



Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy  
 Newsletter – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024



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**Learner of the week**

The following children have been chosen by their Class Teacher as 'Learner of the Week'. Each child will be presented with a certificate at Monday's Celebration Assembly. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend the assembly which starts at 9.05am in the Main Hall.

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>FS1 – Isabella R</b>  | <b>Year 3 – Leah Y</b>  |
| <b>FS2 – Jaxsen-Dean</b> | <b>Year 4 – Ben L</b>   |
| <b>Year 1 – Jessie B</b> | <b>Year 5 – Evie G</b>  |
| <b>Year 2 – Aliya J</b>  | <b>Year 6 – Holly W</b> |

Congratulations to you all.

**DOJO Behaviour Awards**

The following pupils will be awarded an Outstanding Behaviour (DOJO) Certificate at Monday's Celebration Assembly. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend the assembly which starts at 9.05am in the Main Hall.

	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>
<b>FS1</b>	<b>Kaiyden-Lee</b>	<b>Maddison C</b>	<b>Owen L</b>
<b>FS2</b>	<b>Aurora P</b>	<b>Freddie A</b>	<b>Axle-Anthony</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Autumn A</b>	<b>Leo E</b>	<b>Breah M</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Louie R</b>	<b>Brogan D</b>	<b>Abi L</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Effie D</b>	<b>Theo W</b>	<b>Samuel G</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Sophie W'n</b>	<b>Scarlett P</b>	<b>Matthew H</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Isaac S</b>	<b>Ruby A</b>	<b>Amelia-Lily</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Amelia S</b>	<b>Freddie S</b>	<b>Bronson M</b>

Congratulations to you all.

**Reading Awards**

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved their Reading Awards. Each child will be presented with their Badge at Monday's Celebration Assembly. Well done.

**Class 5**

**Aimee R - Bronze**

**Tom M - Silver**

**Times Tables Rock Stars**

Below are this week's Class 4 'Times Table Rock Star' winners. Mrs Sherwood will present each child with their certificate at Monday's Celebration Assembly.

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|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Olivia L</b>  | <b>Jayne B</b> | <b>Lucas J</b>  | <b>Poppy H</b> |
| <b>Georgia W</b> | <b>Emmie E</b> | <b>Willow R</b> |                |





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Weekly Class Attendance

FS1 – 96.8%	FS2 – 97.3%	Year 1 – 96.3%	<b>Year 2 – 98.2%</b>
Year 3 – 97.7%	Year 4 – 96.8%	Year 5 – 93.7%	Year 6 – 98%

Congratulations **Class 2**, 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 dip box.

STEM Award

Congratulations to year 4 who completed an Introduction to Electricity workshop this week with the AMRC. Mrs Sherwood will present them with their certificate at Monday's celebration assembly.



Sports Day 2024

We will be holding our sports day this year on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024** at the following times:

- 9.00am – EYFS (FS1 and FS2)**
- 10.30am – Classes 1, 2 and 3**
- 1.30pm – Classes 4, 5 and 6**

Our sports day will take place on the school field and everyone is welcome to attend.

Our Friends of St Thomas' PTA will be selling ice pops / refreshments on the day but are seeking volunteers to help at 10.30am. If you are able to volunteer, can you contact Miss Cousins at the school office. Thank you.

We look forward to seeing you all there. Fingers crossed for some sunshine.





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### Summer Fayre 2024

Our Summer Fayre will take place this year on the afternoon of **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (times tbc)**.

This year we are doing something a little different, we are partnering up with the ProStrike Events Team to take part in a Sponsored ProStrike Speed Challenge. The event involves a giant inflatable football goal with an integrated speed radar. When a pupil takes a shot at the goal the speed is displayed on a digital screen. We want everyone to enjoy the event, so every pupil will take part in the event regardless of ability or if they have been sponsored or not. All the children take 3 shots each and we record their fastest speed on a certificate for them to keep. There will also be lots of great prizes to be won. Further details and sponsor forms will be sent home with the children nearer the time.

Alongside this event, we will be doing our usual Summer Fayre stalls: Bric-a-brac / raffle / tombola / refreshments and much much more. If anyone has any items they would like to donate to our summer fayre, please fetch them to the school office where they will be greatly received.

Thank you.





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### New Playtime Equipment



Pictured are Amelia and Orla in Year 6 showing off some of our new playtime equipment in this week's assembly. Thank you to our Friends of St Thomas' PTA for purchasing these items with the money raised from the chocolate bar sale before Easter (thank you again parents/guardians for your contributions). The children are very excited to try out their new equipment.

### Year 6 Transition Dates to Swinton Academy

Our Year 6 pupils will be doing their 2-day transition to Swinton Academy on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. Further details to follow.

If your child is moving to a different school, they will contact you direct to let you know when your child's transition is taking place.

### Dates for your diary – Summer Term 1

- 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Year 3 -Romans Workshop at 2.15pm
- 1 May 2024 – Year 4 – Rotherham Library Service Egyptian Workshop @ 10am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 – INSET DAY – school closed
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 – Sports Day (see above for timetable)
- 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Bank Holiday (May Day)
- 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Year 6 - SATS week
- 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Year 3 Roman Britain Drama Workshop @ 9.30am
- 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Year 4 Ancient Egypt Drama Workshop @ 1.15pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 – Class 1 Parent Workshop @ 1.30pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – EYFS Parent Assembly @ 2.30pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – School Break up for Spring Break @ 3pm



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**School Dinner Menu – Week Commencing: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

WEEK THREE	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal Option 1	Wholemeal Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Wholemeal Garlic Bread	Farm Assured Pork Sausage Roll with Homemade Skin on Baked Potato Wedges	Gently Spiced Moroccan Chicken/ served with Summer Vegetable Rainbow Cous Cous	Korean Style Sticky BBQ Chicken & Vegetables served with Noodles	Friday Fish Fingers served with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
Vegetarian Main Meal Option 2	Mildly Spiced Vegetable Chilli & Rice	Cheese & Onion Puff Pastry Roll served with Homemade Skin on Baked Potato Wedges	Gently Spiced Moroccan Roasted Chickpea Tagine served with Summer Vegetable Rainbow Cous Cous	Korean Style Sticky BBQ Quorn, Vegetables & Noodles	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza Whirl & Chips
Jacket Potato	Jacket potato served with either Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo				
Sandwich	Daily Sandwich offer Cheese, Ham, or Tuna Mayo				
Vegetables	Selection of Daily Vegetables & Fresh Salad	Selection of Daily Vegetables & Fresh Salad	Selection of Daily Vegetables & Mixed Fresh Salad	Selection of Daily Vegetables & Mixed Fresh Salad	Selection of Daily Vegetables & Fresh Salad
Dessert	Baked Apple Sponge served with Custard	Tutti Frutti Jelly and Mandarins	Freshly Baked Vanilla Cookie	Zesty Lemon & Blueberry Yoghurt Cake	Homemade Flapjack



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### FS1 Provision at St Thomas' Primary Academy



We are currently taking applications for our FS1 provision here at St Thomas' for 3 to 4-year old's. We offer both 15 and 30 hours per week.

If you are interested in putting your child's name down, please contact Miss Cousins at the School Office Reception for an application pack.

All children are entitled to 15 hours a week free child care once they turn 3 and some children are entitled to full-time places (30 hours per week).

We have 3 intakes during the year and children can start with us after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday:

Our intake dates are September / January and April.

We are accepting applications for all intakes and we still have a few places available to start after the Easter break this year.

Please feel free to get in touch if you require any further information or help, we can also arrange visits for you and your child to look around our provision.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.



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## St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy Kilnhurst

### School Calendar for the Academic Year 2023/24

September (20 Days)							October (20 Days)							November (19 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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							30	31												
December (16 Days)							January (18 days)							February (15 days)						
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March (17 Days)							April (16 Days)							May (18 Days)						
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June (20 Days)							July (16 Days)							August						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30	31	

- Denotes Bank Holidays
- Denotes School Holidays
- Denotes Inset days (x 5)
- Polling Station

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



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### THE READING AGENCY

## Summer Reading Challenge

Dear Parents/Guardians.,

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's **Summer Reading Challenge**. Sign up for FREE at your local library!

### What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely **FREE** to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.<sup>1</sup>

### Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

### How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

**In the library.** Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge poster and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

**Online.** Take part online at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

### When?

The Challenge will launch on **6 July**. Local variations apply so please check with your library to find out start & finish dates near you. Unsure where your closest library is? Use the [Library Finder](#) to check.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up! If you have any questions, please contact [swinton.library@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:swinton.library@rotherham.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully,  
All at Swinton Library





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### Want to know more?

- Find out more about the importance of reading and its impact on children's success [here](#).
- Visit the [official Summer Reading Challenge website](#) for free activities, videos, book recommendations and more.
- Keep up-to-date and be in the know when we launch competitions by following [@SummerReadingChallengeUK on Facebook](#).

### What do families think?

*"I never liked reading before because of this challenge I got the **courage** to read more books and I have more interest in books. This has been the **greatest experience** ever in my life to read more books than before thanks."*

Girl, aged 12+

*"The challenge encouraged my child to **read more often**, and in turn encouraged **myself** as well."*

Parent/carer of 6-7 year-old boy

*"Enabled us to have some fun **cheap days out** and reading together has **brought us closer** than before."*

Parent/carer of 8-9 year-old girl

*"We've joined the reading challenge for the past 4 years and every year it has inspired and encouraged a deeper **joy** for reading. For a young dyslexic boy the challenge helps make reading **fun**."*

Parent/carer of 6-7 year-old boy

*"My child lacks confidence. Going to the library and meeting the friendly staff has definitely made him **more confident in himself** and encouraged him to read more being able to pick his own books to read from their huge collection."*

Parent/carer of 10-11 year-old boy



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Please see below details of support groups for parents/guardians/siblings of children with SEN.

**Rotherham Parent Carers Forum**  
COMMUNITY FUND

LOCATION  
THE OLD COLLIERY, KIVETON PARK, S26 6LR

# SEND CONNECT KIVETON PARK CRAFT & CHAT

First Friday of the month - 09:30-11:30

**Now Monthly on a Friday**

**No Booking Required**

**Free Crafts for parent carers to enjoy!**

**FREE Refreshments, & Breakfast Sandwiches**

**Are you parent carer of a young person with additional needs and/or disabilities?**

Our New Kiveton Park group is a lovely place to meet other parent carers with similar experiences, gain support and find out more about what services are available. There will also be crafting materials if you wish to craft whilst chatting. If you are a little worried about attending or would like to know more please contact us by emailing [admin@rpcf.co.uk](mailto:admin@rpcf.co.uk) or calling our office on 01709296262.

Babies and toddlers are welcome with supervision from an adult

For more information please scan this QR code from your smart device



**Rotherham Parent Carers Forum**  
Together we can make a difference.

# Neurodivergent Parent group

**RANSS**  
Rotherham Adult Neurodiversity Support Service

**Who?** The group is for neurodivergent (autistic and/or adhd) parents - no diagnosis required, questioning is fine too.

**Why?** We want to create a safe, friendly space for people to come together and chat with other parents who are also neurodivergent, share experiences and offer support to one another

**When?** The group will meet monthly on a Tuesday morning 10-12pm, the first session will be on Tuesday 07th of May 2024 & then the first Tuesday of each month

**Where?** Riverside House Library,  
Main Street,  
Rotherham  
S60 IAE

[www.ranss.co.uk](http://www.ranss.co.uk) 01709296262



# MALE PARENT/CARERS CLUB

SIBLINGS ARE WELCOME

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

ARE YOU A MALE PARENT/CARER OF A CHILD OR A YOUNG PERSON WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS?

WOULD YOU LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OTHER MEN IN A SIMILAR SITUATION?

10:00AM - 11:30AM  
AT MOWBRAY GARDENS LIBRARY

To book your place please visit:

[www.rpcf.co.uk/our-events](http://www.rpcf.co.uk/our-events)

PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILDREN AND ENJOY A MORNING OF LEGO CONSTRUCTION AND GAMES?



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### Museum Address

Clifton Lane,  
Rotherham  
S65 2AA

**JOIN RPCF FAMILY PEER SUPPORT TEAM FOR A  
GENTLE WELLBEING WALK AROUND THE PARK**



# A Walk through Clifton park

Meet at 10:00 am outside the museum entrance, then start the walk at 10:15 am. After the walk you'll have a chance to have a cuppa.

### Dates:

- 22th April
- 29th April
- 10th June
- 8th July
- 5th August
- 12th August
- 19th August

For more information please use the QR code or see our website



[www.rpcf.co.uk/our-events](http://www.rpcf.co.uk/our-events)



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# DIABETES EDUCATION

**Wednesday 22<sup>ND</sup> May 2024 at 16:00 – 18:00**



**What the session covers.....**

- **Learn the signs and symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes**
- **How to treat Hypoglycemia and Hyperglycemia**
- **The 'Tools of the trade' See the technology of today**
- **Learn the essential skill of Carbohydrate Counting and understand why this is so significant to managing Type 1 Diabetes**

A minimum of 2 staff  
from each school are  
expected to attend

**Venue: Wales High School  
Storth lane, Kiveton Park, Sheffield, S26 5QQ**

**PLEASE CONTACT  
Michelle Glasby on 07795316980  
to book your place**