



THE DIOCESE OF SHEFFIELD ACADEMIES TRUST

Welcome Back

Welcome back to our first Spring Term. We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and we wish you all a very Happy New Year.

It has been a cold start to the new year but luckily the forecast is good for next week with warmer temperatures heading our way. It will be nice for the children to get their playground back to full use once the ice has melted. The children have settled back into school well this week and we are very proud of them all.



Behaviour Bees – Celebration Assembly – Monday 13th January 2025



Learner Bee of the Week

The following children have been chosen as 'Learner Bee of the Week' by their class teacher. Each child will be presented with a certificate at Monday's Celebration Assembly.

FS1 – Albie W FS2 – Kaiyden-Lee Class 1 - Archie Class 2 - Meadow Class 3 – Logan Class 4 – Brook K Class 5 – Poppy H Class 6 – Aimee

Best Worker Bee of the Week

The following children have been chosen as 'Best Worker Bee' by their class teacher. Each child will show their work and be presented with a certificate at Monday's celebration assembly.

FS1 – Darcie-Leigh FS2 – Maddison Class 1 - Tony Class 2 - Enzo Class 3 – Louie R Class 4 – Miya P Class 5 – Pixie-Jae Class 6 – Ella H

Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend the assembly which begins at 9.05am in the Main Hall.





Weekly Class Attendance										
FS1 – 93.1%	FS2 – 95.4%	Year 1 – 92.7%	Year 2 – 99.5%							
Year 3 – 91.1%	Year 4 – 96.1%	Year 5 – 92.8%	6 Year 6 – 94.2%							
Congratulations to Class 2 who are this week's attendance winners. The whole school attendance this week was 94.6% - which is just below our target of 95%.										
ATTENDANCE MATTERS! Everyday. On-time.										
To promote 'Good' attendance in school. Pupils who achieve 100% attendance; and are in school on time each day will have their name put into a prize draw each week at Monday's assembly. The child who has their name drawn will get to choose a prize from Mrs Sherwood dip box.										
		Reading Awards								
The following children have achieved their '50 Reads' Bronze Badge awards. Each of them will be presented with their badge at Monday's Celebration Assembly. Well done to you all.										
Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4							
Archie	Bella T	Lacey B	Jacob C							
Harriett										
Jayden										
Maisie										
Tony										
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		Parents Evening								
Parents evening will take place for all classes on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd January 2025 except for Class 4 which will take place on Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd January 2025.										
To book an appoi	ntment, you will need to	o log in to your Arl	bor account and follow these							
instructions (if yo	instructions (if you do not have an account, please contact the school office):									
Please note you will be unable to make an appointment until Tuesday next week (from 10am), we will send a reminder to you on DOJO to let you know when this is live.										
Click on 'Guardian Consultations'										
You should then be able to see the dates available – click on the date you want.										
You should then see the time slots available to your child – click the one you want and confirm.										
If you are unable to book a slot, this may mean there are no appointments available.										
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If you are unable to book an appointment, need to cancel one or have any other questions, please										
	contact the school office where we will be happy to help.									
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Thankyou										

Thank you.





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After School Clubs

Please see below a list of Free After School Clubs running this term. The club's will start next week - w/c: 13th January 2025. To book a place you will need to log into your Arbor app. Please note there are limited places on each club so places are given on a first come first serve basis. If you are unable to register a place, this will be because the club is full.

After School Club	Children Eligible	Day	Time
Nerf Club with Mr Lyons and Mr T (pupils to fetch their own nerf guns) (20 Places) <i>Club starting on Monday 20th Jan 25</i>	Years 3 to 6	Monday's	3.10pm to 4.00pm
Minecraft / trading card club with Mr Walton (16 places)	Year 1 to 6	Tuesday's	3.10pm to 4.00pm
Choir with Ms Newman and Mrs Hall (15 places) Please book places via Arbor	Years 3 to 6	Tuesday's	3.10pm to 4.00pm
Lego Club with Miss Reed (10 places)	Years 1 and 2	Thursday's	3.10pm to 4.00pm
SAT's Boosters with Mrs Cadman (no need to book on Arbor)	Year 6 only	Tuesday's	3.10pm to 4.00pm

After School Clubs – Spring Term 1

Please note there are still places available for anyone wishing to join our Choir Club.

<u> Dates for your diary – Spring Term 1</u>

20th January 2025 – Dogs Trust Workshops and Assembly (pupils only) 20th January 2025 – Class 4 Parents Evening 21st January 2025 – Parents Evening (except Class 4) 22nd January 2025 – Parents Evening – all classes 24th January 2025 – Parents Coffee Morning – 9.00am in the Hall 27th January 2025 – Class 4 Geography Local Community Walk W.C: 3rd February 2025 – Year 6 Mock SATS 6th February 2025 – Year 5 Activity Day at Swinton Academy 7th February 2025 – NSPCC Numbers Day 7th February 2025 – FS2 Eye Tests (AM) 12th February 2025 – Valentines Disco (details to follow) 14th February 2025 – School Breaks up at 3.10pm for the Half Term Break





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Healthy Schools

St Thomas' Primary Academy is proud to be a 'Healthy School'.

We have noticed recently that children are fetching unhealthy snacks into school which goes against our Healthy Schools Policy.

Can we please ask that children only fetch healthy snacks into school such as low sugar cereal bars or fruit for break times. We would also ask that children are given a healthy, balanced packed lunch, no crisps or chocolate please.

We also ask that children only bring water or sugar free cordial in their drink's bottles.

For ideas on healthy snacks and what to pack your child for lunch, please visit the NHS healthier lunch ideas website by clicking the link below:

https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/

Thank you.



PTA update

We wanted to keep our parents/guardians up to date with the fundraising our PTA have done this past year. In total we have raised just over £3000, which is amazing. A massive thank you to all our parents/guardians for their support and to our wonderful PTA team for their hard work.

So far this year the school have purchased: New toys / equipment for the playground A new MP3 player and speakers for Friday's lunchtime disco A gazebo A buddy bench A net for the football cage

We will keep you posted on other items that we purchase. Thank you again.





School Menu – Week Commencing 13th January 2025

WEEK THREE	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY			
Main Meal Option	Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Small Tomato Pasta Salad	Beef Lasagne with Garlic & Tomato Bread	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Special menu for School Census (see overleaf)	Fish Fingers & Chips			
Vegetarian Option	Beany Shepherd's Pie	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic & Tomato Bread	Quorn Grill with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes		Cheese & Onion Pastry Roll			
Vegetables	Broccoli/Cauliflower, Carrots & Sweetcorn	Sweetcorn & Carrots	Broccoli/Cauliflower & Carrots		Baked Beans, or Garden Peas			
Sandwiches	Freshly Made Sandwich with Cheddar, Tuna Mayonnaise or Ham							
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese or Beans			
Dessert	Lemon Cupcake with Fruit Slices	Chocolate Cookie & Orange Wedges	Chocolate Crunch 'Concrete' & Chocolate Sauce or Pink Custard		Strawberry Mousse			

Coffee Morning – 24th January 2025

Our Educational Welfare Officer, Alison Hallewell, will be hosting a coffee morning on **Friday 24**th **January 2025 at 9.00am in the Main Hall** for all parents/guardians. Alison can offer advice with sleep, support with getting children into school and any other questions you may have. Please come along for a cuppa and a chat.







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Enjoy this special Iunchtime menu with your friends

Pooh's Census Day Lunch Thursday 16th January

Pork Sausages

Or Quorn Sausage(v)

All served with Wedges & Cucumber & Carrot sticks from Rabbit's Garden

For Dessert

Tiger's Doughnut Tail

Hundred Acre Sprinkle Cake

Join us this Winnie-The-Pooh Day 2025





Pops Outdoor Adventure Centre pick up children from St Thomas' daily. If you are interested in your child attending, please get in touch with them.



Pops Ranger Kids is unique club for children looking for adventure. What better way to end your School day by taking part in our After School Adventure Club? Packed full of activities, games and bushcraft to help you become an amazing outdoor adventurer!

Every Day After School Until 6:00pm

Pops Outdoor Adventure Centre – Rawmarsh The Bowling Green Pavilion, Rosehill Park, Rawmarsh, Rotherham. S62 7FL Rawmarsh: 01709 527023

info@popsoutdooradventure.co.uk





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