



# Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 5th February 2024

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**Caring, Sharing, Learning for Life.**



## Attendance figures for week ending 2nd February

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	95.0
Mrs Hibberd	99.3
Mrs Thorpe	82.9
Miss White/Mrs Briggs	94.8
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	85.0
Mrs Timmons	95.8

Whole school attendance = 92.6%

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

## HIP Group New Year Raffle!

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 7th February, so you still have a chance to get your tickets! Go to ParentPay to take part, or look out for HIP Group members selling tickets on the yard. See the list of prizes attached to this newsletter.

## PE days—reminder

Big PE days for this half term are as follows.

**F2 = Tuesday**  
**Year 1 = Friday**  
**Year 2 = Thursday**

Please note that after half term, Year 1 and Year 2 will swap days. Therefore, Year 1 will have PE on a Thursday and Year 2 on a Friday.

## 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.

If you need to contact **nursery** for any reason, then please call the school office number (including if your child will be absent). If you call the nursery number, this will automatically divert to the school office.

## Learners of the week

Congratulations to last week's Learners of the Week!

	
<p style="text-align: center;">Kayden and Jake</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Evie and Indy</p>
	
<p style="text-align: center;">Sammy and Emmett</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Beau &amp; Heidi</p>
	
<p style="text-align: center;">Annabel and Emma</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Poppy and Noar</p>

## Halfway's art gallery!

To celebrate the culmination of all our art work this half term, we are inviting you to our art gallery! Each year group will showcase its art learning journey and final pieces.

As a reminder:

- Nursery - the art gallery will take place in the nursery at pick up times on Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th February.
- F2 - the art gallery will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 7th February from 2:30pm.
- Year 1 - the art gallery will take place in the school hall on Monday 5th February from 2:30pm.
- Year 2 - the art gallery will take place in the school hall on Tuesday 6th February from 2:30pm.

Children in F2, Year 1 and Year 2 can be collected at 2:30pm on the day of their art gallery. Only 2 adults per child can attend the gallery. Siblings from other year groups are not able to attend (all children will showcase their work again on Thursday afternoon and classes will walk around the school to see everyone's art). If you are unable to attend your child's art gallery, you will be able to come and see their work at the end of the day in their classroom on Thursday 8th February.

We hope you can join us!

## End of term

This week is the last week of our Spring term. It may only have been 5 weeks long, but we have packed in lots of learning!

**Don't forget that we finish for half term on Friday 9th February and return to school on Monday 19th February.**

## Children's Mental Health Week

This week we are participating in 'Children's Mental Health Week'. This year's theme is "My voice matters" and all of our children will be taking part in a daily activity linked to this theme.

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. When we feel empowered, there is a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem.



This year, we want children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to be empowered to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing.

During Children's Mental Health Week, we want all children and young people to be able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters."

## Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 6th February

We are taking part in 'Safer Internet Day 2024' on Tuesday 6th of February 2024. This year's theme is 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. Children will be taking part in activities linked to this theme.

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year the day covers an online issue or theme that speaks to the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day will be focusing on change online, this includes covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

Safer  
Internet  
Day 2024 | Tuesday  
6 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

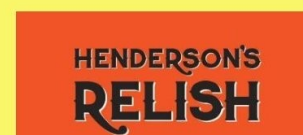
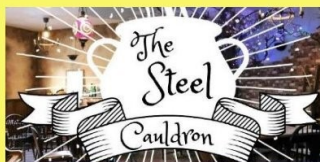


# New Year Raffle 2024

## **NEW PRIZES ADDED!**

The HIP Group are running a New Year Raffle to fundraise for school equipment and activities which will enhance the children's learning experience. We have some fantastic prizes available!

If you and/or your friends and family would like to buy any tickets, please purchase tickets on **Parent Pay**.



- 1 x lamp from [ASDA](#)
- 1 x Slipper and Footcare Set from [ASDA](#)
- 2 x passes for [Bounce Sheffield](#)
- 2 x tickets for [Sheffield United](#)
  - 2 x ticket for [Jump Inc](#)
  - £20 voucher for [Tiny Town](#)
  - 4 x tickets for [Sheffield Sharks](#)
    - Large Flask from [Costa](#)
    - £20 voucher for [Steel Cauldron](#)
  - Multiple [Costa](#) vouchers for drinks and/or cake
- A month Junior Membership at [Eckington Leisure Centre](#)
  - 4 x play passes for [Play Mania](#) (worth £29.80)
    - Family pass at [Play Valley](#)
- 1 x day Holiday Camp admission at [Sheffield Gymnastics Academy](#)
- 3 x meal vouchers for [Nandos](#) (worth £25 each)
  - £20 voucher for [Beauty at Briarfield](#)
  - 12 x bottles of [Henderson's Relish](#)
    - £15 voucher for [Shala](#)
  - Afternoon Tea for 2 at [The Courtyard](#)

## **FREE FOOD SUPPLEMENT VOUCHERS FOR FEBRUARY HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS**

Below are the plans to provide food supplement vouchers for 32,000 children and young people across the city for the half-term holidays.

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

Please note that the funding that we receive for these food vouchers has not been confirmed beyond March 2024, meaning that these February half-term 2024 vouchers are expected to be the last issue.

A £15 food supplement voucher will be sent to the following groups to help over the 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 5 February. The letter will include the website link for Edenred and clear instructions on how to download the voucher, and we are asking parents to contact their school/establishment in the first instance if they need help with downloading or printing their vouchers. We are also providing them with the contact details for Edenred.

### **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 their unique 16-digit e-Code and select their chosen supermarket. Edenred give them a choice of 11 supermarkets: Aldi, Asda, B&M, Company Shop, Farmfoods, Iceland McColl's, M&S, Tesco, Sainsbury's and Waitrose.

· Parents/carers can download their vouchers for more than one supermarket. For example, £10 for Aldi and £5 for Asda.

· The downloaded E-Gift Card/Voucher will arrive by email within 24 hours. If they cannot find this, they should check their Junk/Spam folder.

Please note that codes need to be activated within 3 months of the date of issue (5 February) or they will be cancelled automatically. Once vouchers have been redeemed on the Edenred website they will be valid for 12 months.

### **Where can you 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.

You can also contact Edenred directly with an enquiry about an eCode or voucher at [freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com](mailto:freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com) or telephone 0333 400 5932.

If a parent is facing financial hardship, there is free advice and support available at [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) or they can call on 0800 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)



## Top Tips parents and carers of under 7s

These top tips have been written for you (parents and carers) to share, and talk about, with your children. It's never too early to talk about life online!

### ■ Inspire change by spending time online together

As your child starts to spend more time online and on devices, there will be opportunities for them to interact with others, make decisions and see a wide variety of content. Spending time with your child online together is an important part of them learning how they should behave and what to do if they are ever worried, upset or unsure about something on the internet.

### ▲ Make a difference by having regular discussions about the online world

As your child learns about the internet, they will likely have lots of thoughts and questions. Having regular discussions with your child gives them opportunities to tell you about the things they like doing online, as well as any concerns and worries they may have. A great time to have these conversations is whilst you are spending time online as a family.

### ● Manage influence by being aware of the different things which engage your child online

Your child might be influenced by a range of different things when online, such as exciting adverts, their favourite characters, and even by their friends. Not all influence online is negative, but it is important to be aware of what is engaging your child online and the impact this could have on them as they get older. Balance online influences with your own and your child's thoughts by talking about what they see and hear.

#### Useful websites:

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

[www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety)

## **Come and see a live orchestra perform the Musical Story Stan and Mabel!**

With narration by Polly Ives, music written by Paul Rissmann, performed by Hallam Sinfonia and conducted by Helen Harrison, this is a relaxed, informal and family-friendly performance suitable for children aged 3 and above.

Music-loving dog and cat, Stan and Mabel, are off to find their neighbour who's gone to judge the Greatest Orchestra in the World Competition - leading them on a musical adventure featuring a host of animal instrumentalists and a very unusual debut performance.

### **Saturday 10th February**

Performances at 11:30am and 1:30pm (1:30 performance includes BSL interpretation)

Victoria Hall, Sheffield, S1 2JB

For children aged 3+, families are welcome.

For more information and to book tickets, [www.concerteenies.com/events](http://www.concerteenies.com/events)

Stan and Mabel is written and illustrated by Jason Chapman.



# **Stan and Mabel**

## **Family Concert**

**presented by Concerteenies and Hallam Sinfonia**



**Saturday 10th February 11.30am and 1.30pm\***

**Victoria Hall, Norfolk Street, Sheffield, S1 2JB**

Presenter: Polly Ives, Conductor: Helen Harrison

Music-loving dog and cat, Stan and Mabel, are off to find their neighbour who's gone to judge the Greatest Orchestra in the World Competition - leading them on a musical adventure featuring a host of animal instrumentalists and a very unusual debut performance. Based on the book by Jason Chapman, with music by composer Paul Rissmann we combine story-telling, projected illustrations, quality music and plenty of audience participation. This is a perfect introduction to the orchestra with music also by Florence Price, Strauss and Tomlinson.

Ideal for age 3+ and their grown-ups  
Tickets: £10.50 adults, £3.50 children, Under 1s free.  
\*includes BSL interpreter

**Book tickets via [www.concerteenies.com/events](http://www.concerteenies.com/events)**



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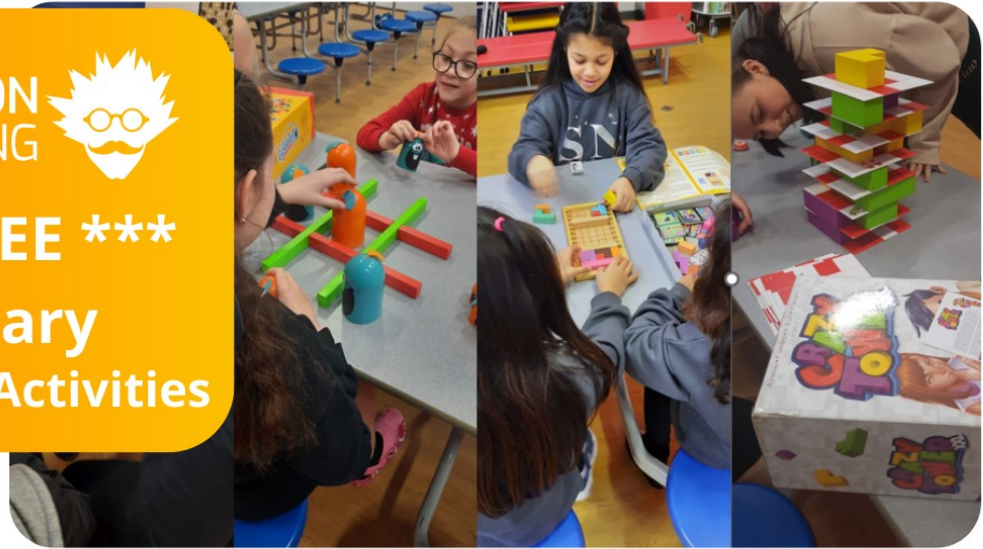


IMAGINATION  
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February  
Half Term Activities



**Firth Park  
Library  
Tuesday 13th &  
Wednesday 14th  
February**

**10.00 am - 2.00 pm**

A healthy lunch will be provided  
during the session

Plus earn CU credits with a Passport  
to Learning!



Come and join us this February Half Term for oodles of fun... learning and playing some of the coolest, smartest, fast witted and amusing board games from across the world. Games that are easy to pick up but hard to put down! The cornerstone of our "Learn to Play, Play to Learn" motto. With lots of new games that are hot off the press, robotics, coding and problem solving our mind-bending puzzles are guaranteed to make you smile!

If you have visited our clubs previously and have a favourite game let us know what it is, and we will endeavour to bring this along too. FREE spaces available for all Primary and Secondary School aged children and young people. **Limited places!**



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