



Newsletter

'Rooted in Kindness, Guided by Faith, Reaching for Excellence'

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Welcome back!

A very warm welcome back to the start of a brand-new school year! The beginning of an academic year is always a wonderful time full of energy, fresh starts, and exciting possibilities. Thank you to everyone who has already offered such a kind welcome. I am looking forward to meeting many more of you at the gates over the coming weeks and working together to make this a wonderful year for all our pupils.

Class Newsletters

Each half term, your child's teacher will share their class newsletter with you on Class Dojo. This will be full of useful information such as your child's PE days and what they are learning about.

Meet the Teacher

In the first few weeks in September, we will be arranging an opportunity for you to pop into school, meet your child's class teacher and listen to them share information about your child's year ahead at school – expectations, what they need to bring each day, what they will be learning about this year and so on. Please look out for these dates.

Homework

Your child will bring their homework home on a Friday and it needs to be returned for the following Wednesday/Thursday depending on your child's class. This will usually be one piece of Maths and one piece of English per week and a set of spellings to practise. Sometimes homework may be topic themed such as research or a project instead. If your child struggles with a piece of homework, please don't worry, speak to their class teacher so they can help.

Reading books

We recognise that parents and carers are a child's first and most enduring educators. Research consistently shows that parental involvement in reading is the single most powerful factor in a child's academic success and emotional development.

In EYFS & KS1: Children will bring home two distinct types of books:

1. *A Decodable RWI Book:* Matched directly to their phonics group, designed for the child to read *to* the adult to build decoding confidence and fluency.
2. *A 'Sharing Book':* Chosen freely by the child from the school library, intended for the adult to read *with* or *to* the child to foster enjoyment, rich discussion, and vocabulary acquisition.

In KS2: Children will bring home a suitable book for the reading stage they are at. As they practise and improve with their reading, they will move up the coloured book bands that reflect the books becoming trickier, until they become a 'free reader' meaning they have the necessary skills to read books of their choice. They are encouraged to read daily for at least 20 minutes, balancing independent reading with continuing shared discussions with adults at home.

Teachers will be checking their reading records and awarding Dojo Points each time they read!

School Uniform

We are really excited to see all our children return in their new school uniform. On PE days, children will come to school dressed in their PE kit to avoid wasting learning time getting changed. PE days will start from Monday 7th September 2026, so please send your child dressed in their full school uniform on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September 2026.



Please use this link for - [School Information Booklet 2026-27](#)

School Website

<https://www.st-patricks.sheffield.sch.uk/>

We have been updating our school website, so please take a look!

School Information Booklet

If you haven't seen our new School Information Booklet, it is full of useful information!

[School Information Booklet 2026-27](#)

Kitchen Update

We have been working hard during the summer holidays to ensure the gas supply is fixed – this has proven to be a huge job and is taking longer than initially planned! It is due to be finished ready for the children returning next week. Please select your child's choices via ParentPay. Menus have been sent out but they are also available to view on our website – [Lunch menus](#)

Packed Lunches

Please note we are a NUT FREE school. Please don't send anything containing nuts, including chocolate spread, in your child's packed lunch or snack. Packed lunches must not contain any bones for health and safety reasons.

Newsletters

Whole school newsletters will be sent out monthly, which will include our children who have received a post card home to celebrate them being nominated for star of the month in their class – children who have worked consistently hard and shown positivity towards their learning. I will update Class Dojo regularly with information so please keep checking this for updates in between newsletters.

Attendance

Opening Times

Nursery -

- Morning Session: 8.45am - 11:45am
- Afternoon Session: 12.15pm - 3.15pm
- All day - 8:45am - 3:15pm

Reception and Key Stage 1: 8.45am - 3.15pm

Key Stage 2: 8.45am - 3.20pm

Doors open at 8:35am, where teachers will meet and greet your child. This is a perfect opportunity for your child to have the best start to their school day by being on time and ready to learn. School starts at 8:45am, children should be in their class at this time. This is the **morning registration time**.

School ends at 3:15pm in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 - children should be collected at this time. This is the **official end of the compulsory school day**. Key Stage 2 children finish at 3:20pm - this is due to our school building being over two floors, so it allows our children to all leave safely.

Punctuality

We monitor late arrivals and late collections. We arrange attendance meetings with families, to identify and address children who are late arriving or leaving school.

Gates open at 8:35am and close at 8:45am. If your child arrives after this, they'll need to enter school via the office, and late arrival will be recorded.

At the end of the day, you need to collect your child from their allocated collection door. If your child is not collected, they will be taken to the school office and adults on your child's pick-up list contacted.

SCHOOL DAY



Breakfast Club starts at 8:00am



Gates open at 8:35am and learning starts



**School register is closed at 8:45am
Morning Nursery starts at 8:45am
Gates close at 8:45am**



Morning Nursery ends at 11:45am



Afternoon Nursery starts at 12:15pm



**School ends at 3:15pm
Afternoon Nursery ends at 3:15pm**