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## Weekly Newsletter: wb 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

### INSET Day

Remember that Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June is an INSET Day (training day); so the children will be expected to return to school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. We break up for the summer holidays on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

### After-School Club

As previously advised, our brand-new after-school provision is now open for business. It is on every day until 6pm; with sessions costing £15\* each. There are 3 ways to book:

- \*If you are eligible for tax-free childcare, you can book ahead for the full half-term using the link [here](#). You will then be sent an invoice for the full amount (e.g. 10 sessions at £15 = £150). You can then log-in to your account and pay 80% of the bill, with the government paying the rest (so in this example, you'd save £30).
- Book which sessions you need, when you need them, via the ParentPay app (bookable up until midnight the night before).
- Ring up school on the day and be added to that evening's session manually (subject to availability).

If you need to contact the after-school club during operation hours (e.g. if you need to collect early), please use the new school mobile number: 07717823356.

### Summer term dates

As always, the Summer term is packed full of events, trips and more. You were sent a provisional list of dates way back in September and although we aren't expecting many changes, we will update this and resend it before the end of this week. Thank you for your support.

### Playsand recall

You may have seen an article in the news recently about types of 'playsand' containing small traces of asbestos (see article [here](#)). I can confirm that we have checked everything we have in school and there are no concerns; but we thought it may be worth sharing this information with parents in case you have any such kits at home (e.g. HobbyCraft Sand Art kits). The full list of recalled items can be found [here](#). It is worth a quick look at this list as there are more items than you might expect!

### Food Vouchers

I have been informed about an issue where some families on Free School Meals did not receive their food voucher codes for the May half-term. School do not usually have any involvement in this as the codes come directly from Sheffield City Council. We should be able to track down any unused codes though. Please let us know by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June if you would like us to do this for you. Alternatively, you can contact them directly on (0114) 2734567 (option 4, option 3). Please note that the Council have confirmed this was set to be the last set of vouchers and they will be looking at alternative methods of supporting families in the future.

### Trophies

If your child won one of our end-of-year trophies in Summer 2025, now is the time to return it please. This year's award ceremony is scheduled for July but we will need to get the trophies engraved with the names of this year's winners – so please return to school at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

*Mr Gaughan*

*Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.*



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Ella-Grace (Ash)
- ★ **Silver:** Anastasiia (Ash); Thomas P, Molly, Astrid, Willow G (Rowan); Willow H (Sycamore); Aaron, Hugo, Max (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** Ada (Ash); Kyle, Arnie-Grey, Vaughn (Willow); Brody (Sycamore); Rory (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Sylvia & Aya (Seedlings); Elena & Nova (Saplings)
- ★ **Everyone** in Sycamore Class for their fantastic performance at last week's 'MoveFest' at the Crucible!
- ★ Everyone who made an effort with the **Mayor's 'Walk & Wheel Challenge'** before half-term.
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was a disappointing 90.1% during the last week. The best classes were Ash (KS1) with 93.0% and Sycamore (KS2) with 93.1%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** Asia won the house point trophy in the last week; ending Africa's run of 3 straight wins.
- ★ Meanwhile, well done to Erin B who recently won 2 gold medals at the Sheffield Gymnastics Finals; before going on to claim a silver and a bronze at the Yorkshire Finals. We are very proud of you Erin!



This week's  
birthdays:  
Eser (8), D'low (10)

This week's 'School Standard' is:  
Look after the environment  
(5<sup>th</sup> June = World Environment Day)

## What's Happening?

Little Seedlings' new topic is 'Under the Sea' (and the seaside!).

Saplings' new topic is all about Earth.

Y1s in Ash Class will be having one last push on their phonics before they do the Phonics screening Check during the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Willow will be going on their residential trip to Whirlow Farm this week.

KS1 children in The Learning Zone will be starting their new book: 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers.

Rowan class are starting a new science topic all about light.

Sycamore will this week receive a special visit from teachers at Stocksbridge High School. They will be doing Science and Drama / PE lessons with them this time.

Meanwhile, the Y6s in Oak will be meeting staff from Bradfield School this week

