



Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy Newsletter – Friday 6th February 2026



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Behaviour Bees – Celebration Assembly – Monday 9th February 2026



Learner Bee of the Week

The following children have been chosen as 'Learner Bee of the Week' by their class teacher. Each child will be presented with a certificate at Monday's Celebration Assembly.

FS1 – Freddie F
FS2 – Bella R
Class 1 - Dexter F
Class 2 - Maddox G

Class 3 – Jessie B
Class 4 – Logan W-B
Class 5 – Freddie W
Class 6 – Pixie-Jae

Best Worker Bee of the Week

The following children have been chosen as 'Best Worker Bee' by their class teacher. Each child will show their work and be presented with a certificate at Monday's celebration assembly.

FS1 – Ronnie P
FS2 – Carter M
Class 1 – Lacie S
Class 2 - Aurora P

Class 3 – Amelia B
Class 4 – Brogan D
Class 5 – Leo C
Class 6 – Georgia W

Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend the assembly which begins at 9.05am in the Main Hall.

Weekly Class Attendance

FS1 – 95.9%	FS2 – 95.4%	Year 1 – 93%	Year 2 – 96.9%
Year 3 – 97.5%	Year 4 – 96.5%	Year 5 – 97.3%	Year 6 – 98.4%

Congratulations to **Year 6**, who are this week's attendance winners. Well done.

The whole school attendance this week was **96.4%** - above our target of 95%, well done 😊



**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.



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Reading Awards

The following children have achieved their **Bronze** and **Silver** reading badges. Mrs Sherwood will present each of them with their badges at Monday's celebration assembly. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend. Well done to you all.

FS1

Gracie A
Max C
Poppy S
Ronnie P
Julian F

FS2

Archie M
Ronnie P

Class 1

Alice M

Class 2

Harlow T
Erica M
Olly B
Evelyn C

Year 5

Aria T
Esmail M
Brook K

FS2 Eye tests

The Optometrists Team will be in school during the morning of the 14th April 2026 to offer eye tests to all children in FS2. Consent forms should have been sent home with the children this week but if you haven't received one or require another, please contact the school office.

Please note, without a signed consent form your child will not be offered the eye test so please ensure you complete the form and return it to school asap. If you do not wish your child to have the test can we please ask that you still complete and return the form.

Thank you.
School Office

Reporting a Child's Absence

A reminder to parents/guardians:

If your child is going to be absent from school, can we please ask that you contact the school by 9.15am.

You can either leave a message via voicemail or by e-mailing the school.

Tel: 01709 570297 – press option 1 to leave a voicemail, state your child's name and the reason they will be absent.

Alternatively, you can e-mail: enquiries@stp.dsateducation

If you fail to contact the school by 9.15am, we will try to contact you by telephone / email. If we do not hear back from you by 10.30am the school will be forced to do a home welfare check. Please understand this procedure is in place to safeguard all our pupils.

Please click on the link below for helpful NHS guidance on when you shouldn't send your child to school if they are ill.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Thank you for your co-operation.



Valentines Disco Wednesday 11th February 2026



Key Stage 1 (Classes FS2, Year 1 and Year 2)
from 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Key Stage 2 (Classes 3 to 6)
from 4.15pm to 5.15pm

Tickets are priced at £3 each and include a hot dog and drink.
There will also be a tuck shop selling sweet treats and various items.



Fruit shoot	£1
Candy Floss cup	£1
Bunny jelly bean tube	£1
Smarties	£1
Crisps	50p
Valentine slap band	50p
Light up fidget pop tube	£1.50
Finger light	£1

Friends of Kilnhurst St Thomas PTA

Tickets are on sale now at the school Office.



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Pancake Fun Day – Friday 13th February 2026



On our last day of term – Friday 13th February 2026, we will be selling pancakes with various toppings to all our Children. These are priced at £1 each and Parents/Guardians can pay for these via the Arbor app or send their child with cash on the day. We will also ensure we have vegan / free from options for those who may require them.

As well as having pancakes the children will also be taking part in some fun pancake activities in celebration of Shrove Tuesday which officially takes place on Tuesday 17th February 2026.

Shrove Tuesday is celebrated as a final indulgence before the 40-day fasting season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Traditionally, Christians used up rich, perishable foods like eggs, milk, and sugar to make pancakes, allowing them to follow fasting rules. It falls 47 days before Easter.

Dates for your Diary – Spring Term 1

Last week of term!

10th February 2026 – Year 3 visit to Swinton Academy for indoor athletics – details to follow

11th February 2026 – Valentines Disco – see above for further details

13th February 2026 – Break up for Half Term at 3.10pm

16th to the 20th February 2026 – School Closed for Half Term

23rd February 2026 – School re-opens at 8.40am for our second Spring Term





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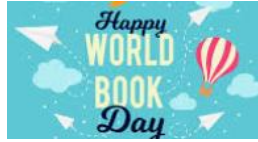


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World Book Week – Week Commencing 2nd March 2026

Throughout the week our wellbeing team will be running an adult book stall at the end of each school day!

Monday 2nd March 2026



World book day activity.

The class teacher will choose a fun World book day activity for the children to complete in class on this day.

Tuesday 3rd March 2026



Parents are invited into school to share a book with your child. Please let the class teacher know if you will be taking part.

EYFS, class 1 and class 2- 9.00am-10.00am

Class 3, class 4, class 5 and class 6- 2.00pm- 3.00pm

Wednesday 4th March 2026



No outsider's day – Dress to Impress – Wear what makes you happy and unique.

Each class will rotate around each class teacher throughout the day completing different activities linked to book that addresses protected characteristics.

Thursday 5th March 2026



Get Comfy and read day. Children to come in comfy clothes/home clothes or if they choose fancy dress as a book character.

DEAR day (Drop Everything and Read Day). Children to also bring in a book from home on this day to join in with drop everything and read throughout the day.

Friday 6th March 2026



We are celebrating International Women's day (Sunday 8th March). Each class teacher will plan an activity linked to a book celebrating women that the children will complete in class. The children will also get to enjoy a film afternoon. The children will watch a film linked to a book. Children can bring in popcorn or their own snack for the film afternoon.



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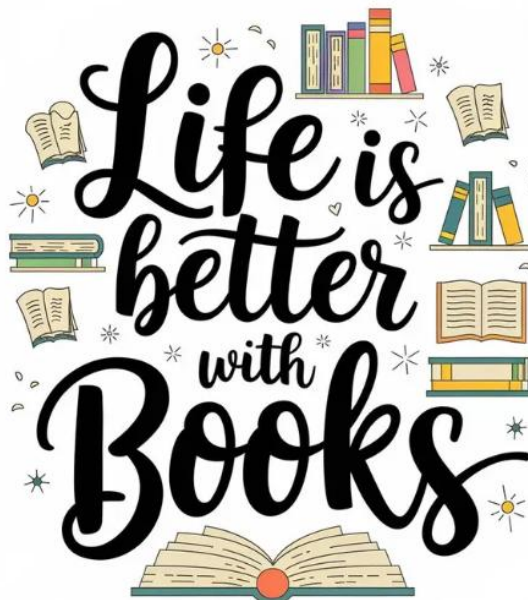
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Book Fayre 2026

Our Annual Scholastics Book Fayre will take place week commencing **16th March 2026**.

Each child will be given a £1 book token which they can use against any of the books on sale at the fayre; or they can be used at participating retail outlets. We will also be selling some stationery items (prices start from 50p).

The fayre will be from **Monday 16th March to Friday 20th March 2026** during the morning before class registration and after school each day. Further details to follow nearer the time.





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Colour Run

Celebrate the festival of Holi with us in a colourful fundraiser for all the family!

rotherhamhospice.org.uk/colour-run
or call 01709 966 000

3pm

£12 early bird

Phoenix Pavilion

Saturday 7th March 2026

Sponsored by
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“Togetherness Course”



**For Parents and Carers of
School-age children**

“Togetherness” – a course for parents and carers.

Understanding your child's behaviour



- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like to improve the way you and your child communicate to prevent conflict?
- Would you like a chance to talk about these issues with other parents or carers?

We are delivering a 10-week programme for parents and carers of school-age children who want to understand more about parenting, ages and stages of development and understanding children's behaviour.

It will include some peer discussion, information-sharing and things to try at home. We will explore subjects such as:

Communication

Behaviour

Parenting styles

Having fun with your children

The next session will be at:

**Brookfield Family Hub and Children's Centre,
Lime Grove,
Swinton.
S64 8TQ
Thursday 26th February, 2026
12.30 – 2.30pm**

This is for 10 weeks but sessions do not run through school holidays.

The programme is FREE and includes refreshments.

Please contact Family Help Workers, Judith Sanders 07824436573 or Amanda Shutt 07748143333 for a chat or more information.



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Printed copies are available from the school office. Entries can be handed into your child's class teacher or the school office. Good Luck!

**LIVING
STREETS**

LET'S
WALK TO
SCHOOL

Badge design competition 2026

WOW - the walk to school challenge

WALK the SENSES

WHAT SHOULD YOU DRAW?
What do you see, hear, smell, taste or feel as you walk or wheel to school? Have you spotted a fluffy cloud in the sky or a cute dog passing by? Maybe you like the sound of feet walking. Or do you like the smell of flowers or wild garlic on the journey to school? Maybe it's the taste of your favourite yummy snack or it could be feeling the rain on your skin.

EXAMPLES MAY INCLUDE:

- Seeing a tree, a rainbow or wildlife
- The sound of birds singing or people talking
- The smell of flowers or food from a shop
- Tasting your favourite snack on the journey to school
- Feeling sun or snow on your skin

WHATEVER WAKES UP YOUR SENSES, DRAW IT!

SUSTAINABILITY AND WOW BADGES

Our WOW badges are made in the UK from repurposed plastic material, including old fridge trays, plastic plates and off-cuts of yoghurt pot material. WOW badges can also be recycled. Find out more: livingstreets.org.uk/recycling

CLOSING DATE
TUESDAY 24 FEB 2026

PUPILS

Pupil name:

Age:

What did you draw? How does your picture use one of your senses?

TEACHERS

School email:

School name and address:

Local authority:



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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

JOIN THE GIANTS

Full contact and flag
american football in
Sheffield.

First sessions are free -
just bring a gum shield and
football boots or trainers.

// SAT 31 JAN
// SAT 7 FEB
// SAT 14 FEB
// SAT 21 FEB
// SAT 28 FEB

VENUE: SHEFFIELD PARK ACADEMY
BEAUMONT ROAD NORTH



#BEGIANT

ACADEMY@SHEFFIELDDGIANTS.COM

WWW.SHEFFIELDDGIANTS.COM

FLAG

12.00-13.30

AGES 7-17

CONTACT

13.30-14:00

AGES 13-19





At St Thomas, We Celebrate Everyone



At St Thomas, we are proud to be an inclusive school where every child is valued. We celebrate and understand both our similarities and our differences—because they make our community stronger.

We kindly ask parents and carers to support us by recognising the diverse needs of our children. Your empathy and understanding help us create a safe, respectful environment for all.

Together, we are role models of kindness, showing our children how to treat others with compassion and respect.

Thank you for being part of our caring school community.



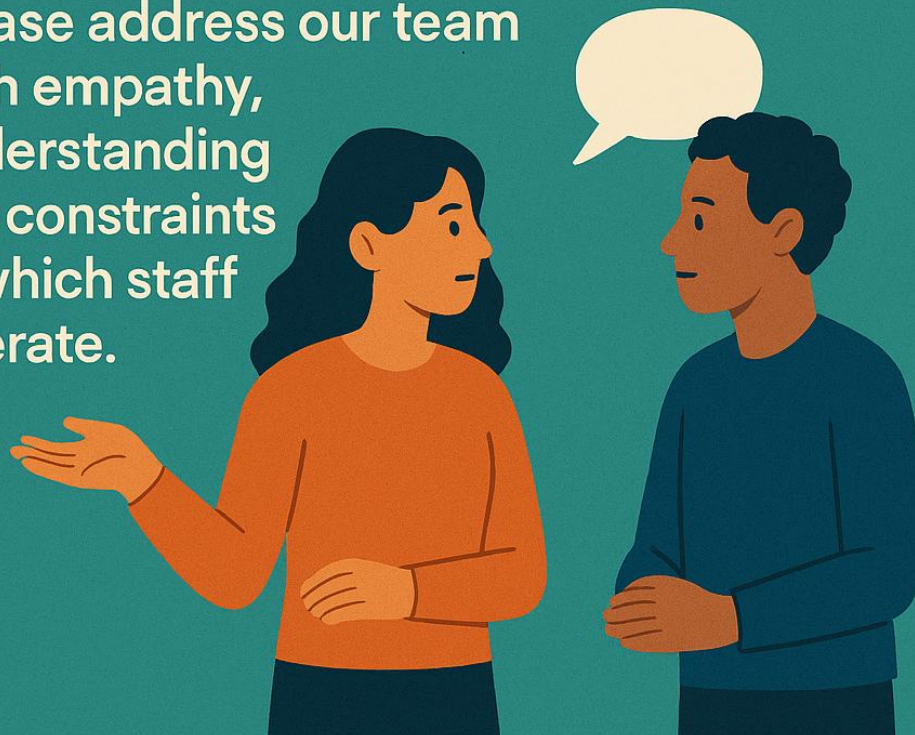


In our school, we use kind words and calm voices

Thank you for setting a great
example for our students.

If you have a concern, we want to help.

Please address our team
with empathy,
understanding
the constraints
in which staff
operate.





Did you know that pharmacies can now offer **clinical appointments** with medication available if required for four **clinical conditions** particularly relevant to **school age children**?



- ✓ Earache (Children aged 1-17)
- ✓ Sore throat (Over 5 years)
- ✓ Infected insect bites (Over 1 years)
- ✓ Impetigo (Over 1 years)



THINK 'Pharmacy First'



GP practices are busy, and it can be difficult to get a same day GP appointment. When your child is off sick from school with any of the above conditions, by going straight to your local Lo's Pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained pharmacist, receive advice and even medication if needed. Meaning children could be on the road to recovery and back to school as soon as possible.

Walk in's welcome



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**Pops Outdoor Adventure Centre pick up children from St Thomas' daily.
If you are interested in your child attending, please get in touch with them.**

**Pops Ranger Kids is unique club for children looking for adventure.
What better way to end your School day by taking part in our After
School Adventure Club? Packed full of activities, games and bushcraft to
help you become an amazing outdoor adventurer!**

Every Day After School Until 6:00pm

Pops Outdoor Adventure Centre
– Rawmarsh

The Bowling Green Pavilion,
Rosehill Park, Rawmarsh,
Rotherham. S62 7FL

Rawmarsh: 01709 527023

info@popsoutdooradventure.co.uk