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## Weekly Newsletter: wb 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

### Parents' Evening

Remember it is Parents' Evening this week. There is still time to request an appointment if you haven't already – please click the link [here](#). Confirmation of exact times will be sent out early next week – so please keep an eye out for this if you have requested a slot.

### sQuid update

Following on from my previous correspondence about the fact that sQuid will soon be ceasing services, I can confirm that the Trust have secured the services of a new communication / payment provider. More information will be sent out very soon. Please look out for this and respond immediately so that we can get the new system up and running.

### World Book Day

Reminder: we will be celebrating 'World Book Day' on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March** instead of Thursday because we have so much happening on Thursday already. As we always say, children are welcome to wear a fancy-dress costume if they have one already – but please don't feel pressured into buying anything new. We would prefer children to come in warm, comfy clothes (many choose to wear their PJs) instead and spend any spare cash on a book or two! (Have you used your vouchers yet?).

### Family Hub Literacy Session

Parents of children in Nursery, Y1 and Y2 were sent some information about a FREE Family 'Stay & Play' Literacy session on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. This is being facilitated by Sheffield Family Hubs and promises to be a worthwhile event. If successful, we are planning to host similar events in the Summer term. Confirm your attendance [here](#) or ask us about it next week (Abbie from the Hub will be on hand during Parents' Evening to answer any questions you may have).

### Toilet Training Guidance

An important part of growing up is learning to use the toilet independently. Some children find this harder than others though and we do sympathise! The DfE have published some new guidance for schools on this but we thought it was useful for parents too... take a look [here](#)!

### Dr Bike & Learn to Ride

Dr Bike (Paula from Modeshift STARS) came in on Friday to complete safety checks on the bikes of any children who brought them to school. She was here a LONG time pumping up tyres, tightening breaks and more... If your child brought their bike, we hope they like their free snap band and remembered to show you their safety certificate. Paula will be in school next on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** to run her 'Learn to Ride' sessions (see separate letter about this!).

### Junior Bake Off

Does your child like baking? Applications for the latest series of Junior Bake Off (Channel 4) are now open to all pupils aged 9-15. Click [here](#) to find out more / apply.

### Steeldogs offer

Does your child like ice hockey? Local side Sheffield Steeldogs are offering FREE tickets for children if accompanied by an adult (with adult tickets priced at just £10 each). In order to access this offer, parents need to visit their website [here](#), create a free account and select which game/s they want to attend; forthcoming fixtures include games vs Telford (8/3/25, 7pm) and Swindon (23/3/25, 4pm).

*Mr Gaughan*

*Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.*



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** *Macie* (Ash); *Koby* (Ash); *Eliana, Oscar SF* (Rowan); *Lexi* (Sycamore); *Franklin* (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** *Liam* (Rowan)
- ★ **Gold:** *Harvey, Violet* (Ash); *Erin, George, Henry J* (Willow); *Eloise, Lily* (Sycamore); *William, Zachary, Lily P* (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** *Chance & Rickyle* (Seedlings); *Lucas & Arthur* (Saplings)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Overall attendance was only **92.1%** last week. *Oak* (KS2) did very well with **98.3%** but all the other classes were affected by illness...
- ★ **House Point winners:** It was a win for **Africa** last week - their first since November!
- ★ The Y3s who went to **AquaFest** on Tuesday showed a real growth mindset - racing against children who were, on average, 2 years older than them! Especially well done to *Josh & Skyla-Grey* for their enthusiasm & determination.
- ★ Meanwhile, everybody in **Sycamore** class was very well behaved during their trip to town alongside their peers from Porter Croft School (our Sheffield 'link' partner).
- ★ Finally, the **Y5/6 girls' football team** showed great team spirit and togetherness when they competed against other schools on Friday.



This week's birthdays:

*Isla* (10)

This week's '**School Standard**' is:  
Keep healthy

## What's Happening?

*Little Seedlings & Saplings* are making fairy wands in their forest schools' sessions.

*Ash* are exploring space-themed rhyming poetry in their English lessons.

*Willow* have finished their dance unit and have performed a whole-class dance. The next step is to do this in front of an audience!

Meanwhile, children from *Y1 and Y2* will be going to the EIS this week to take part in an athletics multi-sports festival alongside schools from across the city.

*The Learning Zoners* have been practising ball skills in their Special PE sessions.

*Rowan* will be learning all about tsunamis in Geography.

*Sycamore* have been learning how to calculate the perimeter of rectangles in Maths.

Still on the theme of Maths, *Oak* have been learning all about ratio and proportion.

Meanwhile, Cat (from 'Worry Warriors') will be in on Monday to host a special assembly about being a 'Worry Warrior!' (Our school standard is 'Keep Healthy' and this includes mental health too!

