



*We will aspire to great things, shine our light and reach our God given potential.
'let your light shine.' (Matthew 5:16)*

Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer



Collective Worship

We have started a new term and One Life this term concentrates on Respect. Our collective worship this week introduced all the different areas we will look at. We will be learning how our brains work and which parts are responsible for our thinking, keeping us safe and our emotions.

Tuesday Collective Worship

PC Paul spoke to years 5 and 6 about safety on Bonfire Night and general safety on dark nights. The children listened carefully, they were respectful and asked very mature questions.

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed more bible stories in the hall with George. They always really enjoy these sessions and listen carefully, as they like to win the quiz at the end.

Anti- Bullying Week



Just a reminder that next week we will be doing a variety of activities and assemblies to mark Anti- Bullying Week. We will start on Monday, with 'odd socks'. Please encourage your child to wear odd socks on this day and we will discuss this in our Monday assembly. On Friday we will all watch an assembly provided by The Anti-Bullying Company and presented by Anne Foxley Johnson, who has worked alongside our children before. In addition to this, each class will undertake an Anti-Bullying activity during the week.

Thank you for your support.

Parent's evening



Thank you to everyone who was able to attend Parents' Evening on Tuesday or Wednesday.

If you were unable to attend, please get in touch with your child's class teacher via Dojo. They will be happy to arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Children in Need



On Friday 15th November, we'll be taking part in Children In Need with a non-uniform day. We kindly ask for a £1 donation per child, which will go directly to support Children in Need and the amazing work they do. You can make this donation either by cash or via this link

https://www.justgiving.com/page/emmaharris?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Remembrance



Next week, on the 11th of November, we will mark Remembrance Day — a time to pause and think about all those who have served, fought, and given their lives in wars and conflicts around the world.

At 11 o'clock, we will join together in a one-minute silence. This silence is a moment for us to stop our busy lives and reflect — to be thankful for the peace and freedom we enjoy today, and to remember the courage and sacrifice of others who made that possible.

If you or your child would like to buy a poppy or some poppy-themed merchandise, there are still plenty available in school. These items are available for a donation, and all proceeds go to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

School Lunchtime Play Leader Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a Play Leader to work with our Key Stage 1 (Infant) children during lunchtime.

The role involves setting out play equipment before lunch and putting it away afterwards, as well as engaging the children in games and activities throughout the lunchtime period. The Play Leader will also help children resolve any small problems that may arise and administer basic first aid (e.g. bumps, trips, grazes, etc.).

If this is a role you would be interested in, please contact the school office. They will be happy to email you an application form, or you can pop in to collect a printed copy.

Working hours: Monday to Friday, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Y6 End of year

A letter has been sent home with Year 6 children today explaining the outcomes of the recent parent survey and outlining the initial plans for the Year 6 leavers' events at the end of the school year. The letter will also be available on the school website for parents to refer to.

Messages from the School office



Christmas Fayre

On Tuesday 9th December, we will be holding our Christmas fayre. This will be in the KS2 hall . Further details for the event will be sent closer to the time. We were overwhelmed by the success of this event last year and how much the children enjoyed it; we are looking forward to seeing it develop this year.

To help us to prepare for the day, we are kindly asking for donations of the following:

- Raffle/tombola prizes
- Toys/games/board games
- Christmas jumpers/tops/clothing etc.
- Christmas decorations e.g., tinsel/fairy lights/baubles

- Hats/gloves/scarves
- Empty jars
- Arts/crafts (materials or ready-made items)
- Costume jewellery
- Christmas cakes/buns
- Selection boxes/chocolates/sweets
- Biscuits
- Packaged/canned food
- Stationary
- Books (children's or adults)
- Unopened toiletries (e.g., soaps, shower gels, bubble bath, gift sets)
- Christmas gifts
- A large stuffed bear/animal
- Candles/wax melts
- Hamper baskets

Please no donations of alcohol or home baked foods.

Any donations can be made either to the school office (at either KS1 or KS2) or to Oystercatchers' classroom.

Tesco Blue Tokens

Thank you to everyone who voted for us in the Tesco Blue Token Scheme. We are delighted to announce that WE WON FIRST PRIZE OF £1500 TO SPEND ON PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT!!!!

Parking Around School

Please be mindful when parking around school to drop off/collect your children. We are having many reports of cars being parked on double yellow lines, zig zags and on junctions and corners. Please help us to keep our children safe by parking responsibly.



Lunch Payments



If there is an outstanding lunch amount on your child's account you will receive a message at the end of the week requesting payment. We would be most grateful if you could make a payment as you receive your reminder. If this isn't possible your child's lunch account will be allowed to increase up to a maximum of £35.20 (equal to 2 weeks of lunches). Once this amount is reached you will be requested to send your child to school with a packed lunch or clear the dinner balance.

School's dinner bill is around £15,000 per month. Without dinner arrears being cleared we have to find that money from the school budget. Given the financial hardship facing schools this is not always possible. As you can appreciate, we are trying to make improvements to our school by improving playgrounds, building and learning spaces at both sites. Having to find the money to clear dinner debt greatly reduces our ability to do

this. Putting our pupils at a disadvantage. By helping us keep dinner arrears low you are helping us to improve the school for all children.

We are always available to discuss any payment queries you may have, you can contact the office in person, by phone or email and we will do our best to help you sort the issue.

If you think that you may be entitled to free school meals for your child, please apply using the following link [Children and families: Apply for free school meals | Introduction – Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council](#)

If your child is in any of the following classes – Kingfisher, Skylark, Nightingale or Puffin – they will automatically receive a Universal Free School Meal under the government scheme. However, it would still be beneficial for you to apply for free school meals (using the above link), as there are many other advantages such as uniform vouchers, school holiday food vouchers and free school milk.

Important dates

10th November	17th November	24th November
10 th – Children can wear Odd Socks to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. 14 th – Children In Need Day – Non -school Uniform £1 donation		25 th – Eye Test _FS2 26 th – Kingfisher Class Assembly @2.30pm

Class Assemblies

We are pleased to announce the dates for our class assemblies for this year.

Kingfisher 26th Nov @2.30pm

Swallow 3rd December @9am

Sparrowhawks 10th December @9am

Woodpeckers 28th January 26 @9am

Skylarks 28th January 26 @2.30pm

Merlins 4th February@9am

Oystercatchers 4th March @9am
 Eagles 11th March @9am
 Nightingales 18th [March @2.30pm](#)
 Swifts 25th March @9am
 Kestrels 22nd April @9am
 Puffin 29th April @2.30pm
 Peregrine 17th June @9am
 Avocets 24th June @9am
 Kites 1st July @9am

We look forward to welcoming you and showcasing all the learning the children have undertaken.

Attendance



Class	Weekly Attendance Figure		
F2 - Kingfisher	90.12%		
F2/Y1 – Skylark	98.55%		
Y1/Y2 - Nightingale	96.89%		
Y2 – Puffin	94.44%		
Y3	Swallow	Swift	Y3/Y4 Woodpeckers
	94.25%	88.12%	
Y4	Avocet	Oystercatchers	
	94.44%	91.85%	
Y5	Merlin	Kestrel	Peregrine
	97.78%	97.53%	95.4%
Y6	Sparrowhawk	Eagles	Kite
	96.43%	91.57%	96.03%

Special Mentions



Year	Learning Award	Value Award	Reading Award
F2	Kingfishers: Elliot F – trying his best to form letters correctly.	Kingfishers: Summer J – always showing respect to other both inside and outside the classroom.	Kingfishers: Esme T– impressing me with her blending skills.
Y1	Skylarks: Bradley - learner - for coming to school and trying his best. Bradley's attendance has improved greatly.	Skylarks: Ava- value - for taking responsibility for some of her learning in the classroom.	Skylarks: Ralph - reader - for trying hard in phonics. He confidently read tricky words and spotted digraphs in words - keep it up Ralph.
Y1/2	Nightingale: Sophie M- for using impressive adjectives to describe a characters feelings.	Nightingale: Lucy E- for always being respectful and kind to others.	Nightingale: Reuben E-for being a phonics superstar.
Y2	Puffins: Edith for her focus across all lessons this week. Edith has really impressed me in English, applying new skills to her writing and focusing on the presentation of her work.	Puffins: Mabel for always being respectful. Mabel is always polite and has lovely manners, she is a wonderful role model and a kind and considerate friend.	Puffins: Mark for amazing fluency, Mark participates enthusiastically with whole class reading sessions and reads confidently and clearly.
Y3	Swift: Pippa - Learner - for her continued great attitude to learning	Swift: Audrey - values - for being a shining example of our 3Rs	Swift: Riley - reader - for his expression and accuracy when reading aloud to class
	Swallow: Annabelle Star learner for persevering in maths in English when working independently this week	Swallow: Evelyn school value award for her resilience which she has worked so hard on since September well done for all your hard work	Swallow: Freddie reading champion for your insightful answers during reading practice sessions and your reading aloud during reading fluency
Y3 & Y4	Woodpeckers: Ava R for working hard and completing all of her work.	Woodpeckers: Jessie H for always demonstrating the 3Rs.	Woodpeckers: Jesse T for improving his fluency and try to use more expression

Y4	Avocets: Eva B- star learner for applying her drama skills in her first attempt at performance poetry.	Avocets: Harry H - star value of responsibility - for his great attitude to improving his spelling this week.	Avocets: Willow D - star reader for her love of books and showing great understanding in reading practice.
	Oystercatchers: Olivia - for being respectful and working hard in all lessons	Oystercatchers: Tristan - for working hard on his writing.	Oystercatchers: Finley - for impressing me with his reading aloud.
Y5	Kestrel: Lucy H - for working hard in all lessons.	Kestrel: Miah L - for taking responsibility towards her own learning and helping others.	Kestrel: Riley S- for his excellent work during our reading practice sessions.
	Merlin: Rowan, for taking more care in the presentation of his work in all lessons and for his wonderful information page about Alexander the Great this week in topic this week.	Merlin: Travis, for his improvements in all of our school values this week. Showing that he can shine his light bright and be a respectful, responsible and resilient learner.	Merlin: Jack D, for his enthusiastic approach to reading, contributing more and doing a fabulous job with some extra reading fluency!
	Peregrines: Harry W for asking intriguing questions about prime and square numbers	Peregrines: Kai S for showing resilience in all his lessons	Peregrines: Honey W for lovely fluent reading
Y6	Kites: Evie - learning - amazing recall from previous years and being able to apply this to current learning	Kites: Rocco - values - showing all of school values in particular resilience towards his learning	Kites: Izzy - reading champion - some interesting perspectives with inference questions
	Eagles: Aubrey- For being curious about her learning and asking questions to deepen her understanding.	Eagles: Amber-For always being respectful to everyone.	Eagles: Ella H - For working hard and applying her reading skills and sharing the books she has read.
	Sparrowhawks: Ollie for always being so enthusiastic about	Sparrowhawks: Jenson for taking responsibility for his	Sparrowhawks: Ivy for getting involved in class discussions

	learning, always getting involved in discussions and putting in 100% effort in all lessons!	learning and his actions and making good choices in both this week!	more and showcasing her understanding!
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Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Adam Minor

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JOIN US FOR A FUN MORNING AT
WATH PARISH CHURCH
REFRESHMENTS, BOTTLES, CAKES,
PRESERVES, PRESENTS, SOUVENIERS,
TOMBOLA, BOOKS, GIFTS, KID'S CORNER, AND
MUCH MORE

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 15TH**

10 AM - 1PM





BLAZE



REMEMBRANCE

ON SUNDAY 9TH NOV 5.30-7PM

ST JAMES ROOMS WATH PARISH CHURCH

DO COME ALONG AS WE DO A VARIETY OF CRAFTS FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY AND CONTINUE WITH OUR SERIES FROM THE BOOK FOLLOWING JESUS. A FUN EVENING PLANNED WITH DRAMA, GAME AND CHALLENGES AROUND THIS THEME

OUR GROUP RUNS TWICE EVERY MONTH FOR AGES 7-11 YEAR 3-YEAR 6

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