



Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy Newsletter – Friday 3rd May 2024



Bank Holiday

A reminder to parents/guardians that the school will be closed on Monday (6th May 2024) for the Bank Holiday. We will re-open as normal on Tuesday morning. Have a lovely long weekend.



Learner of the week

The following children have been chosen by their Class Teacher as 'Learner of the Week'. Each child will be presented with a certificate at the **Celebration Assembly which will be held next Tuesday** (due to bank holiday). Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend the assembly which starts at 9.05am in the Main Hall.

FS1 – Kaiyden-Lee

FS2 – Iris L

Year 1 – Daisy H

Year 2 – Mollie S

Year 3 – Samuel G

Year 4 – Bonnie O

Year 5 – Endon M

Year 6 – Lola M

Congratulations to you all.

DOJO Behaviour Awards

The following pupils will be awarded an Outstanding Behaviour (DOJO) Certificate at Tuesday's Celebration Assembly. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend the assembly which starts at 9.05am in the Main Hall.

Gold

FS1 Millie H
FS2 Amy E
Year 1 Esme J
Year 2 Florrie S
Year 3 Harrison F
Year 4 Jayce B
Year 5 Annie B
Year 6 Mae R-H

Silver

Edward L
Travis M
Jax S
Poppy M
Miya P
Isobel J
Jude S
Niamh A

Bronze

Bella-Rose
Harry R
Emily D
Finley H
Eden C
Pixie-Jae
Tom M
Connyr G-F

Congratulations to you all.



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Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved their Reading Awards. Each child will be presented with their Badge at Tuesday's Celebration Assembly. Well done.

Class 2

Tommy S

Class 5

Freddie C



Weekly Class Attendance

FS1 – 89.9%

FS2 – 87.6%

Year 1 – 91.9%

Year 2 – 98.1%

Year 3 – 97.6%

Year 4 – 94.3%

Year 5 – 94.3%

Year 6 – 98.5%

Congratulations **Class 6**, you are this week's attendance winners.



**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.

Sports Day 2024

Thank you to everyone who attended our Sports Day today. The children and staff had a great time. Thank you also to our Friends of St Thomas PTA for providing / selling refreshments.

Keep an eye out on your child's Class DOJO page for photos from today.

Class Photos

Your child will be having their Class Photo on **Thursday 6th June 2024** during the morning. Details of how to order your child's class photos will be sent home with the children. All orders are now made online. Thank you.





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Summer Fayre 2024

Our Summer Fayre will take place this year on the afternoon of **Friday 19th July 2024 (times tbc but will be held in the afternoon).**

This year we are doing something a little different, we are partnering up with the ProStrike Events Team to take part in a Sponsored ProStrike Speed Challenge. The event involves a giant inflatable football goal with an integrated speed radar. When a pupil takes a shot at the goal the speed is displayed on a digital screen. We want everyone to enjoy the event, so every pupil will take part in the event regardless of ability or if they have been sponsored or not. All the children take 3 shots each and we record their fastest speed on a certificate for them to keep. There will also be lots of great prizes to be won. Further details and sponsor forms will be sent home with the children nearer the time.

Alongside this event, we will be doing our usual Summer Fayre stalls: Bric-a-brac / raffle / tombola / refreshments and much much more. If anyone has any items they would like to donate to our summer fayre, please fetch them to the school office where they will be greatly received. Thank you.





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Year 6 Transition Dates to Swinton Academy

Our Year 6 pupils will be doing their 2-day transition to Swinton Academy on **Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th June 2024**. Further details to follow.

If your child is moving to a different school, they will contact you direct to let you know when your child's transition is taking place.

Dates for your diary

Summer Term 1

- 10th May 2024 – Class 3 Swimming (PM)
- 13th May 2024 – Year 6 - SATS week
- 20th May 2024 – Year 3 Roman Britain Drama Workshop @9.30am
- 20th May 2024 – Year 4 Ancient Egypt Drama Workshop @1.15pm
- 23rd May 2024 – Class 1 Parent Workshop @1.30pm
- 24th May 2024 – EYFS Parent Assembly @2.30pm
- 24th May 2024 – School Break up for Spring Break @3pm

Summer Term 2

- 3rd June 2024 – School re-opens after Spring Break
- 5th June 2024 – Road Safety Talk with PC Paul – Class 5 and 6
- 6th June 2024 – Class Photos (AM)
- 13th June 2024 – FS2 New Starter Meeting – further details to follow
- 20th June 2024 – Year 3 and 4 Girls Football – further details to follow (chosen pupils only)
- 25th to 26th June 2024 – Year 6 transition to Swinton Academy
- 25th June 2024 – Class 1 Family Workshop – Terrific Toys – details to be sent via Class DOJO
- 28th June 2024 – FS2 Class Assembly – 2.30pm – details to be sent via Class DOJO
- 3rd July 2024 – Class 2 School Trip to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- 3rd to the 5th July 2024 – Class 6 Residential to Kingswood
- 12th July 2024 – School Reports to be sent out to parents
- 16th July 2024 – Class 5 visiting Swinton Academy all day
- 19th July 2024 – Summer Fayre (PM)
- 23rd July 2024 – School break up for summer at 3.00pm



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School Dinner Menu – Week Commencing: 6th May 2024

WEEK ONE	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal Option 1	Closed Bank Holiday	All Day Breakfast served with Baked Omelette, Country Diced Potatoes & Baked Beans or Sweetcorn	Chicken Pie Served with Mashed Potatoes	Creamy Korma Style Chicken & Lentil Curry with Mixed Rice	Friday Fish Fingers served with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
Vegetarian Main Meal Option 2		All Day Veggie Breakfast Served with Country Diced Potatoes & Baked Beans or Sweetcorn	Vegemince & Vegetable Pie served with Mashed Potato	Sweet Potato, Spinach & Chick Pea Korma Served with Mixed Rice	Cheese Flan or Quiche Served with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
Jacket Potato	Jacket potato served with either Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo Daily Offer including Salmon Mayonnaise for Oily Fish				
Sandwich	Daily Offer 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	Selection of Daily Vegetables & Mixed Fresh Salad
Dessert		Chocolate Shortbread Biscuits & Fruit Slices	Iced Banana Traybake	Oat & Raisin Cookie & Fresh Watermelon Slice	Chocolate Ice Cream



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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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St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy Kilnhurst

School Calendar for the Academic Year 2023/24

September (20 Days)							October (20 Days)							November (19 Days)						
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December (16 Days)							January (18 days)							February (15 days)						
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March (17 Days)							April (16 Days)							May (18 Days)						
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June (20 Days)							July (16 Days)							August						
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- Denotes Bank Holidays
- Denotes School Holidays
- Denotes Inset days (x 5)
- Polling Station

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



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THE READING AGENCY

Summer Reading Challenge

Dear Parents/Guardians.,

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's **Summer Reading Challenge**. Sign up for FREE at your local library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely **FREE** to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.¹

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge poster and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

Online. Take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

When?

The Challenge will launch on **6 July**. Local variations apply so please check with your library to find out start & finish dates near you. Unsure where your closest library is? Use the [Library Finder](#) to check.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up! If you have any questions, please contact swinton.library@rotherham.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,
All at Swinton Library



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Want to know more?

- Find out more about the importance of reading and its impact on children's success [here](#).
- Visit the [official Summer Reading Challenge website](#) for free activities, videos, book recommendations and more.
- Keep up-to-date and be in the know when we launch competitions by following [@SummerReadingChallengeUK on Facebook](#).

What do families think?

*"I never liked reading before because of this challenge I got the **courage** to read more books and I have more interest in books. This has been the **greatest experience** ever in my life to read more books than before thanks."*

Girl, aged 12+

*"The challenge encouraged my child to **read more often**, and in turn encouraged **myself** as well."*

Parent/carer of 6-7 year-old boy

*"Enabled us to have some fun **cheap days out** and reading together has **brought us closer** than before."*

Parent/carer of 8-9 year-old girl

*"We've joined the reading challenge for the past 4 years and every year it has inspired and encouraged a deeper **joy** for reading. For a young dyslexic boy the challenge helps make reading **fun**."*

Parent/carer of 6-7 year-old boy

*"My child lacks confidence. Going to the library and meeting the friendly staff has definitely made him **more confident in himself** and encouraged him to read more being able to pick his own books to read from their huge collection."*

Parent/carer of 10-11 year-old boy



Please see below details of support groups for parents/guardians/siblings of children with SEN.

Rotherham Parent Carers Forum
COMMUNITY FUND

LOCATION
THE OLD COLLIERY, KIVETON PARK, S26 6LR

SEND CONNECT KIVETON PARK CRAFT & CHAT

First Friday of the month - 09:30-11:30

Now Monthly on a Friday

No Booking Required

Free Crafts for parent carers to enjoy!

FREE Refreshments, & Breakfast Sandwiches

Are you parent carer of a young person with additional needs and/or disabilities?

Our New Kiveton Park group is a lovely place to meet other parent carers with similar experiences, gain support and find out more about what services are available. There will also be crafting materials if you wish to craft whilst chatting. If you are a little worried about attending or would like to know more please contact us by emailing admin@rpcf.co.uk or calling our office on 01709296262.

Babies and toddlers are welcome with supervision from an adult

For more information please scan this QR code from your smart device



Rotherham Parent Carers Forum
Together we can make a difference.

Neurodivergent Parent group

RANSS
Rotherham Adult Neurodiversity Support Service

Who? The group is for neurodivergent (autistic and/or adhd) parents - no diagnosis required, questioning is fine too.

Why? We want to create a safe, friendly space for people to come together and chat with other parents who are also neurodivergent, share experiences and offer support to one another

When? The group will meet monthly on a Tuesday morning 10-12pm, the first session will be on Tuesday 07th of May 2024 & then the first Tuesday of each month

Where? Riverside House Library,
Main Street,
Rotherham
S60 IAE

www.ranss.co.uk 01709296262



MALE PARENT/CARERS CLUB

SIBLINGS ARE WELCOME

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

ARE YOU A MALE PARENT/CARER OF A CHILD OR A YOUNG PERSON WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS?

WOULD YOU LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OTHER MEN IN A SIMILAR SITUATION?

10:00AM - 11:30AM
AT MOWBRAY GARDENS LIBRARY

To book your place please visit:

www.rpcf.co.uk/our-events

PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILDREN AND ENJOY A MORNING OF LEGO CONSTRUCTION AND GAMES?



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Museum Address

Clifton Lane,
Rotherham
S65 2AA

**JOIN RPCF FAMILY PEER SUPPORT TEAM FOR A
GENTLE WELLBEING WALK AROUND THE PARK**



A walk through Clifton park

Meet at 10:00 am outside the museum entrance, then start the walk at 10:15 am. After the walk you'll have a chance to have a cuppa.

Dates:

- 22th April
- 29th April
- 10th June
- 8th July
- 5th August
- 12th August
- 19th August

For more information please use the QR code or see our website



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DIABETES EDUCATION

Wednesday 22ND May 2024 at 16:00 – 18:00



What the session covers.....

- **Learn the signs and symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes**
- **How to treat Hypoglycemia and Hyperglycemia**
- **The 'Tools of the trade' See the technology of today**
- **Learn the essential skill of Carbohydrate Counting and understand why this is so significant to managing Type 1 Diabetes**

A minimum of 2 staff
from each school are
expected to attend

**Venue: Wales High School
Storth lane, Kiveton Park, Sheffield, S26 5QQ**

**PLEASE CONTACT
Michelle Glasby on 07795316980
to book your place**