



Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy
Newsletter - Friday 9th December 2022



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Last Week of Term...YAY

Only one week left until our Christmas Break. We have lots of exciting festive fun planned next week. Please see below:

Christmas Dinner / ' Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day

The children will be having their Christmas Dinner on **Wednesday 14th December 2022**. All children will be offered the dinner free of charge. There will be vegan and vegetarian options available also.



Join us for Christmas lunch on
Wednesday the 14th of December

Turkey, Chipolata Sausage & Gravy
Roasted Veggie Balls with Gravy
Served with

Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Brussel Sprouts & Peas

For Dessert
Homemade Christmas pudding selection

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – 14th December 2022

Also, on the same day children may come to school in their Christmas Jumpers / t-shirts for a £1 donation. All money donated will be sent to the 'Save the Children' Charity. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

Christmas Parties

Our Christmas Parties will be held on the following dates/times:

- 12th December 2022 – FS1/FS2 Christmas Party and Special Visitor – 10.10am – 11.30am
- 13th December 2022 – Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Party from 1pm
- 15th December 2022 – Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Party from 1 pm

Sandwiches / pizza / sausage & cheese rolls will be provided free of charge to all children (vegan and vegetarian options will also be available), but children are permitted to fetch in other snacks such as crisps, biscuits, popcorn, buns, cakes to share with their friends.

Children may also come to school in their party clothes so they don't need to fetch them to change into. Thank you.



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Reading Awards

The following children have achieved their **Bronze** reading awards (50 reads). They will each receive their badges next week.

Class 2 – Jacob K

Class 3 – Matthew H

Roman M

Scarlett P

Olivia B

Weekly Class Attendance

FS1 – 80.9%

FS2 – 93.7%

Year 1 – 89.6%

Year 2 – 92.3%

Year 3 – 95.7%

Year 4 – 91.3%

Year 5 – 96.2%

Year 6 – 91.6%

Congratulations **Class 5**, you are this week's attendance winners, well done.

Raffle Winners

Pupils drew the raffle yesterday and the winning tickets are as follows:

Please claim your prize from the School Office

1st – Christmas Hamper

YELLOW 904 (AD333635)

2nd – Signed Rotherham United T-Shirt

YELLOW 707 (AD333635)

3rd – Kettle / Toaster set

MINT GREEN 943 (AD585567)

4th – Prosecco and Champagne Flutes

PEACH 743 (AD285149)

5th – Brandy and Wine Gift set

YELLOW 600 (AD333635)

6th – Ladies Jewellery Set

YELLOW 831 (AD333635)

7th – Women's Gift Set

PINK 494 (1P31 FR78)

8th – Men's Gift Set

YELLOW 796 (AD333635)

9th – Pamper Set

MINT GREEN 838 (AD585567)

10th – Wax Melts Gift Set

PEACH 991 (AD285149)

11th – Candle Set

PEACH 563 (AD285149)

Christmas Performances

Massive congratulations to all our pupils who took part in their Christmas performances this week. You were all amazing and we are so proud of you all.

We should also thank all the staff involved who have worked so hard these last few weeks.

We hope you enjoyed the performances, thank you so much for coming along and supporting us.



Christmas Holiday Dates

A reminder to parents that the school will close on **Friday the 16th December 2022** at 3.00pm; and re-open to pupils on **Wednesday 4th January 2023**. Tuesday the 3rd January 2023 is an inset day. Thank you.



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Christmas Card Post Box

Our Christmas Card post box is situated at reception. Children may post their Christmas cards here and they will be distributed around classes by our Year 6 pupils. If you require a class list for your child then please ask your child's class teacher or speak to reception. We can only provide first names of children due to safeguarding. Thank you.



After School Clubs

Please note our After-School Clubs have now finished for this term. The only club running next week will be the Choir Club on a Monday with Mrs Mitchell. This is in preparation for the Young Voices Choir Concert on the 9th February 2023.

Breakfast Club and Wrap around care will run as normal.

A new schedule of after school clubs will be published the first week back after Christmas. Please note you will need to book using the Arbor App. Thank you.

Toy Day – Friday 16th December 2022

On our last day of term - Friday 16th December 2022, children may fetch a toy into school and they may also wear their Christmas jumpers / t-shirts.

Can we please ask that children do not fetch any expensive items into school e.g. games consoles / iphones.



Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term

16th December 2022 – 3.00pm – children break up for Christmas holidays

3rd January 2023 – School Closed for INSET DAY

4th January 2023 – School Re-opens

4th January 2023 – Class 3 school trip to the National Coal Mining Museum

Week commencing 9th January 2022 – Mock SATS – year 6

17th January 2023 – Year 6 visiting St Thomas' Church for Eucharist Service (am)

9th February 2023 – Young Voices Choir

10th February 2023 – Last day of school

13th February – School closes for 1 week

w/c: 31st March 2023 – Book Fair – times tbc



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

If you haven't already done so, could you please spare a few moments and complete the parent survey:

Our team is gearing up for a new survey in which we'll be giving you the opportunity to express your opinion on parent and guardian engagement at The Diocese Of Sheffield Academies Trust and your overall confidence in the school's strategy. Our goal is to open up a communication channel where your voice is heard and organised in such a way that we can create the best learning environment for your child. To help us with this, we're working together with the Edurio survey platform.

To complete the survey, please click here:

<https://edurio.com/poll/3XVMEH>

Surveys are completely anonymous and confidential, though the responses will be aggregated for the purpose of analysis. The survey will be available until the 16th December 2022.

Your opinion and honesty are much appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns please get in touch.

We look forward to your feedback!


Senior Leadership Team at St Thomas CE Primary Academy .



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Lunch Menu – Week 2 (W.C: 12th December 2022)

WEEK TWO	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN OPTION	Cheese & Tomato Pizza and Jacket Wedges	Turkey Pasta Bolognese	Christmas Dinner Tukey or veggie/vegan Roast	Chicken meatballs in tomato sauce with rice	Battered Fish and Chips
VEGETARIAN OPTION	Loaded Wedges with Cheese or Beans	Tomato and Basil Pasta		Veggie Burger and potato wedges	Macaroni Cheese
VEGETABLES	Sweetcorn Garden Peas	Green Beans Cauliflower		Sweetcorn Carrots	Beans Peas
SANDWICHES	Freshly Made Sandwich <i>with a Choice of Cheddar, Tuna Mayonnaise or Ham</i>				
JACKETS OPTIONS	Freshly Baked Jacket Potato <i>with your Choice of Toppings: Tuna & Mayonnaise, Grated Cheese or Baked Beans</i>				
DESSERT	Oaty Crunchy Biscuit	Melon & Pineapple Slices	Variety of Christmas Puddings	Jam sponge and Custard	Chocolate Brownie

Please note that only buffet items will be available on the day of your child's Christmas Party (this is free of charge to all pupils)

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Mindfulness March – Thursday 15th December 2022

Thank you to everyone who bought Raffle Tickets at Friday's Christmas Fayre. The raffle has been drawn and all prizes have been claimed.

The mindfulness march, in memory of Bethany Hart, will take place on Thursday 15th December 2022 (please see below for full details). Tea lights are available from the school reception, these are priced at £3 each of 2 for £5. You can also purchase them on the day from Mrs Webster and Mr Turner who will be at the march. All money raised will be sent to the Mind Charity.

Everyone is welcome to come along and support this amazing family and the charity.

We're supporting

mindfulness March

for better mental health

Our community has been left devastated by the recent terrible news. We would like our St Thomas' family to show their solidarity and support for mental health, by attending our Mindfulness March. We aim to light up Wath Lake

Thursday 15th December 2022 @Wath Rugby Club 4:00 pm.
We plan to start the march at 4:30pm.

The walk is to raise awareness for mental health through the difficult and uncertain times ahead. We ask that all attendees light up the lake, to symbolise in our darkest moments, we need to focus on the light and the support network that surrounds us.

“1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem”

Lights to light up the lake can be purchased from school
£3 = 1 or £5 = 2
All proceeds will go to charity

mind Rotherham & Barnsley

The GREEN HART PROJECT



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Christmas Church Services at St Thomas' Church

fresh - tea-time Christingle

4.00pm, Sunday 11th December

Especially for children and their families with
Christingle craft, puppets, songs and hot turkey sandwiches.

Carols by Candlelight

7.00pm, Sunday 18th December

A traditional candlelit service with readings and carols,
followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Crib Service

4.00pm, Christmas Eve

A service for all the family, remembering the story of
Jesus' birth, through child friendly readings and songs.

Midnight Communion

11.15pm, Christmas Eve

Celebrating the birth of Jesus to be our saviour and king.



Christmas Morning

10.00am, Christmas Day

A great celebration for all the family.



[facebook.com/groups/kilnhurstchurch](https://www.facebook.com/groups/kilnhurstchurch)



[@kilnhurstchurch](https://twitter.com/kilnhurstchurch)



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Free Events at Swinton Library

Crafting

At Swinton Library

Come and join us on Monday 19th
December 10am – 11 am

This event is totally FREE

Learn to make your own

- Christmas baubles
- Christmas Cards
- Reindeer Food
- Snowflake decorations

Ring the library on 01709 254615

www.rotherham.gov.uk/libraries



SCHOOL TERMS DATES 2022/23

CHRISTMAS

Holiday starts - Monday 19 December 2022
Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd January 2023
INSET DAY – Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Back to school – Wednesday 4th January 2023

SPRING HALF TERM

Holidays starts - Monday 13 February 2023
Back to school - Monday 20 February 2023

EASTER

Holiday starts - Monday 3 April 2023
Back to school - Monday 17 April 2023

SUMMER HALF TERM

Holiday starts - Monday 29 May 2023
Back to school - Monday 5 June 2023

SUMMER HOLIDAY

Holiday starts - Monday 24 July 2023

BANK HOLIDAYS

- New Year – Monday 2nd January 2023
- Good Friday - Friday 7 April 2023
- Easter Monday - Monday 10 April 202
- May Day - Monday 1 May 2023
- Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 29 May 2023



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Rotherham Council is working with a variety of providers to offer free Holiday Club places across the borough for the Winter holidays. There are a variety of activities taking place with lots of different providers, all activity sessions include a meal.

If you please contact your school office where they will give you your child's Unique Reference Number. To book onto the activities please contact the provider directly, this information can be found on our flyer or website <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/childrens-health-wellbeing/healthy-holidays/2>

Thank You,

Rotherham Healthy Holidays
healthyholidays@rotherham.gov.uk

See overleaf for a list of winter activities available throughout the Rotherham area:



FREE WARM SPACES

**YOUTH & EMPLOYABILITY ROOMS,
GOALZONE, GROUND FLOOR
NEW YORK STADIUM, ROTHERHAM**

**Come and use our heating and our power;
charge phones and devices, use of WIFI, hot
& cold drinks available, play pool, watch TV,
listen to music or just chat and chill.**

Mondays 4.30 - 6.30pm Age 11-17
Tuesdays 2- 4pm Over 35s
Thursdays 3 - 5.30pm
Families with children under 11
Thursdays 6 - 8pm Age 18 - 35
Fridays 10 - 12am Over 55s



For more information email community@rotherhamuntied.net



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MONDAY 19TH & TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER
10AM - 2PM



Brookfield

WINTER FEST
WITH



FUN & CREATIVE ART & CRAFTS , ENRICHING SPORTING
ACTIVITIES FOR ALL! 5- 12 YEARS OLD - FULLY FUNDED
IF ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

PAID PLACES ARE AVAILBLE IF NOT ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS - £10 PER DAY



Breakfast and full packed lunch are included
Please note: Supply your child with a water bottle



LIME GROVE, SWINTON, MEXBOROUGH, S64 8TQ

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To book visit: <https://www.rucst.co.uk/winter-half-term-healthy-holidays-programme/>
 or tel: 01709 827 767

Venue	Post Code	Winter Dates	Time	Ages	Specific Details
Parkgate Astro	S62 6HQ	19th to 22nd December	10am to 2pm	5 to 16	Specific & Ability Counts (SEND) Football Sessions
New York Stadium	S60 1AH	21st to 22nd December	10am - 2pm	5 to 16	E-Sports, Drama, Music, Fitness, Cooking & Literacy
Rotherham Leisure Centre	S65 1BL	19th to 22nd December	10am to 2pm	5 to 16	Swimming, Multi-Sports, Fitness.
Maltby Leisure Centre	S66 8JE	19th to 22nd December	10am to 2pm	5 to 16	Swimming, Multi-Sports, Fitness.
Wath Leisure Centre	S63 7HL	19th to 22nd December	10am to 2pm	5 to 16	Swimming, Multi-Sports, Fitness.
Aston Leisure Centre	S26 4SF	19th to 22nd December	10am to 2pm	5 to 16	Swimming, Multi-Sports, Fitness.
Triple Threat Dance	S66 9JG (Morrison Road)	19th to 20th December	10am to 2pm	6 to 12	Dance, Performing Arts, Singing



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SJD SPORTS - SWALLOWNEST CAMP

Swallownest Primary School, Rotherham Road, Swallownest, Sheffield, S26 4UR

Outdoor & Indoor Sports, Fun Activities and much more

9am to 1pm. Ages 5 to 16

19th to 20th December

*An additional £2 per hour to stay while 3pm

To book call 07863038138 or email office-sjdsportscoaching@mail.com

ACTIVATE

High Street Centre, High Street, Rawmarsh, S62 6LN

Free Play, Arts & Crafts, Sports Sessions, Nova City

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 16

19th to 22nd December

To book visit <https://www.activaterawmarsh.org/> or tel: 01709 719478.

EXCEL - KICKBOXING CLUB

Swallownest Miners Welfare, Rotherham Road, Swallownest, S26 4UR

Make New Friends, Learn New Skills, Build Confidence.

9:30am to 1:30pm. Ages 6 to 11

21st to 22nd December

To book call 0114 248 5188 or visit <https://excel-in-life.as.me/holidaycamp>

NOVA CITY

Barbot Hall Industrial Estate, Unit 1 Mangham Rd, Rotherham S61 4RJ

Parkour, Dance, Games, Recreational Sports, Arts & Crafts

10am to 2pm. Ages 6 to 16

19th to 20th December

Also accepting paid places at £10 per day or £15 per day with food

To book download Nova city App on smart phones or Tel 01709 801261 or email novacitycentre@gmail.com.

COMPUTER XPLORERS

High Greave Junior School, High Greave Road, Rotherham, S65 3LZ

Computing, Robotics, Games Design, Animation, and lots more.

10:15am to 14:30pm. Ages 7 to 16

21st to 22nd December

To book email sheffieldsouth@computerexplorers.co.uk or visit <https://rb.gy/rxa9wh>

SAIF'S BOXING AND FITNESS

1-5 Canklow Rd, Rotherham S60 2JB

Boxing, Sports, Games, Healthy Eating Sessions, Arts & Crafts and much more

12noon to 4pm. Ages 5 to 16

21st to 22nd December

Find us on Facebook or tel: 07860606986 to book.

FLYING FUTURES

The Ferham Children Centre, Ferham Road, Rotherham, S61 1AP

Outdoor & Indoor Sports, Adventure Activities, Arts & Crafts

10am to 2pm. Ages 6 to 11

20th to 21st December

To book visit <https://flyingfutures.org/camps/>

UNITED MULTICULTURAL CENTRE

59-63 Carlisle St, Rotherham S65 1HA

Arts & Crafts, Indoor Activities, Outdoor Adventures, Sports, Games, and lots more

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 16

19th to 22nd December

To book contact 07458304136.



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GENIUS TUITION

Clifton Community School, Middle Lane, Rotherham, S65 2SN

Sports, Arts & Crafts, Winter Wonderland and much more

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 14

19th to 20th December

To book visit <https://www.geniustuition.co.uk>.

U DO IT DANCE

Catcliffe Primary School, Rotherham Road, Catcliffe, S60 5SW

Street Dance, Games, Fun Activities and much more

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 16

19th to 22nd December

To book email Rich@udoitdance.co.uk.

DIRECT ACTION TRAINING

Our Lady and St Josephs RC primary school, Fitzwilliam Street,
Wath upon Dearne, S63 7HG

First Aid Training, Arts & Crafts, Indoor & Outdoor Activities

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 11

19th to 22nd December

To book call 07977599778 or email: info@directactiontraining.com.

THE FUN HUB

Maltby Sports Pavilion, Muget Lane, Maltby, S667JT

Sport Events, Cooking, Pantomime, Outdoor Activities,
and lots more fun

2 Session over one day; 9am to 1pm & 1pm to 5pm. Ages 4 to 12

23rd December

To book email enquiries@funhubactivities.co.uk
or visit www.funhubactivities.co.uk.

POSITIVE IMPACT SPORTS - THRYBERGH CAMP

Thrybergh Academy, Thrybergh, Rotherham, S65 4FP

Outdoor Sports, Fun Activities, Team Building, Healthy Eating Education

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 16

19th to 20th December

Also accepting paid places

To book email positiveimpactsports@hotmail.com

POSITIVE IMPACT SPORTS - CHISLETT CAMP

Chislett Centre, Kimberworth Park Rd, Kimberworth, Park, Rotherham S61 3JT

Outdoor Sports, Fun Activities, Team Building, Healthy Eating Education

10am to 2pm. Ages 5 to 16

19th to 23rd December

Also accepting paid places

To book email positiveimpactsports@hotmail.com or contact 01709 559805.

ROTHERHAM BMX - FOOTBALL CAMP

Winterhill School, 3G Astro-Turf, High Street, Kimberworth, Rotherham, S61 2BD

10am to 2pm. Ages 8 to 16

19th to 22nd December

Also accepting paid places at £12 per day

Booking essential, please visit <https://rotherhambmx.com/shop> to book.

ROTHERHAM BMX - BMX CAMP

Rotherham BMX track, Little Common Lane, Kimberworth, Rotherham, S61 2BD

10am to 2pm. Ages 8 to 14

19th to 22nd December

Also accepting paid places at £12 per day

Booking essential, please visit <https://rotherhambmx.com/shop> to book.