



Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy Newsletter – Friday 18th July 2025



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Summer Holidays are 2 Days Away!

A reminder that the school will break up for Summer Break on **Tuesday 22nd July 2025**.

A big thank you to everyone who attended our summer fayre today, we hope you enjoyed it. A big thank you to everyone who donated items, we couldn't have done it without your generosity. We will let you know how much we raised next week. All money raised will go back into providing our children with much needed resources for the next academic year, so thank you for supporting us.

To welcome the summer holidays, we will be holding our Parent/Guardian Picnic on Tuesday next week. Gates will be open from 12 noon and parents/guardians are asked to collect their child from their classroom and head around to the field. The gates will then be open from 1.15pm and you may take your child home early. Parents/Guardians who do not attend the picnic may also collect their children (from their classrooms) from 1.15pm if they wish. (further details overleaf).

The Pro Strike event took place this morning, the children had a great time. Our winners will be announced next week and prizes will be given to the children as soon as we receive them.

Thank you so much for the sponsorship money. We will let you now how much we raise next week.

Thank you.

Attendance Winners 2024/25

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved 100% attendance this academic year. Each child will be presented with a Gold Certificate, badge and special treat from Mrs Sherwood at our end of year assembly on Monday next week. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents/guardians to the assembly.

Amelia A
Amelia G

Autumn A
Abi L

Amelia B
Roman M

Olivia B
Isabelle P

Lillie C

Pupils who have achieved 99% attendance will receive a Silver certificate and those with 98% attendance will receive a Bronze certificate.

Congratulations to you all.





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Weekly Class Attendance

FS1 – 91.3%	FS2 – 86%	Year 1 – 93.4%	Year 2 – 97.2%
Year 3 – 93%	Year 4 – 94.6%	Year 5 – 95.7%	Year 6 – 96.6%

Congratulations to **Class 2**, who are this week's attendance winners.

The whole school attendance this week was **93.8%** - 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.

Parent/Guardian Picnic — Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Parents/Guardians are invited to join us from 12noon on Tuesday 22nd July 2025 for a summer 'end of year' picnic.

The school will provide sandwiches, pizza, sausage & cheese rolls and chicken & veggie nuggets for all children (free of charge) but if parents/guardians would like to send some snacks in with their child, this would be greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide food for our parents/guardians.

If the weather is fine, the picnic will be held on the School Field. The gates will open at 12 noon and parents/guardians can collect their child from class. We would advise you fetch a blanket / camp chair to sit on. We will then have our picnic from 12.15pm and Parents/Guardians may take their child home from 1.15pm if they wish.

Unfortunately, if rain is forecast for this day, we will not be able to invite parents / guardians into school and the children will have their picnic indoors.





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Sponsored 'Colour' Run

We are pleased to announce the Friends of St. Thomas PTA will be holding a Colour Obstacle Run on the afternoon of **Friday the 12th September 2025** to raise much needed funds for the school. This event was very popular last year and we know lots of our pupils are excited to take part again.

Tickets to take part in the event are £4 each and are available to purchase from the school office. Children have also been given sponsor forms if they wish to raise further funds. Pupils who raise the most through sponsorship will be given the opportunity to colour bomb one of our teachers 😊.

Sponsor and waiver forms have been sent home with the children. If your child wishes to take part, you must ensure you have signed the waiver form and returned it to the school office/class teacher. Unfortunately, without a signed waiver form your child will be unable to take part. Thank you.



School Dinners Next Week

Monday – Sausage Roll, Cheese and Onion Roll, Jacket Potato or a Sandwich

Tuesday – School Picnic – Free to all Pupils – see overleaf for further details.

Easyfundraising

St Thomas' have been given the opportunity to sign up to 'Easyfundraising'. We are hoping to raise enough money to complete the refurbishment of our Library, to re-paint the playground markings and to create a new outside reading area for our children.

How does it work? Download the app and register; and when you purchase items online from over 8000 retailers (including Tesco, Amazon, Argos) they donate part of what you spend to our fundraising cause. It won't cost you any extra; the cost is covered by the brand!

Please visit the link below for further details.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-thomas-primary-academy-kilnhurst>

Thank you for your support.



Digital parenting in the summer holidays

Whether you're looking forward to a summer of family fun or dreading the holiday juggling act, we're here to help with the digital side of things. If you follow our simple [Rules](#), [Tools](#) and [Conversations](#) approach, you'll find technology can help you get through the holiday without a summer of excessive screen time and digital meltdowns.

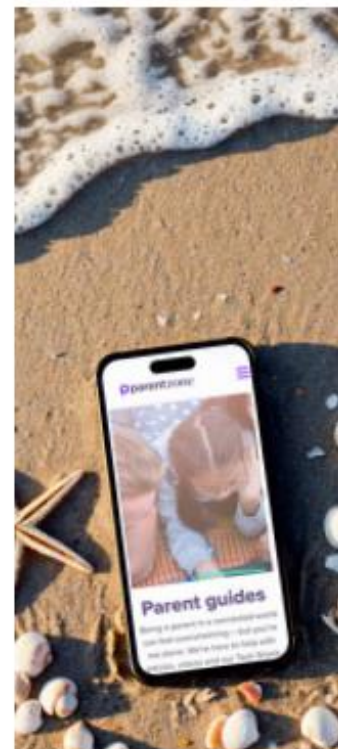
Rules

Of course you're going to relax your usual routine. That's what holidays are for. But don't forget some basic digital rules.

Sharing photos is a high-risk activity in a world with generative AI. If your family plans to share summer snaps, double check your privacy settings first. And if you're not sure, don't share.

Balance is everything so figure out a plan for the summer that includes how much screen time you're happy with. Whatever you decide, talk about it up front and use tools to help you stick to it.

Set spending limits. 50% of young people think gaming is only fun when they're spending money. Make sure you've agreed on some digital spending limits upfront.



Tools

User empowerment tools are far from perfect and they can even increase conflict if used badly. Used well they can be incredibly helpful. Here are some tools worth checking out this summer.

Content controls. It's almost inevitable that your child is going to do a bit more solo viewing over the summer. Make sure you've set up content controls before they do. Whether that's supervision tools on YouTube for older children or parental controls on your broadband. Check them across devices and platforms and make sure they're still set up as you want them.





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Block and Report tools can be frustrating especially if your child made a report and not had any response from the platform. But they're important and using them is a good behaviour to encourage. Make sure your children know that if they Block or Report someone that person won't know and they won't have to put up with someone being unkind online.

Speaking of reporting, it's worth making sure that whilst your child is away from school – and the professionals who are usually around if something goes wrong – there are still people to help.

CEOP, NSPCC and IWF might not technically be 'tools' but they are resources for more serious problems. You can find more reporting options on [our help pages](#).



Conversations

The most important thing of all is talking. So important we have a whole article on it. Your children are very likely to come across stuff online that worries, frightens or just confuses them. Don't be afraid to disagree and don't feel you have to fix everything but there are some things you should be.

A sounding board. Young people are figuring out what they think about a whole range of things. Let them talk to you about them. Allow them to test out theories and even disagree with you. If they're not working through things with you they'll be listening to online influencers.

A guide. Some things online are really confusing and even deliberately misleading. Being the person who will sit down and search for answers with them is important. Even if it's just the answer to whether jam should go on a scone first or second. Model truth-seeking behaviour.

A role model. We all struggle with our tech use from time to time. None of us are perfect and so we can't always be perfect role models. But we can explain our struggles and talk about what we find hard. That can be a really good way into a conversation about healthy digital habits.

For more digital parenting content visit
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Ask About Asthma 2025

Open Evening

Wednesday 10th September 3:45-5pm

Breathing Space, Badsley Moor Lane, S65 2QL



Your opportunity to meet Rotherham's Children's Asthma
Nurse

Information about Asthma, Asthma Plans, Asthma Friendly
Schools, Asthma Friendly Clubs, Transition and more



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Summer holiday fun, sorted!



Daunted by the prospect of entertaining the kids for six long weeks of school holidays?

Sheffield Museums has got you covered, with plenty of hands-on creative sessions across the museums throughout the summer break. Activities run 12 – 3pm on the following days:

Tues Weston Park Museum
Wed Millennium Gallery
Thu Kelham Island Museum

There's no need to book – just drop in.

By donating £3, you'll be helping families learn and discover together.

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Find out more at sheffieldmuseums.org.uk





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Barnsley Museums are running an exciting programme of activities for families over the summer – a mix of free drop-in and ticketed (charges apply) fun activities around our sites. All of our sites are free for general entry, many are accessible via public transport and make a great day out for families.

Toys, Toys, Toys - Experience Barnsley - Friday 25 July 10am-2pm

Join us for a day of play! Finding out about and play with toys from the past. Make your own toys to take home. Suitable for all ages. Free, drop in.

Treasure Seekers - Cooper Gallery - Thursday 31 July 10.30am and 1pm.

Join dance artist Tara Baker on an adventure to explore a magical landscape. What treasures will our young explorers find on the way? The dance session will be followed with a short craft activity, so children can take a treasure from the workshop home. This dance and movement workshop is suitable for children aged 3-7 £3 per child. Book your place [HERE](#)

Teeny Time Travellers on Tour - Worsbrough Mill - Friday 1 Aug 10.00am and 12.30pm.

Our signature U5s session is going on tour! Join us at Worsbrough Mill Museum for a nature inspired holiday special! We will be outside if possible so please remember to dress for the weather. This nature craft workshop is suitable for children aged 5 and under. £5 per child. Book your place [HERE](#)

SENsational - Experience Barnsley - Tuesday 5 August 11am-12noon and 1-2pm

Take part in our unique, multisensory session for families with PMLD, autism and who are neurodiverse. The sessions take place in the Learning Lab inside the museum (which is located in the town hall). The space is set up with a range of sensory items, along with soft floor mats and soft light. Free, book your place [HERE](#)

Wonderful Watercolours! - Cooper Gallery - Wednesday 6 Aug 10-12noon and 1-3pm.

During this fun and interactive session, children will explore colour and learn cool new techniques with paint inspired by artworks on display in the gallery. This art workshop is suitable for children aged 7 and above. £5 per child. Book your place [HERE](#)

Wild at Worsbrough - Worsbrough Mill - Thursday 7 August 10am-12noon and 1-3pm

Join us in the learning hut in the Mill for nature inspired crafts. Suitable for all ages. Free, drop in.



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Make your Family - Cannon Hall - Friday 8 Aug 10-12noon and 1-3pm.

Have creative fun with clay making slab sculptures inspired by your family, friends or even your pet! Meet at the Museum Shop. This clay workshop is suitable for children aged 7 and above. £5 per child. Book your place [HERE](#)

Music Makers in the Ballroom - Cannon Hall - Tuesday 12 August 10am-12noon and 1-3pm.

Go wild making your own Junk Modelling instruments in this fun, interactive workshop. Suitable for all ages. Free, drop in.

Crafty at Cooper - Cooper Gallery - Wednesday 13 August 10am-12noon and 1-3pm

Calling all mini artists to join us in the gallery for art inspired crafts. Suitable for all ages. Free, drop in.

Teeny Time Travellers on Tour - Cannon Hall - Friday 15 Aug 10.00am and 12.30pm.

Our signature U5s session is going on tour! Join us in the Walled Garden at Cannon Hall Museum for a garden inspired holiday special! We will be outside if possible so please remember to dress for the weather. This nature craft workshop is suitable for children aged 5 and under. £5 per child. Book your place [HERE](#)

Relaxed Opening - Experience Barnsley and Cooper Gallery - Tuesday 19th August 9am-4pm

Come along to our relaxed openings, which are designed for visitors who would prefer a quieter experience in the museum.

Interactives and audio will be turned down or off to create a quieter experience for visitors who prefer it. Suitable for all ages. Free, drop in

Young Inventors! - Elsecar Heritage Centre - Wednesday 20 August 10am-12noon and 1-3pm.

Create crazy machines in this fun, interactive workshop. Find us in the Education Room above our NEW Visitor Centre! Suitable for all ages. Free, drop in.

Experience Barnsley's Sports Day - Experience Barnsley - Friday 22 August 10am-2pm.

Remember those heady days when you almost won the egg and spoon and came second from last in the sack race? Join us at Experience Barnsley for some old skool sporty fun. Challenge your friends and family and learn about outdoor games from years gone by. Suitable for all ages. Free, drop-in.



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Brilliant Board Games - Experience Barnsley - Tuesday 26 August 10am-12pm and 1-3pm.

People have been making and playing board games for centuries, from the Ancient Egyptians playing Senet, to families today playing classics such as Hungry Hippos and Monopoly. Why not drop in to have a go at inventing your own game to take home? Suitable for all ages. Free, drop in.

For any further information, please email learning@barnsley.gov.uk and we will be happy to help.

We hope to see you over the summer!

Many thanks,

The Barnsley Museums Learning team.

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SUMMER BROOKFIELD



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 WEEK 1 - MONDAY 28TH JULY - THURSDAY 29TH
WEEK 2 - MONDAY 4TH AUG - THURSDAY 7TH AUG
WEEK 3 - MONDAY 11TH AUG - THURSDAY 14TH AUG
10 AM TILL 2PM



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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

Pops Outdoor Adventure

GREAT NEWS!

RAWMARSH

Pops After School Club and
Holiday Clubs are now accepting
FS2 age Children!

STARTS 2ND JUNE!

www.popsoutdooradventure.co.uk

01709 527023 (Option 2)

Pops After School Club Rawmarsh is based in The Old Bowling Green Pavilion, Rosehill Park, Rawmarsh. Children can attend from 10:00am to 12:00pm. The Summer Term is from 1st June to 12th July. Pops Outdoor Adventure Rawmarsh is an Ofsted registered Early Years childcare provider. All bookings are made online through our website. To find out more about our club, please visit our website. Details subject to availability. © Pops Outdoor Adventure