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## Weekly Newsletter: wb 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

### The link between attendance and attainment

Learn Sheffield is an organisation that supports school improvement in Sheffield schools. A report they produced earlier this year highlights the VERY CLEAR link between attendance and attainment across the city. An example of this is the fact that, on average, 85% of Y1 children passed the Phonics Screening Test if their attendance was 95%+. For those with attendance between 80 & 90%, the figure was just 57.3% (falling even lower when attendance dipped further). This pattern is true for other assessment points too, including getting GLD (a Good Level of Development) in EYFS and getting Age-Related Expectations in the Y6 SATs. See attached infographic for more detail.

### Sports Days

Don't forget it is Sports Day this week (weather permitting!). Nursery children will have their sports day on Wednesday morning (assisted by some of our willing and able Y5/6 children) whilst the whole-school one is Thursday morning. Parents are welcome to stay around and watch (we will be finished by 11am at the latest) and children (from Reception – Y6) are encouraged to wear the colours of their house team:

**Africa**

**Americas**

**Asia**

**Europe**

**Oceania**

### End-of year reports and follow-up parents' evening

Staff are currently busy writing, proof-reading and printing our end-of-year reports; which will be with you very soon (during the week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June). Our traditional follow-up parents' evening is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July (3:30pm – 5:30pm).

### PTA End-of-year Discos

Thank you to our PTA, Friends of Wharcliffe Side School, who have arranged two end-of-year discos for the children. These are set to take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 3:15pm (Rec – Y2) and 5pm (Y3 – 6) with tickets costing £3.50. A separate letter with more detail was sent out last week; but if you have any questions, please contact FoWSS on [friends@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:friends@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk).

### Free School Meals (FSM) and HAF activates

- As previously communicated, the government are changing the rules around free school meal eligibility. Since 2018, any child who became eligible for FSM was able to keep that entitlement; even if their family's circumstances changed. This is coming to an end and eligibility will now be checked each summer; meanwhile anyone receiving universal credit will automatically qualify for FSM. You do not need to do anything – you will be contacted if this affects you. See the attached letter for more information.
- Meanwhile, details about the Summer HAF programme are available at [www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org](http://www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org) (bookable from 26<sup>th</sup> June). We are delighted to inform you that SWFC will again be hosting their football camp at our school on selected dates (further details available soon!).

### Tennis

Stocksbridge Tennis Club are running some FREE Sunday 'Starter Sessions' for beginners. These start at 9am for children age 4+ and 10am for anyone aged 10+ (including adults). See the attached flyer for more information.

*Mr Gaughan*

*Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.*



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Joseph B, Alfie J, Felicity (Willow); Oliver R, Rocco (Rowan); Holly, Tori (Sycamore); Ellie-Mai, Rosie, Lily, Enes (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Willow W (Ash); Koby (Rowan); Eddie (Sycamore)
- ★ **Gold:** Caleb H (Rowan); Leo W (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Tommy & Aya (Seedlings); Dolly & Hudson (Saplings)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** At 93.3% overall, last week's attendance was again below our target. The best classes were Willow (KS2) with 92.5% and Rowan (KS2) with 95.7%. Well done Rowan but let's ALL aim for 95% next week!
- ★ **House Point winners:** It was another win for Asia last week. They seem to be sharing the trophy with Africa at the moment!
- ★ Well done to the ten Y5/6 children who attended last week's 'Peer Mediator Conference' at Sheffield Hallam University. You were excellent representatives of our school.
- ★ Well done also to everyone in Ash & Willow who behaved so well at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park - despite being exhausted due to the hot weather!



This week's birthdays:

Theo C (3), Elio (6), Henry A (7)

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

## What's Happening?

Little Seedlings are doing 'stories for talking' - Sharing a Shell by Julia Donaldson.

Saplings are exploring repeated patterns.

Ash will be writing recounts about their visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park.

Willow will be reading the story of St. George & the Dragon.

Children in The Learning Zone have been developing their fine motor skills by making planets using marbled paint and shaving foam!

Rowan have been discussing all the problems in the World and exploring what different religions say about what we can do.

Sycamore have been exploring 'twisted tales' in their English lessons - inspired by the work of Joseph Coelho.

The Y6s in Oak will be going on their residential trip to Thornbridge Outdoors this week. Have fun everyone!

