



Newsletter



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What week is it for school dinners on Tuesday 5th May?

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	PLANET PIZZA THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option		Mild Beef & Bean Chilli & Yellow Rice 	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Margherita Pizza with Pasta Salad 	Fish Fingers & Chips 
Vegetarian Meal Option		Macaroni Cheese with Vegetables or Salad	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes 	Pitta Bread Filled with Plant-based Meatballs in an Arrabbiata Sauce with Vegetable Sticks ^{VG} 	Cheese & Onion Roll & Chips
Vegetables		Vegetable Sticks or Sweetcorn	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	Broccoli, Carrots & Cauliflower or Mixed Salad 	Garden Peas, Baked Beans 
Sandwiches		Tuna Mayo 	Cheese 	Tuna Mayo 	Cheese 
Wraps		Cheese Wrap	Tuna Mayo Wrap	Cheese Wrap	Chip Butty
Baked Jacket Potatoes		Jacket Potato with Beans ^{VG} Tuna Mayo or Cheese 	Jacket Potato with Beans ^{VG} Tuna Mayo or Cheese 	Jacket Potato with Beans ^{VG} Tuna Mayo or Cheese 	Jacket Potato with Beans ^{VG} Tuna Mayo, Cheese or Salmon Mayo 
Dessert		Shortbread & Fruit Slices 	Strawberry Jelly ^{VG} 	Vanilla or Chocolate Ice Cream 	Fruit Slices & Vanilla Cookie ^{VG} 

Prayer of the Month - May

Morning Offering

O Jesus,
through the most pure heart of Mary,
I offer you all my prayers,
thoughts, works and sufferings of this day
for all the intentions of your most Sacred heart

Please follow this link for the Ten Ten Resources Parent Newsletter:
<https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/miqnhLKUYZTfF/>

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Dates to Remember and Other Important Things!

New information is highlighted

Monday 4th May 2026	School is closed for Bank Holiday	
Wednesday 6th May 2026	Parents meeting for September starters to Nursery and Reception	Invitations have been sent!
Friday 8th May 2026	Reception classes STAY AND LEARN	Come and see our Drawing Club learning, and stay to play afterwards, 8:45 to 9:30am!
Friday 8th May 2026	Y1LF Swimming starts	Please sign up on ParentPay
Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May 2026	Year 6 SATs Special Year 6 Breakfast Club	Y6 Breakfast Club starts at 7:45am, all Year 6 children are welcome, there is no charge!
Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th May 2026	Year 3 Residential Visits Whirlow Hall Farm	
Tuesday 19th May 2026	Mini Vinnies Caritas Good Shepherd Celebration	Invitation letters have been sent to the Mini Vinnies to sign up on ParentPay
Wednesday 20th May 2026	Class Photos	Photographers will be in school to take a photo of the children with their teacher!
Thursday 21st May 2026	Year 2 Trip Graves Park	Please sign up on ParentPay
Monday 25th to Friday 29th May School is closed for half term		
Monday 1st June 2026	Extra swimming lesson for Year 3	
Monday 1st to Friday 12th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check Parents of Year 4 children can find out more about the tests by following this link: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents	
Wednesday 3rd June 2026	Parent Open Morning and Workshop	More details soon!
Monday 8th June 2026	Mass in School Corpus Christi	9:15am, family members are welcome to join us, please enter by the school office!
Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th June 2026	Year 6 Residential Visit The Oakes	
Wednesday 10th June 2026	Reception Trip Butterfly House	Please sign up on ParentPay

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Thursday 11th June 2026	Year 5 Trip Hepworth Gallery	Please sign up on ParentPay
Friday 12th June 2026	Y1AM Swimming starts	Please sign up on ParentPay
Wednesday 17th June 2026	Nursery Trip Cannon Hall Farm	Please sign up on ParentPay
Wednesday 24th June 2026	Nursery and Reception Sports Day	
Thursday 25th June 2026	Year 1 Trip Heeley City Farm	Please sign up on ParentPay
Wednesday 1st July 2026	Notre Dame Year 6 Transition Day	
Thursday 2nd July 2026	Year 2 Camping Residential	Please sign up on ParentPay
Monday 6th July 2026	Sports Day	Save the date! Starts straight after morning register, families are welcome to join us!
Monday 13th July 2026	Progress Assemblies	
Wednesday 15th July 2026	Year 6 Leavers Performance	Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the performance 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 16th July 2026	School Disco after school	
Friday 17th July 2026	Leavers Mass in School	9:15am, family members are welcome to join us, please enter by the school office!

**Monday 20th July to Wednesday 2nd September 2026
School is closed for Summer Holidays**

**Thursday 3rd September 2026
Back to school**



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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!**



Certificate

to show our

Good Shepherd



Fundraising for 2026:

Our School,
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is proud to confirm that we have raised

£ 67.14

for the work of

Caritas, Diocese of Hallam.

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Attendance and Punctuality 1st May

The highest attendance in school this week was 100%

Well done to the following class for the highest attendance:

Y2DH

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:

97.3%

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
F2AS	Mrs Atkinson and Miss Sweeney	6	94.0
F2WS	Mrs Wood and Mrs Stables	9	97.7
Y1AM	Miss Morris	3	97.7
Y1LF	Miss Franks	2	96.3
Y2DH	Mr Hawksworth	5	100.0
Y2NR	Miss Rodgers	2	96.3
Y3JN	Miss Ng	0	97.3
Y3MS	Miss Suleiman	3	97.0
Y4EB	Miss Brian	6	94.4
Y4IF	Miss Frost	10	99.6
Y5EH	Miss Huddleston	6	98.7
Y5OW	Miss Willis	14	95.5
Y6ED	Miss Drinkhill	6	99.3
Y6RR	Mrs Ralph	2	98.7



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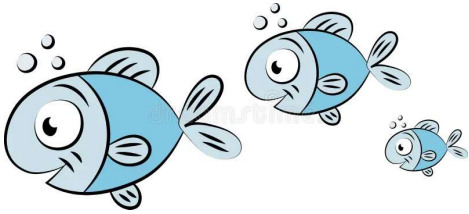
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MERIT WINNERS – well done to all of you!

Y1AM	Giovanni	For really impressing Miss Morris in his phonics screening check, he concentrated so much and did an amazing job!
	Serah	For really impressing Miss Morris in Ready to Write, she has worked so hard and produced some beautiful handwriting and lovely presentation!
Y1LF	Hezekiah	For being such wonderful, kind and caring friends to another child. Every day they're checking he's okay, and making sure he's doing the right thing. It's a wonderful friendship and it makes all the adults smile!
	Eiden	
Y2DH	Sara B	For impressing with clarification of Vocabulary in Reciprocal Reading thinking deeply about root words, suffixes and their meaning!
	Serah S	For showing greater confidence in swimming over the last 4 weeks!
Y2NR	Ierin	For being absolutely fabulous in RWI; amazing focus, always ready, and being a fabulous role model to the other children!
	Fithawit	For producing some gorgeous sentences using newly learnt conjunctions, and thinking carefully about her vocabulary choices!
Y3JN	<p>Miss Ng and Miss Suleiman have given Merit this week to ALL of the children in BOTH classes for brilliant resilience and listening during the water safety lesson at Swimming this week!</p> 	
Y3MS		
Y4EB	Aris	For making better choices in class, and working really hard with his Maths learning!
	Aafiya	For always being so positive with her work, and putting 100% effort into all that she does!
Y4IF	Andy	For effort and enthusiasm in Street Dance!
	Zakariya	For consistently trying hard in all subjects, ensuring he does his best and completes his work!
Y5EH	Ava	For giving 100% in everything she does, always being enthusiastic and engaged in lessons, and for beautiful presentation in all of her work!
	Esme	For really impressing Miss Huddleston in Maths, showing confidence and positive engagement in our lessons, even when it gets tricky!
Y5OW	Hannah	For working incredibly hard in all her lessons, however, her contributions and progression in Maths has really stood out!
	Henok	For having a brilliant time with Y5OW and being in class ALL WEEK ... really impressing Miss Willis with his percentage work in Maths!



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Y6ED	Dagi	For making a fantastic start to our Project learning, and for taking pride in all Project learning!
	Della	For showing so much resilience and determination during mock SATs week!
Y6RR	Musa	For really impressing Miss Yousaf and Mrs Ralph with his neo-expressionist artwork this week!
	Ann	For working so hard in her assessments, and impressing staff with her fabulous reasoning knowledge!



These winners have been nominated by their class for living out the weekly missions – God bless you all	
Year 1	Obi, Meklit
Year 2	Robyn, Yosias
Year 3	
Year 4	Richard
Year 5	Tyler, Abigail
Year 6	Zephan, Efrata

Wonders of the Week



Nicholas and Ebubechi, Year 6
For enthusiastic play at lunchtime!



Jack, Stan and Esa
For the sheer delight of playing with the dressing up!

Yard Winners: Y5 and Y6

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Monthly Science Fun!

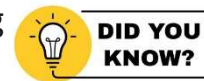
Check out May's experiment: Sound Waves!

You will need:

- String
- Serving Spoon
- Teaspoon
- Wooden Ruler or Chop Stick



Sound waves are produced by a vibrating object. Everything that makes a sound must have a part that vibrates.



- Step 1: Cut your string to 1m in length. Create a loop in the middle of the string, and tie it to the handle of the spoon
- Step 2: Pull tightly so the spoon is secure, and you have two even lengths of string.
- Step 3: Wrap the string ends around your index fingers, one end of each finger.
- Step 4: Hold the string ends against your ears, and let the spoon hang just below your waist.
- Step 5: Ask someone to gently tap the round part of the spoon with the ruler.

Sound is just energy in one of its many forms. When energy is transferred, there is often some energy that transfers into sound. For instance, when you hit a table with your hand, the energy from your hand is transferred to both the wood and to the air. A sound wave is the energy that transfers into the air and towards our ears in the form of a vibration. The vibration of the molecules it travels through, typically the air, are what creates what we perceive as sound in our ears.

This is why hard surfaces tend to create more sound because they don't absorb the energy from a particular action and partly redirect that energy into the air as sound. Soft surfaces, however, tend to absorb energy and therefore tend to release less energy into the air that can be registered by ears.

Want to share your results? Email ebrian@stcatherines.academy with any pictures. It might be included in the next newsletter!



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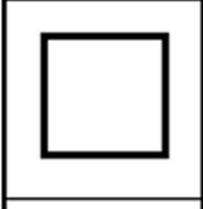




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Key Stage 1 Maths Challenge – May 2026

What Shape and Colour

Fill in the empty boxes.



Miss Drinkhill is thinking ...

James, Jack and Nick play football. James has scored 8 more goals than Nick. Jack has scored 5 more goals than James. Altogether they have scored 72 goals.

How many goals did they each score?

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Key Stage 2 Maths Challenge – May 2026

Winning the Lottery



In a far-away land, the lottery consists of four balls numbered 1 to 4, which are placed in a bag.

To enter, you choose one number.

To win, your number must match the number that is drawn from the bag.

What is the chance of winning this lottery?

The people running the lottery in this far-away land decide that it is too easy to win. So, they change their lottery game.

In the new lottery, there are still four balls numbered 1 to 4, which are placed in a bag.

Now, to enter, you choose two numbers.

To win, your numbers must match (in any order) the two numbers that are drawn from the bag.

What is the chance of winning this new lottery?

Have the organisers made it harder to win compared with their original version?



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A Culture of Safeguarding at St Catherine's



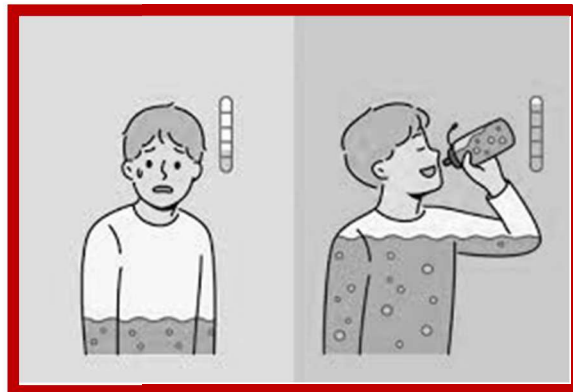
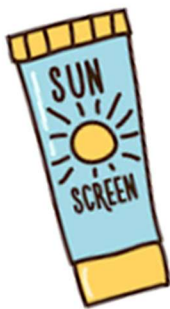
WARMTH AND WEATHER

This is such a difficult time of year, it's so hard to know what to wear!

Please try really hard to make sure that your child is equiped for the weather each day, some days they will need a coat and hat, and some days they will need suncream ...

If the sun is really bright, please apply suncream before your child comes to school. Please help them to learn how to apply their own suncream, and then they will be able to top up at lunchtime!

Please always remember their water bottle to help them stay hydrated throughout the day.



If you are thinking about new school shoes for the warmer eather, please make sure that they have full fronts and backs – then they will be safe for running around and playing. Children will not be able to play outside if they have open toed shoes or sliders, see below:



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MAY FREE PARENTING CLINIC

NEURODIVERGENCE AND PARENTING

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11 MAY

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 Neurodiversity and Parenting

We will explore:

What neurodiversity really means in everyday family life.
Why some children experience the world more intensely.

And how to support your child in a way that works for them, not against them.

This is not about labels or fitting children into boxes.

It is about understanding, curiosity, and responding in a way that builds confidence, safety, and connection.

Whether you are at the very beginning of your journey or already navigating a diagnosis, this session will give you practical, realistic ways to better support your child (and yourself).

Book your free place here:

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

or

Email: hello@anisalewis.com for the booking link.



Does your child experience the world a little differently?

Do they feel things deeply?
Struggle with noise, change, or transitions?
Get overwhelmed quickly... or shut down completely?

Do you find yourself thinking:
"Why does this feel so hard for them?"
"Why do the usual approaches not seem to work?"

Maybe you have heard terms like:
ADHD, Autism, Highly Sensitive

Or maybe you just know, in your gut, that your child needs something different

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



Anisa Lewis

Parenting Coach

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P/A

Job Title: Carer for a Young Person (Home-Based)

Hours: 19 hours per week

Hourly rate: ~~£18.60~~ (this will increase in April) £19.36

Location: Home-based role

Contact: Falak on - 07772809213

We are seeking a compassionate, reliable, and dedicated Carer to support a young person within a home environment. This role involves providing a high standard of personal care, supporting daily routines, and working closely with the child's mother and relevant professionals.

Key Responsibilities:

- Provide up to 19 hours of care per week, delivering the highest standard of care at all times.
- Prepare and provide meals in line with specific dietary requirements, including administering special milk and ensuring the child is cleaned after meals.
- Administer prescribed medication at designated times
- Support the child with toileting and intimate personal care
- Assist the child with special school transport arrangements
- Attend medical and statutory appointments alongside the mother, including:
 - GP, Hospital, Dental, Eye clinic, Local authority, council, and other statutory services.
- Liaise with the child's social care team and other professionals as required.
- Work respectfully and professionally within the family home environment.
- Car driver would be preferable for drives out for activities

Essential Qualities:

- Caring, patient, and trustworthy
- Comfortable providing intimate and personal care
- Able to follow care plans, dietary instructions, and medication schedules accurately
- Good communication skills and ability to work as part of a small care team
- Reliable and punctual

Contract Information:

This position is subject to a **12-week written notice period** for contract termination by either party.

If you are committed to making a positive difference in a young person's life and can provide consistent, compassionate care, we would welcome your application.

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Friends of Parkwood Springs



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH:

- *Saturday 2nd May, Saturday 30th May* - Conservation Session 10:00–12:30
 - We have two Conservation sessions this month: for the first session on 2nd May, Katy, one of our Rangers, will be helping us to preserve our Lowland Heath. This is a valuable—and fairly rare—habitat, which is always in danger of being overwhelmed by more vigorous plants. We will be taking out tree seedlings, and managing the gorse, broom and brambles. The lowland heath is one of the things that makes Parkwood Springs special, so we need to preserve it.
Join us at the Shirecliffe Road car park at 10,00 to walk over to the heathland. Katy will bring tools, gloves, and a brew kit.
- *Sunday 3rd May* - Tree Walk 10:30–12:00 (approx.)
 - Our first Sheffield Environment Weeks event is a Tree Walk, led by the knowledgeable Penny Philcox. This will be a gentle walk along not-so-steep paths. We'll hear about the ecology, history and folklore associated with some of our trees.

Come and join us on Sunday, May 3rd at 10.30 am. The walk will finish at around midday, near the cafe, so there will be a chance to grab a drink or stay for a more leisurely sandwich or borek!

To join this walk, we'll be meeting in the Shirecliffe Road car park (S5 8XA), no need to book.



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Girls & Boys
ages 5-12
years

MAY HALF-TERM & SUMMER HOLIDAYS FOOTBALL & MULTI- SPORTS CAMPS

 TAPTON SCHOOL, DARWIN LANE, S10 5RG (OUTDOOR & INDOOR FACILITIES)

MAY Tue 26TH, Wed 27TH, Thur 28TH

SUMMER 1: JULY Tue 28th, Wed 29th, Thur 29TH

SUMMER 2: August Tue 4th, Wed 5th, Thur 6TH

SUMMER 3: August Tue 11th, Wed 12th, Thur 13TH

SUMMER 4: August Tue 18th, Wed 19th, Thur 20TH

TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S
PLACE PLEASE SCAN
HERE



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