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Photo Consent

Thank you to all our new parents who have returned their photo permission forms. For existing parents, it might be a while since we checked permissions with you. Please update your preferences using the new form on ReachMore. Thank you!

Reception 2027 – arranging school visits

Last week I reminded Y6 parents about applying for secondary schools. For our Nursery parents, September 2027 may seem like a long way off – but applications are now open! (the deadline is not until the 15th January though). Visit Sheffield City Council's website [here](#) to learn more.

If your child attends our Nursery and you would like to arrange a visit to look at school, please do not hesitate to get in touch (my email address is headteacher@wharnciffeside.sheffield.sch.uk). Please tell your friends too!

Pre-loved uniform shop (message from our PTA, 'Friends of Wharnccliffe Side School')

Our pre-loved uniform shop is open on Monday 21st after morning drop off at 08:45. A huge thank you for all the donations to our uniform shop – it's feeling abundant at the moment! Donations of quality, clean uniform are still being accepted – please use the 'bin' in reception! If you can't come along Monday – let us know and we can arrange another time.

Sumdog Superstars

Our KS2 children have continued to impress with their engagement and determination on Sumdog. From this week onwards, I will be picking out some 'Sumdog Superstars' from each class and recognising them on this newsletter (see over). Children could be selected for a number of different reasons: their effort, accuracy, progress or more... To provide some context, [Fearn](#) has answered an amazing 1289 questions correctly at the time of writing and [Angus](#) has a 93% accuracy. Great work both!

Scholastic Book Fair

Following the huge success of last year's event, we have another Scholastic Book Fair in school for a week from Tuesday 22nd September. Parents, carers and children will be able to visit each day before and after school (starting Tuesday pm) and will be able to choose from a wide range of books at very reasonable prices. The more we sell, the more the school gets back in vouchers to get some free books for school. See separate letter about this for more information – along with details about a competition!



Worry Support Group

We all worry sometimes but it can be very hard for parents to know how to support children who are struggling with anxiety that interrupts everyday life and stops them from enjoying themselves. For this reason, our mental health support teacher, Jen, is running a worry support group for parents of children aged 5-12. This starts on Thursday 8th October but we would like people to sign up by this Thursday to secure their place. Please see attached flyer for more information and book by scanning the QR code (left).

Donations wanted

Our new after-school club has been a huge success so far and the children are loving it. To make it even more fun, we would appreciate donations of age-appropriate games, jigsaws of Lego. Thank you in advance!

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ This week's **Bronze** certificates: **Hugo, Spike** (Ash); **Cian, Matilda, Henry A** (Willow); **Vaughn, Briar, Caleb H** (Rowan); **Koby, Harrison, Dakota** (Sycamore); **Ross, Holly, Henry B** (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** **Pearl & Willow** (Seedlings); **Beau & Hudson** (Saplings)
- ★ **Sumdog Superstars:** **Henry J & George** (Rowan); **Fearne & Maddie B** (Sycamore); **Angus & Poppy** (Oak)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was **95.8%** overall last week. The winning classes were **Willow & Rowan** again (with **98.7%** and **97.5%** respectively)
- ★ **House Point winners:** **Americas** won the house point trophy this week with a phenomenal 302 points collected (equivalent to each member of the team getting 11 points each!).
- ★ Well done to all the Y6 children who completed their '**Bikeability**' course this week; especially **Abigail & Max** who REALLY impressed the instructors!



This week's birthdays:
Poppy & Brody (11)

This week's '**School Standard**' is:
Work as a **TEAM**
Together, **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings will be making hedgehogs in their Forest Schools session. Meanwhile, **Saplings** will be learning all boggarts! Children in **Ash** will be learning about their past and revisiting happy memories by looking at old photos of themselves. **Willow** are starting to look at traditional stories. KS2 children in **The Learning Zone** are learning about the legend of King Arthur. **Rowan** are looking at place value of numbers up to 100 (e.g. how many tens in 63? How many ones?) **Sycamore** have been learning how to flexibly partition numbers in Maths. **Oak** are learning about the role of women in WWII.

