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## Message from the Headteacher

It's been a great festive week in school! The children have really enjoyed choosing gifts for Elfridges - a huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it happen and to everyone who kindly donated gifts.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils had a fantastic time at Cinema Club yesterday. It was lovely to see them all together sharing the experience together. Again, thank you to all the parent/carer volunteers who came to support and made it a lovely experience.

The staff pantomime was definitely a highlight of the week for the children! I'm sure many of you have already heard all about it. A big well done and thank you to the staff involved for creating another memorable and fun experience for our children at this time of year.

We also had great participation in Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you for your generous donations in support of Save the Children. I'm delighted to share that we raised over £200.

Our Friday assembly focused on Hanukkah, thoughtfully led by Miss Bartlett. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to learn more about this important celebration and to reflect on the values it represents.

And finally, on Friday 19 December, a Y8 pupil is coming to sell bath bombs and other toiletries in the school hall between 12 noon and 1pm, as part of their Enterprise Project. They have designed a poster listing prices, which has been included at the end of this week's newsletter. If your child would like to buy something from the stall, please let them bring the correct cash.

### Reminders of events for parents/carers

- Monday 15th December Y3/4 Winter Celebration performance.
- Tuesday 16th December Y5/6 Winter Celebration performance.

**The performances start at 2:45pm and will last for approximately 35 minutes (children to remain in school until 3.35pm please). Parents can enter through the main entrance.**

## Key Dates

15th December	Y3/4 Winter Celebration Performance 2.45PM
16th December	Y5/Y6 Winter Celebration Performance 2.45PM
17th December	Christmas Dinner Day
17th December	Music Concert 5.45PM
18th December	Talent Show (for pupils only)
18th December	Y3 and Y6 Parties (for pupils only)
19th December	Party Dinner
19th December	Y4 and Y5 Parties (for pupils only)
19th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays
5th January	School re-opens
7th January	Y6 Robinwood Information Evening
9th January	SEND parent/carer coffee morning
10th January	Cross country race 6 Handsworth Grange
17th January	Orienteering Ecclesall Woods
19th - 21st January	Y6 Robinwood residential
22nd January	SEND bowling trip Hollywood Bowl
29th/30th January	Y6 SEND Reviews
23rd January	IR start swimming lessons
4th February	Y3 Production 2.30pm and 5.30pm
5th February	Y3 SEND Reviews

## This Week's Awards

### SPECIAL MENTIONS

Congratulations to the following children:

Y<sub>3</sub>NH ~ Bella L

Y<sub>3</sub>W/N ~ Harry W

Y<sub>3</sub>M/C ~ Scarlett B

Y<sub>4</sub>JE ~ Miriam B

Y<sub>4</sub>TH ~ Kiran S

Y<sub>4</sub>HH ~ Charlotte R

Y<sub>5</sub>BB ~ Bethany R

Y<sub>5</sub>KB ~ Noah H

Y<sub>6</sub>PK ~ Leah B

Congratulations to Albert T who has passed his Grade 2 saxophone exam with Distinction.



### Focus Value - Pride

Our pupils will be encouraged to:

- Show pride in one another's achievements
- Have pride in their work and all aspects of learning
- Look after their school, resources and environment
- Take pride in their achievements



### House Points

Steel	218
Cutlers	182
Originals	194
Peaks	195

### Golden Broom Award Winners

Y<sub>6</sub>PK

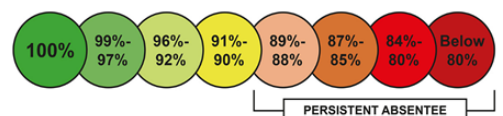


### Attendance

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?

# Community

## Music of the half term - Romantic Era

Listening to music is fundamental to musical understanding. By learning to listen critically, our children will not only expand their musical horizons but also gain a deeper understanding of how music is constructed and the impact it can have on the listener. Listening to a broad range of music also helps develop other areas of musical activity, including composing and performing. Therefore, each half term we focus on a 'music of the half term' which is explored through assemblies and further listening opportunities.

This half term, we will be focussing on composers from the Romantic era and some of their festive classics. The children will explore Tchaikovsky's 'The Nutcracker' and 'Christmas Waltz', as well as Franz Liszt's 'Christmas Tree Suite.'



## Language of the Half Term - Punjabi

Each term we select a different language for the pupils to learn greetings and basic phrases. We choose languages which represent our school community. At Nether Green, we feel it is important to give bilingual children the chance to demonstrate their language skills as well as have opportunity to share details of their family's country and culture. Language of the Half-term also allows monolingual English speakers to encounter and learn to speak a variety of languages.

All teachers embrace the selected language of the half-term and actively encourage the children to say good morning, good afternoon and respond to simple yes/no questions in the given language.

The chosen language for this half-term is Punjabi.

Punjabi is a language spoken in the Punjab region of India and Pakistan, and also by communities around the world. It is written in two different scripts: Gurmukhi in India and Shahmukhi in Pakistan. It is a vibrant language with its own unique culture, famous foods, and music like the energetic Bhangra.



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## Eco Ambassadors

### Eco Ambassadors News

#### Planting daffodils

One of the Eco Ambassadors' ideas for the year was to plant more plants around the school grounds to encourage wildlife. The Eco Ambassadors have been busy planting lots of daffodils around school over the last few weeks. We have planted them in the grass around the front of the school, near the main entrance and in large plant pots around the playground areas. We hope to see them growing in early Spring to attract lots of bees, butterflies and wildlife to our school grounds.

#### Tub2pub recycling

You should see a flyer in this week's newsletter about bringing in large sweet or cracker tubs for recycling after the holidays. Please bring any unwanted, clean tubs to the school office before 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026, so they can be recycled, raising valuable funds for MacMillan Cancer Care.



#### Cut Your Carbon

In January we will launch 'Cut Your Carbon' to try to reduce our carbon footprint as a school. There are 6 challenges which we would like you and your family to try in the New Year. You could even start them on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

There are:



Drop your washing machine temperature to 30 degrees 3 times in the month.



Make 3 journeys active across the month: walk, scoot or cycle to school or another place where you usually drive.



Turn your heating down by 1 degree for a week.



Plan three evening meals which are vegetarian or plant-based in the month.

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## Eco Ambassadors



Have at least one device free day in the month. Drop those phones, consoles and tablets for a day.



Plan your meals to buy less and reduce food waste.

The Eco Ambassadors will come round to survey the classes at the end of the month to see which class has the most children who have achieved it.

### Eco dates for your diary

January 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> – RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. Help the RSPB by counting the different types of bird in your garden. Find out more here: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

January 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – Energy Saving Week - the Energy Saving Trust will have a new tip every day on how to save more energy and save money during the winter months. Find out more here: <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/campaign/energysaversweek/>

January 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> – Veganuary – To find out more and get recipe ideas – look here: <https://veganuary.com/>

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### SEND & Inclusion

#### SEND and Inclusion

Our next Parent/Carer coffee morning will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January in school at 9:00am. We will have a representative from MENCAP visiting who will be sharing information about the services available to families and children in Sheffield. They will also be able to answer any questions you may have about their services. We hope you are able to join us.



#### Safeguarding Top Tip - Balancing Screen Time

This week's information is taken from internet matters.org and includes a useful link helping parents/carers manage the amount of time children spend online. We hope that you find it useful.

##### How to help children manage screen time

##### Tops tips to support children in Upper Primary/ KS2

As children become increasingly active online, it's important to give them the tools they need to balance screen time.

Help 7-11-year-olds strike a healthy balance between the time they spend online and offline, especially as they start to get their own devices.

##### Download resource:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Internet-Matters-Guide-Balancing-Screen-Time-7-11-KeyStage2.pdf>

The logo for internet matters.org, consisting of the text 'internet matters.org' in white lowercase letters on a solid green rectangular background.

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## Forest Skills



We have continued to develop our Forest Skills provision this term despite the change in the weather. Lots of children have enjoyed digging in the mud, making potions and exploring what happened when the ice froze our buckets of water. We've also been making wood chimes and bows and arrows. We have enjoyed hot chocolate under the tarpaulin and even some chocolate cake to celebrate a birthday!

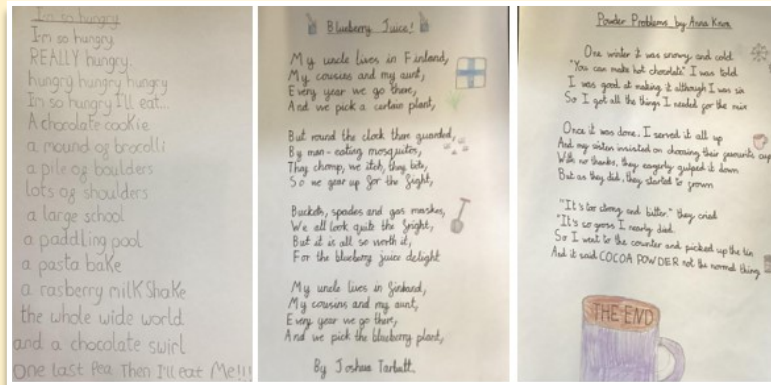


We are looking forward to expanding our group sizes further after Christmas and will be having our first Nether Green



## Spotlight on the Curriculum - Writing

This term, the children have embraced our new writing approach, focusing on letter formation and presentation. We are thrilled with the impact that this is having on the children's confidence and pride in their work. The whole school took part in Michael Rosen Day, writing poetry based around Funny Food. The children loved the live webinar with the man himself, we finished off the day with the children performing their poems in a whole school assembly.



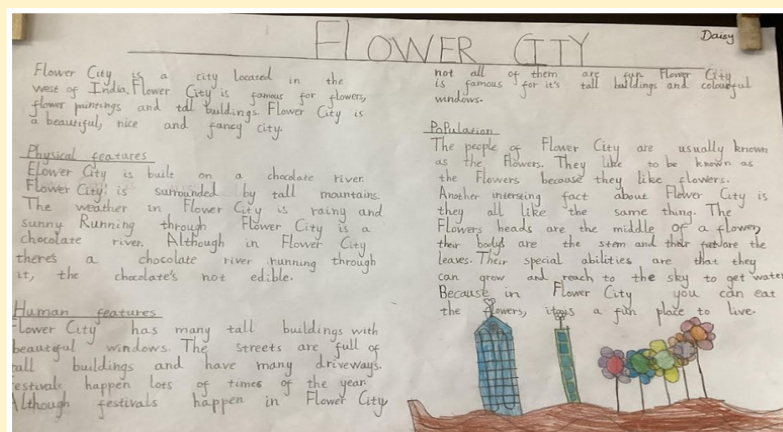
In Y6, the children have been using their understanding of Victorian Sheffield to write setting descriptions and alternative perspective chapters. They have enjoyed acting out scenes and creating vivid imagery to describe a Victorian city.



The Y5's have written persuasive letters to NASA and a non-chronological report based on the fictional planet, Pandora. Both of these pieces of work are linked to their science learning.

In Y4, the children have debated whether or not children should be allowed computer games, as well as writing a fairy-tale from a different perspective, linking to their class book, Rumaysa.

The Y3 children have been developing their persuasive skills with letters to the grinch, as well as writing factual reports about cities.



In Y3, we have been creating our artwork for the Winter Festival. We are looking forward to showing them off on Monday.



## Year 4

In science, the Y4s created a t-shirt design that showed the order of the key organs in the digestive system. We drew the outlines for each part and then labelled them.



In science, we also completed an experiment investigating the impact of different liquids (water, cola, apple juice, milk and coffee) on our teeth (an egg). We observed the changes to the egg over a week and recorded our findings. By the end of the experiment, we

concluded the cola, coffee and apple juice had the biggest impact as it led to a dramatic colour change and the wearing of the enamel (shell). In contrast, the water and milk led to no real change at all, meaning we

should be drinking these liquids most of the time in

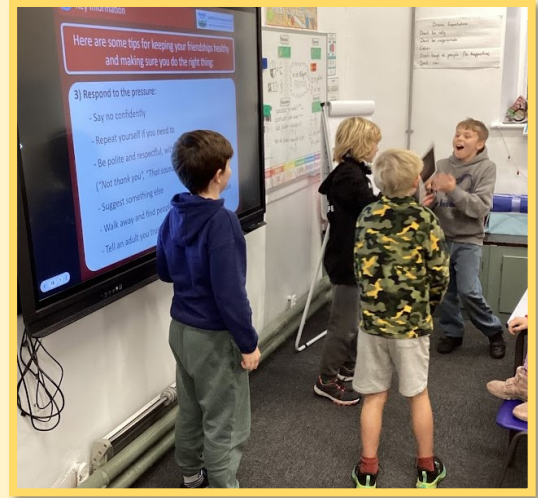
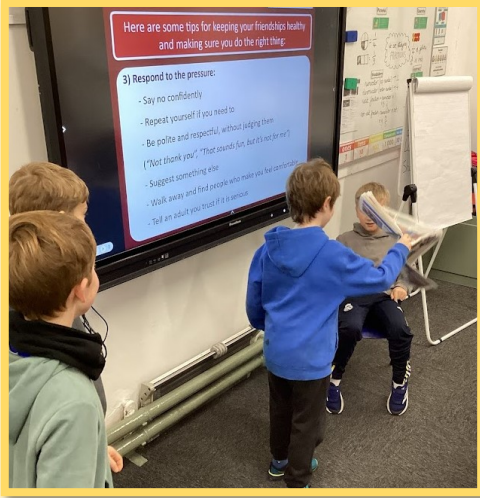
order to keep our teeth healthy!

You demonstrated terrific scientific skills Y4—Well done!



## Year 5

In Life Skills, we have been learning about what makes a good friend, and practising what to do if a friend tries to pressurise us into doing something we don't want to. Role play is a fun, safe way to practise how to react.



This week was also our talent show auditions and we were really proud of everyone who took part. It's not easy to perform on stage!



Additionally, we have created our final project in DT—keyrings! They created design criteria to follow and then diligently put their newly-acquired back stitch, cross stitch and running stitch skills into practice to create some wonderful objects!



## Year 6

Year sixes enjoyed their Victorian day. Children embraced their Victorian characters, ranging from workhouse children and chimney sweeps to maids and the upper-class members of society. The day started with eating gruel, which most found unpleasant! Throughout the day, children learned more about Victorian life by studying various sources, making a Victorian toy and taking part in Victorian playground games. The strict nature of teachers took some people by surprise too!



## Integrated Resource

The IR have had a busy two weeks. The Year 6 children took part in Victorian Day; dressing up, taking part in Victorian style lessons and games as well as making a ball and cup game. We have also been making fruit skewers, Christmas biscuits and shortbread.



We took part in the Wonder dome visit and watched projections of the solar system in a giant inflatable dome



In Science we carried on learning about forces and experimented with drag and wind resistance.



The Year 4s enjoyed their visit to watch Defying Gravity at Ice Sheffield.



# Lunch Menu - wb 15th December

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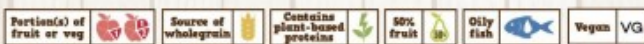


## Autumn/Winter Menu Week 3

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov, 24<sup>th</sup> Nov, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec, 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 16<sup>th</sup> March

WEEK THREE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
<b>Main Meal</b>	Beef Burger with Home-baked Potato Wedges	Mild Chicken Curry served with Mixed Rice	Chicken and Vegetable Pie with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Margherita Pizza with Home-baked Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers & Chips
<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	Vegetable Burger with Home-baked Potato Wedges <sup>VG</sup>	Vegetable Sausage Hotdog served with Sunny Rice	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Mashed Potato	Sweet & Sour Vegetables & Sunny Rice <sup>VG</sup>	Cheese & Onion Roll with Chips & Ketchup
<b>Street Food</b>		Chicken & Bean Burrito with Sunny Rice		Vegetable Carbonara	
<b>Vegetables</b>	Sweetcorn, Baked Beans	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	Broccoli or Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
<b>Baked Jacket Potatoes</b>	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans
<b>Dessert</b>	Chocolate Oaty Slice <sup>VG</sup>	Syrup Sponge Pudding & Custard	Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit	Vanilla Cookie & Fruit Slices <sup>VG</sup>	Iced Sponge Cake Topped with a Glace Cherry

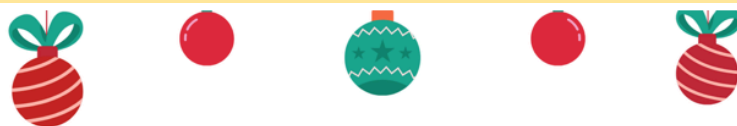
Available Daily: Pick & Mix Selection, Salad, Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt



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.

After the end of term break, rather than throw away your empty plastic sweet and cracker tubs, please bring them to school to drop off at the School Office, where they will be taken away to be recycled. Each recycled tub will raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support under the tub2pub scheme. You can find out more here: <https://www.tub2pub.co.uk/tub2pub/>

Thank you to Esther's mum in Year 5 for organising collection of these for such a great cause. Please bring in any empty, clean plastic tubs, like the ones in the flyer from 5th January to 1st February 2026.



## Recycle your plastic tubs here

- Confectionery tubs
- Biscuit tubs
- Cracker tubs



Bring your Chocolate, Sweet and Cracker tubs to School and we'll arrange for them to be recycled raising money for Macmillan Cancer.

Last Date for drop off 1<sup>st</sup> Feb



Tub2Pub

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CANCER SUPPORT



## Office Reminders

Please see the lunch menu's for Wednesday to Friday next week. Please note that the choice for Thursday's meal is fish fingers, a change to the usual menu.

MENU WEDNESDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> DEC 2025	MENU THURSDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> DEC 2025
<b>PURPLE:</b> Christmas Dinner (meat)	<b>PURPLE:</b> Fish Fingers & Chips
<b>GREEN:</b> Christmas Dinner (vegetarian)	<b>GREEN:</b> Cheese & Onion Roll
<b>YELLOW</b> JACKET POTATO	<b>YELLOW</b> JACKET POTATO
PACKED LUNCH	PACKED LUNCH

MENU FRIDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> DEC 2025
<b>PURPLE:</b> Party Lunch
<b>GREEN:</b> Party Lunch (vegetarian)
PACKED LUNCH

## PTA Notices

We would like to say a huge thank you to the school's Building Officer, Mr Jama and Assistant Caretaker, Mr O'Leary, who both stayed to help us set up and pack away after Cinema Clubs this week.



If anyone would still like to purchase any raffle tickets, we can accept them until Tuesday morning.

# Bubble Boutique

Sugar Scrubs - £1.50 mint, Rose

Bath Bombs - large = £2 Medium = £1.50 Small = £1 minis = 50p

Whipped body Soap - large = £5 medium = £4.50 Small = £3.50 bluebell/Gingerbread



Merry Christmas!

