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St Catherine's Catholic Primary School, S4 7BX

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## What week is it for school dinners on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November?

<https://www.stcatherines.academy/school-meals>

Please see the Packed Lunch Policy on the school website  
We have a new menu after the holidays, it is now on the website!

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| WEEK THREE            |  | WORLD TUESDAY                                        | ROAST WEDNESDAY                                              | PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY                            | FISH FRIDAY                                    |
|-----------------------|--|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Main Meal             |  | Mince & Onion Pie served with Homemade Potato Wedges | Roast Chicken with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes | Wholemeal Margherita Pizza with Pasta Salad     | Fish Fingers & Chips                           |
| Vegetarian Meal       |  | Macaroni Cheese                                      | Quorn Grill with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes            | Vegetable Pasta Carbonara                       | Crispy Vegetable Fingers & Chips <sup>VG</sup> |
| Vegetables            |  | Carrots & Garden Peas                                | Seasonal Greens & Country Mixed Vegetables                   | Carrots or Sweetcorn                            | British Red Tractor 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 Tuna Mayo, Cheese or Beans        | Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo, Cheese or Beans                | Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo, Cheese or Beans   | Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo, Cheese or Beans  |
| Dessert               |  | Apple Sponge & Custard                               | Raspberry Jelly                                              | Crunchy Biscuit with Fruit Slices <sup>VG</sup> | Iced Sponge Cake                               |

## Dates to Remember and Other Important Things!

New information is highlighted

|                                                      |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 26 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup><br>October 2026 | Half term holiday, school is closed                                                                                                                  |                                                                |
| Sunday<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Nov ember 2026             | Deadline for ordering school milk, please sign up on  ParentPay |                                                                |
| Monday<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026              | Training day, school is closed to pupils                                                                                                             |                                                                |
| Thursday<br>5 <sup>th</sup> November 2026            | Flu vaccinations in school for Nursery to Year 6<br>– parents have been sent a link to use to sign up for the vaccination!                           |                                                                |
| Wednesday<br>11 <sup>th</sup> November 2026          | Individual school photos af all children – Nursery to Year 6                                                                                         |                                                                |
| Tuesday<br>17 <sup>th</sup> November 2026            | Reception classes<br>Local Walk                                                                                                                      | Children will be walking to Roe Woods to find signs of Autumn! |
| Thursday<br>19 <sup>th</sup> November 2026           | Year 6<br>School Nursing Service will be in school for height and weight checks                                                                      |                                                                |
| Sunday<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026             | Centenary Mass at St Catherine's Church at 10:30am                                                                                                   |                                                                |

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| Tuesday<br>24 <sup>th</sup> November 2026                                        | Y4IF<br>Advent Assembly<br>"HOPE"        | 9:15am, more details nearer the time!                                                                                |
| Tuesday<br>24 <sup>th</sup> November 2024                                        | Nursery<br>Stay and Learn<br>"Storytime" | 9:00am to 9:30am                                                                                                     |
| Tuesday<br>24 <sup>th</sup> November 2026                                        | Year 6 Trip<br>Holocaust Centre          | Please sign up on<br> ParentPay   |
| Thursday<br>28 <sup>th</sup> November 2026                                       | Nursery<br>Stay and Learn<br>"Storytime" | 9:00am to 9:30am                                                                                                     |
| Thursday<br>26 <sup>th</sup> November 2026                                       | Follow up flu vaccinations               |                                                                                                                      |
| Friday<br>27 <sup>th</sup> November 2026                                         | Year 1 Trip<br>Emergency Services Museum | Please sign up on<br> ParentPay |
| Tuesday<br>1 <sup>st</sup> December 2026                                         | Y6EH<br>Advent Assembly<br>"PEACE"       | 9:15am, more details nearer the time!                                                                                |
| Thursday<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2026                                        | Year 4 Workshop<br>Science of Sound      | The workshop for Year 4 children<br>will take place in school                                                        |
| Tuesday<br>8 <sup>th</sup> December 2026                                         | Y6ED<br>Advent Assembly<br>"JOY"         | 9:15am, more details nearer the time!                                                                                |
| Wednesday<br>9 <sup>th</sup> December 2026                                       | F2JW Nativity                            | 2:30pm, more details nearer the time!                                                                                |
| Tuesday<br>15 <sup>th</sup> December 2026                                        | Y4TD<br>Advent Assembly<br>"LOVE"        | 9:15am, more details nearer the time!                                                                                |
| Wednesday<br>16 <sup>th</sup> December 2026                                      | Year 1 to Year 6<br>Parent Open Morning  | More details nearer the time!                                                                                        |
| Wednesday<br>16 <sup>th</sup> December 2026                                      | F2AW Nativity                            | 2:30pm, more details nearer the time!                                                                                |
| Thursday<br>17 <sup>th</sup> December 2026                                       | Year 1 to Year 6<br>Christmas Disco      | After school until 4:45pm                                                                                            |
| Monday<br>21 <sup>st</sup> December to<br>Friday<br>1 <sup>st</sup> January 2027 | Christmas holiday, school is closed      |                                                                                                                      |
| Monday<br>4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027                                           | Training day, school is closed to pupils |                                                                                                                      |



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## A Culture of Safeguarding at St Catherine's

# STAY SAFE THIS BONFIRE NIGHT

| DO'S                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | DONT'S                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>POSITION THE BONFIRE</b> well away from houses, garages, sheds, fences, overhead cables, trees and shrubs -15m is usually a safe distance.</p> <p>Make sure the <b>BONFIRE IS STABLE</b> and will not collapse.</p> <p>Ensure everyone is a <b>SAFE DISTANCE AWAY</b> (15m) from the fire and children are supervised at all times.</p> <p>Keep <b>BUCKETS OF WATER</b>, a garden hose or a fire extinguisher nearby in case of an emergency.</p> <p><b>POUR WATER</b> on the remains of the bonfire before leaving.</p> <p><b>KEEP PETS INDOORS</b> during bonfire night.</p> | <p><b>DO NOT</b> burn the following:<br/>Tyres, Cylinders, Canisters, Aerosols<br/>Paints, Plastics, Rubber &amp; Foam filled furniture.</p> <p><b>NEVER</b> use flammable liquids to light a bonfire.</p> <p><b>NEVER</b> light or store fireworks near a bonfire.</p> <p><b>NEVER</b> leave a bonfire unattended.</p> |

**If you intend to have a bonfire, please contact the  
Fire Service on 01268 909404  
and give the following information:**

Date, Time and Location of the bonfire  
Name of responsible person and contact telephone number.  
How you intend to extinguish the fire after the event or if it gets out of control.

## DIAL 999

IN THE EVENT  
OF AN EMERGENCY

Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub  
Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru  
Mid and West Wales  
Fire and Rescue Service

[www.mawwfire.gov.uk](http://www.mawwfire.gov.uk)

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## Attendance and Punctuality

**The highest attendance in school this week was 99.0%**

Well done to the following class for the highest attendance:

**Y4IF and Y6ED**

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

**The best punctuality this week was**

**Y3JN**

Well done to your children and their families!

Overall school attendance for last week was:

**95.1%**

| Class       | Teacher                          | Lates | % Attendance |
|-------------|----------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| <b>F2JW</b> | Miss Jefferies and Mrs Wilkinson | 1     | 91.3         |
| <b>F2AW</b> | Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Wood        | 2     | 90.7         |
| <b>Y1LF</b> | Miss Franks                      | 2     | 95.2         |
| <b>Y1AM</b> | Miss Morris                      | 8     | 92.0         |
| <b>Y2NR</b> | Miss Rodgers                     | 3     | 94.8         |
| <b>Y2DH</b> | Mr Hawksworth                    | 1     | 94.7         |
| <b>Y3JN</b> | Miss Ng                          | 0     | 97.7         |
| <b>Y3MS</b> | Miss Suleiman                    | 1     | 95.7         |
| <b>Y4IF</b> | Miss Frost                       | 1     | 99.0         |
| <b>Y4TD</b> | Miss Dennis                      | 1     | 95.7         |
| <b>Y5FS</b> | Mr Fowler and Miss Sweeney       | 7     | 97.1         |
| <b>Y5EB</b> | Miss Brian                       | 7     | 95.3         |
| <b>Y6ED</b> | Miss Drinkhill                   | 5     | 99.0         |
| <b>Y6EH</b> | Miss Huddleston                  | 4     | 93.6         |

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

|             |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Y1LF</b> | <b>Huzayfah</b>          | For growing in confidence in Year 1, he has joined in with everything and it's been amazing to see!                                                                              |
|             | <b>Hassan</b>            | For being such a kind and caring member of Y1LF, he has played so lovely with his friends this week!                                                                             |
| <b>Y1AM</b> | <b>Joseph</b>            | For always being kind and caring, and being respectful to everyone!                                                                                                              |
|             | <b>Michaela</b>          | For being so mature and grown up, she has had an amazingly positive attitude!                                                                                                    |
| <b>Y2NR</b> | <b>Serah</b>             | For being amazing role models all term, they are always showing they are ready to learn, always following instructions first time, and always showing kindness to their friends! |
|             | <b>Helen</b>             |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Y2DH</b> | <b>Kendael</b>           | For being a supportive partner and showing great kindness to all children in the classroom!                                                                                      |
|             | <b>Murael</b>            | For having a fantastic half term in RWI, and great reading with the Year 6 children!                                                                                             |
| <b>Y3JN</b> | <b>Joseph T</b>          | For a fantastic attitude across the week both to learning and social times!                                                                                                      |
|             | <b>Eldana</b>            | For always being such a wonderful kind friend, showing patience to others and looking out for those who need it!                                                                 |
| <b>Y3MS</b> | <b>The whole of Y3MS</b> | They have had an amazing week, they've been working hard and have created some amazing pieces of work!                                                                           |
| <b>Y4IF</b> | <b>Noah</b>              | For really improved choices in class, and real enthusiasm on the trip to Weston Park Museum – copying facts and making drawings!                                                 |
|             | <b>Hamza</b>             | For fabulous effort at swimming, ensuring he puts his face in, and working harder to swim without any aids!                                                                      |
| <b>Y4TD</b> | <b>Youal</b>             | For showing maturity about distractions in the classroom, focusing on learning, taking time and producing work to be proud of!                                                   |
|             | <b>Alexandra</b>         | For being willing to have a go, even when she is not sure of the answer. She understands that making mistakes is an important part of learning!                                  |
| <b>Y5FS</b> | <b>Bemenet</b>           | For putting in maximum effort in his learning for the last couple of weeks, his work with Mrs Woodhouse in Maths, and his helpful around the classroom!                          |
|             | <b>Sofia</b>             | For much better choices this week, and being a positive influence in the classroom from the very first tasks on Monday morning!                                                  |
| <b>Y5EB</b> | <b>Nevin</b>             | For their amazing hard work in all areas of their learning, and for being kind children to all!                                                                                  |
|             | <b>Evlin</b>             |                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Y6ED | <b>Arsema</b>   | For beautiful presentation in her Project book, and for always thinking of creative ways to showcase her learning! |
|      | <b>Lodou</b>    | For demonstrating perseverance and determination with his Big Write!                                               |
| Y6EH | <b>Michaela</b> | For trying her hardest in lessons this week, finding ways to create the best opportunities to shine!               |
|      | <b>Elena</b>    | For always working hard, always trying her best, and always being polite and respectful!                           |

## Wonders of the Week – well done to all of you!

### Summer and Ihechi, Year 4

For building an obstacle course that made all the children want to join in!

### AmeliaD and Amelia T, Year 4

For helping with their friends in this activity!

### Husna and Aisa, Year 5

For patience and perseverance getting across the yard shuffling on the equipment!



## Yard Winners: **EVERYONE**

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## Prayer of the Month – October The Hail Mary

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen

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

The weekly mission is given by Mrs Redfern in Assembly on Monday mornings.

This week's mission is linked to **JUSTICE**:

*Think of a situation in the world that is unfair. Work together with  
others in your community to raise awareness and to work for justice.*

|               |                          |                                                                                       |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Year 1</b> | <b>Eilish and Naomi</b>  |  |
| <b>Year 2</b> | <b>Furtuna and Lenny</b> |                                                                                       |
| <b>Year 3</b> |                          |                                                                                       |
| <b>Year 4</b> |                          |                                                                                       |
| <b>Year 5</b> | <b>Levi and Amos</b>     |                                                                                       |
| <b>Year 6</b> | <b>Sesen and</b>         |                                                                                       |

## Stewardship: Caring for Our Community

*This week, our challenge is to think of a situation in the world that is unfair. Work together with  
others in your community to raise awareness and to work for justice.*



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# TRY CRICKET!

## ACE



**Coach Caspar Laurent**

[c.laurent@yorkshirecf.com](mailto:c.laurent@yorkshirecf.com)

SCAN HERE



## SESSION DETAILS

(hardball)

Thursdays 17:30-19:00  
Sheffield indoor cricket centre,  
402 petre street, S4 8LU  
(softball)

Fridays 17:00-18:00  
Concord sports centre,  
Shiregreen Lane, S5 6AE



[ace.programme](https://www.instagram.com/ace.programme)



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[www.aceprogramme.com](http://www.aceprogramme.com)

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## Living With Teenagers

Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities (EPEC)

**Date:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2027

**Time:** 10.00am - 12.15pm

**Venue:** Burngreave Vestry Hall, Burngreave Road,  
Sheffield, S3 9DD

**Duration:** 8 weeks

Living with Teenagers is a group programme offered to parents/carers of young people aged from 12 to 16 years old.

The course is led by trained EPEC (Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities) parent facilitators and aims to support you to manage both you and your teen's feelings, communicate and interact positively with your teen, use positive behaviour management strategies and manage parental stress.



**For more information or to book, please contact Sheffield Parent Hub**



0114 205 7243



SheffieldParenting@sheffield.gov.uk



Contact us: [enquiries@stcatherines.academy](mailto:enquiries@stcatherines.academy) or [www.stcatherines.academy/contact](http://www.stcatherines.academy/contact)

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## Family Cycling Event at Greenhill Park

Cycle North is inviting children and their parents or carers to join us for a fun family cycling event at Greenhill Park, S8 7HN. Sessions are available on **Thursday 29 and Friday 30 October**.

🔗 Book here: <https://buytickets.at/cyclenorth/2280799>

This event is open to **children aged 5-15 and their adult**, making it a great opportunity for families with younger children or teenagers who may not yet have had the chance to learn to ride or develop their basic cycling skills.

The session is designed around adults and children learning and cycling together, helping families develop confidence, skills and enjoyment of cycling in a fun and supportive environment.

- ✅ Open to children aged 5-15
- ✅ Parent or carer participation required throughout the session
- ✅ Led by qualified Bikeability instructors
- ✅ Cycles and equipment provided free of charge for the duration of the session

📍 Greenhill Park, Gresley Road, Sheffield, S8 7HN

🔗 Book here: <https://buytickets.at/cyclenorth/2280799>

**Please note: this is a family participation event. Each child must attend with a participating parent or carer.**

**1 ticket = 1 adult + 1 child.**

Places are limited and advance booking is required.



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UK Government



For children in receipt of Targeted Free School  
Meals

## Holiday Activities with Food

Limited places, book early with your new unique HAF code!

### How to access?



- Attend a Sheffield School (Reception-Y11)
- Be in receipt of Targeted Free School Meals
- Have your NEW Unique HAF Code

### Not eligible but want to join the fun?

Please contact a club directly to discuss.

Please note, HAF providers may need to prioritise families in receipt of Targeted Free School Meals if activities are oversubscribed.

### How to book?

To book activities online or by phone click the link below or visit  
[www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org](http://www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org)



Booking opens Friday 2nd October,  
3pm!

### Lost Your NEW Unique HAF Code?

[Report a problem with your HAF Code](#) | [Sheffield City Council](#)



OR

Call the HAF team on 0114 203 9303



NEW UNIQUE  
HAF CODE  
REQUIRED





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## Hello!

It's Katie from Picture News here. If you're reading this newsletter, your child's school uses our weekly news resources, so I thought it'd be helpful to fill you in on everything Picture News schools have been up to this half term! Let's get started...

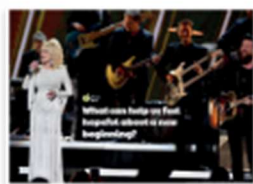
## News Recap

Each Picture News resource focuses on a 'Big Question', to encourage deeper thinking and discussion around news stories. Let's look back at some of the topics we've explored this half term...



### Learning from Dolly:

**What can help us feel hopeful about a new beginning?**



Dolly Parton re-recorded a song to raise money for charity, showing how revisiting something from the past can have a fresh impact. Coinciding with the new school year, children considered how they can build on their earlier experiences, take on new challenges, and make a positive difference.

### Homelessness:

**Do we all have a part to play in helping those in need?**



Prime Minister Andy Burnham pledged to offer everyone sleeping rough in England a safe place to stay by Christmas. Children thought about times when people need the help of others, what that help might look like, and why asking for help and telling a safe adult when we are worried about someone can matter.

### School Lunches:

**Who should decide what we have for school lunch?**



News of healthier changes to school dinner rules was the focus of this resource. Children thought about how decisions are made, discussing personal choice and shared responsibility, and the factors schools consider when providing meals.

### AI:

**Do we need AI wherever we go?**



The announcement of the new Meta Muse Charm led to thought-provoking conversations in schools about whether AI is useful and when might we be better off without it. Children discussed AI's potential and limits, and how much technology should play a part in our lives.

**Tip!**



Explore our Discussion Board together at home, to share thoughts on the Big Question and find out what other children say about the stories.

**VISIT THE DISCUSSION BOARD**



Contact us: [enquiries@stcatherines.academy](mailto:enquiries@stcatherines.academy) or [www.stcatherines.academy/contact](http://www.stcatherines.academy/contact)

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## Allergy Awareness Support

The new school year has brought new changes to allergy safety rules for schools across England. To help, we've hosted a range of Allergy Awareness Live Assemblies. The recordings are below, in case you'd like to watch together at home too!



**Allergies Live Assembly with the Sadie Bristow Foundation**  
Clare Bristow and 14-year-old Reuben joined around 1 million children to explore what allergies are, what it's like to experience them, and how we can help keep each other safe.

[REWATCH THE SESSION HERE](#)

### Being Allergy Allies! Primary Live Assembly

We explored more about allergies, with interactive quizzes and discussions. We heard from Lucy, who told us what it's like to live with coeliac disease, and shared how her friends and teachers helped to keep her safe.

[REWATCH THE SESSION HERE](#)



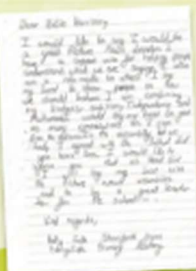
## Picture News Pioneers!

Earlier this term, Picture News founder Katie Harrison led an online session teaching children about how they can become Picture News Pioneers, and lead their own assemblies and discussions in school!



We've been inundated with lovely letters from children, explaining why they'd be good Picture News leaders...

If these letters are anything to go by, we're in safe hands with the next generation of leaders!



Read some of the letters and learn more about why schools are introducing Picture News Pioneers [here!](#)

## AI and schools: What's happening?



With news of the first-ever teacher of AI in a Scottish secondary school, and questions of how we can use AI responsibly amid new product launches like the Meta Muse Charm, AI has been an ongoing topic of conversation in and out of the classroom.



With 56% of children aged 8-17 using AI, we've been investigating how AI is impacting children and teachers. Take a look at our recent post to find out more [here](#).

This half term, teachers and pupils have talked openly about AI with the help of our Picture News pack. Together we explored the new Meta Muse Charm, and asked children, "Do we need AI wherever we go?"

What did your children think?



Let us know via the Discussion Board [here](#).

## Bye for now!

That's all from me for now. I hope you have a wonderful time together during the half term holidays.

Another edition of Picture News for Parents will be published at the end of Autumn 2, but in the meantime you can keep up with all-things Picture News on our socials (linked below).

And as always, any questions or feedback are welcome!

Speak soon,

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## Happy Christmas?

Or is it hard for your family to go  
to Church at Christmas,  
as it doesn't meet your  
child's needs?



### SEND Inclusive Christmas Eve

For children & young people  
with SEND / disability /  
neurodivergence.

And their family and friends!

**24<sup>th</sup> December 2026**

**9.45 am to 10.45 am**

St Andrew's Psalter Lane  
Church,  
Nether Edge, S11 8YL

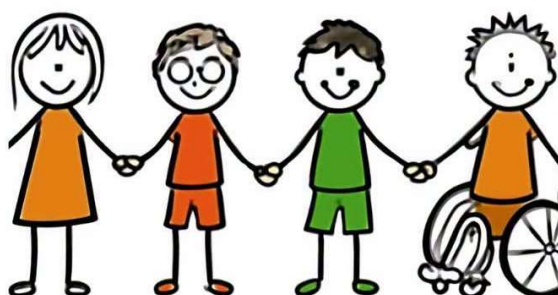
**This is a new project  
-your input is vital!**

Please get in touch with -  
Thoughts or ideas;

How we could meet your child's needs;

Or if you'd be interested in coming along!

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