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Weekly Newsletter: wb 12th January 2026

Weather etc.

As you know, the weather caused us a few problems last week and we ended up opening late on Wednesday and Friday. In situations like this, we do try to open wherever possible and liaise with the Trust / SEND transport etc. when making a decision. Whatever decision is made, we aim to let parents / carers know via ReachMore – so it is essential you have access to this. Please get in touch if you do not have it and we will assist you in any way we can.

Linked to this, could we please ask parents to be mindful of their children's behaviour when on the yard before / after school (throwing ice / running & sliding about) – we want to avoid accidents wherever possible.

Meanwhile, you may have noticed an issue with the tarmac on the yard caused by the ice. We are aware that this is a trip hazard and will be getting it rectified as soon as possible.

Reception 2026 applications – final reminder!

If your child is due to start school in September 2026, you will need to apply by the **15th January 2026**. If you are yet to do this, you can do it online here: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/how-apply-school-sheffield/apply-reception>. If you have any questions (or would like to look around the school), feel free to get in touch via email on headteacher@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk. Please tell your friends too!

Dr. Bike & Learn to Ride

As part of our partnership with Modeshift STARS, we are offering the following FREE sessions this term:

- **Dr. Bike:** Our Active Travel Officer (Paula) will be in school on **Friday 12th February** to offer free health checks for bikes.
- **Learn to Ride:** Paula will be back on **Monday 9th March** to run 'Learn to Ride' sessions for any children who owns a bike but cannot ride it independently / confidently without stabilisers (perhaps they got it for Christmas?). This has always delivered fantastic results in the past and we run separate groups for older children to avoid embarrassment.

See attached letters for more information (paper copies available from reception if required). Please note that children will not be able to take part in 'Learn to Ride' if their bike is deemed unsafe (hence offering 'Dr Bike' first). Reminders about both will be sent out closer to the time and do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself (headteacher@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk) or Paula (paula@pwlcpj.com) if you have any questions.

Peak Edge Eco Newsletter

The first edition of the Peak Edge Eco Newsletter can be found [here](#). It's packed with inspiring stories, student projects, and updates on our ongoing sustainability efforts across the Peak Edge community (including an item about our new wellbeing gardens!).

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** William R, Frankie-Lola (Willow)
- ★ **Silver:** Elio, Albie-Grey (Ash); Kaiden, Oscar SF, Thea, Tommy M, Koby, Caleb (Rowan); Skyla-Grey, Josh (Sycamore); Kwontay, Poppy (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** Ellis (Ash); Macie (Willow); Caleb F (Sycamore), Leela (Oak)
- ★ Well done to Harrison for making such a positive start to life at Wharncliffe Side - and well done to his peers in Rowan class for making him feel so welcome!
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was 93.4% overall last week. The winning classes were Ash (KS1) with 93.8% and Oak (KS2) with 95.8%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** Americas won the house point trophy last week for the first time since the middle of October.



This week's birthdays:

Dante (4), Violet (6), William R (7)

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Good speaking & listening

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings are practising counting with their fingers this week.

Ash will be tasting smoothies in preparation for making their own.

Willow have been doing some winter paintings for an art competition. Good luck Willow!

KS1 children in The Learning Zone are starting a new book: 'One Winter's Day' by M. Christina Butler & Tina Macnaughton.

Rowan are learning about perimeter in Maths.

Sycamore are learning about Jewish laws; including what makes an item 'kosher'.

Oak are looking at using perspective in drawing; focusing on 'The Last Supper' by Leonardo da Vinci

Meanwhile, Rowan and Ash classes have started a new gymnastics unit with Coach Katie from LINKS. Later in the term, she will be working with Willow & Sycamore to help them prepare for 'MoveFest' (watch this space for further details!).

