



Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy
Newsletter – Friday 19th July 2024



Summer Fayre / ProStrike Event 2024

Thank you to everyone who attended our Summer Fayre today and a massive thank you for the sponsorships we received for the ProStrike Event that took place this morning. The event was really successful and the children really enjoyed themselves. We will let you all know how much we raised next week.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Summer Fayre this year, without your support and kind donations it wouldn't be possible. A big shout out also to our Friends of St Thomas' PTA for their support today and throughout this year. I'm sure you will agree they have held some really great events for the children this year and with the money raised, they are hoping to get the playground re-marked for the children to enjoy.

Although the school hasn't broken up for the Summer Holidays just yet, as this is our last newsletter this academic year, we would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break.

A reminder that our last day of school this academic year will be Tuesday 23rd July 2024 – pupils may leave school (with an adult) from 1.00pm after our picnic. We will re-open to all pupils on Wednesday 4th September 2024 (see overleaf for new opening hour times).

Thank you
Mrs Sherwood
Head of School





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New School Opening Hours – September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers.

From September 2024 the school day will be extending to ensure we adhere to the Department of Education statutory requirements that all schools provide 32.5 hours working week.

For children in FS2 to Y6, the school day will be as follow:

- 8.40am – Gates open and class doors are open.
- 8.55am – Gates closed and registration.
- 15.05pm – Gates open
- 15.10pm – End of school day for children.

To ensure consistency we will be changing our Foundation 1 timings also:

- The morning session will start at 8.40am and end at 11.40am.
- The afternoon session will start at 11.40am and end at 2.40pm.
- There will be the option of paying £2.50 to extend the afternoon session to 3.10pm.

Breakfast Club will continue to start at 8.00am at a cost of £2 a day.

Kind regards

Mrs V Sherwood

Head of School

Weekly Class Attendance

FS1 – 85%	FS2 – 95%	Year 1 – 93.8%	Year 2 – 94%
Year 3 – 94.7%	Year 4 – 96.8%	Year 5 – 92.3%	Year 6 – 97.5%

Congratulations **Class 6**, you are this week's attendance winners. Well done.
The whole school attendance this week was **93.9%** - our target is 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.




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New Celebration Awards - September 2024

From September 2024, we will no longer be presenting 'DOJO' award certificates at our Celebration assemblies. Instead, we will be introducing some new 'Learner Bee'  certificates.

We will however continue to use DOJO in the classrooms and parents/guardians will still be invited to attend Celebration Assemblies. Thank you.

School Dinner Price Rise

Unfortunately the price of our school dinners is rising from September 2024. School dinners are now priced at £2.60 per day – Nursery dinners - £2.10.

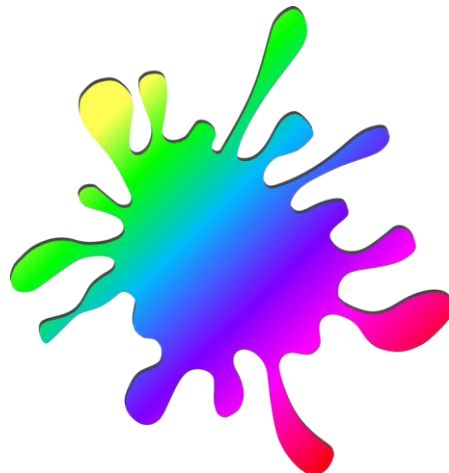
A reminder to parents/guardians that payment for school dinners is made via the ParentPay app. If you need to set up an account, please contact the school office. Can we please ask that lunch accounts are kept in credit. Once a child reaches a debt of £13, they are no longer able to order school lunches.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sponsored 'Colour' Run

The Friends of St. Thomas PTA will be holding a sponsored Colour Obstacle Run on the afternoon of Friday 13th September 2024 to raise much needed funds for the school alongside another chosen charity.

Further information including sponsorship forms and waiver forms will be sent out the first week back at school in September but in the meantime keep hold of your children's old PE tops as there's a chance they're going to get mucky! We can't wait!





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Last Day of Term Picnic – Tuesday 23rd July 2024



For our last day of term, we will be having a picnic on the school field from 12.15pm. Picnic food will be provided to all pupils who want it free of charge. Pupils may still fetch a packed lunch if they prefer.

Parent/Guardians are invited to join us if they wish from 12.15pm. Mrs Sherwood will open the gates at 12.15pm and you may collect your child from their class and head onto the school field. Please note that we are only able to cater for pupils and not parents so please fetch your own picnic if required. Parents may take their children home from the picnic from 1.00pm onwards.

Unfortunately, if rain is forecast, the children will have their picnic in the dinner hall and we will be unable to invite parents to join us. We will let parents know the day before via DOJO if we have to cancel. However, as it is the last day, you may pick your child up from school from 1.00pm (the main gates will be open).

We would be very grateful for some donations of snacks for the children to enjoy along with the food we are providing.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you next Tuesday (weather permitting).



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Breakfast Club / Extra Hours for FS1 – September 2024

Parents/Guardians will be able to book places Breakfast Club and FS1 Extra Hours in September from the 1st August 2024.

Prices are as follows:

Breakfast Club - £2 per day

FS1 Half Day Sessions - £15 (11.40am to 2.40pm)

FS1 Extended Hours from 2.40pm to 3.10pm - £2.50

Once logged into your Arbor app, you will see which of the above is available to your child. Select which you would like to book on then on the right-hand side, click 'Register my Child', You will then be able to select the days you wish to book. You can book a day, a week or even the whole term in advance. Please note, payment must be made when booking.

From September 2024, we will become a cashless school so all payments for the above and school trips etc. must be made online via the Arbor app. Thank you for your understanding.

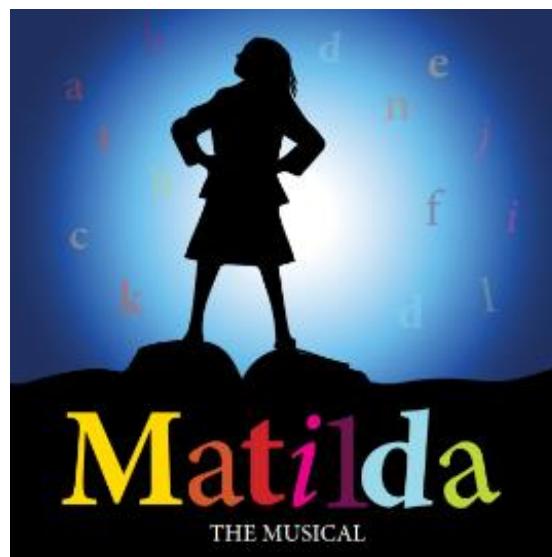
Lunches will continue to be paid for via the ParentPay app.

If you require any help or haven't received your log in details then please contact the school office where we will be happy to help. There is also a user guide available to view on our School Website under – 'Parents' 'User Guides'.

Thank you
School Office

Matilda the Musical

Huge congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 pupils who performed Matilda the Musical this week to pupils and parents. They were amazing and we are so proud of them all. Thank you also to the staff who did an amazing job, they have all worked so hard these past few weeks.





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School Dinner Menu – w/c: 4th September 2024

WEEK THREE	School Closed	School Closed	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal Option 1			Roast Chicken served with roast potatoes and gravy	Korean Style Sticky BBQ Chicken & Vegetables served with Noodles	Friday Fish Fingers served with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
Vegetarian Main Meal Option 2			Vegetarian Mince with roast potatoes and gravy	Korean Style Sticky BBQ Quorn, Vegetables & Noodles	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza Whirl & Chips
Jacket Potato	Jacket potato served with either Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo				
Sandwich	Daily Sandwich offer Cheese, Ham, or Tuna Mayo				
Vegetables			Selection of Daily Vegetables & Mixed Fresh Salad	Selection of Daily Vegetables & Mixed Fresh Salad	Selection of Daily Vegetables & Mixed Fresh Salad
Dessert			Freshly Baked Vanilla Cookie	Zesty Lemon & Blueberry Yoghurt Cake	Homemade Flapjack

Dates for your diary - Autumn Term 1

- 4th September 2024 – School re-opens after summer break
- 5th September 2024 – Class 3 School Trip to Creswell Craggs
- 13th September 2024 – Sponsored Colour Run (PM)
- 17th September 2024 – 1.30pm - Class 4 Rounders Tournament (see class dojo for details)
- 19th September 2024 – Whole School Flu Vaccinations (AM)
- 23rd September 2024 – Whole School individual School Photos (AM)
- 26th September 2024 – Class 6 School Trip to Crucial Crew
- 7th October 2024 – Class 4 family workshop – see class dojo for details
- 25th October 2024 – Last day of term – school breaks up at 3.10p
- 4th November 2024 – INSET Day
- 5th November 2024 – School re-opens to all pupils



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St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy School Holidays for 2024-2025

September (21 Days)							October (19 Days)							November (20 Days)							
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 Denotes Bank Holidays

 Denotes School Holidays

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

 Denotes INSET Days (1 still to be confirmed)



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FS1 Provision at St Thomas' Primary Academy



We are currently taking applications for our FS1 provision here at St Thomas' for 3 to 4-year old's. We offer both 15 and 30 hours per week.

If you are interested in putting your child's name down, please contact Miss Cousins at the School Office Reception for an application pack.

All children are entitled to 15 hours a week free child care once they turn 3 and some children are entitled to full-time places (30 hours per week).

We have 3 intakes during the year and children can start with us after their 3rd birthday:

Our intake dates are September / January and April.

We are accepting applications for all intakes and we still have a few places available to start after the Easter break this year.

Please feel free to get in touch if you require any further information or help, we can also arrange visits for you and your child to look around our provision.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.



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WELCOME TO

SWINTON LIBRARY OPENING EVENT - FRIDAY JULY 26th

OPENING DAY EVENTS

10.00am	Ribbon Cutting Local Councillors
10.30 am	Youngest and oldest across the threshold
10.30 am - 11.30am	Rhymetime
11.30 am to 13:00pm	Marco Bear says hello
1.00pm - 15.30pm	Pop up library
1.00pm - 15.30pm	Blanket Fort Event
15:30pm - 16.30pm	Blanket Fort Event
16:30pm - 18:00pm	Choir Performance





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Rotherham Town JFC are looking for players for our brand new U13 Girls Team.

Current Y6 and Y7 (Y7/Y8 from September), all abilities welcome.

Training Thursdays 6pm-7pm and Saturdays 10am-11am at St Bernard's High School, Rotherham, S653BE

**Rotherham Town
Under 13's Wanted!**

**We are looking for September's school year 7 & 8
Girls to complete our new team! Experienced and
new players welcome!**

Contact: Sean --07900053818

PLAYERS MUST NOT BE REGISTERED WITH ANY OTHER SHGWL TEAM



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Please see below details of a Summer Music School from the Rotherham Music Hub.

ROTHAM MUSIC HUB

-Orchestra
-Pop Choir

-Rock and Pop bands
-Symphonic Pop

-DJ
-Music Tech

Rock n' enrol...

SUMMER MUSIC SCHOOL!
24 - 26 July 2024
Come for 1, 2 or all 3 days!
£20 per day or £50 for all 3
For more information email: Music@rotherham.gov.uk
Oakwood High School S60 2UH



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FREE event in Rotherham Town Centre this July (during the summer holiday) run by Rotherham Council and partners.

UPLIFT

**Thursday 25th until Saturday 27th July, 11am – 4.30pm
Rotherham Town Centre**

UPLIFT returns to Rotherham town centre for its third year, delivered by Rotherham Council in partnership with Flux Rotherham, Children's Capital of Culture and Rotherham Music.

The festival will transform the town centre with a full programme of urban sports activities, music, dance, art and more.

Roller Girl Gang will return with their exciting and fun roller rink in All Saints' Square, and we look forward to welcoming back The House Skate Park too who will offer skateboarding instruction and advice, plus amazing demos to inspire you. Rotherham BMX will be bringing a pop-up BMX, skate and scooter park and new for this year Nova City will be joining us bringing parkour and street dance to add to the amazing mix of activities!

This popular FREE event for young people will also include a live music stage with a programme of brilliant performances, contemporary dance company SAY with their show The Album: Skool Edition, Rotherham United Community Trust and more!

Facebook event page link <https://www.facebook.com/events/1520100578939725/>

Kindest regards,

**Jane Cardie
Event Officer**



Free Family Days Out with BARNESLEY MUSEUMS

this SUMMER

Guardians of Bird Island

From July
Follow the story walk along the woodland bank of bird island and view the impressive Gateway guardians as part of this new sculpture trail.
Free, Drop-in

Tales of the Polish Camp

Tuesday 23 July –
Tuesday 3 September 2024
A group of fearless and brave Polish soldiers displaced by WWII were stationed at Cannon Hall. Follow the trail across the parkland and gardens and discover more about this fascinating part of Cannon Hall's history.
Free, Drop-in

Costume Capers

Suitable for all ages -throughout Summer
Strut your stuff on the stage, dazzle us in the dress-up corner or cosy up in our reading area. There's lots to do for all ages in our interactive space.
Free, Drop-in

Little Listeners: Mini Vixen

Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 July
Opera North presents a 40-minute interactive production for families telling the charming story of a Vixen who meets a Fox.
Pre-show drop-in craft activity and refreshments available. Doors open from 1pm showing starts a 2pm (40 minute performance) | Adult £6, child £5 | In the Deer Shelter & Spencer Wing. Tickets from Art Tickets.

Brian's Wild Wood

Throughout summer
A magical wood has popped up in the Cooper Gallery! Are you ready for an adventure? Why not come along to the wild wood to read, relax, dress up or play. The interactive area is part of our latest family friendly exhibition 'Paws, Claws, Tales and Roars'. **Free, drop-in**

COOPER
GALLERY

Bear Bops and Fox Trots

Thursday 1 August
One morning bear finds a cosy cave and goes for a snooze but before he knows it the cave turns out to be a hot air balloon basket and he is whisked away on a wonderous journey. Join bear as he dances his way from one escapade to another. This dance and movement workshop is suitable for children ages 3-7.
10.30am & 1pm | £3 per child. Book your place on Art Tickets.

Animal Adventures in Wildsmith's World of Wonder

Wednesday 7 and Monday 12 August
Join our storyteller to embark on an unforgettable adventure. This interactive session combines story and craft suitable for children under 7.
10.30am & 1pm | £3 per child. Book your place on Art Tickets

Mama G presents Paws, Claws, Tails and Roars – interactive storytelling experience!

Thursday 15 August
Join Mama G In our enchanted forest to experience a magical, interactive performance of Brian Wildsmith's new book. Ages 3-8.
11am & 1pm | £3 per child. Book your place on Art Tickets.

CANNON HALL
MUSEUM PARK & GARDENS



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Treasure Seekers

Friday 26 July

From hidden Roman hoards to lost books from a bygone age, Experience Barnsley Museum is crammed full with treasure. Calling all treasure hunters and enquiring minds to join us discovering the hidden treasures of Barnsley and making some of your own to take home.

10.30am-2pm, suitable for all ages

Free, Drop-in

SENsational

Wednesday 7 August

Book on this multisensory experience for families with PMLD, autism and who are neurodivergent. Our families said: "Relaxing and stimulating" "All activities provided were great" "Really good for our PMLD children."

11am-12 noon & 1pm-2pm. Free. Places limited, booking essential via Eventbrite

The Big Barnsley Bats & Balls Bash!

Thursday 8 August

Celebrate all things sport at Experience Barnsley Museum at this fun filled, family event. From ferret racing to the ancient game of nipsey, football to traditional school sports day fun, there'll be lots to do for the whole family.

10am-2pm, suitable for all ages

Free, Drop-in

Elsecar by the Sea Trail

Tuesday 23 July – Sunday 1 September

Summer Trail Inspired by the incredible story of the 'seaside resort at the heart of the Yorkshire coalfield', search out hidden seaside objects and collect words to make a popular summer song, **suitable for all ages**

Echoes through time, an Elsecar story

31 July launch event and throughout August

Can you crack the code to reveal the secret of the black diamond? Join time-travellers Kit and Echo as they journey through Elsecar's past, uncovering hidden stories as they go. Chronicles of Elsecar is a brand new trail, created by Next Big Thing, Barnsley Museums young creatives group, working with artists Gemma Wheelan and Becky Newbould, aka We Great Ladies. See www.elsecar-heritage.com for details



Giddy up and away!

Saddle up and ride into a pony adventure at Elsecar Heritage Centre. In this unique, interactive session, under fives and their families will meet the horses of Elsecar through imaginative play. This hands on session includes water play so a change of clothes is advisable just in case of splashes! Suitable for children aged 5 and under and their families and siblings. Places are limited so please see the website for dates to book. £3 per child. www.elsecar-heritage.com/whats-on



Enchanted envelopes and pebble poems

Thursday 22 and 29 August

Make your own messages for the woodland sprites and fairies using natural materials.

10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm | £3 per child. Booking essential on Art Ticket, suitable for ages 4-8.

Wentworth Castle Gardens

A jam - packed 'Summer of Play' returns everyday

20 July - 1 September 2024

Try storytelling within the magical castle walls, test out your best strategy with outdoor games, take-on the balance beam challenge, make music in the sound space, get creative with sand or have-a-go at an array of outdoor games on the Play Field. Find out more at

<https://bit.ly/4bGFfRP>



For more details on activities visit www.barnsley-museums.com or check out our social media @Barnsley Museums