



Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy  
Newsletter – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025



**Last Day of Term!**

Today is the last day of our first spring term. The children have worked so hard this term and we are very proud of them all. We hope you all have a lovely break and our children and staff get some well-deserved rest.

Thank you to all our parents/guardians for your support again this term. We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025** for our second Spring Term and hopefully the start of some warmer weather.

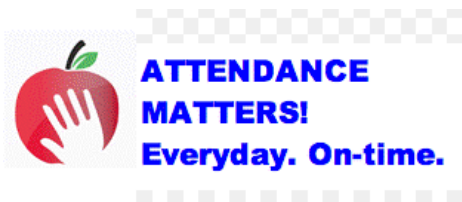
Mrs Sherwood  
Head of School



**Weekly Class Attendance**

FS1 – 86%	FS2 – 89.8%	Year 1 – 90.4%	Year 2 – 91.8%
<b>Year 3 – 99.6%</b>	Year 4 – 97.4%	Year 5 – 91%	Year 6 – 97.4%

Congratulations to **Class 3**, who are this week's attendance winners. The whole school attendance this week was **93.5%** - which is below our target of 95%.



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 bronze reading awards (50 reads at home). They have each been given their badges. Well done!

**Class 3**  
**Florrie S**

**Class 4**  
**Jude H**



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**Handwriting Competition Winners**

Congratulations to the following pupils who were this terms Handwriting Competition winners:

Each of the winners enjoyed a hot chocolate and cake with Mrs Sherwood on Thursday afternoon this week. Congratulations to you all!

**Year 1**

Jayden  
Elsie  
Travis

**Year 3**

Joey  
Poppy M  
Alisha

**Year 5**

Roman  
Olivia B  
Jayce

**Year 2**

Josiah-Jai  
Autumn A  
Amelia

**Year 4**

Sam G  
Bella

**Year 6**

Harry L  
Annie B  
Lacie



**Golden Hive Winners**

The following children were chosen from the Golden Hive to have hot chocolate and cake with Mrs Sherwood today. Congratulations to you all.

**FS2**

Dexter  
Rocco

**Year 2**

Isabelle  
Breah

**Year 4**

Thomas  
Sam

**Year 6**

Ruby  
Layton

**Year 1**

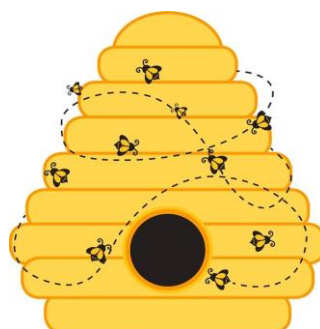
Elsie  
Maisie

**Year 3**

Louise  
Esmay

**Year 5**

Timmy  
Sophie W'd





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**Pancake Fun Day (Shrove Tuesday) – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

To celebrate Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) we will be selling pancakes with various toppings to pupils for £1 each during morning breaktimes. We will also be holding some fun pancake themed events in school during the day.

To make it easier for parents/guardians, we have set up a payment item on the Arbor app so you can pre-order a pancake for your child if you wish. However, you can also send your child with cash on the day if you prefer. The payment item on Arbor is shown under 'Clubs' / 'Pancake Day'. All money raised will be put into our funds to purchase much needed resources for our children.



**Valentines Disco**

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for our Valentines Disco this week. We hope the children enjoyed it. We will let you know how much we raised after half term. Thank you to our PTA (Friends of St Thomas') for organising such a great event for the Children.

Our next PTA event will be the 'Wonderlicious Chocolate Golden Ticket' sale - see overleaf for details. There are lots of prizes to be won if you are lucky enough to find a Golden Ticket in your chocolate bar. Good Luck!

Here is a list of some of the prizes:

- Afternoon tea for 2 at Potteries Tea Room, Swinton
- £5 voucher for Cake Station, Swinton
- Box of 6 cupcakes from The CakeMaker, Kilnhurst
- Play voucher from Funny Farm Soft Play
- 2 cinema tickets from the Savoy, Doncaster

A big thank you to all businesses who have kindly donated prizes to us.





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# Wonderlicious

## 80 GOLDEN TICKETS must be found



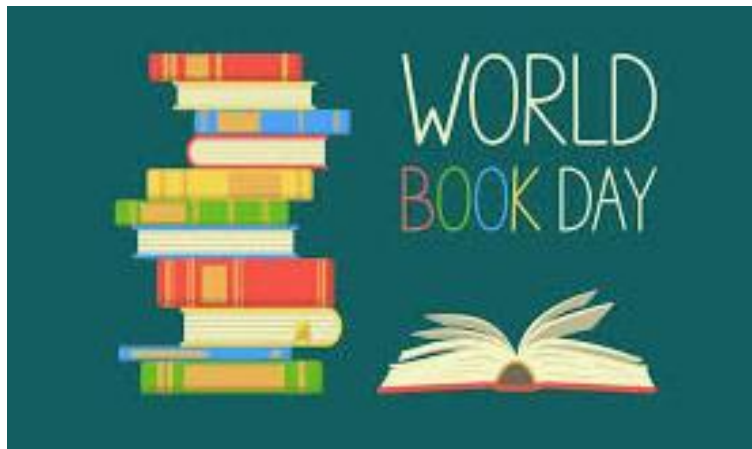
**Prizes Include:**

**Potteries afternoon tea, fidget toys, Hot Chocolate with Mrs Sherwood, Get out of school work passes, Extra Golden Time and more!**

**BUY THEM AFTER  
SCHOOL MONDAY 3 TO  
FRIDAY 7 MARCH  
3.10PM - 3.20PM**



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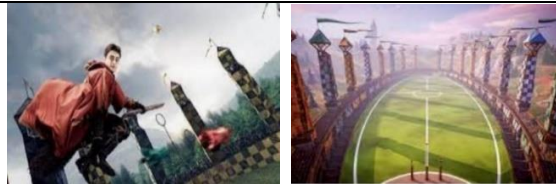
World Book Day is taking place this year on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. To celebrate World Book Day, we will be planning lots of exciting things throughout the week, starting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025. Please see overleaf the full list of events taking place.

We will also be holding our book fayre from **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. Each child will be given a £1 book token which they can use against any of the books on sale at the fayre; or they can be used at participating retail outlets. We will also be selling second hand books for 50p each or 3 for a £1. The fayre will be open in a morning before registration and after school each day. Further details to follow nearer the time.



**Dress up as your favourite book character**





**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**

Quidditch tournament KS1 (PM)

This will be a fun activity taking place in school in the afternoon.



**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Quidditch tournament KS2 (PM)

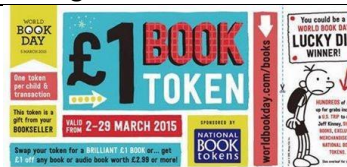
This will be a fun activity taking place in school in the afternoon.



**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

EYFS and KS1 Bedtime stories with your own class teacher AT 2pm. Bring to school your favourite pyjamas/onesie and bring your favourite bed time story to share with your class.

KS2 design a book mark afternoon.



**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 - World book day!**

Get Comfy and read day. Children to come in comfy clothes/home clothes or if they choose fancy dress as a book character.

DEAR day (Drop Everything and Read Day). Children to also bring in a book from home on this day to join in with drop everything and read throughout the day.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Competition winners to be announced on this day.

KS2 poetry slam performance afternoon.

Parents/Guardians are invited to watch your child perform poetry from 1.15pm onwards.



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**School Menu (week 3) – Week Commencing 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

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



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Dates for your Diary

**Spring Term 2**

24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – School Re-opens after half term

W.C: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 – Book Fayre and World Book Day Events start

W.C: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 – Golden Ticket Chocolate Bar sale (see above poster for details)

4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Pancake Day – activities planned

4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Year 3 Girls Football Festival (chosen pupils only)

5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Ash Wednesday

W.C: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Year 6 Mock SATS week

18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Global Recycling Week

19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – EYFS Open Evening

21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 – World Poetry Day

21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 – Red Nose Day – Dress down day

24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Class 4 school trip to Moorlands

28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 3.10pm - School Breaks up for Easter Holidays

14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 8.40am - School Re-opens for Summer Term 1

**School Holidays for 2025**

**SPRING TERM 2025**

Term Starts: Monday 6 January

Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

Term Ends: Friday 28 March

**SUMMER TERM 2025**

Term Starts: Monday 14 April

Half Term: Tuesday 27 May to Friday 30 May

Term Ends: Tuesday 22 July

**BANK HOLIDAYS / INSET DAYS**

- Good Friday: Friday 18 April
- Easter Monday: Monday 21 April
- May Day: Monday 5 May
- Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 26 May
- INSET Day (Staff Training) Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July





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## Early Years Open Evening



Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025

3.30pm - 4.30pm

We are inviting parents, carers and children to take a tour and meet our friendly teachers in our flourishing nursery and reception classes.

**Everyone is welcome.**

An ideal opportunity for April and September starters.



Please contact the school office for further information on 01709 570297 or email

[enquiries@stp.dsat.education](mailto:enquiries@stp.dsat.education)

**We will be having more open evenings on the following dates.**

- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 3.30pm - 4.30pm



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## WOODHOUSE PRIZE BAND



SUNDAY 23RD MARCH 2025

ST JAMES CHURCH, TITHE BARN LANE,  
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TICKETS: £5 ON THE DOOR (U16'S FREE)


Concert start: 2:30pm  
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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](mailto:info@popsoutdooradventure.co.uk)



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*Maltby Manor Academy welcomes you to*

*join our Community Event*

Rotherham Aspire will be holding a solution circle event to support parents with challenging behaviours in the home.

There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**2:30-4:00pm**

