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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

3rd July 2026

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another busy week draws to a close, I have once again been incredibly proud of everything our children have achieved.

From embracing Transition Day with confidence and excitement, to developing new sporting skills, celebrating Nigerian culture through art and music, exploring the outdoors with Eco Club and producing some wonderful creative artwork, there has been something to inspire every child.

It has also been fantastic to see St Mary's currently sitting 3rd in the Sheffield Active Travel Leaderboard - a wonderful achievement that reflects the support of our families in helping children travel to school in healthy, sustainable ways.

As we begin to look towards the end of another successful school year, it is lovely to see our children continuing to demonstrate the enthusiasm, resilience, kindness and curiosity that make St Mary's such a special place to learn.

Football - England match on Monday 6th July- As we know, some children may be watching the England match in the early hours of Monday morning. School will be fully open as normal and staff will all be in as usual. If your child is watching the match, their absence can be authorised up to 11.00 a.m. Any child arriving after this time will have an unauthorised absence. Please make sure you have booked your child's lunch, as you would normally do, with The Pantry.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Burgess x



Dates for your Diary



Wednesday 1st July - Transition Day; parents welcome to meet the new staff at the end of the day

Friday 3rd July - Sports Day

Thursday 9th July - Y5 Manor Lodge Trip

Thursday 9th July - Manor Lodge

Thursday 14th July - Grimm and Co Y4 trip

Monday 13th July Y6 Performance 1.30pm - All Welcome

Tuesday 14th July Y6 Performance 9.30am - All Welcome

Tuesday 14th July - Y4 Grimm & Co

Wednesday 15th July - Y6 Leaver's Service 9.30am - All Welcome

Wednesday 15th July - Y6 bowling

Friday 17th July - Y6 Leaver's Assembly 2pm - Y6 Parents and Carers Welcome

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Year 5

Year 5 Enjoy Ultimate Frisbee!



Year 5 had a fantastic time taking part in an Ultimate Frisbee taster session. At first, throwing the frisbee with accuracy and controlling the direction proved to be quite a challenge but everyone showed great determination and perseverance as they practised their skills.

By the end of the session, the coach was incredibly impressed with how much the class had improved in such a short time. The children made excellent progress and grew in confidence with every throw.

The session was a huge success and many of the children said they would love the opportunity to play Ultimate Frisbee again in the future!



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! ♥

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 5



A taste of things to come for year 5

While most of the Y6s were off on their transition days, the others helped out in classes across school while the Y5s had a taste of what being a Y6 would be like. We talked about worries and excitement, we decided on our trusted adults and created elements for our class RISE hoop.

We also took part in some team building games: they had to order themselves by birthdays without talking; had to try and remember all 20 items on a tray; and had to try and build a tower with only 10 sheets of paper.

Well done, Y6 - I mean Y5!

Wow! we're in 3rd Place!

We are currently third in the Sheffield leaderboard for active travel!

This is a huge achievement!

Many thanks to families for choosing to use active travel where possible, and making our school gates safer and less polluted.



LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL



SHEFFIELD LEADERBOARD

1. FOX HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
2. HOLT HOUSE INFANT SCHOOL
3. ST MARY'S CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL
4. NETHER EDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL
5. MARLCLIFFE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
6. WATERCLIFFE MEADOW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
7. LOWEDGES PRIMARY ACADEMY
8. LOUND INFANT SCHOOL
9. CARTERKNOWLE JUNIOR SCHOOL
10. BIRLEY PRIMARY ACADEMY

SUMMER 2026

#WOWTopTen



WORTH A LOOK?...

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



For more information, please contact:
health@swfc.co.uk

@swfccp

Year 5

Rhythm, Colour and Creativity - Celebrating Nigerian Culture



Year 5 had a fantastic time celebrating Cultural Day! This year, we explored the vibrant culture of Nigeria. We discovered the rich history and cultural significance of Ankara fabric and used its bold geometric patterns as inspiration to design our own traditional Ankara outfits. Aren't they beautiful?

We also enjoyed an exciting African drumming workshop, where we learnt about the call-and-response style of music. We discovered how these rhythms were traditionally used by workers to help make tasks feel easier and keep everyone working together. It was a wonderful day full of creativity, music and cultural learning!

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



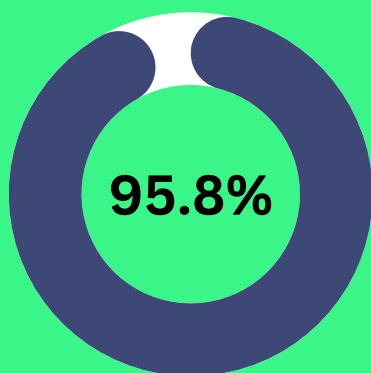
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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

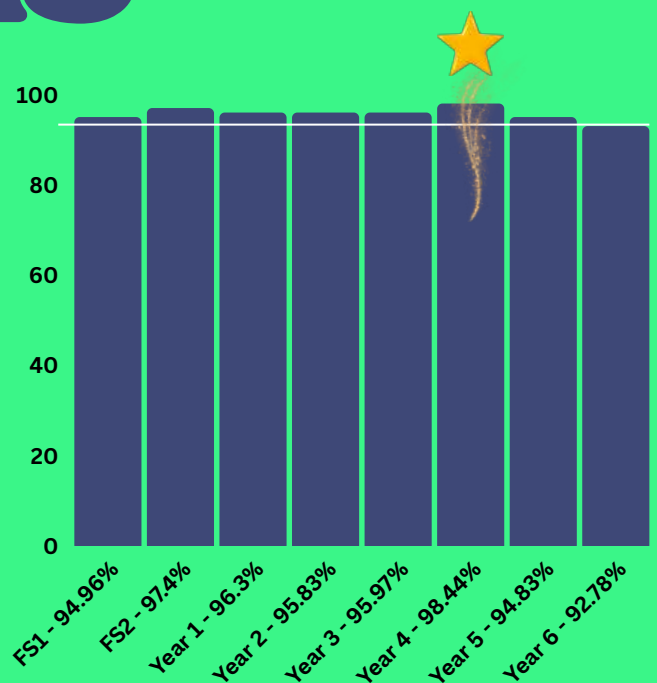


Our whole school attendance for the week is 95.83%

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

Y4 are class winners with an amazing 98.44%! They have an extra break and can also choose an extra attendance treat... **WELL DONE!**

WELL DONE Y4



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

**Scan the QR code
to book or visit:**
sheffield.ipalbookings.com

The 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:
jonny.gilberthorpe@swfccp.co.uk



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Eco-club have been very busy

Eco-club have been very busy recently!

After picking all the redcurrants from the nursery garden last week (to make jelly), this week they headed down to the Vine Community Garden at St Bart's.

The children had a wonderful time learning about the different plants and eating lots of berries!



Year 1

A Fantastic Transition Day to Year 2

during their Transition Day as they spent the day in their new Year 2 classrooms, meeting their new teachers and classmates.

The children embraced the experience with enthusiasm and confidence, taking part in a range of fun and engaging activities designed to help them feel excited about the year ahead. They enjoyed exploring their new learning environment, getting to know classroom routines, and working together on creative tasks and games.

It was lovely to see so many smiling faces as the children asked thoughtful questions, made new friendships, and demonstrated our school values through their kindness, curiosity, and positive attitudes.

Transition Day was a great success and has helped the children feel prepared and excited for the move to Year 2 in September. We are incredibly proud of how maturely they approached this important milestone and look forward to seeing them continue to grow, learn, and thrive in the next stage of their school journey.

Well done, Year 1—we can't wait to welcome you back as our fantastic Year 2 pupils!





A vibrant poster for a 'Medieval Mayhem' event. The background is a collage of images: two boys playing with red and orange balls, a boy sliding down a red slide, a girl in a pink dress, a boy in a knight's helmet holding a sword, and a boy climbing a rope net. A central shield logo depicts a dragon and a knight. The text is bold and colorful, with stars and confetti scattered throughout.

MEDIEVAL Mayhem

REWARDS NIGHT!

A thank you for your **hard work** and **positive behaviour!**

ARRIVE IN YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM ON MONDAY 13TH JULY

TO GET FREE ENTRY TO OUR 3:30PM – 6:00PM SESSION!

HOW IT WORKS:

-  Students simply need to arrive wearing their school uniform.
-  Entry to the 3:30pm – 6:00pm session will be completely free.
-  No booking is required – just turn up and enjoy!

FUN. ACTION. ADVENTURE.

☆ **SEE YOU THERE!** ☆



Year 2

Going Polka Dotty

Year 2 have been painting polka dots on their clay tiles, inspired by the famous Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama.

They explored her distinctive use of bold colours and repeating dot patterns, learning how she uses these to create eye-catching works of art. The children carefully painted their clay tiles, experimenting with different colour combinations and patterns to create their own unique designs.

They showed great creativity, patience, and attention to detail, and are very proud of their finished pieces.