



# Newsletter



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## What week is it for school dinners on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March?

Parent Information | School Meals

Please see the Packed Lunch Policy on the school website  
**This week is the last of the Autumn/Winter menu!**

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WEEK TWO	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
<b>Main Meal Option</b>	Pork Sausage & Mash with Gravy	Red Tractor Beef Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza & Home-baked Potato Wedges	M Battered Pollock & Chips
<b>Vegetarian Meal Option</b>	Veggie Sausage & Mash with Gravy <sup>VG</sup>	Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Chilli & Sunny Vegetable Rice <sup>VG</sup>	Cheese Flan & Chips
<b>Vegetables</b>	Broccoli, Sweetcorn or Baked Beans	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, or Sliced Carrots	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>	Shortbread Pin Wheels & Fruit Slices <sup>VG</sup>	Chocolate Fudge Cake	Apple Crumble <sup>VG</sup> & Custard	Flapjack <sup>VG</sup>	Chocolate Mousse

## 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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## Holy Week

Next week marks Holy Week, a sacred and meaningful time in the Christian calendar. It invites us to pause, reflect, and consider the themes of compassion, hope, and renewal. Throughout the week, Christians remember the final days of Jesus' life—his example of kindness, humility, and self-giving love.

For many, Holy Week offers a chance to slow down and think about how we can bring those same values into our everyday lives: supporting others, making thoughtful choices, and showing empathy within our school community. As we journey towards Easter, may this be a week of reflection, gratitude, and positive action for us all.

Year 3 and Year 5 have been working incredibly hard preparing their Holy Week assemblies. Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the assemblies start 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).



## Mini Vinnies Heart to Heart Lent Campaign



On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March in our Mini Vinnies chaplaincy team will visit St Catherine's Care home during the afternoon as part of our Heart to Heart Lent Campaign.

During Lent we have been meeting weekly to think about ways we can tackle loneliness and really take the time to listen and have a real conversation with each other. You can learn more about it here:

<https://act.svp.org.uk/page/182651/action/1>

We will be walking to the care home to deliver some treats, chat to the residents and sing one of our favourite songs themed on servitude.

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On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March we held our annual CAFOD family fast day. Some children and staff chose to swap their school dinner for a simple lunch of soup, a bread roll and a yogurt and instead donate that money to CAFOD to help our neighbours overseas. This year the family fast day money is going to help tackle hunger in places such as Zimbabwe, Bangladesh and South Sudan. You can read more about it here:

<https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day>



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## Dates to Remember and Other Important Things!

New information is highlighted

<b>Sunday</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Procession and Mass	9:00am at St Catherine's Church 11:00am at St Patrick's Church
<b>Monday</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	<b>Lent Celebration of the Word</b> 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).
<b>Tuesday</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026	<b>Lent Celebration of the Word</b> 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).
<b>Tuesday</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026	<b>Year 3 Parent Meeting</b> 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!
<b>Wednesday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2026	<b>Mass of the Chrism</b>	11:00am St Marie's Cathedral
<b>Wednesday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2026	<b>Lent Celebration of the Word</b> 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).
<b>Thursday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026	<b>Holy Thursday Mass</b>	7:00pm at St Catherine's Church 7:00pm at St Patrick's Church



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<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Lent Celebration of the Word Y5OW "The Stations of the Cross"</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).
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Easter Raffle</b> 	In the afternoon, we will draw the Easter Raffle, tickets cost 20p each and you can buy them from the school office. Thank you for your support!
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	10:00am at St Catherine's Church
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Service of Our Lord's Passion</b>	3:00pm at St Catherine's Church 3:00pm at St Patrick's Church
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Good Friday – Bank Holiday – school is closed</b>	
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>	7:30pm at St Catherine's Church 7:30pm at St Patrick's Church
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Mass</b>	9:00am at St Catherine's Church 11:00am at St Patrick's Church
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Easter Monday – Bank Holiday – school is closed</b>	
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter holidays – school is closed</b>	
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Closing date for Nursery applications for September 2026</b>	
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Back to school for Summer 1 half term</b>	
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>First Reconciliation Service for First Holy Communion children</b>	6pm at St Catherine's Church, more information to follow



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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

**BE A GOOD FRIEND AND NEIGHBOUR,  
AT HOME, AT SCHOOL AND ONLINE,  
IN SHEFFIELD AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!**



These winners have been nominated by their class for living out the weekly missions – God bless you all	
Year 1	Sula and Christine
Year 2	Rome and Matsola
Year 3	Tinaye and Alexandra
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	



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## Attendance and Punctuality 27<sup>th</sup> March

The highest attendance in school this week was **99.3%**

Well done to the following classes for the highest attendance:

**Y3JN and Y4IF**

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

The best punctuality this week was  
**Y3JN for the second week running!**

Well done to your children and their families!

Overall school attendance for last week was:

**94.2%**

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
<b>F2AS</b>	Mrs Atkinson and Miss Sweeney	4	90.3
<b>F2WS</b>	Mrs Wood and Mrs Stables	8	94.3
<b>Y1AM</b>	Miss Morris	5	94.0
<b>Y1LF</b>	Miss Franks	2	89.3
<b>Y2DH</b>	Mr Hawksworth	1	87.0
<b>Y2NR</b>	Miss Rodgers	7	97.0
<b>Y3JN</b>	Miss Ng	0	99.3
<b>Y3MS</b>	Miss Suleiman	3	97.0
<b>Y4EB</b>	Miss Brian	5	89.7
<b>Y4IF</b>	Miss Frost	20	99.3
<b>Y5EH</b>	Miss Huddleston	4	98.7
<b>Y5OW</b>	Miss Willis	7	88.1
<b>Y6ED</b>	Miss Drinkhill	12	99.0
<b>Y6RR</b>	Mrs Ralph	3	97.4



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## A Culture of Safeguarding at St Catherine's

We have a team of people working across our school to support children in many different ways. Here's the Pastoral Team:



Mrs Redfern is the Headteacher and the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Any parent who has a concern about their family can contact her by email at [tredfern@stcatherines.academy](mailto:tredfern@stcatherines.academy)



Mrs Puchalka is part of our leadership team in school and Designated Safeguarding Deputy.

Mrs Puchalka can support families with FIS referrals (Family Intervention Services)

You can contact her by email at [bpuchalka@stcatherines.academy](mailto:bpuchalka@stcatherines.academy)



Mrs Lear is the school's **SENDCO** – Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator.

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

You can contact her by email at [lear@stcatherines.academy](mailto:lear@stcatherines.academy)



Ms Winterbottom is our Learning Mentor.

Ms Winterbottom works with a wide range of children on their emotions and behaviours in school. Ms Winterbottom is our ELSA specialist too and will work with children who have experienced significant trauma.

You can contact her by email at [awinterbottom@stcatherines.academy](mailto:awinterbottom@stcatherines.academy)



Mrs Ralph is our Attendance Officer and will work with families to overcome barriers to children attending school.

You can contact her by email at [rralph@stcatherines.academy](mailto:rralph@stcatherines.academy)



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

Y1AM	<b>Milkyas</b>	For demonstrating this week how kind he is by caring for his friend when he was upset, and for helping to include everyone in a game!
	<b>Maranatha</b>	For following instructions and putting 100% effort in during Ready to Write, her hard work has really paid off!
Y1LF	<b>Sula</b>	For being a great participant in the CAFOD Family Fast, remembering lots of facts, she gave some lovely feedback about her experience!
	<b>Chikamara</b>	For having impeccable manners during the CAFOD Family Fast, she personally thanked the adults who cooked, served and washed up!
Y2DH	<b>Joseph</b>	For making excellent choices this week, and for great concentration and detail when tracing his template in DT!
	<b>Max</b>	For impressing Mr Hawksworth during his Arithmetic test, showing great perseverance and independence, resulting in a great score!
Y2NR	<b>Leon</b>	For always showing that he is ready to learn. Every stop, look, listen he is showing adults that he is ready!
	<b>Fithawit</b>	For non-stop participation in today's lessons with Mrs Powell, she had a great attitude to new learning in Maths!
Y3JN	<b>Hamza</b>	For trying really hard with his handwriting, he is improving so much with his letter formation!
	<b>Lotachi</b>	For fantastic reasoning and explanations in Maths challenges using key vocabulary!
Y3MS	<b>Riley</b>	For being great role models to other children in Y3MS. They are always showing that they are ready to learn, and they always share thoughtful ideas with the class!
	<b>Amelia D</b>	
Y4EB	<b>Aariz</b>	For creating a wonderful collage in DT, and an amazing draft design for our Pocket Parks!
	<b>Elias</b>	For working hard in his assessments, and showing a massive improvement from Autumn term!
Y4IF	<b>Esther</b>	For excellent work in Division this week, very eager to learn!
	<b>Azaria</b>	For being consistently ready on the carpet, and for choosing to show kindness to others in the class!
Y5EH	<b>Esa</b>	Nominated by another child: For being helpful, supportive, and a kind person on the yard!
	<b>Elim</b>	Nominated by another child: For being 'the best partner ever!'
Y5OW		



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Y6ED	<b>Dagi</b>	For impressing Miss Drinkhill with his super Science analyse!
	<b>Deborah</b>	For being reflective and wanting to help her friends!
Y6RR	<b>Yusuf</b>	For really impressing Miss Drinkhill and Miss Yousaf in his Arithmetic paper!
	<b>Yadel</b>	For working really hard in DT and mastering how to make a friction damper!



## 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.

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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## Outdoor babygroup



## Wednesdays, 11am – 1pm

Starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026, at Green City Action Allotment. Come enjoy nature, with your baby and meet local parents. Call Jeana for more information 07704182216.

No booking required | Drop-in

Sessions: £2 | Hot drinks and snacks provided

Please wear suitable clothes for outdoors

### LOCATION:

Green City Action Allotment,  
Grimesthorpe Allotments,  
Grimesthorpe Road, S4 7SN

The entrance is opposite  
Torbay Road. There are large  
green gates.

What3words:

bother.sport.farms



jeana@greencityaction.org.uk | Charity number: 1095725



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# PARENTING CLINIC

## EMOTIONAL REGULATION & MELTDOWNS

## 20 APRIL

12.00 TO 12.30PM

**HOSTED ON ZOOM**

Come live or catch the replay

Join Anisa Lewis, Parenting Coach, for this month's Free Parenting Clinic focused on Emotional Regulation and Meltdowns.

We will explore what is really going on beneath the surface of big emotions:

- Why children struggle to regulate
- And what you can do in the moment and beforehand to support them without everything escalating

This is not about stopping emotions.

It is about understanding them, responding with confidence, and helping your child learn how to manage what they feel

**Book your free place here:**

<https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic>  
or

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



One minute, they are fine  
Next, they are snapping, shouting, or on the floor in a full meltdown.

Do the outbursts always seem to come at the worst possible times?

- On the way out the door
- At the end of the school day
- Right when you have nothing left in the tank

Or you can feel it building...  
You see the signs, you brace yourself... and then BOOM!

You are not imagining it  
And you are not alone...



Anisa Lewis

Parenting Coach

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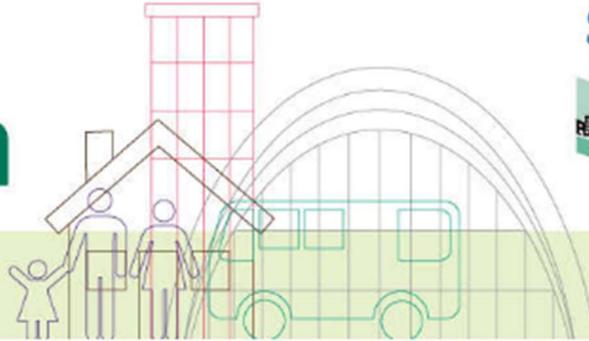
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## Sheffield Local Plan



## Sheffield Local Plan consultation update

We've made some updates to the Sheffield Plan consultation and extended the deadline to 5pm on Tuesday 5 May 2026.

### What has been updated

Some consultation documents have been updated following further discussions with the Planning Inspectors.

The main updates are:

- A number of changes are now listed as 'main modifications' instead of 'additional modifications'. The content has not changed, just where it appears.
- A diagram showing the overall plan for the city, including key development areas and sites, has been updated. The content of the proposed modifications has not changed, this is just a helpful way to show the information.
- Links between related changes have been added to make documents easier to follow.

### **HAVE YOUR SAY:**

[https://haveyoursay.sheffield.gov.uk/sheffield-plan-main-modifications?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://haveyoursay.sheffield.gov.uk/sheffield-plan-main-modifications?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)

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