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Weekly Newsletter: wb 13th October 2025

Harvest & Halloween

- If you came to our **Harvest Festival** on Friday, we hope you enjoyed our performances. Thank you to everyone who made a donation towards **Stocksbridge Food Bank**. We collected a good amount in the end and they will be very grateful to receive it. Remember – if you ever need to access the foodbank, you can find out more here: <https://christchurchonline.org/community/stocksbridge-food-bank>
- FoWSS (Friends of Wharnc Cliffside) are this week running a **Halloween Costume Swap Shop**. This will be on the yard before and after school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

Miss Burgess & Miss Azevedo

After visiting us a few times recently, Miss Burgess will be returning from her maternity leave next week (Monday 20th October) – we are looking forward to welcoming her back... This of course means we will have to say goodbye to Miss Azevedo who has been teaching Rowan class. We thank Miss Azevedo for all her hard work during the past year and wish her all the best in the future.

Secondary applications

A reminder for our Y6 parents: the deadline for applying for your child's secondary place online is midday on **Tuesday 14th October**. If you haven't done this already, you can do it here: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/how-apply-school-sheffield/apply-secondary-school> (aper applications are still accepted up to 31st October). You should hear about which school your child has been allocated on the 1st March 2026.

New lunch menu

We have a new Autumn / Winter lunch menu starting straight after half-term (see attachment). Please note the dates: the first week back will actually be 'Week 3' on the menu (i.e. beef burger on day 1). This new menu will be uploaded to ReachMore and our website too in case you need to access it again in the future.

ReachMore / ParentPay

Speaking of ReachMore; have you started using it yet? If not, please get in touch and we will help you set it up (it is our main method of communication and therefore vital you have access to it (though it doesn't have to be both parents – that is down to personal choice). Equally, you need to access 'ParentPay' to pay for dinners, trips, clubs etc. Please see us if you need help with that too.

School photos

The children will be having their annual photos taken on **Wednesday 22nd October** (next week) so please ensure they are wearing the correct uniform! Further details about how to order etc. will be sent once we have received the proofs...

Nits

Although we haven't seen any in school, parents have reported nits in their child's hair recently. Please check your child's hair and follow the correct procedures if you do notice any.

Clubs & Activities

- Details about next half-term's **after-school clubs** will be sent out later this week – keep an eye out for them!
- The latest **Children's University** newsletter (full of activities to do during half-term) is available here: <https://www.hepp.ac.uk/sycu/latest/october-holiday-fun-sycu-activity-newsletter-is-here/>

WSDA meeting

There is a WSDA (Wharnc Cliffside Development Association) meeting on **Saturday 18th October**. This is at Brightholmlee Methodist Chapel and starts at 10am (with drinks / biscuits available from 9:30am). Come and see how their projects have developed, what they have planned next and how you can get involved...

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Ford, Matilda (Ash); Henry J, Jude, Xander (Willow); Erin, Koby, Caleb H, Liam (Rowan); Willow H, Jake, Joely (Sycamore); Leo W, Ida (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Ella (Ash); Poppy (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Chance & Rory (Seedlings); Kash & Hugo (Saplings)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was 95.4% overall last week (nearly 1% higher than the previous week!). The winning classes were Ash (KS1) with 95.0% and Oak (KS2) with 98.3%
- ★ **House Point winners:** Asia won the house point trophy for the first time since September.
- ★ The Y6 children who attended the 'Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Day' at SWFC on Friday were excellent ambassadors for our school. Especially well done to Charlie & Sienna who were selected by the organisers to win special medals for their contributions (these haven't been received yet).



This week's birthdays: Ari (7),
Abigail (10), Vaughn (7),
Savannah (9), Briar (7)

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Being healthy

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings are doing 'Helicopter Stories' this week.

Saplings are making apple crumble.

Ash will be doing a phonics assessment this week to check what they have learned. Meanwhile, Mrs Wellum is looking forward to welcoming Reception parents to her drop-in session on Thursday morning.

Willow are making their own story booklets this week.

KS2 children in The Learning Zone are writing their own versions of 'The 3 Billy Goats Gruff' story

Rowan are painting self-portraits in the style of French artist Paul Signac

Sycamore are learning all about Boudicca's Revolt in History.

Oak are learning all about the Battle of Britain in their WWII topic.

