



Although it has been a short term it has been packed with activities beyond the classroom. Read on to find out more! I would like to take the time to wish all of our families a restful break and fingers crossed the sun will shine and we can all be outside reaping the benefits in the holidays!

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The Pride of Yorkshire




Our marvellous "Crofty the Cub" has been painted and safely delivered to be with the rest of the Pride. Crofty will soon be placed at Hallamshire Tennis club for the duration of the Cub Trail in the Summer months and we hope you can all visit. Every child and adult in school contributed to Crofty's design (based on the hills of Sheffield and close proximity to the Peak District) by adding their fingerprint- we hope you love Crofty as much as we do 😊

FODs Events

As always the FODs team are working tirelessly behind the scenes to do all they can to raise invaluable funds for both schools. Jen and Gemma are doing an incredible job of working with the team to make it even more focussed, efficient and streamlined. As always it is a huge team effort and parental and staff engagement is key- even if it is an hour helping clearing away at the summer fayre. Attendance at meetings isn't essential and both schools would like to thank all parents who help out. At the juniors we were blown away by the number of helpers at the school discos for example. The next big event is the summer fayre- this is FODs' biggest fundraiser so please watch this space for ways to help- most importantly please pop the date on the calendar for **SATURDAY 27TH JUNE.**



<p><u>Transition and Class Mixing Information</u></p> <p>We wanted to give parents and carers an early update regarding class organisation and transition planning for next year. As part of this, there will be some mixing of Year 3 and Year 4 classes. We know many families appreciate having a heads-up in advance, and we hope this early communication is helpful. There will be a letter early June outlining the process and more information. There is a class mixing policy on the school website if parents wish to read more information.</p> <p>Year 5 classes will remain as they are, as the children are well settled, ready for their final year with us in Y6.</p> <p>There will be plenty of opportunities to support children with transition activities in school, and we will share more detailed information next half term, including how classes will be organised and the steps we will take to help all children feel confident and prepared for the new academic year.</p>	<p>24, 25/6 - Y6 Silverdale Transition Day 26/6 - Half of Y4 visit Hindu Mandir 27/6 – FODs Summer Fayre 30/6 to 3/7 - Y6 Stratford Visit 6/7 -Summer Music Concert 7 & 8/7 Y6 performances 8/7 -Half of Y5 visit Mosque 10/7 -Y3 Charity Afternoon 13/7 – Half of Y5 visit Mosque (Provisional) 15/7 – Open Evening 17/7 – Dress Down Day</p>
<p><u>Adults and Mobile Phone Usage</u></p> <p>We have noticed that many parents are still using their mobile phones on the school site, often as they are leaving the premises after drop off and whilst waiting for children at pick up. This is a polite reminder that we are a mobile free school for all pupils and parents and we would really appreciate your commitment to this.</p>	<p><u>Governors and Academy Update</u></p> <p>Due to delays within the process of conversion we are yet to join Inova Multi- Academy Trust. At the moment the date has been set for the 1st July, however this may change. In the meantime, our local governing body continues to work and function effectively and it will not be hugely affected by the transition.</p>
<p><u>Y3J assembly</u></p> <p>A huge well done to Miss Jackson’s class for their fantastic class assembly. It was a real delight to see how much the children’s confidence has grown, with everyone speaking clearly and performing so proudly in front of an audience. We were especially impressed by the range of learning the children showcased and the creative way in they did this. Above all, the assembly was a wonderful reminder of what a kind, talented and hardworking group of students they are. Thank you too for so many parents, carers, grannies, grandads coming to watch- children loved having you there. We are so proud- well done 😊</p>	
<p><u>Y6 Assist Charity Work</u></p> <p>Y6 have been working closely with ASSIST Sheffield this year - a charity that works with people who are seeking sanctuary and who have been refused asylum by providing accommodation, information and other support. They came in to speak to Y6 about the work they do and the links between real life asylum seekers/refugees. Links were also made to the characters in The Arrival</p>	<p><u>Y5 Charity Fayre</u> On the first week back, Year 5 hosted their Charity Fayre! There were some fantastic stalls with a wide range of games and prizes for all the year groups to enjoy. In response to Year 5's outstanding enthusiasm and careful planning, they managed to raise £543 for charity. Well done Year 5!</p> 

by Shaun Tan - the book Y6 were studying in English lessons. Later in the year, ASSIST came in for another visit, this time bringing two clients with them to talk to the children about their experiences. The children were able to listen to their stories, ask questions and empathise with them, leading to a greater understanding of what it is like to be a refugee or asylum seeker and the problems that they face. This will all lead into World Refugee Day on 20th June where the whole school will participate in an assembly and activities to raise awareness.

Y4 Foodbank Charity Link

Our year 4 children will have another foodbank fundraising event next half term, however we wanted to give an extra special shout out to Hannah C in Y4H who raised £63 for the S6 Foodbank from a bake sale. The Foodbank were delighted with this extra contribution and we are very grateful and proud of Hannah for showing such excellent initiative!



Parking Reminders

Thank you to the parents who continue to report unsafe parking around the school area. Our office team do continue to pass on the concerns to the parking enforcement team at the council, however we feel that direct communication from parents would have even greater impact. Please continue to raise concerns with us but taking the time to email the council too could have even more impact:

parkingenforcement@sheffield.gov.uk

Y3 Outdoor Learning Day

This half term the year 3 pupils took part in an outdoor learning day. The focus of the day was to give children the opportunity to problem solve, be creative and get outdoors. For the morning sessions the classes were mixed and they took part in strategy games, toasting marshmallows on a campfire, planting pea seeds and creating artwork from natural resources. In the afternoon, we went on a walk to Ecclesall woods where the children identified UK trees and created a mini city out of sticks and leaves. Thank you so much to all the parent helpers. It was a really successful and fun day.



Active Travel Update - We're pleased to share that active travel remains a strong focus across school this term, with an impressive **96% of journeys** now active. The most popular choice is **walking or wheeling**, accounting for **59%**, while **Park and Stride** continues to support many families at **29%**. A smaller number of our children are choosing **scooters or skates (4%)** and **cycling (3%)**, with just **4%** of journeys recorded as non-active. We will continue to encourage all children to travel actively wherever possible—every journey really does make a difference!

Year 5 & 6 'Play in a Day'

Our recent "Play in a Day" was a huge success, as children took on the challenge of learning and performing Romeo and Juliet in just one day! The children worked in different groups, with each group learning a different act of the play. Throughout the day, they showed fantastic determination, teamwork, and enthusiasm while also creating props and costume pieces to bring the performance to life. At the end of the day, the children proudly performed to parents. The final performance was brilliant, and everyone had great fun taking part in this exciting experience!

Smartphone Free Childhood

The Smartphone Free Childhood team have organised a panel event aimed at both parents and professionals on June 11th at Ecclesall All Saints, 7.30-9pm. It has a great panel, including Olivia Blake MP, Jim Smith from Silverdale, a CAMHS psychiatrist, a police inspector, an online safety consultant and a local parent/teenager. The event requires a ticket but they are free- use the QR code on the flyer opposite or the link below. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1987914262071>

Let's reclaim childhood!
Convened by Olivia Blake MP

Come to an evening of talks and discussion about the impact of smartphones on childhood. Expect open, non-judgemental conversation.

Hear from professionals representing education (Silverdale Headteacher), psychiatry, safeguarding, and policing, and from a local teenager & parent.

A discussion and Q&A will follow the presentations.

Understand the latest evidence and how we can work together to support our children.

When
Thursday 11th June
19:30-21:00

Where
All Saints Church :
Ecclesall
Ringingbush Road, S11 7PP

Reserve your seat by scanning the code or visiting:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1987914262071>

Tickets are free but space is limited.
Any questions:
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Y5 St Luke's

Year 5 recently raised nearly £300 for their latest fundraiser in support of St Luke's Hospice. The children also took part in a fascinating assembly where they learned about the wide range of careers involved in running the hospice — from the CEO to chefs, nurses, fundraisers and many more.

It was a fantastic opportunity *to understand how many different people work together to support the local community.*

Attendance

School's attendance target is 98%
Currently school is at 97.38%.

We are very close to achieving our target, and your continued support makes a real difference. By ensuring children attend school every day and arrive on time, we can work together to finish the year strongly.

We would also like to remind families that any requests for term-time leave must be submitted at least 20 school days before the first day of the proposed absence. In line with Department for Education guidance, schools are unable to authorise requests submitted retrospectively.

Year 6 SATS

We are so incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils who recently completed their SATs with great success, demonstrating their hard work and determination. We were blown away by their effort, positive attitude and incredible work ethic. A huge thank you to the many parents and carers who volunteered their time and support throughout the week — your help made a huge difference. Congratulations to all Year 6 pupils on completing this milestone!

Y3F Broomcroft Visit

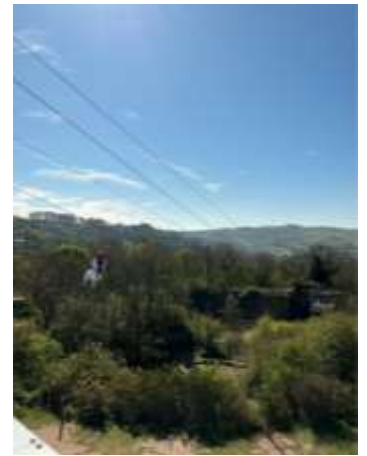
Y3F have now completed their three visits to Broomcroft House Care Home this year. It has been wonderful to witness the developing relationships and the confidence of the children grow over the course of this time. Our final visit focussed on building relationships and showing appreciation. Since the children had already met most of the residents, it was a great opportunity to share something more personal. Before we went, the children made entertaining and creative storyboards and shared these with the residents once we arrived. It was a joy to

stand back and reflect on how their social skills had developed in this environment, and Mr Frampton was proud to see respect and kindness being presented at all times. Towards the end, some children also chose to stand at the front and perform a song – something which was greatly appreciated by the residents! Thank you again to all the volunteers that came with us – Your help is always much appreciated.



Y4 at Mount Cook

In April, the Y4 children attended their two-night residential stay at Mount Cook near Matlock. They enjoyed lots of outdoor activities such as land karts, archery, orienteering, bushcraft and of course the infamous zipwire. As well as this, there were evening activities and plenty of time to play outside with their friends - we were very lucky with the weather! Lots of children said their favourite part was the food - and we certainly had some healthy appetites. The children were a pleasure to take away and all came home happy and tired.



Exciting Assemblies This Term!

This term, we've had some fantastic assemblies that have helped us learn about different topics and celebrate special occasions.

Romy Heritage-Willis came to talk to us about the Lion Cub we decorated for the Pride of Yorkshire trail this summer. The Lion Cub will be part of a charity event to raise money for Sheffield Children's Hospital, and Romy shared how our creativity can make a difference!

We also celebrated important cultural events with assemblies about Vaisakhi and Vesek, helping us understand and appreciate different traditions.

In our termly Online Safeguarding assembly, we learned about how AI works—explaining that computers solve tasks for us, rather than being thinking, caring humans who can provide emotional support.

Visitors from St Luke's Hospice came to share how they support vulnerable members of our community. Our Year 5 pupils have been fundraising for this charity, showing how we can all help others.

During Mental Health Awareness Week, we focused on small, daily steps and community kindness, which can really boost our wellbeing and happiness.

We also enjoyed an outdoor assembly with Lucy Ray, Dylan's mum, who shared her career in photography. We saw her amazing underwater pictures, drone photos from high in the sky, and learned about her upcoming art exhibition and competition. If you'd like to find out how to enter, visit: Starfish Photo Art Exhibition.

If you would like to share your career, hobby or faith with our school community, please do get in contact!

Y5 Outdoors Day

Year 5 had a fantastic outdoor and adventurous trip to Thornbridge Outdoors, and it was wonderful that all of our children signed up to take part. We had a great day filled with exciting challenges, with the children conquering the sky ropes, scaling the cargo net and completing the Thornbridge Challenge. This activity required teamwork, collaboration, problem-solving and careful decision-making, and the children rose to the occasion brilliantly. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, resilience and support for one another throughout the day. What a memorable way to round off a busy half term in Year 5.



BBC Radio 4 Any Questions? at Sheffield Girls' High School

Sheffield Girls' High School will be hosting BBC Radio 4's *Any Questions?* later this term and are inviting DJS parents to attend.

- Date: Friday 26th June 2026
- Time: Doors open at 18:30, programme live from 20:00-21:00
- *Any Questions?* is one of the BBC's flagship current affairs programmes, bringing together prominent political and public figures for live debate and audience questions on the issues shaping the national agenda.



The school are proud to have been invited to host such a prestigious programme and to play a part in encouraging public discussion, political engagement and informed debate across the region.

They would be delighted to welcome **colleagues, parents, sixth form students and members of the wider community to attend.**

Tickets are limited and must be reserved in advance.

[Complete your booking online here.](#)