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Weekly Newsletter: wb 1st September 2025

Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a fantastic break and the children are looking forward to the new school year. The teachers have all been busy getting their classrooms ready and they are looking forward to getting to know their new classes. As always, I will be on the yard before and after school most days to answer any queries you may have. Alternatively, feel free to email me on headteacher@wharnc Cliffside.sheffield.sch.uk

P.S. Thank you on behalf of all the staff for the wonderful cards and gifts we received in July... You really don't have to do that – but we do appreciate it!

After-School Clubs

A message was sent out about this during the holidays but there are still spaces on our after-school clubs for this half-term. All clubs are available to book via ParentPay (except Foresteers which is booked through them directly – see attached flyer). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Monday: Art Club* (Y1 - Y6) & KS1 Football (Y1 - Y2)

Tuesday: KS2 Rugby (Y3 - Y6)

Wednesday: Yoga (Y1 - Y6) & Foresteers** (Y1 - Y6)

Friday: Multiskills (Y1 - Y6)

*With local artist, Lindy from Child's Play Crafts (see attached flyer)

Dates

See attached calendar for our provisional dates for the year ahead (this will also be available to view on our website should you need it). More details about specific events will of course be sent out closer to the time. The first one to be aware of is our forthcoming Autumn Fayre on **Saturday 27th September**. Huge thanks to the PTA, 'Friends of Wharnc Cliffside School' (FoWSS) for organising this. If you would like to help, or find out more about the work they do, please email friends@wharnc Cliffside.sheffield.sch.uk.

Chair of governors

In case you missed this announcement, I'd just like to mention that Mr David Chinchin is our new Chair of Governors; taking over from Mrs Sue Brookes. Mrs Brookes has been Chair for many years and we thank her for all her hard work; she is not stepping down completely though so we will still see her from time to time. If you need to contact Mr Chinchin for any reason, his email address is chair@wharnc Cliffside.sheffield.sch.uk.

Moving on to Secondary School

We hope all last year's Y6 children make a positive start to life at secondary school. We are sure they will – they were a brilliant group and we will miss them dearly... Meanwhile, if your child has just moved into Y6, the deadline for applying for secondary schools (starting September '26) is approaching fast (14th October for online applications and 31st October for paper applications). If you are unsure where to go, I would definitely recommend visiting their open days. Bradfield's is on the 24th September (4 – 7pm) and Stocksbridge's is on the 25th September (3:15 – 7pm). The full list for all Sheffield schools is [here](#) and more information is available from the schools themselves.

Eco-Newsletter

We're excited to share with you the first edition of the **Peak Edge Eco Newsletter**! It's packed with inspiring stories, student projects, and updates on our ongoing sustainability efforts across the Peak Edge community. You can view the newsletter [here](#). Thank you for supporting our journey towards a more sustainable future!

Maths

To enable us to meet the needs of all our children and cope with the demands of our mixed-aged classes, we are introducing a 'streaming' approach to delivering our KS2 Maths input. This was trialled successfully last year and is very similar to how we deliver phonics in the infants.

Bikeability

Y6 children will soon get the opportunity to take part in the 'Bikeability' cycling proficiency scheme. Please look out for more information on ReachMore and respond ASAP (there is a very tight deadline!).

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Trophies:** Well done to all the children who won one of our end-of-year trophies last year: [Cameron](#), [Brody](#), [Matilda](#), [Jude](#), [Lucy](#), [Millie-Mai](#), [Harriet](#), [Henry A](#), [Lexi G](#), [Lily P](#), [Zach](#), [Lunar](#), [Maddie B](#), [Savannah](#), [Hugo](#), [Josh G](#), [Fearne](#) and [Theo F](#). Well done also to everyone who was nominated for a trophy – this means you were noticed (keep up the good work).
- ★ **Attendance:** Last year, our overall attendance was a respectable **95.3%** (though I would like it to be even higher!). The best classes were [Willow](#) (KS1) with **95.9%** and [Oak](#) (KS2) with **96.7%**.
- ★ **House Points:** With an amazing total of 9292, **Africa** collected the most house points during last year (**Oceania** were 2nd and **Americas** were 3rd). All our new children have been placed in a house and teachers will tell them which (note: siblings are in the same house as each other).

This week's birthdays: [Annabelle](#) (4) & [Ruby](#) (9)

Happy belated birthday to all the children who celebrated during the

holidays: [Sienna](#) (10), [Koby](#) (7), [William](#) (11), [Kovie](#) (3), [Chance](#) (4),

[Astrid](#) (7), [Dakota](#) (8), [Albie-Grey](#) (4), [Matilda](#) (5), [Oscar](#) (10), [Cian](#) (5), [Kaiden](#) (7), [Darcy](#) (8), [Lunar](#) (11), [Kash](#) (3). *Apologies if I've missed anyone!*



This week's '[School Standard](#)' is: Be ready

What's Happening?

The first few days back are always about getting to know their new teacher / classmates and settling back into school. We do have a lot of learning to get through though and children in all classes will be making a start on their new topics...

[Little Seedlings](#) & [Saplings](#) will be learning all about Superheroes!

[Ash](#) & [Willow](#)'s topic is all about Polar Regions.

Children in [The Learning Zone](#) will be exploring a range of 'Traditional Tales'.

[Rowan](#)'s topic work will focus on the Ancient Egyptians.

Meanwhile, [Sycamore](#) will be learning all about The Romans.

Last but not least, [Oak](#)'s topic is all about World War II.

