



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 17th July 2023

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Attendance for the week ending 14th July 2023

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	86.7
Mrs Hibberd	94.8
Mrs Thorpe	93.0
Miss White	88.7
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	84.6
Mrs Timmons	97.6

Whole school attendance = 90.8%

Learners of the week

Congratulations to our learners of the week last week, who have really impressed their teachers! Well done to:

Gruffalos— Cooper and Evie

Elmers— Marta and Amelia D

Hungry Caterpillars - Lily and Bradley

Rainbow Fish - Hudson and Sophia

Enormous Crocodiles - Sophia H and Bethany

Crafty Chameleons—Megan and Zak

Office Opening Hours

The **main school office** is open each day from 8am - 4pm, and the phone will be answered within these hours. Outside of these hours you will have the opportunity to leave an answer phone message, which will be replied to, if necessary, when the office is next open.

The **nursery office** closes at 3.45 pm.

The **Superkids mobile number** is 07925197530 and should be used from 3.45pm - 6.00pm.

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please ring as early as possible on 0114 248 2360. Choose Option 2.

Summer holidays

Please remember that we finish for the summer holidays on Friday 21st July and children return to school on Wednesday 6th September.

Big PE in the final week

Everyone in F2, year 1 and year 2 will be taking part in a special dance afternoon on Wednesday 19th July. Therefore, **everyone will need to wear their PE kits on this day.** F2 would like their children to also wear their PE kits as normal on Thursday.

Please remember:

Every day, your child needs to bring:

- * A **sun hat**
- * A bottle filled with **fresh wate**
- * A **rain jacket** (as this is England!)

Please also:

Welcome back!

We are really pleased to welcome back Mrs Briggs this week from maternity leave. You will see Mrs Briggs around school this week, covering class teachers' PPA and leadership time.

Y2 Leavers Assembly - Thursday 20th July at 9:15am

The year 2 children are saying their goodbyes to our school this week, and are looking forward to Thursday's leavers' assembly. As a reminder, whilst we are planning for the event to take place outside, they have also been practising inside should it be wet. **With this in mind, each child is limited to two guests only.**

It is always sad to say goodbye, but we know that the children are ready to face the next stage in their educational journey. We are very proud of their achievements during their time with us, and hope that they are taking many happy memories with them. **All the staff at Halfway Infants would like to wish them all the best of luck!**



End of year reports

You should have received your child's end of year report and a text form to complete. If you have not already done so, please complete the text form to indicate that you have received the report. There is also an opportunity on the form to request additional copies of the report, and leave comments.

Should you wish to discuss the report with your child's class teacher, please arrange a suitable time with them, or speak to the school office, who can help to arrange a meeting.

Final week

Regular lessons will continue during our final week, as children finish off their units of work. However, today, as an end of year treat, the HIP group arranged for a magician to visit school. All the children enjoyed a magical and fun session!

All children will be having an 'end of year' party in their class on the final day (Thursday for Nursery children). Children do not need anything for this, and are to come to school in their uniform.

Book amnesty!

Please return all school books you may have at home before we finish for the summer so that we can restock the library, classroom reading corners and our phonics reading packs. We know the children in F2 have been enjoying their new Little Wandle reading books at home, but please make sure that these books, in particular, are returned to school as they are brand new and we can not afford to replace them.

Milk Orders for September

Orders for milk in September for current F2s and Y1s should have been placed last week via the text form. If you have forgotten to pay, please do so ASAP, as we cannot order milk without payment. Go to www.hnipay.co.uk to pay. (If your child is entitled to income-related free school meals, your child is also entitled to free milk - but please let us know if your child won't drink it, and doesn't want it.)

Parking outside of school

Please remember not to park in front of the residents' drives outside of school. This makes it difficult for them to access their own driveways, but also for other cars travelling down the road.

Lost Property

On the next few pages you will find pictures of the items in our lost property box in the School Office. All these items will be donated or disposed of on Friday. Please collect any items that belong to your child, and please remember to put your child's name on all their property.







Nursery News—some reminders

Tuesday 18th July—Leavers Graduation Ceremony

Our morning Ceremony is at 10.45am and our afternoon one at 2.15pm. This is just for children that are leaving our nursery in September and moving into reception year— not for children that are staying in nursery in September. You will get your turn next year!

Wednesday 19th July—Nursery Sports Day

Normal nursery sessions will apply for children that attend on a Wednesday. If your child does not attend, they can still take part in our afternoon Sports Day. There has been a slight change to the timings, so if you would like your child to attend please bring them to nursery for 12.30pm—not 1.00pm as originally planned. Pick up time will still be 2.30pm. To help us with nursery numbers, please can you let Jenette know if your child will be attending the afternoon session if your child doesn't normally attend nursery on Wednesdays.

Thursday 20th July—Nursery End of Term Party

We will be celebrating the end of term with a party! Normal nursery sessions apply. If your child does not normally attend nursery on a Thursday, and you would like them to attend our party, please let Jenette know that you would like your child to come. The afternoon party will be held between 1pm and 2pm.

Finally, all the nursery staff would like to say a farewell to all those children leaving nursery at the end of the week, and trust that you will all have a wonderful time in our reception year, or in your new school.

Year 1 trip to Magna—reminders

For their trip to Magna Y1 children will need to bring:

- packed lunch (unless they have ordered a packed lunch from the school kitchen)
- backpack to carry their lunch
- water bottle
- Sunhat
- Waterproof coat

Please send your child in their school uniform, and apply suncream.

N.B. Your child will not need any spending money

Toilet Training Coffee Morning—reminder

The toilet training coffee morning will be held in the nursery/Superkids building this **Wednesday, 19th July**, starting at 9.15 a.m.

Sheffield Healthy Holidays - Summer Holiday Activities with Food (HAF) 2023

There are lots of fun free activities for children and young people in receipt of benefits-related/income-based free school meals, from Reception to Y11, to access during the Summer break as part of the Sheffield Healthy Holidays programme. Please note that children in receipt of universal free school meals (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) must **also** be eligible for benefits related/income assessed free school meals. The programme will run from Monday, July 24th to Friday, September 1st 2023 (excluding bank holidays).

The booking system is currently open for parents to register their children. There are many activities with food to access across the city—however, places are limited. For more information, and how to book online, please visit www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org.

If you have any queries about the programme, please contact hafprogramme2021@sheffield.gov.uk or phone the dedicated HAF phone number 0114 203 9303 which opens on Monday July 10th at 9.30am.

CU Festival of Fun 2023

The annual CU Festival of Fun is back for a 9th year, providing FREE taster activities for Sheffield children and young people!

There are over 40 exciting activities taking place right across the city, and across 5 weeks of the summer holidays. Accessibility and inclusion is important, and so the activities have been planned in such a way that there should be something in, or near to, most communities. Also, all of the activities are appropriate for children and young people with SEND, and parents/carers are advised to contact the Learning Destinations directly to discuss their child's needs and the activity in more detail.

Activities include dance, drama and singing, exploring woodlands and historic graveyards, to roller hockey, tennis, gaming, music, first aid and arts and crafts! All activities earn CU credits towards CU certificates and badges from 30 right up to 1000 credits with a Passport to Learning.

This is exclusive to pupils who attend Sheffield Schools. All that children and young people need is a CU Passport to Learning to join in. These can be purchased at any Sheffield Library for £3.50 each, if you do not already have one. You can continue to use the

Passport to Learning to collect even more CU credits at Learning Destinations beyond the CU Festival of Fun 2023, and can find details of Learning Destinations across the country at any time by visiting www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/activity-search

A copy of the full CU Festival of Fun 2023 programme can be downloaded from <https://bit.ly/CUFestivalofFun2023>.



Raring2Go—Activities for the Summer Holidays

The Raring2Go summer magazine is out now. It has lots of ideas for the summer break.

You can view the magazine at <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/sheffieldandrotherham/summer2023/>

The magazine covers events and activities throughout July and August.



Barnsley Museums Summer Activities

Barnsley Museums are offering a range of family holiday activities across their museums this summer. The majority of these are free and all sites are all free to enter. The guide to all these activities can be viewed/downloaded from <https://www.barnsley-museums.com/downloads/844/Whats%20on%20Summer%202023.pdf>



Money-off vouchers for the holiday

We have vouchers for the Sea Life Centre Manchester, and for Wheelgate Park Nottinghamshire. These are available in the Visitor Lobby of the School Office, and from the Nursery Office. Please help yourselves!

FREE FOOD SUPPLEMENT VOUCHERS FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS

The Government Household Support Grant has been extended to assist with rising food and energy costs. Sheffield City Council recognises that many families continue to face financial difficulties because of changes to Universal Credit, and high costs for food and energy.

A £50 food supplement voucher will be sent to the following groups to help over the summer holidays:

- Families who claim income-based Free School Meals (FSM);
- Families who get income-assessed Early Years Support (2–4-Year-Olds);
- Young people leaving their care setting (Care Leavers).

The Plan

The Council has chosen to continue to use Edenred as the supplier of the vouchers as schools and parent/carers are familiar with the two-step process involved in downloading the vouchers.

- The voucher letters should arrive with parents by w/c Monday 17 July. The letter will include the website link for Edenred and clear instructions on how to download the voucher. Parents are asked to contact their school/establishment in the first instance if they need help with downloading or printing their vouchers.
- Any child/young person who becomes eligible for a food voucher between 30 June and 23 July 2023 will be sent a voucher letter w/c 31 July.

The Process

- As before, parents/carers need to go to the following website to redeem their vouchers - www.selectyourcompliment.co.uk/grocery.
- Enter the unique 16-digit e-Code and select the chosen supermarket. Edenred give a choice of 10 supermarkets: Aldi, Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, M&S, McColl's, Company Shop, Iceland and Farmfoods.
- Parents/carers can download vouchers for more than one supermarket. For example, £30 for Aldi and £20 for Asda.
- The downloaded E-Gift Card/Voucher will arrive by email within 24 hours. If you cannot find this, check the Junk/Spam folder.

Please note that codes need to be activated within 3 months of the date of issue (17 July) or they will be cancelled automatically. Once vouchers have been redeemed on the Edenred website, they will be valid for 12 months.

Where can families get further help?

The FSM voucher helpline will be available on 0114 2734567, option 4, option 3, and can offer help to parents experiencing difficulties with their e-Codes or with general FSM enquiries.

Parents/carers can also contact Edenred directly with an enquiry about an eCode or voucher at freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com or by telephone on 0333 400 5932.

If you are facing financial hardship, there is free advice and support available at www.citizensadvicesheffield.org.uk or you can call on 0808 278 7820.

Additional support can also be found via Sheffield City Council's Community Support Helpline on 0114 273 4567 or at www.sheffield.gov.uk/costofliving

Upcoming dates

The final week of term is busy across school. To help you, please see the table of dates that we have created, which we hope will help to keep track of what is happening, and when.

Date and time	Event
18 July, Tuesday, 8.55am	Y1 Educational Visit to Magna Science Adventure Centre, Rotherham
18 July, Tuesday (one in the morning, one in the afternoon: times to be arranged)	Nursery Leavers Graduation Ceremony , to say goodbye to children who are moving on. Sign up sheet available now (2 people per child) Children due to stay with us for another year to attend Nursery as normal.
19 July, Wednesday, 9.15am	Toilet Training coffee morning, in the Nursery meeting room
19 July, Wednesday	Nursery Sports Day - for children only
20 July, Thursday, 9.00am	Special Y2 Celebration —parents are welcome to attend (we are planning to be outdoors, but if the weather is inclement, we will move to the hall!)
20 July, Thursday	Nursery End of Term Party
21 July, Friday	Last day of school—school and nursery break up for the summer holiday at the usual time/s

The Little Urban Fox Explores Bakewell Series 2 Book 2.

Ruby is looking for a tasty treat to take home to her mother for her birthday.

Ruby needs your help to design a cupcake for her mother. You can use any ingredients you like, from strawberries to worms chocolate chips to beetles, the choice is yours.

Just draw the top and middle of your cupcake on the other side of this paper and the ingredients you have used below

Cupcake ingredients:

The winner of our competition will have their cupcake design included in our book, they will also appear in our story as a character and will receive a certificate and a copy of "The Little Urban Fox Explores Bakewell". Runners up will have their names and designs included, and will receive a certificate and a copy of the book.

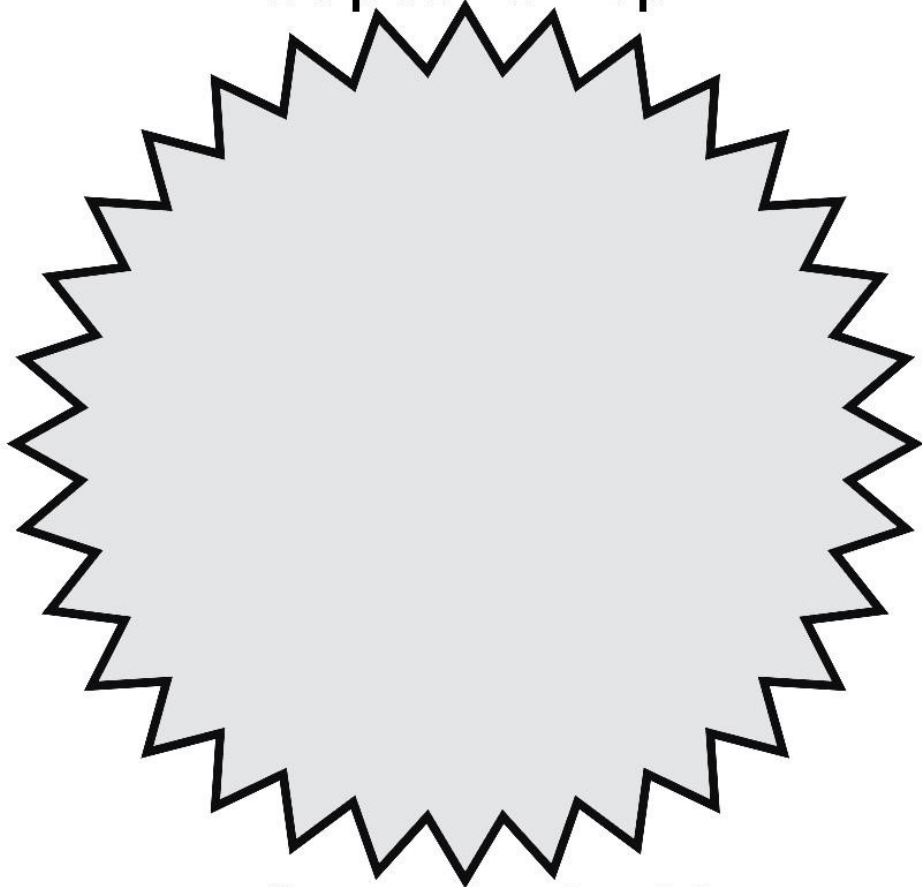
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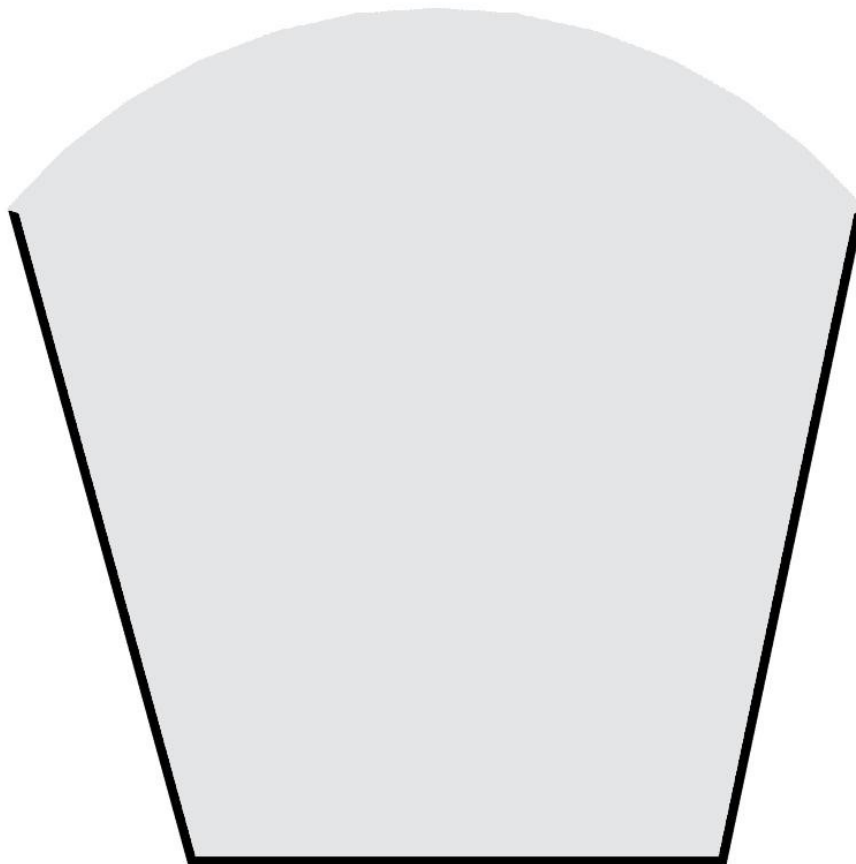
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Cupcake Top



Cupcake Inside



Join the Little Library for fun children's activities!



All activities will run from
11am to 2pm and all
activities are FREE!

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We will be at:

High Hazels Park on 2 August
Come and enjoy making natural art.

Norfolk Park on 8 August
Have a go at Hop, Skip and Jump!

Concord Park on 14 August
Bring your imaginations for a dress up and pretend play session.

Stannington Park on 16 August
Have a go at Hop, Skip and Jump!

Thorpe Green (Westfield Site) on 30 August
Pirates, Mermaids and Treasure Boxes.



Reading



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Ready, Set, Make!

This summer Sheffield Libraries have teamed up with Maker {Futures} to bring you playful family workshops based on this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Ready, Set Read!

Join us to tinker, test and make with cardboard, electronics, and other everyday materials. Design your own games and sports inspired creations.

These are FREE workshops for children 5-12 years of age and their families. Booking is essential, please contact the appropriate library. Taking place on;

Monday 24th July.

Central Children's Library 10.30-12.30pm. Highfield Library 2.30-4.30pm.

Tuesday 25th July.

Manor Library 10.30-12.30pm. Crystal Peaks Library 2.30-4.30pm.

Wednesday 26th July.

Firth Park Library 10.30-12.30pm. Parson Cross Library 2.30-4.30pm.

Monday 31st July.

Hillsborough Library 10.30-12.30pm. Darnall Library 2.30-4.30pm.

Tuesday 1st August.

Ecclesall Library 10.30-12.30pm. Woodseats Library 2.30-4.30pm.

Wednesday 2nd August.

Chapelton Library 10.30-12.30pm. Stocksbridge Library 2.30-4.30pm.

All children attending must be accompanied and supervised by a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult.

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Come and join the Road Safety Team for a fun filled and interactive activity!



Suitable for children and families of all ages. These are drop in sessions so no need to book.

Taking place at the following libraries.

Mon 24th July Chapeltown Library 2.00-3.30pm.

Mon 7th Aug Central Children's Library 10.30-12.00pm.

Tues 8th Aug at Parson Cross Library 10.30-12.00pm.

Friday 11th Aug Highfield Library 2.00-3.30pm.

Monday 14th Aug Woodseats Library 2.00-3.30pm.

Tues 15th Aug Hillsborough Library 2.00-3.30pm.

Weds 16th Aug Darnall Library 2.00-3.30pm.

Fri 18th Aug at Manor Library 10.30-12.00pm.

Mon 21st Aug Ecclesall Library 10.30-12.00pm.

Weds 23rd Aug Stocksbridge Library 2.00-3.30pm.

Tues 29th Aug Firth Park Library 2.00-3.30pm.

Weds 30th Aug at Crystal Peaks Library 10.30-12.00pm.



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and Wellbeing

Children under the age of 8 should be accompanied and supervised by a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult.

Love to Visit

Lovetovisit is once again working with partners across the education and tourism sector to bring children and their families 'things to do' in the summer holidays.

The success of this project last year, plus the on-going cost-of-living crisis, has led to the relaunch of this exclusive offer for families: 10% off absolutely everything on Lovetovisit, across the entire site <https://www.lovetovisit>.

That opens up a world of nearby things to do for children: theme parks, aquariums, zoos, flower gardens, museums, castles, theatre, sports, festivals, live events and more. This made a huge difference to families last summer, and with your help, Lovetovisit is looking to do even more this time around.

The voucher code for the 10% discount offer is SCHOOLS23.

The code is valid until 15th August, but tickets can be bought now for visits after that date.

