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SCHOLASTIC

# Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running from now until Friday 4th December!

## Buy **books for home online** at a reasonable cost and help build our school library at the same time!

1. Go to the St Catherine's Scholastic page by following this link or scanning the QR code.
   https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-2MJ2CDSF
2. Choose books to buy for home and add them to your basket.
3. Go to check out
4. Enter your email address
5. Choose deliver to school for free delivery. Enter our school post code to find our school option. S4 7BX
6. Click on St Catherine's RC Sch

   St Catherines RC Primary Sch
   Firshill Crescent, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S4 7BX, United Kingdom

7. Click deliver to school
8. Enter your child's full name and class
9. Your books will be delivered to school and then to your child in their class!










**When you shop for books like this with scholastic, our school receives 20p for every £1 that you spend. This money goes towards new books for our school library! The money we raised from our first book club went towards buying these beautiful new books for our school library! Thank you!**

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## What week is it for school dinners on Monday 23rd November?

*https://www.stcatherines.academy/school-meals*

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**Please see the Packed Lunch Policy on the school website**
**Please note in particular that packed lunches must be cold, insulated flasks cannot be brought into school. Thanks.**

| WEEK THREE | FAVOURITES MONDAY | WORLD TUESDAY | ROAST WEDNESDAY | PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY | FISH FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Main Meal | RT Pork Sausages & Mash | 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 | Vegetable Sausages & Mash VG | Macaroni Cheese | Quorn Grill with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes | Vegetable Pasta Carbonara | Crispy Vegetable Fingers & Chips VG |
| Vegetables | Sweetcorn, Baked Beans, Broccoli | Carrots & Garden Peas | Seasonal Greens & Country Mixed Vegetables | Carrots or Sweetcorn | British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans |
| Sandwiches | Cheese | Tuna Mayo | Cheese | Tuna Mayo | Cheese |
| Wraps | Tuna Mayo Wrap | Cheese Wrap | Tuna Mayo Wrap | Cheese Wrap | 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 | Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo, Cheese or Beans |
| Dessert | Chocolatey Cookie VG | Apple Sponge & Custard | Raspberry Jelly | Crunchy Biscuit with Fruit Slices VG | Iced Sponge Cake |

## Dates to Remember and Other Important Things!

**New information is highlighted**

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| **Tuesday 24th November 2026** | **Y4IF Advent Assembly**   | 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). |
| **Tuesday 24th November 2024** | **Nursery Stay and Learn "Storytime"** | 9:00am to 9:30am This will take place in the classroom, straight after Stay and Play! |
| **Tuesday 24th November 2026** | **Year 6 Trip "Holocaust Centre"** | Please sign up on ParentPay |
| **Wednesday 25th November 2026** | **Reception Parent Workshop "Read Write Inc"** | 9:00am to 10:00am with Mrs Gordon in CCC, please enter by the school office! |

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| **Thursday 26th November 2026** | **Follow up flu vaccinations** | |
| **Thursday 26th November 2026** | **Nursery Stay and Learn "Storytime"** | 9:00am to 9:30am This will take place in the classroom, straight after Stay and Play! |
| **Friday 27th November 2026** | **Year 1 Trip "Emergency Services Museum"** | Please sign up on ParentPay |
| **Tuesday 1st December 2026** | **Y6EH Advent Assembly**   | 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). |
| **Wednesday 2nd December 2026** | **Reception Stay and Learn "Storytime"** | 9:00am to 9:30am This will take place in the classroom, straight after Stay and Play! |
| **Wednesday 2nd December 2026** | **Key Stage 1 Parent Workshop "Read Write Inc"** | More details to follow |
| **Thursday 3rd December 2026** | **Year 4 Workshop "Science of Sound"** | The workshop for Year 4 children will take place in school |
| **Thursday 3rd December 2026** | **Year 2 Trip "City Centre"** | Please sign up on ParentPay |
| **Friday 4th December 2026** | **Mass in school** | Year 3 to Year 6 |
| **Tuesday 8th December 2026** | **Y6ED Advent Assembly**   | 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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| **Wednesday 9th December 2026** | **F2JW Nativity**  | Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the Nativity starts at 2:30pm **in the CCC – please enter by the school office!** Sorry but we are not able to admit latecomers as this will distract the children. ~~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).~~ |
| **Tuesday 15th December 2026** | **Y4TD Advent Assembly**   | 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). |
| **Wednesday 16th December 2026** | **Christmas Dinner at School** | More details to follow! |
| **Wednesday 16th December 2026** | **F2AW Nativity**  | Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the Nativity starts at 2:30pm **in the CCC – please enter by the school office!** Sorry but we are not able to admit latecomers as this will distract the children. ~~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 17th December 2026** | **Year 2 Nativity**  | Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the Nativity starts at 9:00am 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 17th December 2026** | **Year 1 to Year 6 Christmas Disco** | **After school until 4:45pm** |
| **Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2027** | **Christmas holiday, school is closed** | |
| **Monday 4th January 2027** | **Training day, school is closed to pupils** | |

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# A Culture of Safeguarding at St Catherine's

PARENT VOICE

**What are the barriers to getting your child to school before the bell rings?**
https://www.stcatherines.academy/newsletters
*Click on the icon from the Newsletter page on the school website!*

Every day, we have a number of children who arrive at school after the gates have been closed. These children miss registration with their peers, and sometimes miss the start of their first lesson.

We want to reduce the number of late arrivals in school, we want to support parents to get their children to school on time.

If you can, please complete the questionnaire using the link on the newsletter page – this is relevant even if your children are always on time, you may have good ideas to share.

Thank you for your support!



**Gates open at 8:30am and learning starts**



**School register is closed at 8:45am**
**Morning Nursery starts at 8:45am**
**Gates close at 8:45am**

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# Attendance and Punctuality

## The highest attendance in school this week was 98.7%

Well done to the following classes for the highest attendance:

## Y2DH and Y6ED

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

## The best punctuality this week was Y1LF with two lates!

Well done to your children and their families!

Overall school attendance for last week was:

## 96.3%

| Class | Teacher | Lates | % Attendance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **F2JW** | Miss Jefferies and Mrs Wilkinson | 4 | 95.3 |
| **F2AW** | Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Wood | 7 | 91.3 |
| **Y1LF** | Miss Franks | 2 | 96.2 |
| **Y1AM** | Miss Morris | 16 | 95.3 |
| **Y2NR** | Miss Rodgers | 7 | 98.3 |
| **Y2DH** | Mr Hawksworth | 5 | 98.7 |
| **Y3JN** | Miss Ng | 5 | 98.3 |
| **Y3MS** | Miss Suleiman | 5 | 98.3 |
| **Y4IF** | Miss Frost | 4 | 93.9 |
| **Y4TD** | Miss Dennis | 6 | 96.3 |
| **Y5FS** | Mr Fowler and Miss Sweeney | 17 | 98.6 |
| **Y5EB** | Miss Brian | 5 | 97.2 |
| **Y6ED** | Miss Drinkhill | 12 | 98.7 |
| **Y6EH** | Miss Huddleston | 12 | 92.9 |

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

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| **Y1LF** | **Rufta** | For great participation in all of our lessons, her hand is always up and she's always got the right answer! |
| | **Summayah** | For growing in confidence in RWI, she has been practising so hard and reading so well! |
| **Y1AM** | **Atiksh** | For impressing Miss Morris with his good choices, his effort has shown in amazing work and some great answers! |
| | **Bilan** | For impressing Miss Morris with her perseverance and independence, she made a wonderful paramedic puppet all by herself! |
| **Y2NR** | **Noel** | For amazing remembering of significant people in our history topic and always trying his best and producing beautiful work! |
| | **Hannah A** | For always being a role model for everyone in our class, always sensible, kind, tries her best in everything that she does! |
| **Y2DH** | **Zakariyah** | For showing great interest in Project about different materials, and making creations at home linked to Project learning! |
| | **Kly** | For excellent vocabulary in Literacy when writing simple sentences about Little Mesters workshops! |
| **Y3JN** | **Sofia** | For always giving 100% in all that she does! |
| | **Leon** | For a beautiful Big Write! |
| **Y3MS** | **Grace** | For being impressive with their use of vocabulary and sentence structure in Literacy, they have made amazing final paragraphs on Romulus and Remus! |
| | **Max** | |
| **Y4IF** | **Maryam** | For perseverance in Maths when rounding to the nearest 10, 100, and 1,000, she accessed support with a positive attitude when needed! |
| | **Tinaye** | For great simple sentences in Literacy, she showed the class that an independent clause can be so effective in our writing! |
| **Y4TD** | **Lucas** | For recognising distractions and moving away to remain focused on his learning, setting a positive example to others! |
| | **Mary** | For engaging with learning opportunities and contributing confidently in every lesson, demonstrating a commitment to achieving her best! |
| **Y5FS** | **Leo** | For having a great week and being a role model at Magna! |
| | **Zakariya** | For his effort in his learning this week, particularly Literacy! |
| **Y5EB** | **Ai'zah** | For completing an outstanding 54 Spelling Shed games this week, and acing her spelling test as a result! |
| | **Aariz** | For his excellent behaviour at Magna, and being so enthusiastic to explore the whole building! |

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| **Y6ED** | **Albert** | For taking responsibility of his actions, and for thinking more carefully about distractions! |
| | **Balkisu** | For working hard on her handwriting and presentation! |
| **Y6EH** | **Nyah** | For amazing focus and application of her literacy skills in her letter writing this literacy unit! |
| | **Asaph** | For showing maturity, taking accountability and showing an awareness of how he can make the right choices to be the best he can be! |

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

### Halima, Year 5
For being a kind and caring friend to Afiyah when she needed it most!

### Reuben and Asaph, Year 6
For being deputies yesterday for Miss Winterbottom and getting the hockey out at playtime, very responsible and trustworthy!




### Deron, Year 4
For always playing with everyone on the MUGA and inviting others to join his game!

## Yard Winners: Year 4

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# Prayer of the Month – November
## Glory be to the Father

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be world without end.
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.
The Word of the Week is **YOUTH** – Young people have a vital role to play in the life of the Church and the world. They offer hope, inspiration and courage. The Church needs young people's voices, involvement, and leadership for it to grow and we are all called to be young in our outlook and our attitude so we can live life to the full.

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| **Year 1** | **Emah and Hakeem** |
| **Year 2** | **Edom and Sula** |
| **Year 3** | **Daniel D and Joseph T** |
| **Year 4** | **Sufna and Maryam** |
| **Year 5** | **Leo and Lulia** |
| **Year 6** | **Tyler and Irene** |

# Stewardship: Caring for Our Community

*This week, our challenge is to make the effort to have a positive youthful attitude, help others to see hope in difficult situations.*



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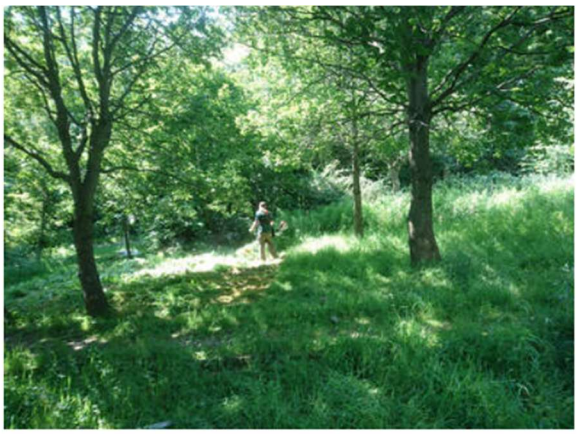
Friends of Parkwood Springs
our country park in the city



## 10:00-12:30 Saturday 21st November 2026



Meet us and the City Council Ranger at 10.00 am in the car park on Shirecliffe Road S5 8XB. You can help with a variety of tasks, such as maintaining our lowland heath, looking after our ponds and woods, encouraging the growth of wildflowers and the insects which feed on them.

We have a break for a drink and a chat at about 11.15 am and finish by 12.30 pm.

All tools and gloves are provided. Just dress for the weather.

## 11:00-13:00 Saturday 21st November 2026

Wreath making session on the Heliport Field near the Shirecliffe Road car park.

## 10:00-12:30 Monday 16th, 23rd and 30th November 2026

Ranger-led Volunteer Sessions

Ranger Ryan will be leading sessions to improve Parkwood Springs – come and build your nature skills and meet new people, there is a range of activities on offer! Everyone welcome.



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