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## Weekly Newsletter: wb 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Punctuality

We recognise that the snow and roadworks have had an impact on everyone's travel time. Nevertheless, we have had a bit of an issue with punctuality over the last few weeks (26 'late' marks across school during the 2-week period since we came back). Although some delays are unavoidable, this is a lot more than normal. Please remember that the bell goes at **8:45 each morning** to allow children to be in classrooms by 8:50am. Late arrivals disrupt learning and make things difficult for all involved (it also increases the risk of mistakes re. dinner orders etc.). Thank you!

### Reminder: 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 12<sup>th</sup> February** to offer free health checks for bikes.
- **Learn to Ride:** Paula will be back on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

Blank letters are available from reception! (Children or adults can collect these). Please email me if you have any questions: [headteacher@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> reminder: Family Communication Seminar

School is hosting a FREE '**Family Communication Seminar**' for Sheffield Parent Hub at 1:30pm on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January**. We have hosted this in the past and it is extremely useful for split parents in particular (though good communication is of course good for all of us!). Please see attached flyer for more information and book either through the link [here](#) or just let me know you wish to attend (using the email above). I will be there and refreshments will be provided!

### Bag 2 School

We raised £48 for school via the recent 'Bag 2 School' initiative (as well as helping you clear wardrobe space and get clothes to people in need). Well done and thank you to all involved!

### Holiday Activities with Food

Although half-term is still a few weeks away, we have been asked to share details of the forthcoming 'Ultimate Activity Camp' up at Stocksbridge Leisure Centre. This cost £20 per person, per day with FREE places for those on benefit-related free school meals. We are sending this early because places are limited and they can be booked up quickly... Please see the attached flyer for more information.

*Mr Gaughan*

*Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.*



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Xander, Lucy (Willow); Isla (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Teddy, Henry A (Ash); Mazikeen, Maddie B, Rocco (Rowan); Harriet, Hope, Polina, Iris (Sycamore); Ellie-Mai, Angus (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** Neo, Theo F (Ash); Arnie-Grey, Vaughn (Willow); George (Rowan); Willow H (Sycamore); Aaron, Eloise (Oak)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was 94.0% overall last week. The winning classes were Willow (KS1) with 100% (their 2<sup>nd</sup> of the year) and Sycamore (KS2) with 97.6%
- ★ **House Point winners:** Africa won the house point trophy last week for the first time since the week ending 21<sup>st</sup> November.



This week's birthdays:

Willow G (8), Elliana (10),  
Rory (11)

This week's 'School Standard' is:  
Have a growth mindset

## What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings are doing helicopter stories this week.

Ash will this week welcome Cliffe the Dragon back from his extended holiday (his return was delayed due to snow!). His cousin spent some time with Albie-Grey last week and Cliffe is looking forward to visiting someone else soon!

In their computing lessons, Willow have been introduced to the 'Chrome Music Lab' to start making their own music. They can even do this at home - visit

<https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com> to take a look!

KS2 children in The Learning Zone are writing sentences all about winter.

Rowan have been investigating friction in their science lessons.

Sycamore have been looking at the work of Paul Cézanne as part of their study of post-impressionism in Art.

Oak are starting long division this week. Meanwhile, they will be visiting Crucial Crew on Tuesday (see separate letter).

Finally, Reverend Deans will be joining us for assembly on Monday. Thank you Reverend Deans!

