



Newsletter

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Executive Headteacher Notice

It has been lovely to see all our wonderful children and their families back in school this week following the Christmas break. I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year, spending time with your families and friends. We are excited for another term in school leading up to Easter.

Y3 Swimming

Please can we remind all parents that swimming is part of the National Curriculum and the Government states that we must aim for all children to be able to swim 25m by the time they leave Y6. We have had lots of children either forgetting their kit or saying they cannot go due to illness. If the child is well enough to be in school then they will be well enough to attend swimming. We will also have spare swimming kit in school. Thank you.

Phonics Workshops

We will be running a series of Phonics Workshops this term for parents/carers of children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 on Mondays – Please see Dates for the diary box below for exact dates.

OFSTED Monitoring Visit

OFSTED will conduct a monitoring visit in our school on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 January 2026.

Parents Evening

Booking for our next parents evening is now open and will take place on the following days.

Y3/4, Y4/5, Y5/6 and Y6 will take place on Tuesday 20 January 2026

Y1/2, Y2 and Y3 will take place on Wednesday 21 January 2026

Nursery, F2 and Y1 Miss Chamberlain will take place on Thursday 22 January 2026

For Parents/Carers who already have an account, you can book an appointment by using the following link:

<https://www.st-patricks.sheffield.sch.uk/parentportal/?redirect=parents-evening>

Admissions PAN Consultation 2027/28

We are consulting on our planned admissions arrangements for pupils applying for places in the academic year beginning September 2027. The consultation will run for 6 weeks from 1st December 2025 to 11th January 2026.

This consultation is taking place due to a decreased uptake of places. We have the following proposed changes to our arrangements: Reducing the Planned Admission Number from 40 to 30

We welcome your views on our proposed arrangements. We will also be happy to answer any questions that you may have. You can share your views or questions by completing this [form](#). Arrangements will be published by 28th February 2026.

Time to start School?

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, you need to apply for their school place.

Save Time - Apply Online at: www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare

Closing date for applying: 15th January 2026

Pupil Admissions can be contacted on **0114 273 5766**

It is your responsibility to apply for a school place. Missing the closing date will mean less chance of obtaining a place at your preferred school(s).

PE days

Y1 Miss Chamberlain's – Friday (Indoor)	Y3/4 Mr Fidler's – Monday (Indoor) - Wednesday (Outdoor)
Y1/2 Miss Hardwick's – Monday (Outdoor) - Tuesday (Indoor)	Y4/5 Miss Kirk's – Monday (Outdoor) - Wednesday (Indoor)
Y2 Miss Hobbs – Monday (Outdoor) - Thursday (Indoor)	Y5/6 Mrs Verdon-Smith's – Thursday (Indoor) - Friday (Outdoor)
Y3 Mrs Johnson/Miss Keeton's – Thursday (Outdoor) - Friday (Indoor)	Y6 Miss Rutter's – Tuesday (Indoor) - Friday (Outdoor)

Virtues to Live By – Simplicity

• F2 Ms Boardman's – Jasper and Mariano	• Y3 Mrs Johnson/Miss Keeton's – Zahra and Bennett
• Y1 Miss Chamberlain's – Coby and Dwithika	• Y3/4 Mr Fidler's – Casey and Nathan
• Y1/2 Miss Hardwick's – Sara and Shayna	• Y4/5 Miss Kirk's – Sherisse and Skyla
• Y2 Miss Hobbs – Ayden and Elissa	• Y5/6 Mrs Verdon-Smith's – Roman and Mekilit
	• Y6 Miss Rutter's – Maleah and Mathew

Weekly Attendance – Commencing 15 December

POSITION THIS WEEK	CLASS	WEEKLY ATTENDANCE%	WEEKLY POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	OVERALL POSITION
1	Mrs Johnson and Miss Keeton	97.8%	9	89	Joint 2 nd
2	Mrs Verdon-Smith	97.5%	8	89	Joint 2 nd
3	Miss Hobbs	96.7%	7	68	6 th
4	Miss Rutter	95.9%	6	86	4 th
5	Ms Boardman	94.8%	5	94	1 st
6	Miss Kirk	93.3%	4	63	7 th
7	Miss Hardwick	93.1%	3	61	8 th
8	Mr Fidler	85%	2	84	5 th
9	Miss Chamberlain	83.9%	1	46	9 th



Logo Leisurewear Ordering

Order School Uniform using the following link:

<https://logoleisurewear.com/product-category/schools/schools-st-patricks-primary/>

Afterschool Clubs

Spring Term 1					
DAY	CLUB	TIME	START	FINISH	Cost per child per session
Monday	KS2 Dance Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	05/01/2026	09/02/2026	£1
	KS2 Table Tennis Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	05/01/2026	09/02/2026	£1
Tuesday	Y5 & Y6 Boys Football Club	3:15 – 4:00pm	06/01/2026	10/02/2026	£1
Wednesday	Y1/ Y2 Karate Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	07/01/2026	11/02/2026	£1
	Y5 / Y6 Cricket Club	3:15 – 4pm	07/01/2026	11/02/2026	£1
	KS2 Book Club	3:15 – 4pm	07/01/2026	11/02/2026	£1
Thursday	KS2 Girls Football Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	08/01/2026	12/02/2026	£1

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 13 January – FS2 + KS1 RSE Parent Information Event 2.30 – 3.15pm

Tuesday 13 January – FS2 + KS1 RSE Parent Information Event 5.15 – 6pm

Wednesday 14 January – LKS2 (Y3 + Y4) RSE Parent Information Event 2.30 – 3.15pm

Wednesday 14 January – LKS2 (Y3 + Y4) RSE Parent Information Event 5.15 – 6pm

Thursday 15 January – UKS2 (Y5 + Y6) RSE Parent Information Event 2.30 – 3.15pm

Thursday 15 January – UKS2 (Y5 + Y6) RSE Parent Information Event 5.15 – 6pm

Monday 19 January – Introduction to Phonics for FS2 and Year 1 Parents/Carers 2.45 – 3.15pm

Tuesday 20 January – KS2 Parents Evening 1.30 – 7pm

Wednesday 21 January – Y1/2, Y2 and Y3 Parents Evening 1.30 – 7pm

Thursday 22 January – Y6 Trip to Crucial Crew

Thursday 22 January – Nursery, F2 and Y1 Parents Evening 1.30 – 7pm

Monday 26 January – FS2 Set 1 Sounds 2.45 – 3.15pm

Monday 2 February – FS2 Fred Talk for Parents/Carers 2.45 – 3.15pm

Monday 9 February – Set 2 and 3 sounds for Year 1 and Year 2 Parents/Carers 2.45 – 3.15pm

Monday 2 March – PSC for Year 1 Parents/Carers 2.45 – 3.15pm

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance

Reminder of Penalty Notice Fines issued for term time leave absence.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued (after 19th August) for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance this will be considered the first offence, and the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Where there is 4 days of absence during a week where there is also a training day, a penalty notice may still be issued.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines can also be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate.