

Message from the Headteacher

We are launching an exciting new addition to our curriculum over the coming years - Forest Skills. This initiative is designed to help children develop confidence, teamwork, and practical skills through outdoor learning experiences such as craft, cooking, and woodwork, all in a safe and engaging environment. To support this, three members of staff are currently completing their Level 3 Forest Leader training, and small groups of Year 3 pupils will be taking part in pilot sessions this term. Once established, we plan to expand Forest Skills more widely across the school. We look forward to seeing how this new opportunity enriches our curriculum and helps pupils learn and grow beyond the classroom.

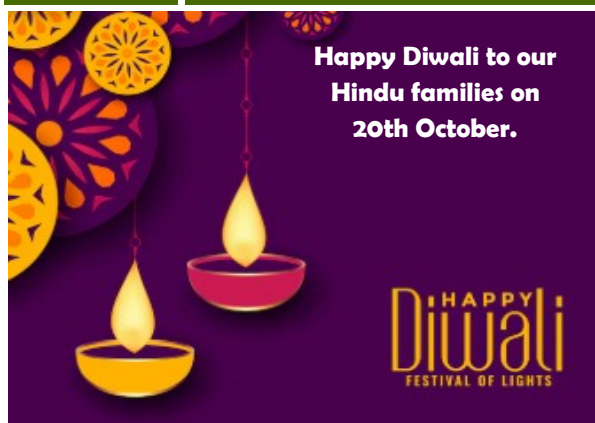
Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended this week's Maths Workshop, led by Mr Lomas. It was a great opportunity to gain an insight into how we teach maths in school, particularly the four operations, and to explore practical ways you can support your child's learning at home. We really appreciate your continued engagement and enthusiasm in helping to make learning a shared experience between home and school.

In today's assembly, Romy Heritage-Willis from Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity spoke to the children about how the funds we raise directly support the hospital's vital work. She also introduced the Pride of Yorkshire Project, giving pupils a fascinating insight into how our upcoming Rocket Run event will contribute to this inspiring cause. The children were really engaged and are already looking forward to taking part in helping to make a difference. Please see page 4 of our newsletter for more information about the project.

We'd also like to draw your attention to the Smartphone-Free Childhood section in this week's newsletter, a message written by parents and carers, for parents and carers. It reflects the growing support within our community for helping children stay present, safe, and connected in healthy ways both in and out of school.

Key Dates

20th-22nd October	Y6 Bikeability
18th October	SFSS Cross Country 2- Bolehills
20th October	Xmas4schools cards designs (in school time)
20th October	Y6 Sports Crew Training
21st October	CROSS COUNTRY CANCELLED DUE TO PARENTS EVENING
21st & 22nd October	Parents Evening
22nd October	Y4 Ancient Greek Day
23rd and 24th October	INSET DAYS
27th until 31st October	Half term holiday (school closed)
3rd November	Return to School
4th November	Y2 Open Evening 5.45pm
5th November	PTA Rocket Run
5th November	Xmas4schools artwork back from parents



This Week's Awards



Y3NH	Haider
Y3NW	Elliot
Y4TH	Finn
Y4HH	Nuha
Y5BB	Rory
Y5KB	Indy
Y5KL	Macca
Y6PK	Adam

House Points

Steel	113
Cutlers	100
Originals	102
Peaks	106

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Congratulations to the following children:

Y3WN - Ivy	Y5KL - Alex
Y3NH - Rafa and Harry	Y5KB - Rudi
Y4JE - Sami	Y6OS - Bob
Y4HH - Evlin	Y6PK - Evelyn

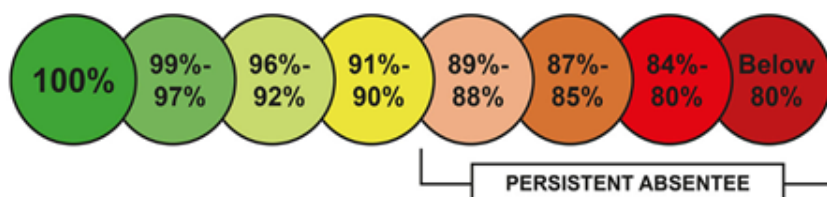


Attendance

Please ensure that your child is on time for school. Children can be brought into the yard from 8:40 am. Learning in school starts at 8:50 am.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

Golden Broom Award Winners

Y3MC!



Focus Value - Respect

Our pupils will be encouraged to:

- Be polite and well-mannered
- Value themselves and other people
- Be respectful, tolerant and caring
- Have mutual respect and tolerance for all, including those with different faiths and beliefs
- Respect our school and its environment
- Take an interest in their community, country and the wider world

Attendance Winners

Congratulations to:

Y4TH, Y4HH and Y5KL

Every week, we will highlight the class in each key phase with the highest attendance.

Lunch Menu - w/b

Nether Green Juniors

Spring / Summer Menu Week 1

14th April, 5th May, 26th May, 16th June, 7th July, 28th July, 18th Aug, 8th Sept, 29th Sept, 20th Oct



WEEK ONE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option	Pork Sausage Toad in the Hole & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Red Tractor Mild Chicken Curry, Mixed Wholegrain & White Rice	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Mash Potato with Gravy	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza & Wedges	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Meal Option	Veggie Sausage Toad in the Hole & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry & Mixed Wholegrain & White Rice ^{VG}	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Mash Potato	Butternut Squash Risotto	Vegetable & Bean Quesadilla with Chips
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Salmon Mayonnaise
Street food		Chicken Fajita Pasta		Tuna Melt with Wedges	
Vegetables	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots & Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Sliced Carrots	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Carrot & Cucumber Sticks or British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Dessert	Banana mousse & Orange Smiles	Marble Sponge & Custard	Ice Sponge	Vanilla Cookie	Jelly & Fruit

Portion(s) of fruit or veg
 Source of wholegrain
 Contains plant-based proteins
 50% fruit
 Oily fish
 Vegan
 VG

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.

CELEBRATING HERITAGE

DRAWING & DESIGN COMPETITION



AGE GROUP
5 - 14
YEARS



- LOOK AROUND YOU
- WHAT PLACES DO YOU LIKE BEST?
- DRAW YOUR FAVOURITE PLACE IN BROOMHILL & SURROUNDING AREAS.
- WRITE ON THE BACK WHY YOU CHOSE IT.

DEADLINE SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

Write your name, age, year group, & parent contact information

Hand in your drawing to Broomhill Library or email to activities@broomhill-library.org.uk



PRIZES FOR WINNERS!

We are holding visits to the school for parents of Y6 who are unsure about sending their child to Forge Valley.

The opportunity to walk round Forge Valley with the Head of School will take place on Tuesday 21st October between 9 – 10.30am.

Please email Lorna Jennings to arrange a visit on 21st October at either 9am, 9.30am or 10am.

Kind Regards,
Lorna

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Pride of Yorkshire

Dear parents,

Remember the elephants and the bears? Well, the sculpture trail is back in 2026 - and this time it's even bigger! Next summer, a *Pride* of lions, lionesses and cubs will take to the streets of Sheffield, Doncaster, Barnsley, and Rotherham, all in aid of Sheffield Children's Hospital. We're delighted that your child's school will be part of the **Little Pride**, helping to raise vital funds.

Back in 2021, the Bears of Sheffield trail raised over £1 million to transform the Oncology and Haematology ward at Sheffield Children's. This time, we're hoping to raise even more to continue supporting children and families who rely on Sheffield Children's.

How it works

Your school has pledged to raise £950 for Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity. In return, the school will receive one of our 150 lion cub sculptures to decorate however they wish. Each cub will be displayed on the trail throughout summer 2026 before returning to its forever home at the school.

Every school will also have exclusive access to an education pack created by our education sponsor, Twinkl, full of ideas and activities to bring the trail to life in the classroom.

By taking part in the project, your school is helping Sheffield Children's deliver world-class care, investing in new facilities, equipment, and research that will transform young lives.

We hope you will support your school's fundraising efforts, whether that's donating, taking part in events, or helping to spread the word.

Together, let's make **Pride of Yorkshire** a roaring success.

Many thanks,

Romy Heritage-Willis

Pride of Yorkshire

Schools and Community Coordinator

Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity

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Smartphone Free Childhood - Written by parents/carers to parents/carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're writing as fellow parents at Nethergreen Junior school, and also as parents who support Smartphone Free Childhood (SFC) — a growing national campaign led by parents, for parents.

Like many of you, we've been thinking a lot about the role of smartphones in our children's lives. We all want to do what's best for our kids, and yet it's not always easy to know when the "right" time is to introduce devices like smartphones. Smartphones weren't designed with kids in mind, but they're reshaping childhood rapidly. On average, kids get their first smartphone aged nine.

This isn't about judging anyone's choices — we know some children already have phones, and every family has its own needs and reasons. But there's also growing concern and evidence from parents, teachers, doctors, child development experts and young people themselves about the impact early smartphone use can have on mental health, sleep, friendships, and attention.

It's also not about being anti-tech, technology is amazing, and it is going to be a huge part of our children's lives. But they can learn how to use technology without having a smartphone - which is really a super computer - in their pocket. The longer we wait to give our children smartphones, the more time they have to learn, grow, play and develop away from addictive algorithms and the anxiety machine of social media. The average teenager spends 35 hours a week on their smartphone - imagine if that time was spent with friends or family, pursuing a hobby, doing sport, getting more sleep!

That's why we're inviting you to take a look at the Parent Pact — a simple, voluntary commitment that brings parents together to support each other in delaying smartphones and social media. Already, this has been signed by almost 100 parents at Nethergreen Juniors - and across the country over 140,000 parents have signed the pact covering over 13,000 schools.

The more families that join, the easier it becomes to delay giving our kids smartphones — without children feeling they're the "only one" without a phone.

You can read more about the pact and sign up here:

<https://southyorkshireparentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

If safety/being able to contact your child when they are in Y6/go to secondary school is a key concern, there are good alternatives: <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/alternatives>

Thanks for taking a moment to consider this. It's not about getting it perfect — just about working together to make thoughtful choices in a fast-changing world.