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## Weekly Newsletter: wb 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

### Calpol in School

In order to make things easier for parents / carers, we have changed our policy regarding the administration of Calpol (or other unnamed brand liquid paracetamol) in school. Rather than asking parents to provide a bottle for this, we will keep a supply in school and give this when required – as long as this has been pre-authorized beforehand. To do this, please go to the 'Forms' tab on ReachMore; read the additional information and answer the relevant questions. Equally, if you would prefer us NOT to do this, please choose the negative option on the form. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

P.S. If we currently have a bottle of Calpol in school with your child's name on it, please come and collect this from the office so we can create some more space in the cabinet (another benefit of doing it this way!).

### SEND Reviews

We will be holding our Spring SEND reviews from the week beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> March. If necessary, your child should have brought home a letter detailing the date and time of your appointment. Please return your 'Parental Advice Slip' ASAP to confirm whether or not you are able to attend this. If you did not receive this and need to know when your appointment is, please contact school or email me on [headteacher@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk). Please remember that we are NOT able to rearrange any appointments due to the huge number of meetings booked in.

### Let's Verbalise

We are very lucky to be working with the 'Let's Verbalise' Speech Therapy service after half-term. They are coming in to run a variety of interventions for us; suitable for children in all year groups. If your child has been selected to be part of a group, please return the consent form ASAP (thank you to those of you who have already done this). Spare copies of the form can be found in reception.

### Clubs

This half-term's clubs are now available to book on Parent Pay:

**Monday:** Art Club (Y1 – Y6); Football (Rec – Y2)

**Wednesday:** Yoga (Y1 – Y6)

**Thursday:** Warhammer (Y5 – Y6) with Mr Hartley

**Friday:** Dodgeball (Y3 – Y6)

All clubs are priced at a heavily-subsidised £3 per session (£15 for the half-term); except Warhammer which is £4 per session. Keep an eye out for Mr Gaughan's Chess Club which is coming soon!

### WhatsApp

It has come to our attention that children in upper KS2 may have been once again using WhatsApp inappropriately. If you allow your child to use social media, please please please check what they are doing! A handy parents' guide to WhatsApp can be found on our website: [www.wharcliffeside.org.uk/online-safety](http://www.wharcliffeside.org.uk/online-safety)

### Dates for the diary

- Children in Y6 should find out which **secondary school** they have been allocated on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- **Parents' Evening** will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. A separate letter will be sent out about this shortly.
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March is **World Book Day**
- **Learn to Ride** is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March
- **Decorated Eggs** in from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March
- **Egg Rolling** has been MOVED to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March (the final day of half-term)

*Mr Gaughan*

*Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.*



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Theo F, Neo (Ash)
- ★ **Silver:** William, Xander, Frankie-Lola (Willow); Lacey, Raydan (Rowan); Jake, Tori (Sycamore); Lexi G, Ameera, Millie-Mai (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** Lexxi B, Albie-Grey (Ash); Roscoe (Rowan); Harriet (Sycamore); Max, Charlie (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Sylvia & Rickyle (Seedlings); Ollie & Annabelle (Saplings)
- ★ Everybody in Rowan class for being so sensible during their first **swimming** lesson.
- ★ All the children who took part in our recent Gymnastics competition against other schools (Hugo, Henry B, Fearne, Ida, Abigail, Lily, Darcy, Astrid, Erin and Eloise). Special mention to the Y3/4 team who **WON** their competition!
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance during the last week was **94.2%** overall. The winning classes were Willow (KS1) with **98.1%** and Sycamore (KS2) with **97.7%**.
- ★ **House Point winners:** Africa won the house point trophy in the final week (their 2<sup>nd</sup> win of the half-term).
- ★ Good luck to all the children who got their entries to Mrs Coulson in time to be submitted for the **Sheffield Young Artist** competition!



This week's birthdays:

Ellie-Mai (11)

This week's 'School Standard' is:  
Be Kind (our **FIRST** rule!)

## What's Happening?

Little **Seedlings** are reading 'Where's Spot?' in their 'Stories for Talking' sessions.

**Saplings** will be experiencing a 'Beasties' animal encounter this week. Exciting!

**Ash** will be reading (and hopefully learning from) 'Oliver's Vegetables' by Vivian French.

**Willow** are starting to learn about hygiene and keeping healthy in their new science unit.

KS1 children in **The Learning Zone** will be finishing their own versions of 'One Winter's Day' by M. Christina Butler & Tina MacNaughton.

**Rowan** have been using 'Picture News' to keep up with current events and generate discussion.

**Sycamore** are starting a new DT unit - they will be adapting a simple bolognaise recipe to make it better! On Thursday, they are meeting up with their friends from Porter Croft School in a neutral location (as part of the well-established Sheffield Linking Project).

**Oak** have been describing the weather in their Spanish lessons.

**Meanwhile**, children from KS2 will be competing at AquaFest on Wednesday. Good luck to all!