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Transfer to Reception 2026

It was 'National Offer Day' last Thursday – where parents found out which school their soon-to-be Reception-aged children will be attending in September. We are delighted that so many of our Nursery parents want to continue their journey with us and we will look forward to ensuring they all have a successful transition into school. Keep an eye out for more information coming soon!

Attendance

Our overall attendance for the year up to the end of the Spring term was a disappointing 93.9%. Although this is above the National Average; it falls some way short of our target of 95.7%. We recognise that some absences are unavoidable but please do everything you can to get your child into school as often as possible (e.g. by booking non-urgent appointments out of school hours). Good attendance is vital for children's learning, wellbeing and wider development whereas missing school has a clear impact on attainment; affecting progress, confidence and readiness to learn.

Well done to the 53 children who managed to get 98% or over during the Spring term (Christmas to Easter). This included 32 children who got 100% and certificates were given out during Friday's assembly.

Wraparound Provision

As you know, we are looking at introducing our own 'wraparound provision' (after-school club) very soon. Thank you to the parents / carers who have already responded to my survey [here](#). If you are yet to do this, there is still time... I anticipate being able to provide more detail about our plans very soon...

New Parent Governor?

Led by our Chair, Mr David Chinchin (chair@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk), we have an excellent team of governors and we are very grateful for the support they offer. However, we only have 2 parent governors at this moment in time. We would love some more parental representation on our governing board... If this is something you would like to consider, please get in touch with either myself or Mr Chinchin for more information.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming is part of the National Curriculum; it is a great form of exercise, fun and potentially life-saving. As you know, Rowan Class are going swimming every Tuesday at the moment and are making great progress. However, children always do better when they are already confident in the water. Swim Sheffield are currently offering FREE taster lessons to children all across the city (from babies to age 12). Find out more by visiting <https://www.swim.co.uk/centre/sheffield> or emailing sheffield@swim.co.uk.

Yoga

The latest 'Kids Love Yoga' newsletter, focusing on emotional vocabulary has been sent out alongside this newsletter. Thank you to all involved!

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Ford, Willow C (Ash); Briar (Willow); Astrid, Willow G (Rowan); Celeste (Sycamore)
- ★ **Silver:** Mila (Ash)
- ★ **Gold:** Harvey, Macie, Xander (Willow); Erica, Caleb (Rowan); Celeste*, Dakota, Joely (Sycamore); Rory (Oak)
**2 in a week (chosen by 2 different members of staff)*
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Dante, Sylvia (Seedlings); Lucas, Kash (Saplings)
- ★ **House Point winners:** Oceania won the house point trophy during the first week back.
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was an improved 95.9% overall last week. The winning classes were Ash (KS1) with 96.1% and Sycamore (KS2) with 97.7%.



There are no birthdays this week!

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Be inclusive

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings are going on a nature walk.

Saplings are matching amounts to numbers.

With the Y1 Phonics Screening Check fast approaching, Ash class are having a big push on phonics. Keep an eye out for a parents' information session coming soon!

Willow have learned the word 'algorithms' and have started doing simple programming in their computing lessons.

KS1 children in The Learning Zone have acted out 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy and will be writing their own versions next.

Rowan will be visiting Creswell Craggs this week.

Sycamore have been learning about the digital revolution and wearable technology in their DT lessons.

Meanwhile, Y4s in both classes are having a push on learning ALL their times tables (the 'Multiplication Tables Check' is coming soon!)

Finally, Oak have been using Micro:Bits in DT and have a 'Flag Football' competition against other schools soon.

