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Weekly Newsletter: wb 8th September 2025

ParentPay

We have been alerted to a few issues with ParentPay (affecting paying for dinners etc.). This is because it is not syncing correctly with our operating system. We are not the only school affected by this but our technical experts are working on it behind the scenes. We are hopeful it will be fixed soon; apologies for any inconvenience caused in the meantime.

After-School Clubs

Reminder: all our after-school clubs start this week, except KS1 football which begins on Monday 15th September. These are still available to book via ParentPay (please let us know if you are having trouble with this!).

FIS

Life can be difficult sometimes and we are all too aware how quickly personal circumstances can change; there is no shame in asking for help when we need it. Sheffield's Family Intervention Service (FIS) is there to support families on a wide range of issues such as mental health, positive family relationships, financial security and keeping children safe. Engagement is entirely voluntary and handled with the strictest confidence. If you would like to discuss this further, contact me on headteacher@wharnc Cliffside.sheffield.sch.uk or take a look [here](#) for more information.

History Project

Are you interested in local history? Ian Lucraft (Brightholmlee Methodist Chapel) is hosting a new project with a FREE open day on Saturday 13th September (see attached flyer). He will be coming into tomorrow's assembly to speak to the children about this and Ms Greasley (our history leader) will be supporting the children who want to get involved.

Singing & Music

- Sheffield Youth Choirs are hosting FREE Come and Sing Rehearsals for young people to get involved in singing. They have choirs for all ages:
Junior Voices (Y2–Y5) – Mondays, 6:15–7:15pm at All Saints Catholic High School
Youth Voices (Y6–Y9) – Mondays, 7:30–8:30pm at All Saints Catholic High School
Concordia Voices (Y10+) – Mondays, 6:45–8:15pm at The Foundry Studios
Choirs sing a wide range of styles including pop, classical, musical theatre, and more. Concordia Voices will also be touring France in summer 2026.
Find out more: [Free Come & Sing Choir Rehearsals - Y2 to Y14 | Sheffield Music Hub](#)
- Free Music Taster Day – Saturday 11th October**
Hosted at Red Tape Central, this event offers free lessons and “Give it a Go” sessions on instruments including brass, woodwind, strings, samba, and choir. It's a great way for children to explore music in a fun and welcoming environment. Find out more here: [FREE Music Taster Day hosted by Sheffield Music Hub | Sheffield Music Hub](#)
- Meanwhile, we still offer a variety of (paid for) 1:1 music lessons within school (guitars with Paul, piano and more with Linda). Please get in touch with Mrs Harrison (charrison@wharnc Cliffside.sheffield.sch.uk) for more information.

Yorkshire Football Coaching

Yorkshire Football Coaching train at Firth Park Academy every Wednesday during term-time and they currently have spaces for new players (see attached flyer for more information).

Please note: all external links are offered in good faith and the school takes no responsibility for the quality of the provision.

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ Well done to our first **bronze** award winners of the new year: **Harvey R, Briar, Ari** (Willow); **Cameron, Willow G** (Rowan), **Oscar B, Leela B** (Oak). Reminder: a silver award is given for a child's 2nd certificate of the year (and gold for their 3rd) so we wouldn't expect any of those for a while! **Ash & Sycamore** classes were given whole-class certificates because the teachers couldn't decide!
- ★ All of our new children have settled in so well. This includes our new Reception cohort but also children in other year groups: **Vaughn, Vinny, Rocco, Thea** and **Jake**.
- ★ Well done to our latest **Children's University Award** winners: **Henry & Alfie J, Leo W** (bronze) and **Maddie B** (silver) - these were earned in July but only delivered to school this week!
- ★ Our new **School Council** (elected by peers) is **Henry A, Ada, Oscar B** (Ash); **Joseph, Lucy, Sienna B** (Willow); **Willow G, Cameron, Fearne** (Rowan); **Iris, Harriet, Darcy** (Sycamore); **Eloise, Charlie, Enes** (Oak). We'll be holding our first meeting soon!
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was **98.0%** overall last week. 3 classes (**Ash, Willow** and **Sycamore**) all got **100%**. Hopefully, we can keep this up!
- ★ **House Point winners:** **Americas** won the house point trophy last week (though the final totals did include some posted before we broke up!)



This week's birthdays:
Fearne (8), Erin (8)

This week's 'School Standard' is:

Work as a **TEAM**

Together, **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings will be clapping and stamping to music!

Saplings will be trying their hand at counting. Please practise this with them at home!

Ash will be starting their phonics lessons this week. Y1 children do the 'Phonics Screening Check' in June and we use the very well-established 'Little Wandle' scheme to help prepare them. We will be hosting an information workshop for parents soon - watch this space!

Willow are learning about the place value of 2-digit numbers. This is a vital piece of understanding which supports pretty much all learning in Maths!

KS2 children in **The Learning Zone** are planning what information is needed to complete their 'Meet the Zoners' display!

During their weekly sessions with Ms Greasley, **Rowan** are learning how to measure accurately in millimetres, centimetres and metres.

To start their new art unit, **Sycamore** have been looking at and discussing some pieces of art by David Hockney.

Oak are lucky to be working with coaches from Sheffield Eagles to help them prepare for their forthcoming tag rugby competition (more details to follow). Meanwhile, please remember to give consent for 'Bikeability' if you'd like your child to take part... Speak to Mr Gaughan if you have any questions!

