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KS1 RWI Parent Workshop

Supporting your child in reading at home

Wednesday 2nd December 8:45 – 10:00

Join Miss Rodgers for a workshop about how to support your child reading at home.

In this session you will:

- Learn how to use the resources your child brings home.
- Practise strategies to support your child reading at home.
- Visit a RWI session to see how the children read in school.
- Have an opportunity to ask questions.

We really hope to see you there!

Read Write Inc. Phonics

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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

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   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 30th 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 ONE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal	RT Pork Sausage & Bean Wholewheat Pasta Bake & Garlic bread	BBQ Chicken & Mixed Wholegrain Rice	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Margherita & Home-baked Jacket Potato Wedges	MSC Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Meal	Vegetable Sausage & Bean Wholewheat Pasta Bake & Garlic Bread	BBQ Vegetables & Mixed Wholegrain Rice VG	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Cottage Pie VG	Cheesy Bean Pitta - Wholemeal VG
Vegetables	Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Carrots & Garden Peas	Seasonal Greens & Country Mixed Vegetables	Mixed Salad, Broccoli & 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, Salmon Mayo or Beans
Dessert	Chocolatey Cornflake Crispy	Gingerbread Cookie & Fresh Fruit	Orange Jelly & Fruit Slices VG	Marble Sponge & Custard	Chocolatey Brownie

Advent

Sunday 29th November 2026 marks the beginning of Advent and the start of a new liturgical year in the church calendar.

What is advent?

Advent means 'coming'. It is a four-week season dedicated to preparing for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas time and the return of Christ at the second coming. Each week of advent focuses on a different theme—hope, peace, joy and love. In school our Y4 and Y6 classes will be helping us to prepare during this season with their wonderful advent assemblies, details of which are on the school newsletter. In classrooms and shared prayer spaces our altar cloths will change to purple, a colour that signifies repentance. Each class has their own advent wreath and will gather around it daily to think and reflect upon the advent season. We wish you and your families a peaceful and prayerful Advent season.

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Dates to Remember and Other Important Things!

New information is highlighted

Sunday 29th November 2026		**Start of Advent**
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"**	Join Miss Rodgers at 8:45 in CCC – please enter by the school office!
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

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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).
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.
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**	Menu is attached at the end of this newsletter, children order in class on the day – only RED and GREEN options are available on this day!
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.

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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	**Reception Local Walk "Posting Letter to Santa"**	Children will walk to the post box, accompanied by school staff!
Thursday 17th December 2026	**Year 1 to Year 6 Christmas Disco** 	Non-uniform day for Year 1 to Year 6. The disco starts straight after school and children need to be collected from their classroom door at 4:45pm. Children can wear their Christmas jumper if they have one, or party clothes – please make sure their shoes are suitable for the school day though! 10% of the takings will be donated to the Save the Children Christmas Jumper appeal. Please sign up on ParentPay
Friday 18th December 2026	**Christmas Raffle**	Tickets cost 20p and will be on sale AFTER SCHOOL from Monday 7th December!
Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2027	**Christmas holiday, school is closed**	
Monday 4th January 2027	**Training day, school is closed to pupils**	
Tuesday 5th January 2027	**Back to school for the Spring term!**	

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A Culture of Safeguarding at St Catherine's

You spoke, we listened …

We know that traffic and parking on Firshill Crescent can be very busy in the mornings. Following parent feedback last week, we are going to **trial** a change to the gates in the mornings to help with some of the difficulties that you told us about.

Some Gates Opening at 8:20am
From Monday 30th November:

- The Year 4 gate and the Roe Lane gate will open at 8:20am.
- Please come onto the KS1 yard and wait there with your child. Children must be supervised and must wait with their parent.
- Please stay with your child until the classroom doors open.
- The Year 5 gate and the Foundation Stage gate will open at 8:30am.

Coming a little earlier will help spread out arrivals, some cars will be leaving sooner, so there will be fewer cars on Firshill Crescent at the same time. We hope this will free up parking spaces more quickly for families arriving from 8:30am, to make the road safer and calmer for everyone.

All Gates Closing at 8:45am
From Monday 30th November:

- Both members of the office team will be on a gate, they will leave it open until 8:45am.
- After locking their gate (Year 5 and Year 4) they will make their way to the office to manage any late arrivals.
- If your child arrives late, please take them to the office and wait with them until the office team have returned and registered them, making sure that they are safely accounted for. A parent must wait with their child if they are arriving late.
- For children who travel to school independently, parents will be contacted if their child arrives late, so that adjustments can be made to schedules if needed.

This is a trial; if there is little to no impact to the number of children who are arriving late, we may revert to gates opening at 8.30am.

Why being on time matters

It is very important that your child arrives at school on time. When children are late, they miss learning time. They also miss the chance to settle into class, say hello to their teachers and friends, and feel ready for the day. These first few minutes help children feel that they belong.

To help us further, please park thoughtfully avoiding double yellow lines, walk to school if you can, and be kind and patient with our neighbours. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe and happy.

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Attendance and Punctuality

The highest attendance in school this week was 99.3%

Well done to the following class for the highest attendance:

Y3JN

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

The best punctuality this week was Y4IF with zero lates!

Well done to your children and their families!

Overall school attendance for last week was:

95.7%

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
F2JW	Miss Jefferies and Mrs Wilkinson	9	89.7
F2AW	Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Wood	6	91.7
Y1LF	Miss Franks	6	97.2
Y1AM	Miss Morris	5	95.3
Y2NR	Miss Rodgers	5	95.9
Y2DH	Mr Hawksworth	1	94.3
Y3JN	Miss Ng	7	99.3
Y3MS	Miss Suleiman	9	99.0
Y4IF	Miss Frost	0	94.8
Y4TD	Miss Dennis	1	96.7
Y5FS	Mr Fowler and Miss Sweeney	10	97.1
Y5EB	Miss Brian	8	94.7
Y6ED	Miss Drinkhill	6	99.0
Y6EH	Miss Huddleston	10	95.1

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MERIT WINNERS – well done to all of you!

Y1LF	To the whole year group for an amazing trip today to the Emergency Services Museum Everyone had a wonderful time!	
Y1AM		
Y2NR	**Obi**	For a fantastic fingerprint Advent wreath, it was so creative and he followed instructions so well!
	Chiemerie	For a fantastic evergreen Advent wreath – his work was a brilliant exemplar to other children and he was guiding others on how to use the same technique!
Y2DH	**Steve**	For fantastic reading in RWI over the past few weeks, and great partner work in RWI!
	Joshua M	For incredible science vocabulary when describing properties of materials!
Y3JN	**Gelila**	For always showing so much enthusiasm in all of their learning and producing some WAGOLL-worthy work!
	Yohans	
Y3MS	**Naomi**	For being a great partner to other children, kind and always wanting to help!
	Sara B	For impressing
Y4IF	**Catherine**	For a noticeable increase in contributions in class discussions and class input!
	Tina	For really pushing herself to think about the learning before formulating her answers!
Y4TD	**Matthew**	For showing great maturity by being able to recognise and express his feelings when he is in the Read Zone!
	Isabelle	For showing fantastic determination in Maths this week, asking thoughtful questions to deepen her understanding!

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Y5FS	**Noah**	For being an all round superstar for both Mr Fowler and Miss Sweeney, for always doing the right thing and being a great role model for others!
	Mohammed Zain	For great listening skills and giving full effort during lessons, concentrating during the input and the task, completing work to a high standard!
Y5EB	**Yuel**	For showing so much enthusiasm in his learning, for his amazing Maths work, and for doing 66 assignments on Spelling Shed this week!
	Mia	For impressing Miss Brian with her Maths work and her Handwriting, it is very impressive!
Y6ED	**Shanice**	For incredible enthusiasm and engagement during our Advent assembly practice!
	Esme	
Y6EH	**Rocco**	For trying really hard in all lessons, especially in Literacy, and for being a great role model!
	Audrey	For being so resilient and putting 100% effort into her learning, showing fabulous independence and a drive to do her best!

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

Rufael, Year 6

For making an amazing sculpture on the yard at lunchtime with the loose parts, he was so proud of himself!



Yard Winners: Year 5

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Congratulations to our GOLD Award winners Wednesday 25th November 2026

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Prayer of the Month – December
Act of Contrition

O my God, because you are so good,
I am very sorry that I have sinned against you,
and with the help of your grace
I will not sin again.
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 **KINGDOM** –
Think of one thing you can do to make your community a place where God is present.

Year 1	(not chosen – out for a trip)
Year 2	**Serah and Lawrence**
Year 3	**Elkanah and Aisha**
Year 4	**Alnata and Alazar**
Year 5	**Mariam and Levi**
Year 6	**Esme and Elena**

Stewardship: Caring for Our Community

This week, our challenge is to make our community a place where God is present.



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Friends of Parkwood Springs
our country park in the city



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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Roast Chicken
with a Chipolata
or
Vegetable & Cheese Pastry Crown (v)

Served with
Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding,
Sage & Onion Stuffing, Brussels Sprouts,
Carrots, Peas & Gravy.

Dessert
Chocolate Crispy Crunch
Christmas Pudding

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We need YOU to help us find out about food and eating practices of children in South Yorkshire

Sheffield Hallam University and Sheffield Children's Hospital NHS Trust are carrying out a survey to better understand food and eating practices of children in Sheffield and South Yorkshire. This information can help us evaluate and improve weight management services at Sheffield Childrens NHS Trust.

We're looking for children and young people and their families to take part in a brief survey

The survey ask a series of questions about you, your child/children, your household, and food/eating practices. The questionnaire will take around 10 minutes to complete.

Scan the QR code or visit:

bit.ly/hallamcew21

If you have any questions, or would like to find out more, please contact

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Sheffield Hallam University

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CAFOD A better world needs all of us



Do you ever long for a daily moment of quiet reflection in our busy world?

Advent is drawing near and we'd like to invite you to join us in reflection and prayer, delivered straight to your inbox, during this season of anticipation and expectation.

Starting on 29 November, the first Sunday of Advent, we will be sharing daily scripture reflections, stories of our global family, prayers and practical ideas for action, as we create a space to prepare for the coming of Christ.

https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar

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