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Weekly Newsletter: wb 19th October 2026

INSET & half-term

Please remember that children break up for half-term on THURSDAY this week because school is closed on Friday for an INSET Day. We return to school for the second part of the Autumn term on Monday 2nd November.

School Photos

We have professional photographers in school on Wednesday to take individual photos (and ones with siblings). We will organise this throughout the day and proofs will be sent home as soon as they are available (there is no obligation to buy of course). With this in mind, could all school-age children ensure they are wearing the correct uniform on the day please? (Even if it is your usual PE day).

If your child attends Nursery and it is not their usual day, you can bring them in first thing to have their photo taken (please confirm with the office).

Home-School Agreement

Wharncliffe Side Primary School works hard to provide a warm, caring learning environment. It is a school where children feel safe, respected, valued and supported to reach their personal goals. An important aspect of supporting our children to be successful is establishing a strong home – school link. You can read more about this on our website here: <https://www.wharncliffeside.org.uk/home-agreement>. Please note, this page also includes a copy of our Trust's Parental Code of Conduct. Thank you for taking this seriously.

Things to do

- Our PTA (FoWSS) will be running a 'Trick or Treat Lucky Dip' on Thursday (before and after school). It will cost £1 per go and there is a prize every time – so bring some cash if you'd like a go! FoWSS are looking for some Y5/6 volunteers to help run this – they should be sensible, good with money and available to do either before school (from 8:35am) or after (until 3:30ish). If you are interested, please come and speak to me on Monday!
- It is coming up to panto season again and Wharncliffe Side Players will be Performing 'Puss in Boots' on the 20th, 21st, 27th & 28th of November. Tickets are now on sale but selling fast so book early to avoid disappointment. More details available on the attached poster.
- **HAF activities** can be booked here: www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org and the Soccer camp hosted at school by SWFC can be booked [here](#) (at a cost of £20 per child if you don't have a HAF code).
- Lindy from Child's Play Crafts will be running a **Halloween Craft afternoon** on Friday 30th October at Brightholmlee Methodist Chapel. See attached flyer for more information.
- Concord Music are offering **FREE drum lessons and trumpet lessons** for Children aged 8+ on Saturday mornings. See attachment or email them directly on freemusic@concord.org.uk (please remember that all links are shared in good faith and school does not accept any responsibility for the quality of any sessions shared).



Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Isabella, Millie, Eddie (Ash); Neo, Elio, Ford (Willow); Rocco, Harvey, Macie (Rowan); Harriet, Nayel, Willow H (Sycamore); Angus, Caleb, Enes (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Denny (Ash); Briar (Rowan); Erin (Sycamore)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Ellis & Elliot (Seedlings); Sylvia & Arlo (Saplings)
- ★ **Attendance** dropped to 94.0% last week. The winning classes were Ash (94.4%) and Rowan (97.5%).
- ★ **House Point winners:** Africa won the house point trophy for the 2nd time this half-term.
- ★ Well done to the Y5/6 Tag Rugby team who gave a very good account of themselves in last week's tournament.



This week's birthdays: Briar (8), Tommy D (3)

Birthdays during half-term: Nayel (10), Cameron (9)

This week's 'School Standard' is: Be reflective

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings will be doing some 'berry bashing' in their Forest Schools session.

Saplings will be doing helicopter stories.

Ash are exploring patterns in Maths.

Willow are going to see the Izzy Gizmo storybook concert at the Crucible on Monday.

Children in The Learning Zone will be finding opposites in their communication sessions.

Rowan are comparing numbers in Maths.

Sycamore are learning how to link different rolls and ways of travelling in gymnastics.

Oak have been enjoying an exciting part of their current class novel: 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo.

