



# Newsletter

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## **Executive Headteacher Notice**

*What a great half term we have had! The time really has flown by. The children have had a great final week in school and well done to those children who went to the Gymnastics competition yesterday. We are so proud of you and you were a credit representing our school. I hope that all of our children and families have a wonderful, restful half term and we will see you back at school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026!*

## **Mobile Phones**

*To support our safeguarding procedures and ensure the safety of all pupils, mobile phones should only be brought to school by Year 5 or 6 pupils who walk home independently and have parental consent to do so. Any phones brought to school must be handed in at the office before entering the school building and collected from the office at the end of the day; if a child attends Breakfast Club, phones should be handed in on arrival, and if they attend an after-school club, phones will be returned by the staff member dismissing the children.*

*Children who arrive at and leave school with an adult should not bring a mobile phone. If you feel your child needs to bring a phone outside of these arrangements, this must be discussed in advance and approved by Mrs Dobson or Miss Weir.*

## **Exciting News: Read Write Inc. Books Heading Home!**

*We are delighted to share that starting after the half-term break, children will begin bringing their Read Write Inc. phonics books home on a weekly basis. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to celebrate your child's progress and help them build confidence by practicing the stories they have mastered in class.*

*To ensure we can keep our library well-stocked for everyone, we kindly ask that these books are kept in good condition and returned promptly each week. Please note that a replacement fee will be charged for any lost or significantly damaged books. We can't wait to see the children sharing their reading successes with you at home!*

## **Y4 Swimming**

*Group 2 children started their swimming this week. Swimming will resume again after the holidays from Monday 2 March.*

## **Phonics Workshops**

*Thank you to the parents/carers that have attended our Phonics Workshops. We have one final session on Monday 2 March about the Phonics Screening Check for Y1 parents.*

## **School Dinners**

*Please can parents/carers ensure that school dinners are ordered from home. We still have a large number of children ordering dinners in class in the morning. Ordering from home ensures that you have control over what your child eats in school.*

## **Friends of St Patrick's**

*Charlotte Codina will finish this summer as chair. FOSP needs some fresh members to keep up the good work that they provide for the school. FOSP has paid for many new school items such as blinds, breakfast clubs, a pantomime trip, coaches, books, computers, and provided many lovely activities for the children and needs new hands to help. You don't need to be a professional or have experience, just willing! Charlotte and the members are very happy to talk to anyone wanting to consider getting involved.*

*The date of the next meeting is 13 March at 9am so any new members are welcome.*

## World Book Day – Friday 6 March

### Celebrating World Book Day 2026: Bedtime Story

We are excited to announce our plans for **World Book Day 2026**, which will be celebrated on **Friday 6th March**. This year, our school theme is **Inclusion and Diversity**, focusing on stories and authors that celebrate our diverse community. We are inviting our pupils to wear their pyjamas for the day.

We have a packed schedule of whole-school activities designed to bring the magic of reading to life:

- **Special Assembly:** We will start off the day with a whole-school assembly from 9:00 am to 9:20 am.
- **Storytelling Workshops:** Every class will participate in a one-hour workshop led by a professional storyteller.
- **The "Secret Reader":** Throughout the day, staff members will read for one minute over the PA system. Pupils will have the fun challenge of guessing the identity of each "Secret Reader".

Each year group will be exploring specific texts chosen to reflect our theme of inclusion:

Students will be introduced to their class book during a dedicated reading lesson. Older students will dive deeper into their chosen texts, culminating in a **book review** during their writing lessons. During non-structured time, classes will engage in various activities such as **hot-seating**, **freeze frames**, and **"Dragon's Den" style book pitches** where students present books they believe should be turned into movies. As part of our commitment to fostering a lifelong love of reading, we will have dedicated **Reading for Pleasure** time. We encourage all students to share their favourite stories and perhaps discover something new.

We look forward to a day filled with creativity, discussion, and, most importantly, the joy of books!

### PE days

Y1 Miss Chamberlain's – Friday (Indoor)	Y3/4 Mr Fidler's – Monday (Indoor) - Friday (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 – Wednesday (Outdoor) - Thursday (Indoor)
Y3 Mrs Johnson/Miss Keeton's – Thursday (Outdoor) - Friday (Indoor)	Y6 Miss Rutter's – Tuesday (Indoor) - Friday (Outdoor)

### Virtues to Live By – Love

• F2 Ms Boardman's – Szeana and Sebastian	• Y3 Mrs Johnson/Miss Keeton's – Hazel and Ryan
• Y1 Miss Chamberlain's – Nivan and Efrata	• Y3/4 Mr Fidler's – Ann and Hannah
• Y1/2 Miss Hardwick's – Taia and Freddie	• Y4/5 Miss Kirk's – Kayon and Ahmed
• Y2 Miss Hobbs – Khodijah and Eden	• Y5/6 Miss Sheeran's – Imiyah and Khalid
	• Y6 Miss Rutter's – Maleah and Nathan

Weekly Attendance – Commencing 2 February

POSITION THIS WEEK	CLASS	WEEKLY ATTENDANCE%	WEEKLY POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	OVERALL POSITION
1	Ms Boardman	99.2%	9	120	Joint 2 <sup>nd</sup>
2	Mrs Verdon-Smith	96.8%	8	120	Joint 2 <sup>nd</sup>
3	Miss Rutter	96.3%	7	116	4 <sup>th</sup>
4	Miss Hardwick	95.8%	6	87	7 <sup>th</sup>
5	Miss Kirk	95.3%	5	86	8 <sup>th</sup>
6	Miss Hobbs	95.1%	4	97	6 <sup>th</sup>
7	Mr Fidler	92.4%	3	110	5 <sup>th</sup>
8	Mrs Johnson and Miss Keeton	88.7%	2	122	1 <sup>st</sup>
9	Miss Chamberlain	88.3%	1	51	9 <sup>th</sup>



Logo Leisurewear Ordering

Order School Uniform using the following link:

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

Afterschool Clubs

<b>Spring Term 2</b>					
DAY	CLUB	TIME	START	FINISH	Cost per child per session
Monday	KS2 Dance Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	02/03/26	23/02/26	£1
	KS2 Table Tennis Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	02/03/26	23/02/26	£1
Wednesday	Y1 / Y2 Karate Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	25/02/26	25/03/26	£1
	Y5 / Y6 Cricket Club	3:15 – 4:00pm	25/02/26	25/03/26	£1
	KS2 Book Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	25/02/26	25/03/26	£1
	Y4 / Y5 / Y6 Boys and Girls Football Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	26/02/26	26/03/26	£1

Sheffield Music Hub

Felicity Atkinson provides keyboard lessons in school for pupils each week.

There are places available for children in Y1 and above. For details, pricing and booking please use the following link:

<https://www.sheffieldmusicclub.org/pages/music-lessons-in-schools>

### **Catholic Younger Artist Award**

*The Catholic Union Charitable Trust is delighted to announce the Catholic Young Artist Award. Open to primary school aged children, the theme will be Forgiveness. The Award will be judged by Margaret Mizen, Founder of the Mizen Foundation.*

*For more information regarding this and how you can enter, please follow the link below:*

<https://hallam-diocese.com/catholic-young-artist-award/>

### **Dates for the Diary**

**Friday 13 February** – Break up for half term holidays

**Monday 23 February** – INSET day – school closed to pupils

**Tuesday 24 February** – First day back after the half term holidays

**Wednesday 25 February** – Y4/5 Miss Kirk's class – tree planting in Longley Park

**Monday 2 March** – Phonics Screening Check meeting for Year 1 Parents/Carers 2.45 – 3.15pm

**Friday 13 March** – FOSP Meeting 9am

**Tuesday 17 March** - St Patrick's Day Mass at 9.30am in Church

**Thursday 26 March** – Y6 Parents Evening (more details to follow)

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.