



Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy
 Newsletter – Friday 26th January 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 our Celebration Assembly which will be held next **Tuesday**. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend the assembly which starts at 9.05am in the Main Hall.

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| FS1 - Holden C | Year 3 – Aria T |
| FS2 - Aurora P | Year 4 – Amber CI |
| Year 1 – Jessie B | Year 5 – Bradley D |
| Year 2 – Emily A | Year 6 – Niamh A |

Congratulations to you all.

DOJO Behaviour Awards

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

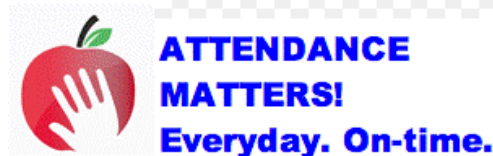
	Gold	Silver	Bronze
FS1	Dexter F	Flynn N	Ariel G
FS2	George G	Harry R	Archie G
Year 1	Isabella W	Charlie W	Dylan Q
Year 2	Lacie B	Sophie Y	Julian W
Year 3	Leah Y	Leo R	Amelia G
Year 4	Taylor F	Shay K	Franky M
Year 5	Brooke L	Amelia-Lily M	Edie-Mia N
Year 6	Freddie S	Finley J	Roxy S

Congratulations to you all.

Weekly Class Attendance

FS1 – 95.3%	FS2 – 94.4%	Year 1 – 90.3%	Year 2 – 97.7%
Year 3 – 93.2%	Year 4 – 94.2%	Year 5 – 95.3%	Year 6 – 97.2%

Congratulations **Class 2**, who are this week's attendance winners. Well done.



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 prize box.



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Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved their **Bronze**, **Silver** and **Gold** Reading Awards. Each child will be presented with their Badge at a Collective Worship Assembly next week (not the Celebration Assembly). Well done to you all.

Class 1

Amelia B
Olivia C
Lillie C
Leo E
Dylan Q
Lily R
Lilliker M

Class 2

Jacob H
Maisie H
Frankie T
Louie R
Lacey B
Izabell P
Matthew A
Noah F-W
Tanish A

Class 3

Sam G
Amelia G
Darbi-May
Lillie-Rose G
Max V

Class 4

Taylor F
Shay H
Lucas J
Pixie-Jae
Sophie W'd
Matthew H
Isobel J
Amber Cl
Maisie T

Class 5

Alife S
Evie
Phoenix
Toby
Isabelle H
Lacie B
Edie-Mia

Class 6

Timi
Bronson
Libby C



Non-Uniform Day – Friday 9th February 2024

We will be holding a Non-Uniform Day on the last day of term- Friday 9th February 2024. Children may come to school in their own clothes for a £1 donation. All money raised will be put into purchasing new playtime resources for the children.



After School Clubs

Our After School Clubs will be re-starting the first week back after half term – w.c. 19th February 2024. A full list will be published next week along with details of how to book. Thank you.



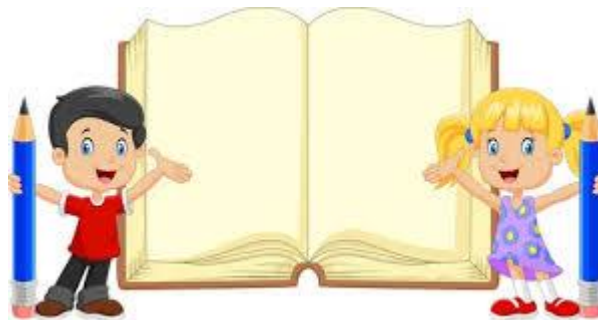


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Writing Competition

Some of our Pupils have expressed their desire for the school to hold a writing competition, so Mrs Sherwood has agreed that during the last week of each term, all pupils will be given the opportunity, in class, to take part in a writing competition. The writing could be a prayer, a poem or a short story. 3 winning pupils from each class will be chosen by Mrs Sherwood and Mrs Hall and each winner will be invited to attend afternoon tea on Friday 9th February 2024 with Mrs Sherwood. We can't wait to see all your creative writing ideas.



Pancake Day – Tuesday 20th February 2024

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) takes place this year during the school holidays on Tuesday 13th February 2024. So, we have decided to hold our own Pancake Day on Tuesday 20th February 2024. We will be selling pancakes with various toppings to pupils for £1 each during morning breaktimes. We will also be holding some pancake themed events in school.

To make it easier for parents/guardians, we have set up a payment item on the Arbor app so you can pre-order a pancake for your child if you wish. However, you can also send your child with cash on the day if you prefer. The payment item on Arbor is shown under 'Clubs' / 'Pancake Day'. All money raised will be put into our funds to purchase new books and resources for the children.



Parent Teachers Association

St Thomas' Primary Academy now have their own Parent Teacher Association (Friends of St Thomas'). The PTA supports the school by raising money to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for all pupils. If any parents/guardians would like to get involved, please contact the school office or you can join a private Facebook group community which is called 'St Thomas Primary Kilnhurst'.



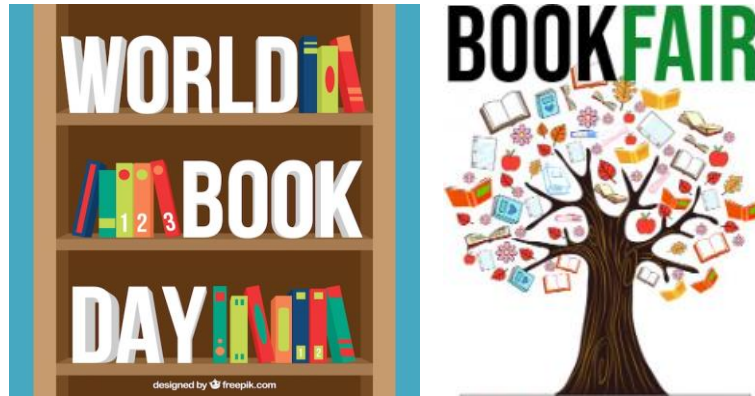


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World Book Day and School Book Fayre



Book Fayre

Our Book Fayre will take place from **Wednesday 21st February to Monday 26th February 2024**. The book fayre will be held in the School Hall and will be open each day from 8.30am to 9.00am and from 2.45pm to 3.15pm. Children will each be given a £1 gift voucher which they can use towards the books on sale at the fayre. If parents/guardians are unable to attend the book fayre with their child, they may send them with cash in an envelope and a member of staff will ensure they get to look around and purchase items if they wish. Books start from £2.99 and we also sell stationery items from £1. Payments may also be made online by scanning a QR code. Please come along and take a look at the books we have on sale, there is a great range available starting from aged 3 onwards.

World book day

World Book Day will be held on **Thursday 7th March 2024** this year. Pupils may come to school dressed as their favourite book character (no donations required). We will also be doing lots of other activities during the week. A full list of events will be published nearer the time.

Breakfast Club Price Change

Unfortunately, we have had to make the difficult decision to increase the price of our Breakfast Club from £1 a day to £1.50 a day. To be able to continue offering this service we must ensure all costs are covered. Apologies for any upset this may cause but I'm sure you will agree, the service we offer is great value for money. Thank you for your understanding. The price will increase from Monday 19th February 2024.





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Valentines Disco – Thursday 8th February 2024

Our Parent Teachers Association will be hosting a Valentines Disco after school on **Thursday 8th February 2024**.

FS2 / Class 1 and 2 – 3.10pm to 4.15pm
Classes 3 to 6 – 4.20pm to 5.30pm

Tickets will be priced at £3 each and this will include a hot dog and a drink.
We will let parents/guardians know when/where they can purchase tickets.



FS2 and Year 6 Height and Weight Measurement

Every year, the National Child Measurement Programme (nursing team) come into school and do height and weight measurement checks for all pupils in FS2 and year 6. The measurements are used to calculate weight status, e.g. overweight, healthy weight or underweight. They collect this information as part of an ongoing national programme to collect trends.

Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils. The wellbeing of children and families is very important to us and measurements are conducted in a compassionate way, in private and away from other children.

The nursing team will be in school on the following dates to do the children's height and weight checks.

Thursday 22nd February 2024 – Year 6 pupils only

Monday 26th February 2024 – FS2 pupils only

Dates for your Diary – Spring Term 1

29th January 2024 – Class 1 – Great Fire of London Workshop (in school)

31st January 2024 – Class 6 Grimm and Co Workshop (in school)

1st February 2024 – 2.00pm - Class 3 Assembly – further details to be sent by the Class Teacher

5th February 2024 – Children's Mental Health Week

8th February 2023 – 2.00pm - Class 6 Assembly – further details to be sent by the Class Teacher

8th February 2024 – Class 5 Activity Day at Swinton Academy – further details to follow

9th February 2024 – 2.00pm - Class 2 Assembly – further details to be sent by the Class Teacher

9th February 2024 – School breaks up for Half Term (1 week)

19th February 2024 – School re-opens



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Spare Uniform

We have lots of spare uniform including winters coats available for anyone who may need them. Please contact Miss Cousins on Reception if there is anything you need. Thank you to everyone who has donated items to the school. We really appreciate it.



Lunch Menu – Week 2 – W.C: 29th January 2024

WEEK TWO	 PLANET GREEN MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pip's Planet Friendly Option	Loaded Cheesy Bean Hot Pitta Parcel	Plant-based Bolognese Pasta with Lentils, Peppers & Basil	Quorn Sausage Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Homemade Macaroni Cheese	Cheese & Onion Pastry Roll & Chips
Option Two	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Garlic Bread	Hearty Pasta Bolognese with Peppers	Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Mexican Style Chicken, Bean & Sweetcorn Burrito	Cod Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetables	Sweetcorn, Peas	Green Beans, Carrots	Cauliflower, Seasonal Greens	Mixed Vegetables, Sweetcorn	Baked Beans, Peas
Hot Pastas		Pasta & Cheese Sauce		Pasta with Italian Tomato & Basil Sauce	
Sandwiches	Freshly Made Sandwich with Cheddar, Tuna Mayonnaise or Ham				
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese or Beans				
Dessert	Apple & Sultana Crumble Bar	Homemade Lemon Cake & Custard	Banana Cake & Fruit Slices	Chocolate Cookie	Fruity Strawberry Jelly



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Please see below, details of some Music Events running in Rotherham during half term.





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From 10th – 18th February 2024,
we're filling Rotherham with music!
Local young people, Rotherham Music
Hub, and Children's Capital of Culture
are teaming up to put on an amazing
festival of gigs, concerts, music-making
workshops and more – for everybody,
for free.

We would like to thank the following
partners for making Signal Festive

Ornato Susan and the rest of the Purbeck Three (sax, Cornish
Shed, Sophie Hunter and Cara Subaland for woodwinds, Clavin
Soup for FB, and Thoughts Make Things for design). Everyone at our
partner venue Stuart Lee and Kevin, Teachers at Madras Gospel
Adventures Centre - Jamie Sedley at BRGT, Lucy Bennett and the
team at BRN Group, Deborah and all the Green & Co. team, Jack,
Chris and the team at Rotherham Music, Tracy at Junk 2 Studios,
and Chris at One The Rainbow. Our (Apple) workshop facilitators
Sonia Darbyshire, Mandy Kayling, The Clutterbuck, Ben Hattison,
Tom Rigby and Zee Redworth, and all the schools who've been part
of the project so far. Our Sound of Rotherham collaborators: JADE
Trust and Community, Clifton Learning Partnership, Mully-Sovoy
Centre, Dal Kyla C, Wan Theatre, Sappo, and Patterns + Pops. The
team at Orange - Five Rotherham, Constructive Music and Alex
Merrifield, and Wholes for all his launched support. Our friends
at Arts Council England and South Yorkshire MCA. All the team at
Children's Capital of Culture, Rotherham Music Hub, and RSMC
Events, and all the countless other people who've helped us out.





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SIGNALS SATURDAY SHINDIG

All day, Saturday 17th February
Venues across Rotherham town centre
A one-day festival filling our
town centre with music!

On Saturday 17th February, a packed programme of workshops, gigs, and pop-up performances will be taking over town centre. Expect music-making workshops at Over The Rainbow and Junk 2 Treasure. Improvisation sessions in Grimm & Co. Walkabout musical performances roaming around town. There will be something for everyone – and it's all free!

We will close the Signals Saturday Shindig in the magnificent setting of Rotherham Minster with a brand-new commission, which will take place from 6.00 – 7.00pm. This immersive collaboration between South Yorkshire theatre designers, visual

artists and musicians is a spectacular new work that will amaze and envelop you, sending you out into the night with a head full of wonder!

The party continues with fringe events after the festival itself finishes, with live music and bands at The Imperial Pavilion from 4.00 – 9.00pm + The Bridge Inn from 7.00 – 11.00pm (both 14+ with a guardian), and The Cutler's Arms from 7.00pm – midnight (18+).

For full details of the Signals Saturday Shindig line up, follow our socials or head to our website!



As part of our Signals Saturday Shindig, we're delighted to be bringing back AMP UP: an all-day, all-ages celebration of some of Rotherham's most brilliant young bands and singers. This year AMP UP will be at the centre of the festival, as we're setting up a marquee in All Saint's Square (snugly heated against the winter chill!) to showcase Rotherham's up-and-coming musical talent.





Launchpad x Pattern + Push

**Saturday 10th February,
Rotherham College**
Talks, workshops and
advice from music industry
professionals

For any young person interested in a career in the music industry, Launchpad x Pattern + Push is not to be missed! Professionals will be sharing advice and delivering workshops about how to build a sustainable career in the industry at this free daytime event.

You will hear from acclaimed musicians, singers and rappers, and get to speak to the industry professionals behind music festivals, record companies and artist development agencies.

For ages 13+. Places are free but must be booked in advance.

For more details about all these events and to book your free place, visit our booking site:



POP-IN + MAKE

**Saturday 27th January
– Sunday 18th February,
across Rotherham**
Free music-making workshops
for everyone to enjoy

Exploring improvisation. Creative sessions for little ones and their grown-ups. Make your own musical instruments. Easy to use music-making software available to every school pupil in Rotherham. However you want to make music, Signals has something for you.

Mini Melodies sessions for 0-to-5s will be happening in libraries across Rotherham from Tuesday 6th to Friday 9th February. And Junk 2 Treasure in Rotherham town centre will host instrument-making workshops for 5-to-7s and their families from 10.00am – 1.00pm on Saturday 27th January and 3rd and 17th of February.

And there is much more to be announced! Places at all Pop In & Make sessions are free but must be booked in advance.



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**An Augmented Reality tour
of the places and spaces that
inspire the children and young
people of Rotherham.**

In the build-up to Signals 2024 we've worked with nine primary schools to discover the local places that have meaning for Rotherham's children, and celebrate these spots through the creation of music and art. During the festival we'll be launching an Augmented Reality trail that spotlights the local treasures that are across our borough.

Are you a school that would like to be part of this project?
Email ccoc@rotherham.gov.uk
to find out more.



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Sound of Rotherham

Hear the sounds of the south,
north and central of our borough

Sound of Rotherham works with young people across Rotherham to help them express their ideas, grow in confidence, and showcase their talents through amazing performances and free Charanga music making software will be made available for all schoolchildren in the borough. Professional musicians have been working with young people at Unity Boxing Centre in Rawmarsh, Clifton Learning Partnership in Clifton, and JADE Youth and Community in Dinnington to develop their musical talents, ready to perform together at Signals 2024.

The young people will be developing their performances throughout January and February, so keep an eye on our social media channels for details of when and where they'll be debuting!



POP-UP & PLAY



**Saturday 10th – Sunday 18th
February, across Rotherham**
Brilliant young musicians
playing in unexpected places

During Signals, there's amazing music around every corner. Up-and-coming local musicians will be playing busker-style in locations across the borough – including shopping centres and supermarkets, transport hubs, takeaways, and much more!

There will be match day music from talented young musicians when Rotherham United take on Watford on Saturday 17th February, and NovaCity will host an all-day fiesta of buskers, bands and DJs on Wednesday 14th February to accompany their holiday club, dance, parkour and mini ninjas sessions!

Keep an eye on our website and social media for more announcements of which Pop-Up & Play act is coming to your neighbourhood.



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PARTICLE SHRINE

**10th – 29th February,
Magna Science
Adventure Centre**
An immersive sound
sculpture that makes
invisible forces, visible.

Invisible messengers from deep in the universe surround us. These messengers are known as cosmic rays, and billions shower Earth every second. They are passing through you at this very moment – blazing close to the speed of light, blasted from supernovae far beyond our galaxy.

Utilising new creative technologies, Particle Shrine transforms this never-ending stream of cosmic energy into an immersive, multi-sensory installation featuring musical compositions, vibrating surfaces, shimmering projections and stunning lighting designs. It is a tiny capsule of the cosmos that's unique each time you step inside.

Particle Shrine will be installed in Magna's stunning Face of Steel venue during Signals Festival.

Public entry: everyone is welcome to visit Particle Shrine from 10am – 4pm from Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th February, for free!

Schools' workshops: free 90-minute STEM workshops for Key Stage Two classes during Monday 19th to Thursday 29th February. Email ccoc@rotherham.gov.uk to find out more and book your school's spot.

And there will also be some very special music and movement performances created by young people together with professional creatives. Keep an eye on our social media for further announcements!



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Signals Festival is a collaboration between the children and young people of Rotherham, Children's Capital of Culture, and Rotherham Music Hub:



In 2025 Rotherham will become the world's first Children's Capital of Culture, designed and delivered by children and young people from across the borough. Children's Capital of Culture will be a 365-day festival of creativity, culture and community, for everyone to enjoy.

The journey to 2025 has already begun! Children's Capital of Culture are putting on amazing events and activities for people across the region to take part in and creating life-changing skills development opportunities for local young people.

Find out more by visiting www.childrenscapitalofculture.co.uk

Rotherham Music Hub believe music can open up new opportunities for everyone, and are here to provide support, opportunities, experiences and inspiration to communities across Rotherham. They are passionate about offering people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds the opportunity to get involved. Whether you're interested in joining an ensemble, forming a band, learning to DJ, spitting bars, making your own dancefloor hit or getting music lessons, Rotherham Music Hub are here for you.

Find out more by visiting www.rotherhammusic.co.uk

The Signals programme is jam-packed – and there are more gigs, events and workshops being announced every day! To keep up to date with everything that's going on, please visit our website, sign up to our mailing list, or follow us on social media:



BOOKING

To book your free place at any of our ticketed events, visit bit.ly/RothMusicLinks



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School Calendar for the Academic Year 2023/24

September (20 Days)							October (20 Days)							November (19 Days)						
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 Denotes Bank Holidays

 Denotes School Holidays

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

 Denotes Inset days (x 5) Polling Station