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## Weekly Newsletter: wb 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

### Thank you

Thank you to William from 'Nest & Burrows UK' for his very generous donation of new bird boxes which will be appearing in our trees soon. Thanks also to Georgia Hall (Theo F's Mum) for facilitating this.

### Contacting school

- We have been made aware of an issue where emails from parents are finding their way into our junk mail folders for some reason. If you have recently contacted school and have not received a response in a timely manner, please let us know. Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience – we will try and get this rectified ASAP.
- Meanwhile, if you need to report your child's absence, please RING the school office rather than sending an email (a voicemail can be left at any time of day or night if nobody is there to pick up the call!).
- Finally, we recommend not using ReachMore to contact us. This is mainly a 'one way communication' tool and messages are not routinely checked. You are welcome to like / comment on newsfeed posts though (but be aware that everyone tagged in the post can see what you put!).

### Potty training

Did you know that last September, 1 in 4 children (Nationwide) started Reception not toilet trained? This can have a detrimental effect on children's confidence, independence and ability to settle into school life. To assist parents with potty training, a new government-backed guide is available to read / download here:

<https://startingreception.co.uk/potty-training>.

### Things to do

- The Children's University half-term newsletter is available to download [here](#). It contains information about a variety of activities; including dance camps, musical theatre workshops, Arts Academy, martial arts and much more!
- Sheffield Giants Academy (American Football) are on the lookout for new player (boys and girls, age 7+). See the attached flyer to find out more about how to get involved.
- Sheffield Hatters basketball team are giving away FREE tickets to their match against Essex Rebels on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February (7pm). To claim, go to <https://app.fanbaseclub.com/Fan/Tickets/SelectType?fixtureId=13532> and enter the code SCHOOLS (limited availability).

### Wynsors World of Shoes

If you need any new school shoes, it is worth a visit to Wynsor's World of Shoes on Infirmary Road ([www.wynsors.com](http://www.wynsors.com)). They have some very reasonably priced footwear for boys and girls of all ages (see attached brochure). Please note: this is shared in good faith and school is not making any money from this!

*Mr Gaughan*

*Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.*



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Sienna B, Henry J, Harvey R, Vaughn (Willow); Poppy (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Erica (Rowan); Penny, Celeste, Henry B (Sycamore); Max (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** Ella, Matilda (Ash); Willow G, Vinnie (Rowan); Holly (Sycamore); Angus (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Kaiden & Theo C (Seedlings); Elena & Rory (Saplings)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was 93.8% last week. The winning classes were the same as the previous week: Willow (KS1) with 98.8% and Sycamore (KS2) with 97.3%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** Asia beat Africa by just 2 house points to claim their first win since the week ending the 10<sup>th</sup> October. Well done Asia!
- ★ **Our KS2 basketball team** who performed very well in last week's inter-school competition: Angus, Max, Enes, Abigail, Ida, Lily, Willow, Evie & Josh



This week's birthdays:

Esther (4), William M (6),  
Aaron (11), Gray (9)

This week's 'School Standard' is:  
Talk about my feelings

## What's Happening?

Little Seedlings are doing helicopter stories this week.

Saplings are thinking about what they are good at

Ash are learning about Mary Seacole.

Willow are moving on to multiplication in Maths this week.

KS2 children in The Learning Zone enjoyed acting out their new story 'Lost and Found' and will planning writing their own versions of the story.

Rowan have been learning about rights, laws and democracy in their RSHE lessons.

After studying the work of Paul Cezanne, Sycamore are doing their own still life pieces of art.

Oak are doing BODMAS in Maths. Meanwhile, Hugo set a world record\* time of 44 seconds in Oak's 'Times Table Challenge' (answering 55 mixed questions from all tables). Do you think you can beat him?

Meanwhile, this week is 'National Storytelling Week' - what is YOUR favourite story?

\*Well, a Wharnccliffe Side record! 😊

