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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

17th July 2026

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you for all of your support. It means so much to our staff when home and school work together to bring out the very best in every child.



If something isn't quite right, please do come and talk to us - we will always do our very best to work together to find a solution.

This final newsletter is a wonderful celebration of everything our children achieve at St Mary's. From designing and testing boats, developing computing skills and creating magical stories, to producing beautiful sculptures inspired by Barbara Hepworth, it has been another week full of creativity, resilience and fantastic learning.

On Friday, we also said goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children as they begin the next exciting chapter of their education. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and wish them every success and happiness as they move on to secondary school. We also said goodbye to Mrs El-Korrime, and I know you will join me in thanking her, along with all of our amazing teachers and support staff, for everything they do to make St Mary's such a special place to learn.

School returns for all children on Wednesday 2nd September. Until then, I wish you all a wonderful, restful summer filled with happy memories with your families.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Mrs Burgess x

Dates for your Diary



INSET Day - staff only on Tuesday 1st September

Children return to school on Wednesday 2nd September

Thursday 17th Sept - History Day

Tuesday 22nd Sept - London trip for y4, 5 and 6



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you back in September

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Year 2

Year 2 become boat designers!

This week, Year 2 used tin foil to create their own boats and tested how many coins each one could hold before it sank.

After their first test, the children thought carefully about what worked well and redesigned their boats. They then tested them again to see if they could hold more coins.

It was fantastic to see the children using their problem-solving skills, making predictions, and learning from their first attempt. They discovered that changing the shape of their boats could make a big difference. Well done, Year 2!



Be Water Safe!

★ Know the Water Safety Code ★



1 Stop and Think

Before going near water, take a moment to look for any dangers.



2 Stay Together

Always stay with adults when you're near water.



3 Float

If you fall into water, stay calm, float on your back and control your breathing.



4 Call for Help

If someone is in trouble, tell an adult or call 999 or 112.

♥ Stay alert, stay safe, and enjoy water the smart way! ♥



Year 1

Year 1 Computing Newsletter – Our Final Algorithm Designs!

This week, our Year 1 children proudly completed their final computing design project, bringing together everything they have learned about algorithms over the term.

Throughout the unit, the children explored what an algorithm is and discovered that it is a set of clear, step-by-step instructions used to complete a task. They practised creating, following, and debugging simple algorithms before applying these skills to their own final designs.

For their final project, the children carefully planned and created their own designs, thinking about the sequence of instructions needed to achieve their goal. They demonstrated fantastic problem-solving skills, logical thinking, and creativity as they worked through each stage of the design process. They also showed resilience by testing their ideas, spotting mistakes, and making improvements where needed.

It has been wonderful to see how much confidence the children have gained in using computational thinking skills. They should be very proud of their hard work and the progress they have made throughout the unit.

Well done, Year 1! We are incredibly proud of your enthusiasm, perseverance, and fantastic final designs.



WORTH A LOOK?...



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SOCCER CAMP



Our Soccer Camp for girls and boys aged **5-14** offers an exciting & educational football experience for players of all skill levels!

Led by our FA-Qualified coaches on the fantastic 4G pitch on **Clay Wheels Lane**, participants will enjoy an action-packed day filled with football fun, on-the-ball experience, and exciting prizes!

To book a place, or for more information, please visit:
www.swfccp.co.uk

Or scan the QR Code using your phone camera:



Address
Sheffield Wednesday FC
Community Facility
Clay Wheels Lane
S6 1LZ



Year 4

Year 4's Magical Visit to Grimm & Co.

This week, Year 4 visited Grimm & Co. in Rotherham for a truly magical storytelling adventure. The children created brilliant characters, chose exciting settings and dreamt up fantastic ideas to write stories for Gisela Grimm.

They even had the chance to zoom down the famous beanstalk slide, making a wonderfully fantastical exit from the writing lab to the magical apothecary downstairs.

The role play areas were a huge hit, and everyone came away with their own magical story, complete with custom illustrations.

Year 4 really were changing lives, one story at a time.



The Battle Between the Eyes

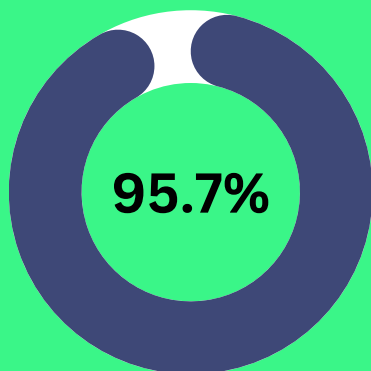
Our story is about Zobie (she/her) is a zombified lion who turns into a zombie monster. She wears New Balance trainers. She likes to eat strawberry cake and play football. She also wears a Thriller costume and a duck floatie. She is a nice character and dreams of a world where she can be a professional football player.





ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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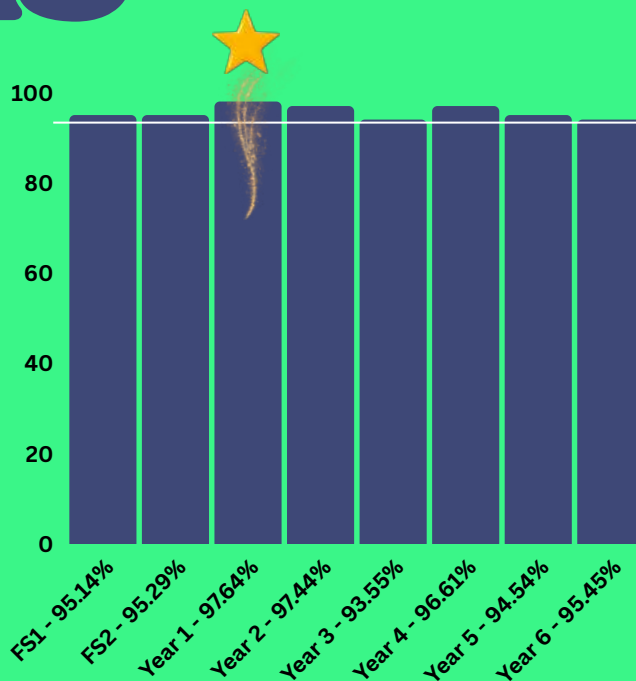


Our whole school attendance for the week is 95.7%

All classes that achieved 97% and above will get an extra 10 minute break.

Y1 are class winners with an amazing 97.64%! They have an extra break and can also choose an extra attendance treat... **WELL DONE!**

WELL DONE Y1



WORTH A LOOK?...

Multi-Sports HAF Camp

At Wharncliffe Side Primary School

Fun multi-sports activities
with lunch provided

For ages:
4-11 years old

When:
10am-2pm
Week 1: 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th Aug
Week 2: 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Aug

Where:
Brightholmlee Lane
Wharncliffe Side
S35 0DD



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For funded places, scan
the left QR code

For non-funded places
scan the right QR code

£15 per child per day
(no lunch included)
bring packed lunch



The funded camp is only for children in receipt of benefits related free school meals
Any families who book and do not attend without notifying SWFCCP at least 24 hours in advance will be removed from
the booking system. A waiting list will operate once all 30 places have been filled. If a family can no longer attend, their
place will be offered to a family on the waiting list.

For more information, contact:
community@swfc.co.uk | 0114 324 0523



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Year 5

Getting Creative with Clay!



Year 5 have had a fantastic time getting their hands dirty this week as they explored the world of sculpture!

Following our exciting visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park, where we admired the incredible work of sculptor Barbara Hepworth, the children were inspired to create their own 3D sculptures. Many of Hepworth's sculptures explore the theme of family, so the pupils used this as inspiration, with each sculpture representing their own family in a unique and meaningful way.



The creative process began with sketching initial designs on paper before making templates to help shape their ideas. The children then carefully brought their designs to life using clay, developing their sculpting skills and showing great patience and creativity throughout.

To complete their masterpieces, the sculptures were painted with metallic paints to replicate the beautiful bronze finish seen in many of Barbara Hepworth's iconic works.

The finished sculptures look incredibly impressive, and the children are extremely proud of what they have achieved.



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AGES 5-11

DANCE CAMP



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In partnership with City Limits Dance Centre

A great opportunity to learn new dance routines,
play fun games and make new friends in a safe
environment

When?

9:00am to 3:00pm

Thursday 23rd July
Thursday 27th August

Details?

Only £15 per day
Maximum of 16 places
Book in advance

Where?

Sheffield Wednesday
Community Facility
Clay Wheels Lane
S6 1LZ

Please ensure you
bring a packed lunch

To book,
scan the QR code



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WORTH A LOOK?...

FREE Multi-Sports HAF Camp

At Meynell Primary School

Fun multi-sports activities
with lunch provided

For ages:
4-11 years old

When:

10am-2pm
Wk 1: 27-30 Jul
Wk 2: 3-6 Aug
Wk 3: 10-13 Aug
Wk 4: 17-20 Aug

Where:

Meynell Primary School
Meynell Road, S5 8GN

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sheffield.ipalbookings.com

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