



## Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy Newsletter – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024



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### Last Day of Autumn Term 1

We made it... our first Autumn Term is now complete. The children have been amazing and have settled well into their new classes - we are very proud of them all. Thank you to all our parents/guardians for your continued support again this term.

We have lots of exciting things to look forward to in our next term, especially with the run up to Christmas. Below is a list of events for your diary:

- 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Bonfire Disco
- 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Children in Need Bake Sale (details overleaf)
- 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Christmas Fayre from 1.30pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Christmas Dinner
- 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance's – 2.00pm and 5.00pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance's – 2.00pm and 5.00pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – EYFS Christmas Nativity – 9.15am
- 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – EYFS Christmas Party at 10.30am
- 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Class 5 and 6 Christmas Party (PM)
- 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Classes 1 and 2 Christmas Party (PM)
- 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Classes 3 and 4 Christmas Party (PM)
- 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – 1.30pm – Christmas Singalong with Mrs Sherwood (whole school)

We hope you all have a lovely break and we look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.



### Golden Bee Hive Winners

The following children have been chosen by their Class Teacher's this week to receive a Behaviour Bee reward from Mrs Sherwood. Each child was given a special sticker and they have each been entered into the golden nectar box for a chance to win a gift. Well done to you all.

<u>FS1</u>	<u>FS2</u>	<u>Class 1</u>	<u>Class 2</u>	<u>Class 4</u>	<u>Class 5</u>	<u>Class 6</u>
Marlow	Jacob	Harlow	Lilliker-Rose	Max	Jayce	Isaac
Regi	Ariel	Iris	Alice T		Shay	Jude
	Rocco	Erica	Amelia B		Olivia	
	Louie	Maddox	Meadow		Bonnie	
	Alice	Freya	Bella			
		Tony	Brennan			
			Harry			

*Please note the above children will not be receiving an award at the celebration assembly. Each child has already been given their reward from Mrs Sherwood.*



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Weekly Class Attendance

FS1 – 93.9%  
Year 3 – 99%

FS2 – 97%  
Year 4 – 96.6%

Year 1 – 94.3%  
Year 5 – 97.2%

Year 2 – 99%  
Year 6 – 93.3%

Congratulations to **Class 2 and Class 3** who are this week's attendance winners making it six weeks in a row for **Class 2**, well done!

The whole school attendance this week was **96.5%** - which is above our target of 95%. Amazing!



**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.

Children in Need – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024



*This year, Children in Need will be raising money to 'Help make life lighter for children'*

*Children across the UK are facing greater challenges than ever, with mental health conditions such as anxiety & depression rising, high levels of poverty leading to inequality & lack of opportunity.*

*Many children are simply carrying a load that's too heavy to manage alone, so this year, we are asking you to help make life lighter for children.*

To help raise funds for Children in Need this year, the school will be taking part in a Bake Sale and Dress Down Day. Children may come to school in their own clothes / Sports Wear / Pudsey bear t-shirts for a £1 donation. We will also be selling buns/cakes at lunchtime for a small donation. Donations of buns / cakes from our parents/guardians would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



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### After School Clubs

A new list of After School Clubs will be published the first week back after half term - W/C: 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

Please note, any continuing ASC's will still need to be booked via the arbor app and are allocated on a first come first serve basis.

**Year 6 Pupils** have been invited to take part in SAT's After School Booster Classes which are to be held every Tuesday after school until 4.00pm (starting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024). Your child should have fetched a permission form home for you to sign giving permission for them to attend. Can you please complete and return the form to the class teacher – Mrs Cadman. Thank you.

### Coats / Pumps

With the winter months ahead, could we please ask that children bring a change of shoes to avoid fetching mud into the classrooms. These can be pumps or slippers but must be a full house slipper with hard soles – no slip on / novelty ones please (see below). Thank you.



### Harvest Festival Food Donations

Mrs Sherwood, with the help of Brooke, Edie-Mia and Layton from Class 6, delivered the harvest festival food donations to the food bank at Swinton Lock this week. Swinton Lock were very grateful and said they will make up food parcels for families in Swinton who are most in need. Thank you again for your kind donations. It's lovely to give back to our community.





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**Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

We will be selling poppies and various items on behalf of the RBL from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024. These are available from the school reception. Remembrance Sunday is on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 this year. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.



**Poppies in the Community**

As part of this year's Remembrance Sunday (Poppy Appeal), the school would like to do a Poppy Display in our school. We are asking our pupils, parents/guardians if they would like to make something for our Poppy display?

We would love to display your creations, these could be pictures, knitted poppies, papier mache poppies, clay poppies – basically anything Poppy related would look great. If you would like to take part, please hand your creations in to the school office or Class Teacher after half term. We will then put our display together in time for remembrance Sunday - 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Thank you, we can't wait to see your ideas!



**RESPECT**

Mrs Sherwood has asked if any of our parents/guardians would like to come into school to talk to our children about Respect and Tolerance. This is something the children will be learning about next term and we would be interested in learning from your experiences. This could be around different cultures, experiences, what respect means to you, how to give respect etc. If this is something you would be interested in doing, please contact Mrs Sherwood. Thank you.





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**School Menu – Week Commencing 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

WEEK ONE	Green Earth MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal Option	School Closed INSET DAY	Special Menu – See Below	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Beef Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Option			Quorn Grill with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Cheese Flan with Skin on Baked Potato Wedges	Crispy Vegetable Fingers & Chips
Vegetables			Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Broccoli, Carrots, Cauliflower & Sweetcorn	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, Salmon Mayonnaise or Cheese or Beans
Dessert			'Hidden Fruit ' Chocolate, (Beetroot & Pear) Brownie	Vanilla & Cherry Cookie Cup & Custard	Fruity Strawberry Jelly & Mandarin Segments

**Bonfire Night**

**BONFIRE THEME DAY**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Beef Burger  
 Or  
 Vegetarian Sausage

Served With  
 Chips

Beans or Sweetcorn

Dessert  
 Mini Doughnuts & Chocolate  
 Dipping Sauce



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# STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL

Rotherham  
Metropolitan  
Borough Council

If your child was born between 1  
September 2013 and 31 August 2014,  
you will need to apply for them to  
start Secondary School in September  
2025

The closing date for applications is  
Thursday 31 October 2024.



[www.rotherham.gov.uk](http://www.rotherham.gov.uk)

### Dates for your diary - Autumn Term 2

- 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – INSET Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – School re-opens to all pupils
- 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Bonfire Disco – tickets on sale now
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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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