



Newsletter

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Executive Headteacher Notice

It has been so lovely to welcome all of our wonderful children and their families back after the half term holiday! It has been great to see the lighter mornings and evenings and this is a sign that the better weather will be with us soon. I am looking forward to this half term as we journey through the season of Lent.

Update on the entrance and gates

Following our recent implementation of the new entrance to school, please see below clarification on which entrances/exits will be used and at what times:

Breakfast club access will be via the main entrance on Swanbourne Road. This gate will open at 8am and close by 8.30am. This gate will then re-open at 8.35am.

Barnsley Road gate and the gate near the Nursery will be open from 8.35am and close at 8.45am.

Any children arriving after 8.45am will need to report to the Main Entrance on Swanbourne Road.

Children can be collected at the end of school day as follows:

Nursery, F2, Y1, Y1/2 and Y2 – no changes to their collection point

Y3 will now be collected from the back of school green door next to F2 (Swanbourne Road entrance)

Y3/4 and Y4/5 will now exit from the old school office door

Y5/6 will now be collected from the MUGA

The gates will open at 3.10pm and close at 3.30pm.

Any late collections will need to report to the Main Entrance on Swanbourne Road.

The Church gate is no longer in use for parents, visitors or deliveries. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our school safe.

Exciting News: Read Write Inc. Books Heading Home! - Reminder

We are delighted to share that 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 - Reminder

Swimming will resume from Monday 2 March.

Friends of St Patrick's - Reminder

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 2026 at 9am and any new members are welcome.

World Book Day – Friday 6 March - Reminder

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

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| 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 – Forgiveness

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| • F2 Ms Boardman's – Zikora and Eva | • Y3 Mrs Johnson/Miss Keeton's – Oriana and Hasnain |
| • Y1 Miss Chamberlain's – Ozzy and A'Miyah | • Y3/4 Mr Fidler's – Yoel and Renz |
| • Y1/2 Miss Hardwick's – Adam and Joseph | • Y4/5 Miss Kirk's – Marcelina and Tami |
| • Y2 Miss Hobbs – Nehemiah and Naniso | • Y5/6 Miss Sheeran's – Esmee and Jake |
| | • Y6 Miss Rutter's – Kadeem and Maleah |

Weekly Attendance – Commencing 9 February

| POSITION THIS WEEK | CLASS | WEEKLY ATTENDANCE% | WEEKLY POINTS | TOTAL POINTS | OVERALL POSITION |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Mrs Verdon-Smith | 98.4% | 9 | 129 | 1 st |
| 2 | Miss Rutter | 98.1% | 8 | 124 | Joint 3 rd |
| 3 | Miss Kirk | 97% | 7 | 93 | 7 th |
| 4 | Mr Fidler | 96.9% | 6 | 116 | 5 th |
| 5 | Ms Boardman | 95.6% | 5 | 125 | 2 nd |
| 6 | Miss Hardwick | 95.4% | 4 | 91 | 8 th |
| 7 | Miss Hobbs | 94.7% | 3 | 100 | 6 th |
| 8 | Mrs Johnson and Miss Keeton | 94.5% | 2 | 124 | Joint 3 rd |
| 9 | Miss Chamberlain | 91.7% | 1 | 52 | 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 2 | | | | | |
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| DAY | CLUB | TIME | START | FINISH | Cost per child per session |
| Monday | KS2 Dance Club | 3:15 – 4:15pm | 02/03/26 | 23/03/26 | £1 |
| | KS2 Table Tennis Club | 3:15 – 4:15pm | 02/03/26 | 23/03/26 | £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 |
| Thursday | Y4 / Y5 / Y6 Boys and Girls Football Club | 3:15 – 4:15pm | 26/02/26 | 26/03/26 | £1 |

Sheffield Music Hub - Reminder

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.sheffieldmusichub.org/pages/music-lessons-in-schools>

Catholic Young Artist Award - Reminder

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

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 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.