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## Weekly Newsletter: 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025

*So we're into the last full week of the year... I can't believe how quickly it has gone! They say time flies when you're having fun don't they? Obviously we hope everyone has a fantastic summer break but we still have lots of things happening in school (see below).*

### What's on?

- 16/7: Nursery Graduation (11:15am) – Nursery parents / carers are welcome to come and watch
- 16/7 – 18/7: Y6 residential to Thornbridge
- 21/7: Trophy Assembly (2:30pm) – invite only (the parents / carers of the winners have already been notified)
- 22/7: Leavers' Assembly (2pm) – open to all Y6 parents / carers

### Inclusive Sports Award

As you may have seen on Facebook, we were delighted to be awarded the 'Inclusive Practice Award' at the **Sheffield Schools Get Active Awards** last week. This is in recognition of our commitment to ensuring all children get the opportunity to take part in school sports and activities; especially those with SEND. Well done to Mr Hartley, the IR team and everyone else who has contributed to this success – we are very proud.

### Dinners

After some issues with dinner ordering via Reach More; we have decided to use **Parent Pay** for this instead. Although this means you can no longer order dinners in advance, it does enable you to keep a tighter eye on what you are spending. Please accept our apologies for the confusion over the last few weeks. It would be much appreciated if you could clear your balance (for dinners taken) before we break up – please speak to the office if this is likely to cause you a problem. Thank you.

### Music lessons

At the end of our Summer Concert, you may remember Mrs Harrison saying that both Paul & Linda have some availability for new students. See attached flyer for information about Paul's guitar lessons or email Linda directly on [linda.doherty@hotmail.com](mailto:linda.doherty@hotmail.com) to enquire about piano, flute or clarinet lessons.

### Things to do

- If you are in receipt of Free School Meals, you should have received a **HAF (Holiday Activities with Food)** code; which can be used to secure a place at a number of activities over the summer break; including some 'Kids Love Yoga' sessions at Wharnccliffe Side. For the full list / more information, please visit [www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org](http://www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org).
- Sheffield Libraries are once again hosting their **Summer Reading Challenge**. Simply visit your local library or take a look [here](#) to find out how to enter. Reading is good for you (and FREE!) – so I hope we will get lots of award winners!
- The latest newsletter from **Sheffield Children's University** can be found [here](#). It contains details about a HUGE range of things to do; including retro game design, learning Spanish, being a butterfly detective, rock climbing and much more!

### Post-16 transport consultation

Although this is unlikely to affect many of you directly (yet), I feel it is important to share the following with you... Sheffield City Council provides home-to-school transport for pupils with SEND and they are proposing an increase to the parental contribution for **Post-16 students**. Before any decisions are made, they are consulting with parents / carers across the city. If you could like to find out more / have your say, please click [here](#).

*Mr Gaughan*

*Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.*



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Ari, Harvey R, Kyle (Ash); Tori, Leo C, Iris (Rowan); Ross, Ida (Sycamore); Freddie, Orla (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Theo R, Skyla-Grey (Rowan); Rory (Sycamore)
- ★ **Gold:** Ada (Ash); Matthew (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Rory & Amara (Seedlings); Esther & Willow (Saplings)
- ★ Everyone who went to Whirlow (Y2) was fabulous!
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was 97.5% last week and EVERY class got over 95%! The winners were Willow (KS1) with 98.1% and Rowan & Oak (KS2) who each achieved 98.9%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** In our 'rollover week', we had 3 teams get over 500 house points in total! The winning team was Oceania who managed to collect a whopping 579 points!
- ★ Thank you to our work experience students who have supported us this week (and last). It has been a pleasure to have you!



This week's birthdays:

Cooper (7), Theo R (10), Will HS (12)

This week's 'School Standard' is:  
Be positive

## What's Happening?

Little Seedlings are reading 'Fergus the Sea Dog' by Tony Maddox this week.

Parents are invited to come and see Saplings in their Nursery Graduation Ceremony at 11:15 on Wednesday morning.

Ash are looking forward to their seaside-themed day on Thursday!

Willow are finishing their work inspired by Kandinsky in Art.

KS2 children in The Learning Zone are finishing off their versions of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by Ronda and David Armitage.

Rowan used their powers of persuasion in letters / speeches to encourage Mr Gaughan to let them have a treat day!

Sycamore have been learning about water resistance & streamlining in Science.

In between rehearsing for their Leavers' Assembly, Oak class will be going on their residential trip to Thornbridge Outdoor Education Centre next week. They will have a fantastic time - look out for the photos! Meanwhile, in RSHE, they have been discussing the question: 'Does Social Media make you happy?'

