



# Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 10th July 2023

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## Attendance for the week ending 7th July 2023

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	77.1
Mrs Hibberd	91.3
Mrs Thorpe	95.7
Miss White	93.0
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	87.3
Mrs Timmons	98.0

Whole school attendance = 90.7%

## Learners of the week

Congratulations to all of our learners of the week, who were:

Gruffalos— Ella and Devon

Elmers— Ava P and Harshadh

Hungry Caterpillars - Oscar and Jessie

Rainbow Fish - Jacob and Isabell Bu

Enormous Crocodiles - Denton and Daisy T

(There were no Learners of the Week for Crafty Chameleons due to teacher strike action)

## 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.**

## 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**. PE kits will not be needed on any other day this week.

## 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.

## 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:

- \* Dress your child in **clothes that cover and protect the skin**
- \* Apply **sunscreen** before school

## **Tuesday 11th July - Transition day**

All the teachers are very much looking forward to meeting their classes on Tuesday, and we know that lots of children are equally as excited! Please remember that on Tuesday your child will need to be dropped off and collected from their new classroom. Information about which teacher and classroom your child will be in next year was shared with you last week. Children have had a chance to talk about this in class, and lots of children have already visited their new classroom! **Please remember, there will be no Big PE on this day.**

Our year 2 children will spend 11th July at the Junior school. **Please ensure that you have completed the text form to let the Junior school staff know who will be collecting your child on this day.** Below are a few reminders about this day for our year 2 children:

- Classroom doors open at 8:40am;
- School finishes at 3:10pm;
- Children will not receive free fruit or their milk, but can bring a healthy snack instead;
- Children are still entitled to their Universal Free School Meals - alternatively they can bring a packed lunch;
- Children do not need any equipment (no PE kit is needed);
- Children are to wear their Infant school uniform.

**Please make sure you have completed and returned the forms you received in your welcome pack.**

### **End of year reports**

This week, parents with children in F2, year 1 and year 2, will receive their child's annual end of year report. Teachers have worked hard on these, spending a lot of time writing them to ensure that you have a thorough overview of your child's progress and achievements throughout the year in all subjects and areas of learning. These reports also include the results of any National Curriculum assessments your child may have participated in (the phonics screening check in year 1, and the end of KS1 SATs in year 2). We hope that you enjoy reading your child's report. Please complete the text form we send you to acknowledge receipt of your child's report and to share any comments you have. Should you wish to discuss the report with your child's class teacher, then please arrange a suitable time with them, or speak to the school office who can help to arrange a meeting.

Should you require any additional copies of your child's report, then please speak with your child's class teacher or the school office.

### **Nursery lunches price increase**

After keeping the cost of lunches as low as possible for the last few years, Sheffield City Council has asked us to notify parents of the price increase, and to assure you that they are committed to offering a nutritionally balanced two-course meal which meets the government food standards, and also gives value for money.

For our school, this does not affect any children in F2, year 1 or year 2 as all children in these year groups receive the Universal Infant Free School Meals. It also does not affect those in nursery who are in receipt of Free School Meals. However, the price increase will affect those in nursery who pay for a school lunch. The price will be increased to £2 from September 2023.

### **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](http://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.)

## Sports Day - reminder

We are looking forward to our sports day on Thursday. Please send children to school in their PE kits, with sunhats, suncream and a water bottle.

Please see the times below for each year group's turn :

9:10am - 9:40am = F2

9:50am - 10:50am = Year 1

11:00am - 12:00pm = Year 2

**Please can parents/carers stand behind the fence/wall on the yard (around the field) and only enter the school grounds 5 minutes before your child's start time. As all year groups' events will be running back to back, this will ensure that there is a smooth switch-over of adults at the end of each session.**

The weather forecast for this week is currently a mixture of sunshine and rain. In the event of rain, we will aim to go ahead where possible; however, we shall let you know as soon as we can if it is looking too wet to go ahead.

## Nursery News—amendments to timings

### **Tuesday 18th July—Leavers Graduation Ceremony**

Sign up sheets are available in nursery at the end of each nursery session. Don't forget to sign up!

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**

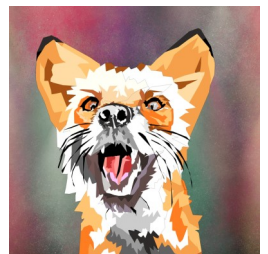
We will be celebrating the end of term with a party! Normal nursery sessions apply. If your child does not normally attend nursery on a Thursday, and you would like them to attend our party, please let Jenette know that you would like your child to come. The afternoon party will be held between 1pm and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

## HIP group magician

As an end of year treat, the HIP group has arranged for a magician to visit school on Monday 17th July! Year groups will have an allocated time during the day to enjoy the magic!

## Competition—reminder

Ruby, the 'Little Urban Fox' is off on another adventure. This time she is going to Bakewell, looking for a tasty treat to take home to her mother for her birthday. Ruby needs your help to design a cupcake for her mum. You can use any ingredients that you like, from strawberries to worms, to chocolate chips to beetles! Children need to use the template to design their cupcake and write a list of ingredients. The winner will have their cupcake design featured in the book, and will also appear in the story as a character and receive a certificate and copy of the new book "The Little Urban Fox Explores Bakewell". Runners up will also have their names and designs included in the book and receive a certificate and a copy of the book.



To enter, please design your cupcake and write out the ingredients on the template (attached to this newsletter), and hand them into the school office **before 17th July**. If you are unable to print the template, and would like to take part, spare templates will be available in the school office.

## **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](http://www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org).

If you have any queries about the programme, please contact [hafprogramme2021@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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>



## **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/costofliving)

## Upcoming dates

The last two weeks of term are 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
w\b 10 July	Reports to be sent home
10 July, Monday	Junior School Year 3 staff to visit our school and spend time in class with our Year 2 children.
11 July, Tuesday	<b>Halfway Transition Day.</b> Children staying at the Infants will move to their next year group in our school, and Y2 children moving to Halfway Junior School will spend the day there.
13 July, Thursday F2 sports event: 9.10 — 9.40am Y1 sports event: 9.50 — 10.50am Y2 sports event: 11.00—12.00 noon	Sports Day (not nursery): Each year group will have its own age appropriate Sports Day session lasting for up to 60 minutes. The events have been organised by sports leaders and coaches from Westfield Comprehensive School and sessions will take place on the school field.  <b>Please can parents/carers stand behind the fence/wall on the yard (around the field) and only enter the school grounds 5 minutes before your child's start time. As all year groups' events will be running back to back, this will ensure that there is a smooth switch-over of adults at the end of each session.</b>
15 July, Saturday	Y2 Prom—organised by parents
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:

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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.

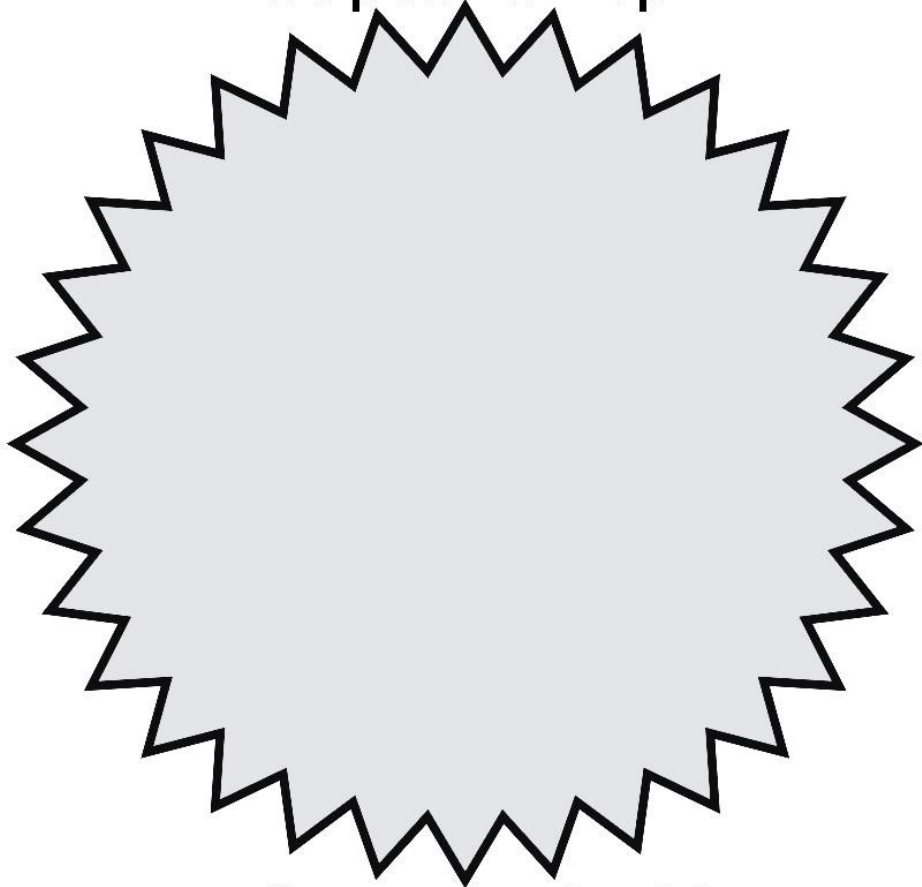
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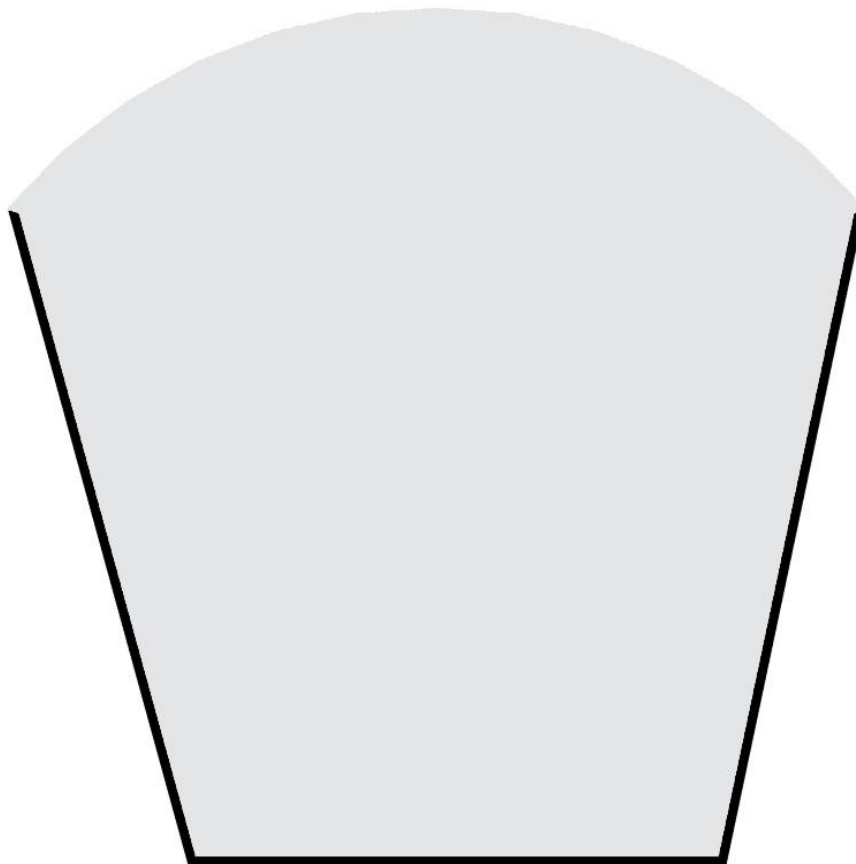
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Cupcake Top



Cupcake Inside





## **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.

