



Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy Newsletter – Friday 9th February 2024



Last Day of Term

Our first term of 2024 has gone by so quickly. The children have been working so hard this term and are well deserving of next week's holiday.

As we move into Spring Term 2, we can hopefully look forward to some warmer weather and lighter mornings and evenings.

Thank you to all our parents/guardians for your continued support again this term.

Can I please remind parents/guardians to refer to the weekly newsletter and the School's website calendar so they don't miss any events in school.

We hope you all have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Monday 19th February 2024**.

Mrs Sherwood
Head of School



Weekly Class Attendance

FS1 – 89.1%	FS2 – 89.6%	Year 1 – 92.5%	Year 2 – 92.8%
Year 3 – 94.4%	Year 4 – 94.8%	Year 5 – 96.6%	Year 6 – 98%

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 prize box.



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Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved their Reading Awards. Each child has been awarded their badges in class. Well done to you all.

Class 2
Emily W

Class 3
Thomas Y
Miya P
Eden C
Brook K

Class 5
Keira C

Breakfast Club Price Change

A reminder to parents/guardians that from Monday 19th February 2024, the price of breakfast club will rise to £1.50 per day.

Also, can we please ask that children who attend breakfast club arrive before 8.20am. This gives staff the time to prepare the food and clear away before children are taken into class. We have had children arriving at 8.30am and this can cause delays in getting everyone to class on time.

Thank you for your understanding.



Eye Tests for FS2 Children

The orthoptic team will be in school on **Wednesday 7th March 2024** to do the FS2 children's eye tests. This is standard practice in all schools. If you wish for your child to have the eye test, you must complete and return the consent form which should have been sent home with your child last week. However, if you need another form, please contact the school office. If for any reason your child is absent on the day, the orthoptic team will come back to school at a later date to do a catch up. Thank you.

Hand Sanitiser

Can we please ask that children do not bring hand sanitiser into school. The school provides hand wash in all our classrooms/toilet facilities so hand sanitiser is not needed. Thank you.





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Writing Competition

Mrs Sherwood and Mrs Hall selected the following pupils as the winners of our first writing competition. The entries were all amazing and it was very difficult to choose just 3 winners from each class. A huge well done to you all.

<u>FS2</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
Axle	Charlie	Alisha	Sam	Isobel	Alfie	Oskar
Evelyn	Bella	Finley	Lillie-Rose	Harrison	Annie	Libby
George	Brennan	Tanish	Mia	Roman	Freddie	Jacob

Our winners were all treated to hot chocolate and sweet treats with Mrs Sherwood today. We can't wait for our next writing competition next term.



Pancake Day – Tuesday 20th February 2024

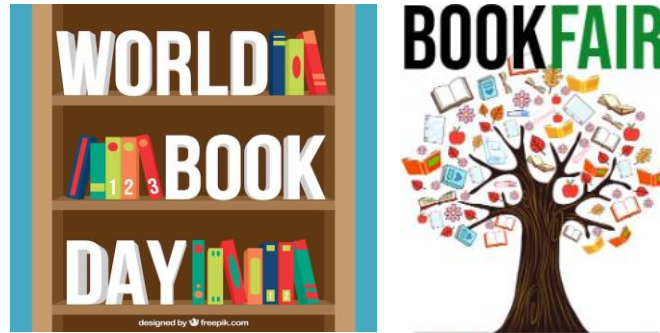
Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) takes place this year during the school holidays on Tuesday 13th February 2024. So, we have decided to hold our own Pancake Day on Tuesday 20th February 2024. We will be selling pancakes with various toppings to pupils for £1 each during morning breaktimes. We will also be holding some pancake themed events in school.

To make it easier for parents/guardians, we have set up a payment item on the Arbor app so you can pre-order a pancake for your child if you wish. However, you can also send your child with cash on the day if you prefer. The payment item on Arbor is shown under 'Clubs' / 'Pancake Day'. All money raised will be put into our funds to purchase new books and resources for the children.





World Book Day and School Book Fayre



Book Fayre

Our Book Fayre will take place from **Wednesday 21st February to Monday 26th February 2024**. The book fayre will be held in the School Hall and will be open each day from 8.30am to 9.00am and from 2.45pm to 3.15pm. Children will each be given a £1 gift voucher which they can use towards the books on sale at the fayre. If parents/guardians are unable to attend the book fayre with their child, they may send them with cash in an envelope and a member of staff will ensure they get to look around and purchase items if they wish. Books start from £2.99 and we also sell stationery items from £1. Payments may also be made online by scanning a QR code. Please come along and take a look at the books we have on sale, there is a great range available starting from aged 3 onwards.

World book day

World Book Day will be held on **Thursday 7th March 2024** this year. Pupils may come to school dressed as their favourite book character (no donations required). We will also be doing lots of other activities during the week. A full list of events will be published nearer the time.

Young Writers 2024



We are so proud of our Y5 and Y6 children, many of whom have been selected by Young Writers to have their writing published in their next book, 'Crazy Creatures'. The children who have been selected will be bringing home a letter for permission to publish. We are thrilled that so many entries have been chosen but are equally proud of ALL our children, regardless of whether or not they were selected. Well done.



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Valentines Disco – Thursday 8th February 2024

Thank you to our 'Friends of St Thomas' PTA' for organising and hosting the Valentines Disco which took place on Thursday despite the bad weather. The children had great time and we raised an amazing £672!! Thank you so much for supporting this event.





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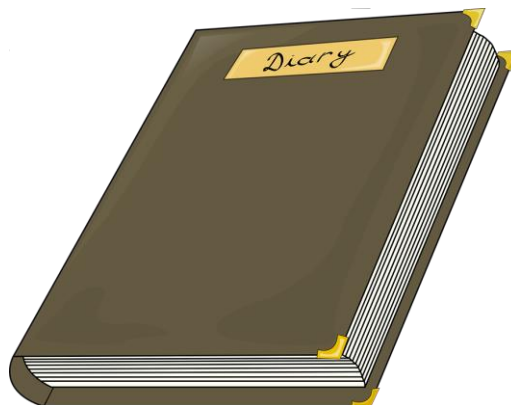
Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons will take place next term on Wednesday mornings at 11.40am.



Dates for your Diary – Spring Term 1

- 19th February 2024 – School re-opens
- 20th February 2024 – Pancake Fun Day
- 21st to the 26th February – Book Fair in the Main Hall
- 21st February 2024 – 11am - Class 6 Grimm and Co Workshop
- 22nd February 2024 – Height and Weight checks –Year 6 only
- 22nd February 2024 – Totty Cup Semi Final – chosen pupils only
- 23rd February 2024 – 2.00pm - Class 2 Parent Assembly
- 26th February 2024 – Height and Weight checks – FS2 pupils only
- 27th February 2024 – Hindu Workshop – Classes 3 and 5
- 28th February 2024 – Bringing Books to life Parent Workshop – FS2 – details to follow
- 4th March 2024 – World Book Week – timetable to follow
- 6th March 2024 – Class 6 Grimm and Co Workshop
- 6th March 2024 – Class 3 Family Workshop – Natural Disasters – details to follow
- 7th March 2024 – World Book Day – Dress as your favourite Book Character
- 7th March 2024 – Orthoptist to do eye test – FS2 pupils only
- 8th March 2024 – Class 5 Parent Assembly – 2.30pm
- 11th March 2024 – The Big Plastic Challenge Week
- 12th March 2024 – Class 5 School Trip to Cannon Hall Farm
- 18th March 2024 – Global Recycling Day
- 22nd March 2023 – Class 1 Parent Assembly – 2.30pm
- 28th March 2024 – School break up for Easter Break






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Lunch Menu – Week 2 – W.C: 19th February 2024

WEEK TWO	 PLANET GREEN MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pip's Planet Friendly Option	Loaded Cheesy Bean Hot Pitta Parcel	Plant-based Bolognese Pasta with Lentils, Peppers & Basil	Quorn Sausage Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Homemade Macaroni Cheese	Cheese & Onion Pastry Roll & Chips
Option Two	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Garlic Bread	Hearty Pasta Bolognese with Peppers	Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Mexican Style Chicken, Bean & Sweetcorn Burrito	Cod Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetables	Sweetcorn, Peas	Green Beans, Carrots	Cauliflower, Seasonal Greens	Mixed Vegetables, Sweetcorn	Baked Beans, Peas
Hot Pasta		Pasta & Cheese Sauce		Pasta with Italian Tomato & Basil Sauce	
Sandwiches	Freshly Made Sandwich with Cheddar, Tuna Mayonnaise or Ham				
Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese or Beans				
Dessert	Apple & Sultana Crumble Bar	Homemade Lemon Cake & Custard	Banana Cake & Fruit Slices	Chocolate Cookie	Fruity Strawberry Jelly



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Half Term Events in the Local Community

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Rotherham Loves Reading

February half term at Riverside Library & Neighbourhood Hub Family art workshops.

Tuesday 13th (1pm - 2:30pm)
Coaster printing

Wednesday 14th (11am - 2pm)
Musical sensory drawing

Thursday 15th (11am - 2pm)
Opposite art

All welcome to drop in.
All activities are free!

In collaboration with...
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Trans Pennine Trail Kids Half Term Activity Pack now available to download

We're delighted to let you know that our latest Kids activity pack, full of fun activities for the February half term break is now available to download from our website.

The pack contains lots of activities that include making a jam jar xylophone, becoming an animal track detective, making an egg box bird feeder along with activities for Pancake Tuesday and Valentine's Day.

The pack is aimed at primary school children with help as necessary from their parents or carers, and older children may enjoy some of the activities too.

It would be great if you could share the information below with parents and use any of the activities in the classroom.

The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home. We're also happy to send out printed copies to people who don't have a printer or are unable to access the PDF if they send us their address details.

Download it from our Children's page

at: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/> or by clicking the image below:





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Please see below, details of some Music Events running in Rotherham during half term.





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From 10th – 18th February 2024,
we're filling Rotherham with music!
Local young people, Rotherham Music
Hub, and Children's Capital of Culture
are teaming up to put on an amazing
festival of gigs, concerts, music-making
workshops and more – for everybody,
for free.

**We would like to thank the following
partners for making Signals happen:**

Orlando Soper and the rest of the Portico Street team; Conductor Studios; Sophie Hunter and Cara Sullivan for inspiration; Connect Soup for PR; and Thoughts Make Things for design. Everyone at our partner venue: Stuart Lee and Kevin Tomlinson at Magna Science Adventure Centre; Jamie Sedley at RACT; Lucy Barnwell and the team at BFN Group; Deborah and all the Green & Co. staff; Ian, Chris and the team at Rotherham Mosaic; Tracy at Junk 2 Zinebook; and Chris at Over The Rainbow. Our (Apostle) workshop facilitators: Denise Darbyshire, Mandy Fleming, Rose Clutterbuck, Sam Hodgson, Tom Rigby and Zan Radwank, and all the schools who've been part of this project so far: Our Sound of Rotherham collaborators - JADE High and Creativity; Clifton Learning Partnership; Mitty-Singing Centre; Del Kyle C; Ben Treweek; Joppy; and Pattern + Poem. The team at Chavange; Flys Rotherham; Conductive Music; and Alex Maloukas; and Whisker for all his launchpad support. Our friends at Arts Council England and South Yorkshire MCA. All the team at Children's Capital of Culture, Rotherham; Mary Hall; and RSMC Events; and all the countless other people who've helped us out.





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SIGNALS SATURDAY SHINDIG



All day, Saturday 17th February
Venues across Rotherham town centre
A one-day festival filling our
town centre with music!

On Saturday 17th February, a packed programme of workshops, gigs, and pop-up performances will be taking over town centre. Expect music-making workshops at Over The Rainbow and Junk 2 Treasure. Improvisation sessions in Grimm & Co. Walkabout musical performances roaming around town. There will be something for everyone – and it's all free!

We will close the Signals Saturday Shindig in the magnificent setting of Rotherham Minster with a brand-new commission, which will take place from 6.00 – 7.00pm. This immersive collaboration between South Yorkshire theatre designers, visual

artists and musicians is a spectacular new work that will amaze and envelop you, sending you out into the night with a head full of wonder!

The party continues with fringe events after the festival itself finishes, with live music and bands at The Imperial Pavilion from 4.00 – 9.00pm + The Bridge Inn from 7.00 – 11.00pm (both 14+ with a guardian), and The Cutler's Arms from 7.00pm – midnight (18+).

For full details of the Signals Saturday Shindig line up, follow our socials or head to our website!



As part of our Signals Saturday Shindig, we're delighted to be bringing back AMP UP: an all-day, all-ages celebration of some of Rotherham's most brilliant young bands and singers. This year AMP UP will be at the centre of the festival, as we're setting up a marquee in All Saint's Square (snugly heated against the winter chill!) to showcase Rotherham's up-and-coming musical talent.





Launchpad x Pattern + Push

**Saturday 10th February,
Rotherham College**
Talks, workshops and
advice from music industry
professionals

For any young person interested in a career in the music industry, Launchpad x Pattern + Push is not to be missed! Professionals will be sharing advice and delivering workshops about how to build a sustainable career in the industry at this free daytime event.

You will hear from acclaimed musicians, singers and rappers, and get to speak to the industry professionals behind music festivals, record companies and artist development agencies.

For ages 13+. Places are free but must be booked in advance.

For more details about all these events and to book your free place, visit our booking site:



POP-IN + MAKE

**Saturday 27th January
– Sunday 18th February,**
across Rotherham
Free music-making workshops
for everyone to enjoy

Exploring improvisation. Creative sessions for little ones and their grown-ups. Make your own musical instruments. Easy to use music-making software available to every school pupil in Rotherham. However you want to make music, Signals has something for you.

Mini Melodies sessions for 0-to-5s will be happening in libraries across Rotherham from Tuesday 6th to Friday 9th February. And Junk 2 Treasure in Rotherham town centre will host instrument-making workshops for 5-to-7s and their families from 10.00am – 1.00pm on Saturday 27th January and 3rd and 17th of February.

And there is much more to be announced! Places at all Pop In & Make sessions are free but must be booked in advance.



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**An Augmented Reality tour
of the places and spaces that
inspire the children and young
people of Rotherham.**

In the build-up to Signals 2024 we've worked with nine primary schools to discover the local places that have meaning for Rotherham's children, and celebrate these spots through the creation of music and art. During the festival we'll be launching an Augmented Reality trail that spotlights the local treasures that are across our borough.

Are you a school that would like to be part of this project?
Email ccoc@rotherham.gov.uk to find out more.



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Sound of Rotherham

**Hear the sounds of the south,
north and central of our borough**

Sound of Rotherham works with young people across Rotherham to help them express their ideas, grow in confidence, and showcase their talents through amazing performances and free Charanga music making software will be made available for all schoolchildren in the borough. Professional musicians have been working with young people at Unity Boxing Centre in Rawmarsh, Clifton Learning Partnership in Clifton, and JADE Youth and Community in Dinnington to develop their musical talents, ready to perform together at Signals 2024.

The young people will be developing their performances throughout January and February, so keep an eye on our social media channels for details of when and where they'll be debuting!



POP-UP & PLAY



**Saturday 10th – Sunday 18th
February, across Rotherham**
Brilliant young musicians
playing in unexpected places

During Signals, there's amazing music around every corner. Up-and-coming local musicians will be playing busker-style in locations across the borough – including shopping centres and supermarkets, transport hubs, takeaways, and much more!

There will be match day music from talented young musicians when Rotherham United take on Watford on Saturday 17th February, and NovaCity will host an all-day fiesta of buskers, bands and DJs on Wednesday 14th February to accompany their holiday club, dance, parkour and mini ninjas sessions!

Keep an eye on our website and social media for more announcements of which Pop-Up & Play act is coming to your neighbourhood.



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PARTICLE SHRINE

10th – 29th February,
Magna Science
Adventure Centre
An immersive sound
sculpture that makes
invisible forces, visible.

Invisible messengers from deep in the universe surround us. These messengers are known as cosmic rays, and billions shower Earth every second. They are passing through you at this very moment – blazing close to the speed of light, blasted from supernovae far beyond our galaxy.

Utilising new creative technologies, Particle Shrine transforms this never-ending stream of cosmic energy into an immersive, multi-sensory installation featuring musical compositions, vibrating surfaces, shimmering projections and stunning lighting designs. It is a tiny capsule of the cosmos that's unique each time you step inside.

Particle Shrine will be installed in Magna's stunning Face of Steel venue during Signals Festival.

Public entry: everyone is welcome to visit Particle Shrine from 10am – 4pm from Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th February, for free!

Schools' workshops: free 90-minute STEM workshops for Key Stage Two classes during Monday 19th to Thursday 29th February. Email ccoc@rotherham.gov.uk to find out more and book your school's spot.

And there will also be some very special music and movement performances created by young people together with professional creatives. Keep an eye on our social media for further announcements!



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Signals Festival is a collaboration between the children and young people of Rotherham, Children's Capital of Culture, and Rotherham Music Hub:



In 2025 Rotherham will become the world's first Children's Capital of Culture, designed and delivered by children and young people from across the borough. Children's Capital of Culture will be a 365-day festival of creativity, culture and community, for everyone to enjoy.

The journey to 2025 has already begun! Children's Capital of Culture are putting on amazing events and activities for people across the region to take part in and creating life-changing skills development opportunities for local young people.

Find out more by visiting
www.childrenscapitalofculture.co.uk

The Signals programme is jam-packed – and there are more gigs, events and workshops being announced every day! To keep up to date with everything that's going on, please visit our website, sign up to our mailing list, or follow us on social media:



Rotherham Music Hub believe music can open up new opportunities for everyone, and are here to provide support, opportunities, experiences and inspiration to communities across Rotherham. They are passionate about offering people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds the opportunity to get involved. Whether you're interested in joining an ensemble, forming a band, learning to DJ, spitting bars, making your own dancefloor hit or getting music lessons, Rotherham Music Hub are here for you.

Find out more by visiting
www.rotherhammusic.co.uk

BOOKING



To book your free place at any of our ticketed events, visit
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ACADEMY
AMERICAN FOOTBALL

RETURN OF TRAINING

// SAT 3 FEB
SHEFFIELD PARK ACADEMY
BEAUMONT ROAD NORTH

// SAT 10 FEB
SHEFFIELD PARK ACADEMY
BEAUMONT ROAD NORTH

// SAT 17 FEB
SHEFFIELD SPRINGS ACADEMY
HURLFIELD ROAD

// SAT 24 FEB
SHEFFIELD PARK ACADEMY
BEAUMONT ROAD NORTH

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09:00-10:20
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School Calendar for the Academic Year 2023/24

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

 Denotes School Holidays

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

 Denotes Inset days (x 5) Polling Station