



Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy Newsletter – Tuesday 22nd July 2025



Happy Summer Break

We would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Tuesday 2nd September 2025**.

Goodbye and good luck to all our year 6 pupils as they start secondary education. We will miss you all.



New School Lunch Service

Information on our new school lunch service – The Pantry, has now been e-mailed to all parents/guardians. The Team at The Pantry will be in touch with you all via e-mail during the summer break. They will send you your log in details and payment information so you are able to pre-order your child's lunches from home ready for September 2025. Please note, if you have any questions, please contact The Pantry direct as the school will no longer have access to any of the new lunch systems, the Pantry team will deal with all your questions.

Their customer service team contact details are as follows:

Email: Office@thepantrycatering.co.uk or call 020 8813 7040 Monday to Friday 7.30am to 5pm.

Our lovely dinner staff will continue to work in school under our new suppliers.



Breakfast Club / FS1 Extra Hours – Bookings for September 2024

Parents/Guardians will be able to book their child for breakfast club / extra hours in FS1 from 31st July 2025 via the Arbor app. If your child is starting in FS1/2 and you don't yet have your log in details for Arbor, you may send your child to Breakfast Club and we will can manually register them. Thank you.



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ProStrike Event

Thank you to everyone who took part / raised money for our ProStrike event on Friday last week.

We raised in total - £457, our highest fundraiser was Harper in Class 1, raising an amazing £120, well done Harper!

Children have received their prizes.

Thank you.



Parent Pay

Can we please ask that parents/guardians login to their ParentPay accounts and clear any outstanding debts. Please do not put any further credit onto your account as we will no longer be using ParentPay to pay for school lunches in September 2025.

If you have any outstanding credit, this will be transferred over to school and we will transfer to your child's new account (once set up). If your child has left for secondary school we will be in touch in September to arrange a refund.

Summer Fayre 2025

Thank you to everyone who attending our Fayre last Friday, it was really good fun and the weather was amazing.

We raised in total just over £850; which will go back into our school funds to purchase much needed resources for all our children.

Thank you again for supporting this event.





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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.



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.

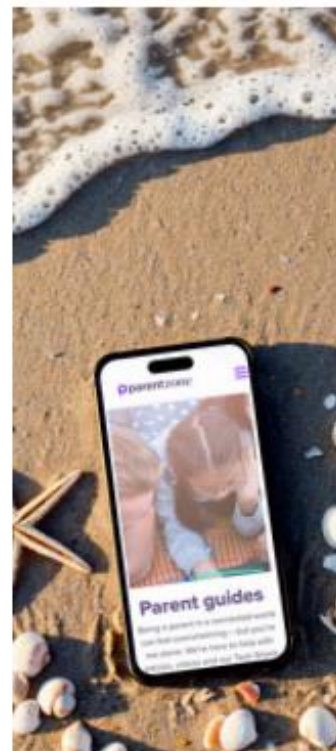
Rules

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
www.parentzone.org.uk/parents

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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.

Sheffield Museums is a registered charity
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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.

Email: learning@barnsley.gov.uk

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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
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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



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 FS2 through to Year 6 (children following their 5th Birthday to 11 years old). 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 us, our staff and our facilities, please visit our website. Terms and conditions apply, see website for further details. Subject to availability. © 2025 Pops Outdoor Adventure.