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Weekly Newsletter: wb 5th January 2026

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year (I still can't believe it is 2026!). On behalf of all the staff, I'd just like to thank you for all our cards & presents. As I have said previously, you really don't have to do that – but it is much appreciated!

I will continue to send this newsletter out on a weekly basis. I am always open to suggestions about the content; so please get in touch if there's something you'd like more information about. If you're wondering something, the chances are that other parents are too!

Thank you!

- As you may have seen on Facebook, **The Wharcliffe Arms** recently held a raffle to raise money for our school. I am delighted to reveal that they raised an amazing **£503** altogether – thank you so much to all involved. I will consult with the school council and we will let you know what we decide to spend it on...
- Meanwhile, we received news from the **Royal British Legion** that we raised **£91.55** through our Poppy Appeal (the overall district total was an impressive £18,768).

Reminders

- Please could we remind parents that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL? This is because we have children and staff with severe (airborne) nut allergies. This includes products containing nuts such as most brands of chocolate spread (e.g. NUTella!).
- Another reminder: Children should not be wearing jewellery for school except watches (not 'smart watches') and small stud earrings (which must be taken out for PE). Thank you.

Peak Edge

We are pleased to welcome Ecclesall Primary School to Peak Edge Academy Trust (they officially converted on January 1st). Our trust now consists of 12 high-performing primary schools across the city; with a further 3 set to join in the next few months. If you were with us at the time, you'll remember that there were only 6 schools originally – this growth is testament to our success over the years. For more information, visit www.peakedge.org.uk.

Clarification

Rowan class would like to clarify that Miss Burgess only works Monday – Thursday since her return from maternity leave (Ms Greasley is the teacher on a Friday). Apologies for any confusion on this matter.

Family Communication Seminar

School is hosting a FREE 'Family Communication Seminar' for Sheffield Parent Hub at 1:30pm on **Monday 26th January**. Please see attached flyer for more information and book either through the link [here](#) or just let me know you wish to attend. I will be there and refreshments will be provided!

Surveys

In order to give young people a chance to have their say about issues affecting them, the local authority sometimes create surveys for them to complete. There are two 'active' surveys at the moment: one about mental health [here](#) (for children aged 11+) and one about sun safety [here](#) (for secondary-aged children). Note: these surveys close at the end of January.

Hillsborough Hornets

Hillsborough Hornets disability football team are currently looking for new players for their U12's. We have had several children join them over the years and parents have always been really positive about what they offer. Take a look at the attached flyer for more information and / or contact them directly...

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Attendance:** Attendance was **92.4%** overall during the last week; with the winning classes being **Ash** (KS1) with **96.3%** and **Rowan** (KS2) with **92.1%**. Our attendance for the whole of the Autumn term (from September) was **94.5%**; with 19 children still on **100%** for the year-to-date. If your child's attendance was below **90%**, this is classed as 'persistent absence' and we are duty-bound to inform you in writing...
- ★ **House Points:** **Americas** won the house point trophy during the final week of term; giving them the overall victory for the Autumn term despite their previous win being before half-term. Well done **Americas** (and **Europe** who were 2nd).

This week's 'School Standard' is: Taking responsibility & being fair



This week's birthdays: **Evie** (10)

Correction: **Ross** recently celebrated his 10th birthday; not his 11th.

Sorry Ross!

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings are learning all about being healthy. Meanwhile, both **Ash** & **Willow** classes will be starting their new topics on 'Growing & Keeping Healthy'

The Learning Zone's new theme is all about 'Winter' (pretty apt with the cold weather approaching!).

Rowan will be learning all about the Stone Age.

Sycamore are starting a new narrative unit based on 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell.

Oak will be learning all about the story of 'Beowulf'.

