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Harvest

Don't forget it is our **Harvest Festival at 2pm on Friday**. Parents / carers are welcome to come in and watch our performance (there are no tickets for this event – just turn up on the day!).

We are once again collecting for Stocksbridge Food Bank. Please send donations of 'non-perishable' food items or toiletries at any time during the week. Thank you to those of you who have already sent something in (though we usually collect a lot more than we have so far!)

HAF

The booking system for HAF (Holiday Activities with Food) for October half-term is now live. Children in receipt of (means-tested) Free School Meals can book activities such as skateboarding, creative arts, mixed martial arts, multisports and more. Spaces are limited; so go to www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org ASAP to find out more. Please note – a HAF code is generally required to make a booking; though they do have limited availability for non-FSM children (contact providers directly to find out more). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Wharcliffe Side Panto 2025 (message from WS Players)

Set sail for silliness! The Wharcliffe Side Players proudly present **Treasure Island**, a rollicking panto packed with peril, plot twists, and plenty of pirate nonsense!

The poster for 'Treasure Island' panto features a pirate ship, a skull and crossbones, and a treasure map. The text on the poster includes: 'THE WHARNCLIFFE SIDE PLAYERS', 'The Wharcliffe Side Panto 2025', 'Treasure Island', '21st 22nd 28th 29th November 2025', '7:00pm (Doors open 6:30pm)', 'Brightholmlee Methodist Church, Main Road, Wharcliffe Side', 'Tickets: Adults - £6 Under 16's - £4', 'Available from ticketsource.com/wharcliffesideplayers or 07936578310', and a QR code with the text 'Book your tickets scan here'.

When young Jim Hawkins is given a mysterious map, he's hurled into a high-stakes voyage full of secrets, surprises, and suspicious shipmates. Packed with quick-fire gags, heartfelt moments, song and laughter, this year's show is bursting with bravado, belly laughs, and buried treasure.

Whether you're a seasoned panto-goer or a first-time matey, **Treasure Island** promises a night of nautical nonsense and theatrical thrills for all ages. 21st, 22nd, 28th 29th November, 7pm Tickets are available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wharcliffesideplayers> or cash bookings are available. Call 07936 578310 or visit Brightholmlee Community Café on Wednesdays between 9:00am and 10:30am.

Correction

There was an error on last week's newsletter: it is Maggie Whitehead who would like donations of **empty jam jars** etc. rather than Kilner Kreations. Apologies for any confusion!

Phonics session

Mrs Wellum is running a live phonics lesson for new Reception parents / carers on **Thursday 16th October**. You are more than welcome to pop in and see what we do! (See separate letter for more information).

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Lexxi B, Leonidas (Ash); Arnie-Grey, Sienna B, Lucy (Willow); Maisie, Nayel, Oscar SF, Lacey (Rowan); Darcy, Holly, Skyla-Grey (Sycamore); Aaron, Eloise (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Ada, Cian (Ash)
- ★ **Gold:** Our first gold winner of the year was Lexi G (Oak). Well done Lexi!
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Theo & Felicity (Seedlings); Lucas & Dolly (Saplings)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was 94.5% last week. The best classes were Ash (KS1) with 99.2%* and Rowan (KS2) with 95.5%.
**Everybody was here every day but late marks do count against attendance!*
- ★ **House Point winners:** Americas won for the 3rd time since we came back!
- ★ **Our Y5/6 Sports Leaders** have been doing a fantastic job leading games on the yard (especially for the younger children). Thanks also to Theo R and Henry B for their conscientious litter picking!



This week's birthdays:
 Oscar B (5), Theo F (6),
 Albert (4), Rickyle (4)

This week's 'School Standard' is:
 Understanding feelings

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings are using 'The Colour of Love' as their new 'Story for Talking'.

Saplings will be learning to subitise (recognise the number of objects in a group without counting) - try it with them at home!

Ash have been exploring the properties of materials in their science lessons (particularly which materials are most absorbent).

Willow are using number lines to help them count in 10s.

KS1 children in The Learning Zone are making houses for the 3 little pigs using Weetabix and chocolate!

Rowan are studying the work of French impressionist Paul Signac in their art lessons.

Sycamore have been learning about the Jewish festivals of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in their RE lessons.

Y6s in Oak will be attending an Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Day at SWFC on Friday.

Meanwhile, everyone in school had a go at 'GoalBall' on Friday - look out for pictures on Facebook (coming soon!).

Finally, the School Council will be working with a representative from Sheffield City Council on Tuesday to look at clean air initiatives.

