

WALES PRIMARY

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July 2026



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Our final newsletter of the year!

As 2025—2026 comes to a close we have some lovely memories from this year—especially our 150 year celebrations. In our transition week next week each class are learning about a different decade. We hope to plan more celebrations before 2026 is over.

I would like to say thank you, a huge well done and goodbye to our amazing Y6's of 2026. They have been a fantastic class and we have thoroughly enjoyed having them all for the last 7 years. They will all most certainly be missed.

Another person who will be missed by us all is Miss Emerton. We are thrilled for her to be taking up post in Dubai and the children and staff there are very lucky to be gaining such an amazing teacher. Miss Emerton is a huge loss to the staff, children and families of Wales and we are very lucky that she spent the first 3 years of her career with us.

Thank you for all your continued support and take care over the summer,
Mrs McDonald



Attendance award Congratulations to...

29th June to 3rd July — Y1 98.4%

6th to 10th July — FS2 99.6%

DATES FOR THE DIARY

July

W/C Monday 13th—
Transition into new
year group

Wednesday 15th -
Meet the teacher
2:45pm in your child's
new classroom

Friday 17th—Toy day
Last day of term

Please see the end
of the newsletter for
a bank of fantastic
summer events
coming up in the
community .



Reading Champions!

Congratulations to all those children who reached their 30 weeks of reading certificate this term.

You are all reading... in the army of readers.

Well done to all those who have worked hard on the reading all year. And if you love reading...

don't forget the Kiveton Library Summer reading challenge this year. We look forward to seeing who took part in the Autumn term.

“The school is our children; our children make the school”



Hakuna Matata, What a wonderful phrase!

Well our children certainly didn't have any worries during their fantastic performance of The Lion King. We are thrilled with the hard work put in by all children and staff involved in the production. It was a joy to watch and another wonderful memory made for some of our children here at Wales Primary. They should all be very proud of themselves and use this experience as a positive step forward in building their resilient, confident characters.

A special thanks goes out to Mrs Lax and Mrs Long-Melton for co-ordinating the rehearsals and performances.

Year 2 Giving Back

It was Year 2's turn to litter pick in the school grounds this half term. Fortunately there wasn't much to pick up so that hopefully means people are being much better at discarding their rubbish now. We talked to the children about how rubbish carries in the wind and can get trapped in the trees and plants polluting the environment. We also discussed how rubbish even from here can get into our oceans by travelling along the waterways.



Summer Discovery Days at Skills Street – on site at Gulliver's Valley Theme Park, Sheffield, S26 5QW

Join us this summer for our Summer Discovery Days, brought to you in partnership by [Skills Street](#) and [The Work-wise Foundation](#).

Designed for curious minds and adventurous families, our Summer Discovery Days offer a unique pick-and-mix experience, allowing you to choose the activities that interest you most. Book as many or as few experiences as you like and **create your own day of hands-on fun!**

Event Dates:

- Tuesday 11 August - Open to primary age students
- Thursday 13 August - Open to secondary age students (including a career focus)
- Tuesday 25 August - Open to primary age students
- Thursday 27 August - Open to secondary age students (including a career focus)

*Skills Street Opening Hours: 9:30am – 3:00pm

Choose Your Experiences:

*** Desktop Flight Simulators**

Take to the skies in our realistic flight simulators and experience what it's like to be a pilot.

- Minimum age: 8 years
- £10 per child
- 45-minute sessions
- Available at: 9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:00pm and 2:00pm

*** STEM Flight Activities**

Get hands-on with exciting aviation-inspired STEM challenges including launching rockets, making parachutes, designing paper aeroplanes and flying drones.

- £7.50 per child
- 45-minute sessions
- Available at: 9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:00pm and 2:00pm

*** Cabin Crew Experience**

Step into the role of cabin crew and discover the skills needed to look after passengers.

- £2.50 per child
- 45-minute sessions
- One parent may accompany one child
- Available at: 9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:00pm and 2:00pm

*** Arts & Crafts - reduce, reuse, recycle**

Get creative with recycled-material crafts, friendship bracelets, pasta necklaces and plenty more fun activities.

- £5 per child
- 45-minute sessions
- Available at: 9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:00pm and 2:00pm

- **Construction Zone**

Explore construction through interactive challenges including water wheels, water filters, KNeX bridge building and our interactive sandpit.

- £5 per child
- 45-minute sessions
- Available at: 9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:00pm and 2:00pm

Good to Know...

- Adults attend FREE with all activities.
- Activities can be booked individually, so you can build your own perfect day.
- Places are limited for each session, so early booking is recommended.
- An adult must accompany children at all times

Come along and discover, create, build and explore with us this summer at Skills Street!



Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.



From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

The public are ready to get behind the scheme and are keen to take advantage of the discounts available. As trusted pillars of their communities, schools play a vital role in connecting families with important information.

We need you to help spread the word. So please share details of the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme through your newsletters, school apps, and other communications to parents and carers, so that the families in your school community know about the experiences they can enjoy this summer for less.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free childcare, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life. As part of this campaign, we have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

The children had an amazing morning watching the England game against Mexico on Monday morning. One of our more unconventional memory making events!

The children cheered the team on

and celebrated our successes.

Come on England! Bring it home!



LIFEWISE OPEN DAY

Thursday 6 August 2026
10am – 3pm

Featuring emergency services vehicles, uniform try on, fingerprinting, crafting, partner agencies and much more.

Quiet time 10.00am – 10.30am
Free activities* and entry
J1 M18 or X1 bus route.

*For some partner activities, charges will apply.

Lifewise Centre
Kea Park Close
Hellaby, Rotherham
S66 8LB



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YOUR TICKET TO...
Summer Reading Challenge 2026

READ to the BEAT

Join FREE at your
library and earn
rewards for reading!



Don't miss out!
Sign up at

Kiveton Park Library
&

Neighbourhood Hub

Wales Road, S26 6RB

from

Saturday July 4th
2026

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THE
READING
AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

Rotherham
Metropolitan
Borough Council

Kiveton Park Library & Neighbourhood Hub

Mini Melodies

Join us for a mini melody session
full of music-making, live music
and creative movement

Friday 14th August
2.15pm-3.00pm
Ages 0-5
Free to attend

www.rotherham.gov.uk/libraries



Summer Edition

Kids Activity
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Packed full of family
friendly fun activities
and challenges for
everyone!



Trans Pennine Trail

www.transpenninetrail.org.uk

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Summer Reading Challenge 2026

THE READING AGENCY

Summer Reading Challenge at Kiveton Park Library

Sign up from Saturday 4th July
Medal Ceremony on 10/09/2026
at 4pm.

Magna Celebration Sunday 11th
October 2026

LEGO available!

Craft activities
available
throughout the
summer hols

Treasure trails and
colouring sheets
also available

Contact us at
Kiveton Park Library & Neighbourhood Hub
email - kivetonpark.library@rotherham.gov.uk
tel. 01909 771823

It's all about reading & music this summer!

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Craft Activities

Thursday 23rd July @ 10:30 - Create your own Groovy Guitar.

Booking Essential! Suitable for age 5+

Thursday 30th July @ 10:30 - Make a musical shaker.

Booking Essential! Suitable for age 5+

Thursday 06th August @ 14.30 - Design your own boombox.

Booking Essential! Suitable for ages 5+

Thursday 13th August @ 10.30- Tambourine Tunes. Booking

Essential! Suitable age 5+

Thursday 20th August 10.30- Musical Maracas. Booking

Essential! Suitable for age 5+

Thursday 27th August @ 10.30 - Jingle Rock, hand bells.

Booking Essential! Suitable for age 5+

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To take part in these activities children must be signed up to the Summer Reading Challenge

www.rotherham.gov.uk/libraries



THE READING AGENCY

Summer Reading Challenge

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Summer Fair

FREE entry

Rotherham Hospice Gardens

Saturday 8th August

Dogs welcome!

We're throwing open our doors and inviting the whole community in. Join us for a day of entertainment, fun, food, and fundraising!

rotherhamhospice.org.uk/summer-fair
or call 01709 966 000



Rotherham Hospice
Living Life's Wishes
Registered Charity No. 700356



JOIN THE GIRLS

SCHOOL YEARS
5, 6 & 7

A SUMMER OF SOMETHING NEW!

IS YOUR DAUGHTER GOING INTO YEAR 6 OR YEAR 7?

LOOKING FOR A FUN, ACTIVE, AND CONFIDENCE-BUILDING ACTIVITY THIS SUMMER?

DINNINGTON RUGBY CLUB IS WELCOMING NEW PLAYERS TO OUR THRIVING GIRLS' SECTION!

OUR SUMMER TRAINING SESSIONS BEGIN ON 24TH JUNE AT 6:30PM, WITH A FOCUS ON FUN AND FITNESS. IT'S THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR GIRLS WHO ARE NEW TO RUGBY TO TRY THE SPORT IN A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE, AND ENJOYABLE ENVIRONMENT.

COME ALONG, MEET THE TEAM, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND DISCOVER WHAT RUGBY IS ALL ABOUT. BEST OF ALL, TRAINING IS COMPLETELY FREE FOR YOUR FIRST 4 WEEKS.

FOR UNDER 12S, PLEASE CONTACT:

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