holiday – school is closed</b></p>	
<p><b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> to</b> <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b></p>	<p><b>Easter holidays – school is closed</b></p>	
<p><b>Friday</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b></p>	<p><b>Closing date for Nursery applications for September 2026</b></p>	
<p><b>Monday</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b></p>	<p><b>Back to school for Summer 1 half term</b></p>	



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## 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 CONSIDERATION FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS. PLEASE DON'T PARK ON THE PAVEMENT BECAUSE IT BLOCKS THE WAY FOR PRAMS AND WHEELCHAIRS!**



This is what it says in the Highway Code:

### Rule 244

You **MUST NOT** park partially or wholly on the pavement in London or Scotland. Exceptions are allowed in limited circumstances. You should not park partially or wholly on the pavement elsewhere unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.





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## Attendance and Punctuality 13<sup>th</sup> March

**The highest attendance in school this week was 98.0%**

Well done to the following classes for the highest attendance:

**Y1LF and Y3JN**

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

**The best punctuality this week was**

**Y3JN with only one late!**

Well done to your children and their families!

Overall school attendance for last week was:

**96.2%**

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
<b>F2AS</b>	Mrs Atkinson and Miss Sweeney	12	94.0
<b>F2WS</b>	Mrs Wood and Mrs Stables	19	94.0
<b>Y1AM</b>	Miss Morris	6	97.0
<b>Y1LF</b>	Miss Franks	3	98.0
<b>Y2DH</b>	Mr Hawksworth	7	96.0
<b>Y2NR</b>	Miss Rodgers	7	97.7
<b>Y3JN</b>	Miss Ng	1	98.0
<b>Y3MS</b>	Miss Suleiman	7	96.3
<b>Y4EB</b>	Miss Brian	12	94.7
<b>Y4IF</b>	Miss Frost	13	95.7
<b>Y5EH</b>	Miss Huddleston	11	97.0
<b>Y5OW</b>	Miss Willis	12	94.9
<b>Y6ED</b>	Miss Drinkhill	20	96.6
<b>Y6RR</b>	Mrs Ralph	3	97.4



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## A Culture of Safeguarding at St Catherine's Gates and Doors

Every morning, the bell goes at 8:45am, and the classroom doors are closed. After this time, children are late and will not be able to enter school through their classroom door. This is because:

- Dinner orders have been completed;
- Attendance registers have been submitted.

Children who have not been marked as Present are therefore unaccounted for – if they are let into the classroom after the bell, they will not have been marked as Present on the register, and dinner will not have been ordered for them.

Children who are not in the classroom by 8:45am have to enter through the school office so that their dinner order can be taken on a list, and their arrival is also listed. Office staff then use this list to update the registers and the dinner orders, ensuring that all children are accounted for.

Sometimes, children are sent through the gate by their parent (or other adult) as the bell is ringing – these children will be locked out of their classroom – PLEASE don't let it happen to your child as they may be bewildered and upset.

We have one member of staff who closes the gates in the morning, they cannot close all 4 gates at the same time, and so this is what will happen from now on:

- Year 5/6 gate will be closed first at 8:40;
- Year 3/4 gate will be closed next;
- Year 1/2 (Roe Lane) will then be closed just before 8:45;
- Reception gate will be closed last and a member of staff will be there to remind adults that the bell is about to ring and the children will not get to their classroom in time, they will direct them to the school office.
- Anyone still on the yard at 8:45 will need to exit through the Reception gate on Firshill Crescent.

The reason we do this is NOT to upset adults and children – it is to make sure that all of the children are safely accounted for.

If your child travels to school alone, please make sure that they understand this information, and that they know what to do if they arrive late school after the gates have closed. We will be reminding them in Assembly, and would be grateful if you can reinforce the message at home.



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## MERIT WINNERS – well done to all of you!

Y1AM	<b>Edom</b>	For showing so much kindness to everyone in class, helping his friends and sharing resources!
	<b>Simon</b>	For really impressing Miss Shaw this week in RWI by being an amazing reading partner and really supporting his friend to read!
Y1LF	<b>Sula</b>	For great effort in Ready to Write, her pencil grip was excellent!
	<b>Gabriel</b>	For amazing effort in RWI, he knew lots of sounds and blew Miss Franks away!
Y2DH	<b>Aasher</b>	For some amazing facts about animals in the Amazon rainforest, and showing great enthusiasm in Project learning!
	<b>Gelila</b>	For amazing knowledge of scripture in RE this week!
Y2NR	<b>Leon</b>	For being so engrossed and curious about our learning of endangered species, leading to further research at home that he has shared at school!
	<b>Grace</b>	For blowing staff away with her predicting skills in Reciprocal Reading, using clues from the text about what will happen and reflecting on her predictions!
Y3JN	<b>Ruwaida</b>	For fantastic determination in her swimming, her confidence really is soaring!
	<b>Yoab</b>	For a significant improvement in focus and choices within the classroom, resulting in some brilliant work being produced!
Y3MS	<b>Mary</b>	For working hard at their handwriting practice, they've been using their skills to make sure their work looks neat and presentable!
	<b>Youal</b>	
Y4EB	<b>Mikias</b>	Miss Huddleston has been so impressed by Mikias' calm and positive manner, he did great work in Maths and has helped Miss Briggs with jobs!
	<b>Nevin</b>	For being kind and helpful to the children in Y3MS, he has been a great role model for the children!
Y4IF	<b>Noah</b>	He has been Miss Briggs' WAGOLL child for the week and has been a delight in the mornings and afternoons!
	<b>Muhammad Zain</b>	For being amazing in Miss Willis' class, he was contributing in Year 5 Maths lessons and has been lovely in the mornings and afternoons!
Y5EH		
Y5OW	<b>Sidona</b>	For always making fantastic contributions in lessons and class discussions, leading to producing brilliant pieces of work!
	<b>Reuben</b>	For supporting all children in our classroom and being a great class member!

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Y6ED	<b>Isaiah</b>	For always being polite to children and adults in the classroom, and for always having a positive attitude!
	<b>Kal</b>	For being reliable and dependable, and for a super job as a Year 2 reader!
Y6RR	<b>Nolawit</b>	For trying amazingly hard in Maths this year when we have been learning about angles!
	<b>Elyom</b>	For an incredible piece of writing, and beautiful presentation in her Project book!



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

Year 1	<b>Gabriel, Simon</b>
Year 2	<b>Simon, Fitawit</b>
Year 3	<b>Meliat, Elijah, Fatimah</b>
Year 4	
Year 5	<b>Elim, Peniel</b>
Year 6	<b>Khizr, Jonathan</b>





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## caritas

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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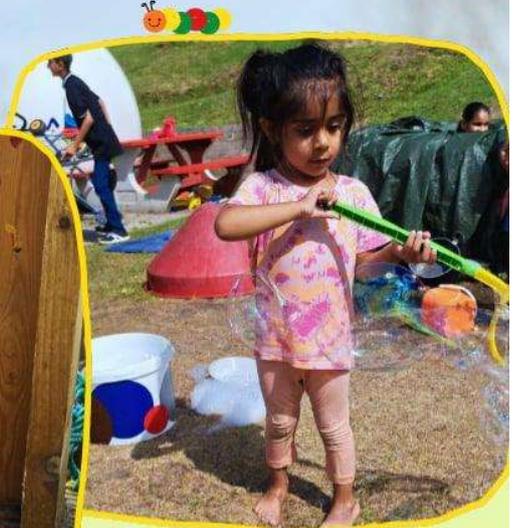
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# PITSMOOR ADVENTURE TOTS

Thursdays 26 March, 23 April, 21 May,  
18 June, 16 July. 10am – 11.30am.



Our new play session for toddlers and their grown-ups returns with outdoor nature play in all weathers and forest school activities.



Suitable for children up to 5 years. No booking required, just turn up! A small snack is provided for all children. Please wear suitable clothes and shoes for playing outdoors.



HOW TO FIND US



info@pitsmooradventure.org | 0114 273 7121 | Charity No. 1156611

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SOUTH SHORE MAKERS OF  
COOKING WITH THE STARS,  
FREDDIE FLINTOFF'S FIELD  
OF DREAMS & DIY SOS,  
ARE MAKING A NEW HOME  
MAKEOVER SERIES.

**IS YOUR HOME A BIT TIRED,  
FULL OF BLANK SPACES  
AND IN NEED OF  
A TRANSFORMATION?**

Do you and your family want  
a home makeover?

Have you got what it takes to  
compete against another  
family for the chance to win  
a fantastic prize?

**IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE  
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# EASTER GYMNASTICS CAMPS



*Sheffield Elites  
Gymnastics Academy*

### Full Day 9am-3pm

Open to all abilities aged 4+

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

### Half Day 9am-12noon

Open to all abilities aged 4+

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
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Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April  
(tumbling specific)

Members and Non-Members  
Welcome!

 60 Upper Allen Street,  
Sheffield, S3 7GL

### Preschool Open Play

Open to all children walking  
to age 4

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April

10am-11am

### SEND Open Play

Open to all abilities aged 4+

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April

11am-12noon

Register via email:  
[sheffieldelitesga@outlook.com](mailto:sheffieldelitesga@outlook.com)

Full day - £25  
Half day - £15  
Hour sessions - £5  
\*Insurance required



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Developing Individual Excellence

# DANIEL PUDIL FOOTBALL ACADEMY



**9-10 AM AGE 6-15 YEARS**

Every Saturday at **Notre Dame High School**  
(Fulwood Road, S10 3BT)



- ◆ Learn and Develop your game with SWFC Legend Daniel Pudil ◆
- ◆ Links to local academies for progression opportunities ◆
- ◆ UEFA A License Qualified Coaches ◆

To book, Email: [DanielPudilAcademy@gmail.com](mailto:DanielPudilAcademy@gmail.com)  
(Limited to 30 places per session)

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## Mayor's Walk and Wheel Challenge 2026

18 - 22 May



A couple of years ago, I made a big commitment: that we would make South Yorkshire the best place in the country for kids to walk, wheel and cycle.

Over the last two years, you've been incredible. Thousands of pupils from more than 220 schools have taken part in my Mayor's Walk and Wheel Challenge. You've shared brilliant photos, inspiring stories, and I've had the joy of meeting many of you in your classrooms.

### But we're not stopping here.

Schools are at the heart of our plan. Every child deserves to feel safe walking to school, playing outside, or heading to the park. That's why we're gearing up for the next Walk and Wheel Challenge in 2026, delivered in partnership with Living Streets' Walk to School Week.

**Sign your school up, keep walking, biking or scooting – and you could win fantastic prizes.**

By moving more and moving differently, together we can make South Yorkshire healthier, safer and happier for everyone.



Find out more and enter your school at  
[southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/school-walk-wheel](https://southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/school-walk-wheel)

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SOUTH YORKSHIRE  
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MARCH FREE PARENTING CLINIC

POWER STRUGGLES

# PARENTING CLINIC



## POWER STRUGGLES

# 23 MARCH

12.00 TO 12.30PM

### HOSTED ON ZOOM

Come live or catch the replay

So often, what we label as "behaviour" is actually communication, unmet needs, or a child pushing back because they feel powerless.

In this month's Free Parenting Clinic, we're zooming in on power struggles:

- What's really going on underneath the outburst?
- Why did that escalate so fast?
- And how to step out of the tug of war without giving in or giving up.

I'll share practical, realistic strategies you can start using straight away to reduce conflict, support emotional regulation, and bring more calm back into family life.

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](mailto:hello@anisalewis.com) for the booking link.



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If you're constantly locked in stand offs with your child.

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If everyday requests turn into arguments.

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If you find yourself repeating the same thing louder and louder and still not being heard.

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You're not alone. And you're not doing it wrong.



Anisa Lewis  
Parenting Coach

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## NEWS FROM PARKWOOD SPRINGS

*Every Monday in March (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd) - Conservation Volunteering with the Rangers 10:00 to 12:00*

- Come help with a variety of tasks in these Monday conservation sessions led by one of our Rangers, Katie or James. The session activities can be tailored to your individual preferences, accessibility needs and skill level. If you want to ask about specific needs or have any general questions, you can contact Katy at [katy.knight@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:katy.knight@sheffield.gov.uk) or by phone on 07551 334349, and James at [James.Smith2@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:James.Smith2@sheffield.gov.uk).

Sessions are held regularly on Mondays every week and meet at Shirecliffe car park (S5 8XA) at 10:00.

*Saturday 28th March - Forest Garden 10:00–12:30*

- Our four-weekly session for anyone and everyone who's interested in coming and helping tend to our forest garden in Parkwood Springs, which is a no-dig productive permaculture project. Sessions generally last from 10:00 to 12:30 and involve tasks like weeding, mulching, trimming and similar light gardening. Beginner friendly!

Open to anyone who wants to join in, all you need to do is turn up on the day at 10:00 at the Shirecliffe car park (S5 8XA). All necessary tools and gloves are provided, as well as free drinks and biscuits.



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