

# Newsletter

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## Nether Green Junior School

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### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



I would like to express my gratitude to each and every one of you. Your support of our school has been instrumental in creating a thriving and nurturing environment for our children, making NGJS a truly special community and one that I am extremely proud of. I especially want to say a huge thank you for your support on Wednesday during the Winter Festival. The children were incredible and the atmosphere was wonderful!

A special thank you goes out to our dedicated PTA for bringing so much excitement to our school through fun and memorable events for the children. Their hard work not only creates lasting memories but also contributes significantly to our upcoming projects - one of them being the new library area. Anticipated to be completed after the February half term, we are eager to see the positive impact it will have on our children's learning experience.

I also need to acknowledge the children's exceptional hard work and efforts over this long, eight week half term. The commitment to learning and personal growth has not gone unnoticed and I am immensely proud of each and every one of them. They have certainly earned a well-deserved break after everything they have achieved this term, spending quality time with family and friends.

I feel very lucky to have such a hard working and committed staff who always strive to make the school an amazing place to be for our children. Thank you to them for all their efforts and for going above and beyond what is expected on a regular basis.

I would like to wish all our families a delightful break with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming you back to school in the new year, ready for another chapter of success and growth.



## NEW NGJS NEWSLETTER COMING IN JANUARY!

I am delighted to share some exciting news - we are launching a brand-new school newsletter!

This initiative comes as part of our ongoing efforts to enhance communication between the school and our parents. The new newsletter will serve as a comprehensive platform to showcase the amazing work and learning taking place within our school community.

Here are a few key reasons behind the launch of our new newsletter:

- **Showcasing Achievements and Learning:**

We believe in celebrating the outstanding efforts and achievements of our children. The newsletter will feature highlights of the incredible work and learning experiences happening across all year groups.

- **Informing Parents of Key Events:**

Stay informed about important events, dates, and activities happening in and around the school. The newsletter will provide a calendar of upcoming events, ensuring you have all the essential information at your fingertips.

- **Updates and 'Top Tips' on Online Safety and Safeguarding:**

In today's digital age, the safety of our children online is of utmost importance. The newsletter will include valuable advice and updates on online safety and safeguarding, helping you navigate the digital world alongside your child.

- **Celebrating Achievements, Including House Points:**

We will regularly feature the achievements of our children, including notable accomplishments in earning house points and special mentions for those children who have gone above and beyond. It's an excellent way to recognise and celebrate the positive contributions of our children.

- **School Council, Eco Ambassador, and Arts Council Articles:**

To keep you informed about the impactful initiatives taking place in our school, the newsletter will follow a three-week cycle featuring articles about the School Council, Eco Ambassador activities and Arts Council endeavours. This rotation will provide insights into the great work these groups are doing to enhance our school community.

- **Curriculum in the Spotlight:**

Explore the depth and breadth of our educational offerings through the 'Curriculum in the Spotlight' section. This feature will delve into specific aspects of our curriculum, shedding light on innovative teaching methods, exciting projects and the overall learning experience at Nether Green Junior School.

- **Weekly Updates and Showcasing:**

In addition to the scheduled articles, our newsletter will also include weekly updates and showcase various activities, projects, and events happening within the school. This dynamic content will keep you engaged and informed about the continuous progress and achievements of our children and staff.

Our goal is to make the newsletter an engaging and informative resource for all parents and carers. We encourage you to actively participate by sharing your thoughts, suggestions, and any noteworthy achievements from home.

Look out for the first edition of our new newsletter, which will be sent to you on the first Friday back after half term. We believe this will be a valuable tool in keeping you connected with our school community and informed about the fantastic things happening at NGJS.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to sharing the exciting journey ahead with you through our new newsletters in the new year!

## ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

On Monday we held our usual celebration assembly.

Yesterday was our NGJS Talent Show Final. We are so proud of all our talented entrants.

Today, the whole school came together to sing carols around the Christmas Tree. We re-launched the Twelve Days of Christmas whole school song. This proved to be very popular and was a lovely end to the term!



## CALENDAR DATES

### DECEMBER

22nd - Last day of term. School breaks up for the holiday.

### JANUARY

6th - Christmas Tree Recycling NGIS, 10am - 2pm

8th - Children back to school

10th - Y6 SATs & Robinwood Meeting, 6pm

16th - Y6 Zoolab

20th - Cross Country, Brunswick

22nd - 24th - Y6 Robinwood Trip

26th - PTA Burns Night Social

w/c 29th - Y3 SEND Review Meetings

31st - Orchestra trip- Wizard of Oz

### FEBRUARY

3rd - Cross Country, Longley Park

8th - Y3 Production, 2.30pm & 6pm

w/c 5th - Y6 SEND Review Meetings

6th - Parents' Evening, 3.50pm - 7pm

7th - Parents' Evening, 3.50pm - 7pm

12th to 16th - Half Term Holiday

19th - Children return to school

w/c 19th - Y4 SEND Review Meetings

24th - Cross Country, Graves Park

w/c 26th - Y5 SEND Review Meetings



## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

We are teaming up once again with Stanton Tree Care and the Infants School PTA to offer a Christmas tree recycling collection.

Trees can be dropped off at Nether Green Infant School on Saturday 6th January between 10am and 2pm for the price of £7.

The trees will be turned in to wood chip, which will then be collected by a biomass contractor and taken to power stations across the country, including one in Sheffield. The one in Sheffield helps supply heat and power to the university and hospital.

It is a real win win, as we raise some funds for the school and the trees are used in a sustainable way, rather than going to waste.

Please see the attached flyer and spread the word locally- anyone is welcome to use the service.

Thank you, PTA



## CURRENT STANDINGS FOR HOUSE TEAMS

### Our Values

Effort & Resilience

Independence

Pride

Behaviour & Attitudes

Teamwork

Respect

HOUSE	POINTS
<b>STEEL</b>	<b>207</b>
<b>PEAKS</b>	<b>201</b>
<b>ORIGINALS</b>	<b>202</b>
<b>CUTLERS</b>	<b>192</b>

## NGJS ATTENDANCE

This week, our whole school attendance was **94.7%**

Please ensure that your child is on time for school. Children can be brought into the yard from 8.40am. Learning in school starts at 8.50am.

A polite request that you do not take your child out of school during term time, as doing this can result in significant gaps in your child's learning.

Thank you for your support.

LOST MINUTES =  
LOST LEARNING!





## PARENT PAY - MEALS

A polite reminder for parents/carers to check their child's ParentPay school meals account balance.

Please clear any outstanding debt before the holidays as accounts need to be reconciled at the end of term.



## SNACKS IN SCHOOL

Please could we ask that children refrain from putting their playtime snacks in their lunchboxes. Many children are having to go down to the dinner hall to retrieve them at playtime.

Snacks should be kept in coat pockets, school bags, or in the classroom to allow easy access to them at break times.

Can we also politely remind parents/carers that we are a healthy and nut free school. Snacks containing nuts are not permitted in school, as they pose a risk to our children with allergies. Please check the content/ingredients of items such as cereal bars, as such snacks often contain hidden nuts.

## PLAY WORKER VACANCY

We have a vacancy in school for a Play Worker. The hours of work are Monday to Friday 11.45am until 1.15pm. For details about the role, please follow this link:

<https://nethergreenjuniorschool.co.uk/vacancies/>

to our website and read the Play Worker Recruitment Information Pack. You can also download an application form from this page if you, or anyone you know, would like to apply.



## PTA BURNS NIGHT CEILIDH

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO INVITE ALL PARENTS, CARERS AND SCHOOL STAFF TO OUR

### PTA Burns Night Ceilidh

FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 2024  
7PM ONWARDS

NO PREVIOUS DANCING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY- JUST DUST OFF THOSE DANCING SHOES AND HAVE FUN

HIGHLY SUBSIDISED PARENT RUN BAR

SILENT AUCTION WITH EXCITING PRIZES

TICKETS ARE £20 PER PERSON AND INCLUDE A WELCOME DRINK, AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT AND A PIE & PEAS SUPPER (GLUTEN FREE, VEGETARIAN & VEGAN OPTIONS)

TICKETS ON SALE FROM MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

AS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IS OUR PRIORITY, PLEASE CONTACT THE PTA IF COST IS A PROHIBITIVE FACTOR IN YOU ATTENDING. JUST DROP US AN EMAIL: FRIENDSOFNETHERGREEN@GMAIL.COM

SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS

Don't forget to book your tickets!

## TRANS PENNINE TRAIL - KIDS CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY PACK

We're delighted to let you know that the latest Kids activity pack, full of fun activities for the Christmas holiday season is now available to download from Trans Pennine Trail.

Christmas 2023 Edition

### Kids Activity Pack

Packed full of family friendly fun activities and challenges for everyone!

Trans Pennine Trail  
[www.transpenninetrail.org.uk](http://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk)

They have plenty of fun activities to keep children busy over the Christmas holidays, including making a natural Christmas wreath with leaves, berries and pine cones; going on a Winter I-spy mission and making Christmas pudding Krispie cakes. They even provide a template 'letter to Santa' for your child/children to use.

The activity pack is aimed at primary school children with help as necessary from their parents or guardians, and some older children may enjoy some of the activities too.

The activity pack can be used by downloading it to a mobile or alternatively it can be printed at home. If you don't have a printer and are unable to access the PDF, please contact Trans Pennine Trail with your address details and they will send you out a printed copy. You will find it, along with their other activity packs, on the Children's page at: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Christmas-2023-Activity-Pack-1.pdf>

Trans Pennine Trail\*



A national coast to coast route for recreation and transport - for walking, cycling, horse riding and wheeling

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## NGJS TALENT SHOW

Here are a selection of photographs from our Talent Show. We were so impressed by all the entries and the huge variety of acts/talent at NGJS! Well done to everyone who took part.

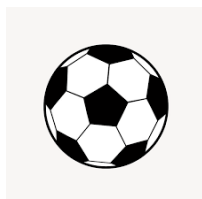


## NGJS EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SPRING TERM

Please find below details of our upcoming extra-curricular activities/clubs for the Spring Term. Please read the information at the bottom of the page carefully, as it gives further details on how to secure a place for your child at each of the different clubs.

### Y3-6 EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SPRING TERM 2023/24 – Nether Green Junior School

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Spring 1	BEFORE SCHOOL					
	LUNCH	<b>Girls Football</b> Y5 - 6	<b>ORCHESTRA</b>	Tennis Club AJW Coaching Y3 - 4	<b>Dance Club</b> Y3 - 6	Badminton Club AJW Coaching Y5 - 6
		<b>CHOIR</b>				<b>Guitar Band</b>
	AFTER SCHOOL	Gymnastics Club Sheffield Gymnastics Club Y3 - 6	SoccerEds Y3 - 6	Karate Club Elite Karate Y3 - 6	Basketball Sheffield Hatters Y5 - 6	
		<b>Boys Football</b> Y5	Forest School Fit Kids Sheffield Y5 - 6	Forest School Fit Kids Sheffield Y3 - 4		
		<b>Netball</b> Y5 - 6	French Club Le Club Français Y3 - 6			
Spring 2	BEFORE SCHOOL		Bike to Breakfast Trundle Tuesday Y3 - 6			
	LUNCH		<b>ORCHESTRA</b>	Tennis Club AJW Coaching Y3 - 4	<b>Dance Club</b> Y3 - 6	Badminton Club AJW Coaching Y5 - 6
		<b>CHOIR</b>				<b>Guitar Band</b>
	AFTER SCHOOL	Gymnastics Club Sheffield Gymnastics Club Y3 - 6	SoccerEds Y3 - 6	Karate Club Elite Karate Y3 - 6	Basketball Sheffield Hatters Y5 - 6	
		<b>Girls Football</b> Y5 - 6	<b>Flag Football</b> Y6	Forest School Fit Kids Sheffield Y3 - 4		
		<b>Netball</b> Y5 - 6	Forest School Y5 - 6			
	French Club Le Club Français Y3 - 6					



The clubs highlighted in **red** are run by teaching staff free of charge.

These clubs are promoted during assembly and the children will either sign-up with their class teacher or take a letter home for parent/carer consent.

**All other clubs are run by external providers for which there is a charge.**

**For more information about your child joining one of the clubs run by an external provider, please find contact details below:**

Badminton Club (AJW Coaching)

[enquiries@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk)

Basketball (Sheffield Hatters)

[enquiries@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk)

Football (SoccerEds)

<https://www.theevoway.co.uk/soccereds>

Forest School (FitKids)

[fitkidssheffield@gmail.com](mailto:fitkidssheffield@gmail.com)

French Club (Le Club Français)

[vessex.lcf@gmail.com](mailto:vessex.lcf@gmail.com)

Gymnastics (Sheffield Gymnastics Club)

[sheffgym@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sheffgym@hotmail.co.uk)

Karate (Elite Karate)

[steve@elite-karate.co.uk](mailto:steve@elite-karate.co.uk)

Tennis (AJW Coaching)

[enquiries@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk)



## DINNER MENU W/C 08/01/24

If your child's meal pattern changes, we politely ask that you inform the school office directly, rather than speaking to class teachers. We ask that a week's notice is given for any changes made. Thank you.

### NETHER GREEN JUNIOR AUTUMN WINTER 23/24 WEEK TWO



PRIMARY MENU WEEK 2	'GREEN EARTH MONDAY'	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Main Course</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Garlic Bread	Beef Pasta Bolognese	Pork Sausage Toad in the Hole with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken & Bean Burrito	Fish & Chips
<b>Vegetarian Main Course</b>	Cheesy Bean Pitta	Veggie Pasta Bolognese	Vegetable Sausage Toad in the Hole with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Cheese & Onion Pastry Roll with Chips
<b>Street Food</b>		<b>BEANY VEGGIE BURRITO</b>		<b>TURKISH LAHMACUN</b>	
<b>Jacket Potato and Filling</b>	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
<b>Vegetables</b>	Sweetcorn Garden Peas	Green Beans Carrots	Cauliflower Seasonal Greens	Mixed Vegetables Sweetcorn	Baked Beans Garden Peas
<b>Dessert</b>	Apple Crumble Bar	Lemon Cake with Custard	Banana Cake with Fruit	Chocolate Cookie	Strawberry Jelly

Available Daily: Salad Selection, Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts

Portion(s) of fruit or veg	Source of wholegrain	Contains plant-based proteins	50% fruit	Oily fish
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**Our desserts meet Public Health England's target for 'free sugar' intake for your child.**

Recommended fruit and vegetable portion sizes are calculated using School Food Standards. On average our desserts do not exceed a third of a child's recommended 'free sugar' intake.