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## Weekly Newsletter: wb 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Dentists

Our school has recently been involved in the National Oral Health Survey of 5-year-old children. Only a small number of children were invited to take part but there are some key points that can help everyone:

- **Brush twice a day** using a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste
- **Supervise brushing** until your child is at least 7
- Choose **water or milk** instead of sugary drinks and keep **sweets / treats** to a minimum
- **Regular visits to the dentist** are very important and FREE for children.

If you do not have a family dentist, you can find your nearest NHS dentist here: <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist>

### Learn to Ride

Reminder: it is '**Learn to Ride**' on Monday with Paula from Modeshift STARS. This is aimed at children who own a bike but cannot yet ride it confidently without stabilisers and has been very successful in the past... Thank you to all who have requested a place – don't forget your bike (and helmet). There are still a few places available – sign up via ReachMore or by popping into the office on Monday morning.

### Our PTA – Friends of Wharcliffe Side School (FoWSS)

- Thank you to our PTA (FoWSS) for organising last week's '**Book Swap**' event in the run-up to World Book Day. It was very bust most days and it ensured lots of pre-loved books found their way into the hands of excited children (our 'School Standard' was 'Enjoy my reading' – the whole purpose of World Book Day).
- Their next venture is organising our forthcoming **Rainbow Raffle...** To help us create some fantastic colourful hampers, we will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. On this day, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform and bring in a donation in the colour of their class as per the attached letter. All donations will be combined to create bright and exciting family hampers, which will be raffled off as part of our Easter egg rolling!

### Parents' Information sessions

Last week's parents' evening was once again very well attended. Thank you for your support. Following that, we have organising the following information sessions for parents:

- **Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March:** Thornbridge & SATs Briefing for Y6 parents (5pm)
- **Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March:** Whirlow Residential Information Meeting for Y2 (5:30pm)
- **Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March:** Communication & Language Parents' Workshop for Reception / Y1 parents (in school time)

Separate letters about each have been (or will be) sent out. Please try to attend these sessions if they are relevant for your child and look out for more information sessions in the future.

### Shirley Lindley (1934 – 2026)

We were saddened to hear about the recent passing of much-loved former teacher (and more recently reading volunteer), Shirley Lindley. Anyone who remembers her would be welcome at the funeral (see details right from Look Local). Rest in peace Mrs Lindley.

**Shirley Rose  
LINDLEY**  
14.10.1934 - 28.01.2026



*Born, raised, married and lived life to the full in Stocksbridge.*

**Nursery and Infant School teacher at Pot House Infants and Wharcliffe Side Schools.**

*Now reunited with her soul mate husband, Euan Lindley. Celebrated 65 years of happy marriage with Euan with a card from the King and Queen on 17 October 2024.*

The Funeral Details are:  
*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026*  
11:30 Christchurch Service, Manchester Road, Stocksbridge  
13:00 Grenoside Crematorium North Chapel service

Contact: Heather Lindley email: [heather.lindley33@gmail.com](mailto:heather.lindley33@gmail.com) or via TW Birks Funeral Directors.

*Mr Gaughan*



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Ada (Ash); George (Rowan); Charlie (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Ella (Ash); Henry, Lucy, Jude (Willow); Leo C (Sycamore); Poppy (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** Teddy (Ash); Koby, Tommy M, Maddie B, Nayel (Rowan); Evie, Hope (Sycamore); Abigail (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Theo & Leo (Saplings)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was an improved 94.9% last week. The winning classes were Willow (KS1) with 97.5% and Sycamore (KS2) with 97.3%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** Africa won the house point trophy last week (thank you Theo & Tori for the count!)
- ★ Eloise, Polina, Abigail, Ida, Joely, Evie, Lily represented us very well at last week's diving competition at Ponds Forge.
- ★ Skyla, Lacie and Arnie for taking it upon themselves to do an impromptu litter pick around the village.



This week's birthdays:  
Raydan (9), Willow H (10)

This week's 'School Standard' is:  
Keep healthy

## What's Happening?

Little Seedlings are looking at different ways to play musical instruments.  
Saplings are doing 'helicopter stories' (if you don't know what these are, please ask!)

Ash have been learning about grouping data in their Computing sessions.  
Willow are focusing on drawing carefully in Art.

KS2 children in The Learning Zone are writing their own versions of 'Lost & Found' by Oliver Jeffers.

Rowan have started a new topic all about Ancient Greece.  
Sycamore are learning about solubility in science.

Oak have been planning and implementing tactics in their 'Flag Football' (American Football) sessions in PE.

Meanwhile, it is 'Science Day on Thursday (as part of British Science Week)