



# Newsletter

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## **Executive Headteacher Notice**

*We have had another great week in school with the English Hub visiting to celebrate the success of our Phonics teaching and also a visit from Jenny Mosley to look at the use of circle time in schools. We have ended the week with our World Book Day with a visiting author and story teller and our secret readers throughout the day. Well done everyone and I look forward to next week!*

## **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.*

## **Reading**

*Our Read for Good Readathon kicks off this Friday, March 6th! This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to dive into new worlds while raising money to provide brand-new books and professional storytellers for children in hospitals across the UK. Whether it's a graphic novel, a classic, or the back of a cereal box—if they're reading, it counts!*

*Key Dates to Remember:*

*Start Date: Friday, 6th March*

*Sponsorship Deadline: Friday, 20th March*

*Please ensure all sponsorship money and forms are returned by the 20th so we can finalise our total and help get those books to the children who need them most. Happy reading!*

## **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.*

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 – Emily and Sebastian	• Y3 Mrs Johnson/Miss Keeton's – Isabel and Lois
• Y1 Miss Chamberlain's – Andre and Viya	• Y3/4 Mr Fidler's – Allurah and Orion
• Y1/2 Miss Hardwick's – Ezekiel and River	• Y4/5 Miss Kirk's – Sofia and Inaaya
• Y2 Miss Hobbs – Adelina and Shiloh	• Y5/6 Miss Sheeran's – Maxwell and Cyrus
	• Y6 Miss Rutter's – Vince and Shem

Weekly Attendance – Commencing 23 February

POSITION THIS WEEK	CLASS	WEEKLY ATTENDANCE%	WEEKLY POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	OVERALL POSITION
1	Ms Boardman	100%	9	134	2 <sup>nd</sup>
2	Miss Kirk	99.1%	8	101	7 <sup>th</sup>
3	Mrs Verdon-Smith	98.4%	7	136	1 <sup>st</sup>
4	Mrs Johnson and Miss Keeton	96.8%	6	130	3 <sup>rd</sup>
5	Miss Chamberlain	94.6%	5	57	9 <sup>th</sup>
6	Miss Rutter	91.8%	4	128	4 <sup>th</sup>
7	Miss Hobbs	91.4%	3	103	6 <sup>th</sup>
8	Miss Hardwick	89.4%	2	93	8 <sup>th</sup>
9	Mr Fidler	86.2%	1	117	5 <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>					
<b>DAY</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>START</b>	<b>FINISH</b>	<b>Cost per child per session</b>
Monday	KS2 Dance Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	02/03/26	<b>23/03/26</b>	£1
	KS2 Table Tennis Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	02/03/26	<b>23/03/26</b>	£1
Wednesday	Y1 / Y2 Karate Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	25/02/26	<b>25/03/26</b>	£1
	Y5 / Y6 Cricket Club	3:15 – 4:00pm	25/02/26	<b>25/03/26</b>	£1
	KS2 Book Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	25/02/26	<b>25/03/26</b>	£1
Thursday	Y4 / Y5 / Y6 Boys and Girls Football Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	26/02/26	<b>26/03/26</b>	£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

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

**Tuesday 17 March - St Patrick's Day Mass at 9.30am in Church (Parents welcome to attend)**

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

**Monday 30 March – Palm Sunday – Y3 Liturgy 9.15am (Parents welcome to attend)**

**Tuesday 31 March – Last Supper – Y3/4 Liturgy 9.15am (Parents welcome to attend)**

**Wednesday 1 April – Garden of Gethsemane – Y5/6 Liturgy 9.15am (Parents welcome to attend)**

**Thursday 2 April – Break up for the Easter Holidays**

**Monday 20 April – First day back after the Easter Holidays**

## 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.