



Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy  
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**Christmas Fayre 2023**



Thank you to everyone who attended and donated items to our Christmas Fayre today. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We will let you know how much money we raised next week.

Thank you again for your support, we really appreciate it.  
Mrs Sherwood - Head of School

**Christmas Coffee Morning**

Mrs Sherwood will be holding a parent/guardian coffee morning on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 at 9.00am in the School Hall**. Everyone is welcome to attend, please pop in for a tea, coffee and mince pie. We look forward to seeing you there.



**Christmas Cards**

Our Christmas card post box is located in the school reception for the children to send cards to each other. Our Year 6 pupils will empty and distribute the cards daily.



**Reading Awards**

Congratulations to the following child who has achieved their Bronze Reading Awards. Well done.

**FS2**  
Harriett K



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**Weekly Class Attendance**

FS1 – 94.4%	FS2 – 92.6%	<b>Year 1 – 98%</b>	Year 2 – 97.4%
Year 3 – 97.8%	Year 4 – 94.8%	Year 5 – 93.7%	Year 6 – 96.1%

Congratulations **Class 1**, you are this week's attendance winners. Well done.



**ATTENDANCE  
MATTERS!  
Everyday. On-time.**

**St Thomas' Church Kilnhurst**

St Thomas' Church will be holding their Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 from 4.00pm until 7.00pm.**

All are welcome, please pop in and enjoy the festivities.



**Christmas Crafts at Swinton Library**

Come and join us at Swinton Library for a Free Christmas crafting event on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from 4.00 until 5.00pm.** All are welcome.



**Coats / Pumps**

Could we please ask that children have a coat and a change of shoes. These can be pumps or slippers but must be a full house slipper with hard soles – no slip on / novelty ones please (see below). Thank you.





### Christmas Performance Tickets



Our Christmas Performances will take place on the following dates and times:

#### **Key Stage 1 – Classes 1 and 2**

**Nativity – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 2.00pm and 5.00pm in the Main Hall.**  
We ask that children return to school at 4.40pm to be ready for their 5.00pm performance.

#### **Key Stage 2 – Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6**

**Christmas Concert – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm and 5.00pm in the Main Hall.** We ask that children return to school at 4.40pm to be ready for their 5.00pm performance.

#### **EYFS - Classes FS1 and FS2**

**Nativity – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 9.30am in the Main Hall**

**Tickets are priced at £2 each and this include a raffle ticket to a prize draw at each performance.**

**Tickets will go on sale week commencing the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023.** Due to limited space in the hall, please note that only 2 tickets per family are available. However, if you require more than 2 tickets, please let the school office know and we will let you know on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 if we have extra tickets available. Thank you for your understanding.



**Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023**



**Roast Turkey, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy**

**or**

**Roasted Veggie Balls with Gravy**

**Served with**

**Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Brussel Sprouts**

**A choice of Christmas Desserts will be available**





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**FS2 and Year 6 Height and Weight Measurement**

Every year, the National Child Measurement Programme (nursing team) come into school and do height and weight measurement checks for all pupils in FS2 and year 6. The measurements are used to calculate weight status, e.g. overweight, healthy weight or underweight. They collect this information as part of an ongoing national programme to collect trends.

Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils. The wellbeing of children and families is very important to us and measurements are conducted in a compassionate way, in private and away from other children.

The nursing team will be in school on the following dates to do the children's height and weight checks.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 – Year 6 pupils only**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – FS2 pupils only**

**Reporting Absences**

If your child is going to be absent from school, can we please remind parents/guardians to contact the school office before 9.00am. If you leave a voicemail, please let us know the reason why your child will be absent. Can we please ask that you don't report absences via DOJO messages. As per our Attendance Policy, if we do not hear from parents/guardians by 10.30am, Mrs Sherwood and Mrs Neal will be forced to do a home visit.

The school's contact information is Tel: 01709 570297 / E-mail: [enquiries@stp.dsat.education](mailto:enquiries@stp.dsat.education)

Thank you for your co-operation.

**Dates for your Diary - Autumn Term 2**

4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Christmas Performance tickets go on sale

5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – 1.15pm - FS1 Stay and Play for January Starters

6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – KS1 Performance - 2.00pm and 5.00pm

14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – KS2 Performance – 2.00pm and 5.00pm

15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – FS1/FS2 Nativity – 9.30am

18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – FS1/FS2 Christmas Party

19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Classes 3 and 4 Christmas Party

20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Classes 5 and 6 Christmas Party

21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – Classes 1 and 2 Christmas Party

21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – Parents Christmas Coffee Morning

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 – School finishes at 3.00pm for Christmas Holidays



















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Lunch Menu – Week 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

WEEK ONE	 PLANET GREEN MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Pip's Planet Friendly Option</b>	Mexican Bean & Roasted Vegetable Burrito 	Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Garlic Bread 	Quorn Sausage Casserole in a Yorkshire Pudding 	Cheese & Onion Pastry Roll & Skin on Baked Wedges	Mediterranean Vegetable Pasta Bake 
<b>Option Two</b>	Homemade Macaroni Cheese	Chicken & Indian Lentil Tikka Masala Curry & Rice 	Filled Yorkshire Pudding with Beef & Vegetable Mince & Roast Potatoes	Pork Sausage Roll & Skin on Baked Wedges	Cod Fish Fingers & Chips
<b>Vegetables</b>	Mixed Vegetables, Sweetcorn 	Peas, Cauliflower 	Carrots, Seasonal Greens 	Green Beans, Sweetcorn 	Baked Beans, Peas 
<b>Hot Pasta</b>		Pasta with Cheese Sauce		Pasta with Tomato sauce	
<b>Sandwiches &amp; Pasta</b>	Freshly Made Sandwich with Cheddar, Tuna Mayonnaise or Ham				
<b>Baked Jacket Potatoes</b>	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise, Salmon Mayonnaise  , Cheese, or Beans				
<b>Dessert</b>	Homemade Apple Sponge Cake 	Oaty Flapjack Finger	Homemade Vanilla Sponge & Custard	Fruity Strawberry Jelly & Mandarin Segments 	Chocolate Shortbread



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# ROTHERHAM HEALTHY HOLIDAYS

Be Healthy. Be Active. Be Happy

A HUGE RANGE OF HOLIDAY  
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN THIS  
WINTER



**Rotherham Council has partnered with a range of organisations across the borough to deliver holiday activity programmes. Each session includes a meal.**

Funded places are available for eligible children, including those who receive benefits-related free school meals who can collect their unique reference number from school to access their funded place. Some of our providers also offer good value paid places as well.

Any activities taking place in a school, are open to all children, not just their own pupils. To find out more or book a place for your child, please contact the providers directly.

For more information about Rotherham Healthy Holidays please visit: [www.rotherham.gov.uk/healthy-holidays](http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/healthy-holidays) or email: [healthyholidays@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:healthyholidays@rotherham.gov.uk)

You can find us on Facebook: [@RotherhamHealthyHolidays](https://www.facebook.com/RotherhamHealthyHolidays) and Twitter: [@RotherhamHAF](https://twitter.com/RotherhamHAF)





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**Rotherham United Community Trust** To book scan QR code  
**Visit:** <https://ruct.co.uk/news/2023/10/new-year-haf-2024/>  
**Email:** [community@rotherhamunited.net](mailto:community@rotherhamunited.net)

Venue	Post Code	Dates (January 2024)	Time	Age (Years)	Details
Parkgate Astro	S62 6HQ	Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th	10am to 2pm	5 to 16	Send Ability Counts Football
Rotherham Leisure Centre	S65 1BL	Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th	10am to 2pm	5 to 16	Swimming and Sport
Maltby Leisure Centre	S66 8JE	Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th	10am to 2pm	5 to 16	Swimming and Sport
Aston Leisure Centre	S26 4SF	Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th	10am to 2pm	5 to 16	Swimming and Sport
Yogalols at New York Stadium	S60 1FJ	Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th	10am to 2pm	5 to 16	Yoga and Mindfulness
Future Stars Wickersley	S66 1JL	Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th	9am to 4pm	5 to 16	Future Stars Football

**Activate**

At High Street Centre, High Street, Rawmarsh, S62 6LN  
**27th and 28th December 2023 and 3rd and 4th January 2024**  
 10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 16 years  
 Join Activate this winter for activities, sports, and Nova City  
 To book visit: [www.activaterawmarsh.org/](http://www.activaterawmarsh.org/) or call: 01709 719478

**Direct Action**

At Our Lady and St Joseph's RC Primary School, Wath Upon Dearne, S63 7HG  
**Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th January 2024**  
 10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 16 years  
 Join Direct Action this winter to learn first aid  
 To book call: 07977599778 or email: [info@directactiontraining.com](mailto:info@directactiontraining.com)

**Flying Futures**

At High Greave Infant School, East Herringthorpe, S65 3LZ  
**Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th January 2024**  
 10am to 2pm. Ages 6 to 11 years  
 Come and learn rugby skills and become a future star  
 To book visit: [www.flyingfutures.org/camps/rotherham/](http://www.flyingfutures.org/camps/rotherham/)





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### **Footballerz**

At Swinton Queen Primary School, Swinton, S64 8NF

**Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th January 2024.**

9am to 1pm. Ages 5 to 16 years

Join the freestyle Footballerz and learn new skills and tricks this winter

To book call: 07734928414 or email: footballerz2022@gmail.com

### **Genius Tuition**

At Clifton Community School, Middle Lane, Rotherham, S65 2SN

**Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th January 2024.**

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 16 years

To book visit: [www.geniustuition.co.uk/rotherham](http://www.geniustuition.co.uk/rotherham)

### **Positive Impact Sports**

**Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th January 2024**

10am to 2pm.

Join Positive Impact Sports this winter to develop your sport and art skills

Paid for places available. To book: contact Leah Greig on 07399621444

At Thrybergh Academy, Thrybergh, S65 4FP. Ages 5 to 16 years

At Brookfield Junior Academy, Lime Grove, Swinton, S64 8TQ. Ages 5 to 12 years

At Chislett Centre, Kimberworth Park Road, Kimberworth S61 3JT. Ages 5 to 12 years

*\*Partnered with Kimberworth Park Community Partnership*

### **Nova City**

At Barbot Hall Industrial Estate, Unit 1 Mangham Rd, Rotherham S61 4RJ

**Wednesday 27th and Friday 29th December 2023 and Wednesday 3rd and Friday 5th January 2024**

10am to 2pm. Ages 6 to 16 years

Why not jump into your winter holidays with parkour at Nova City

Accepting paid places at £10 per day (food not included)

To book: download Nova city App on smart phones or call 01709 801261  
or email: [novacitycentre@gmail.com](mailto:novacitycentre@gmail.com)

### **Rotherham BMX – Football Camp**

At Winterhill School, 3G Astroturf, High Street, S61 2BD

**Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th January 2024.**

10am to 2pm. Ages 8 to 16 years

Develop your football skills at Rotherham BMX football camp this winter

Accepting paid places at £12 per day

To book please visit: [www.rotherhambmx.com/shop](http://www.rotherhambmx.com/shop)



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### **Saif's Boxing and Fitness**

At 1-5 Canklow Road, Rotherham, S60 2JB

**Thursday 28th and Friday 29th December 2023 and Thursday 4th and Friday 5th January 2024**

12pm to 4pm. Ages 5 to 16 years

Enhance your boxing skill and fitness at Saif's Boxing this winter

Accepting paid places at £10 per day

Find them on Facebook or call: 07860606986 to book.

### **The Fun Hub**

**Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th January 2024. 10am to 2pm.**

Ages 5 to 11 years

Join the Fun Hub this winter for activities and sports

Accepting paid places at £12 per session

To book please visit: [www.the-fun-hub.classforkids.io](http://www.the-fun-hub.classforkids.io)

At Maltby Main Sport Ground, Muglet Lane, S66 7JR

At Limetree Nursery, Thrybergh, Oldgate Lane, S65 4JL

At Limetree Nursery, Eastwood, 182 Fitzwilliam Road, S65 1QE

### **U Do It Dance Foundation**

At Rawmarsh Sandhill Primary, Kilnhurst Road, Rawmarsh, S62 5LH

**Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th January 2024.**

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 15 years

Step into street dance this winter with U Do It Dance Foundation

To book please email: [rich@udoitdance.co.uk](mailto:rich@udoitdance.co.uk) or phone: 07809691688

### **Superstars Jessica Steele**

Ages 5 to 11 years

Step into the spotlight and unleash your creativity through singing, acting, and dancing

If you would like to join the winter superstars, please visit: [www.jessicasteel.co.uk/HAF](http://www.jessicasteel.co.uk/HAF)

### **United Multicultural Centre**

At 59-63 Carlisle Street, Rotherham, S65 1HA

**Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th January 2024. 10am to 2pm.**

Ages 8 to 16 years

To book please call: 07458304136



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### School Calendar for the Academic Year 2023/24

September (20 Days)							October (20 Days)							November (19 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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December (16 Days)							January (18 days)							February (15 days)						
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March (17 Days)							April (16 Days)							May (18 Days)						
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June (20 Days)							July (16 Days)							August						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30	31	

  Denotes Bank Holidays

  Denotes School Holidays

194 days – including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff

  Denotes Inset days (x 5)

  Polling Station