



## Message from the Headteacher

We have started the week on a positive note, as always, with our celebration assembly. It was a pleasure to recognise the children's achievements and see the pride they take in their learning and attitudes to school life.

Year 3 are in full flow with rehearsals for their upcoming year group play, and it is already clear how much effort and enthusiasm they are putting into their performances. We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents later this half term to see the final performance. Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils are eagerly anticipating their residential next week. Their excitement was clear during today's assembly, and it is a great opportunity for them to build independence, resilience and memories together.

Please do take the time to read the extended newsletter, which shares more detail about the different themes covered in assemblies this week. These include our music of the half term and introducing our language of the half term. Adam, Omar and Eymen from Mrs Pickles' and Mrs Kirby's class helped to lead this and spoke confidently in front of each phase. Their confidence and maturity were a real credit to them and to the staff supporting them.

We hope you have a great weekend!

## Key Dates

17th January	Orienteering Ecclesall Woods
19th - 21st January	Y6 Robinwood residential
22nd January	SEND bowling trip Hollywood Bowl
28th January	Y6 Zoolab (AM)
29th/30th January	Y6 SEND Reviews
4th February	Y3 Production 2.30pm and 5.30pm
5th February	Sports Hall Athletics Finals @EIS
5th/6th February	Y3 SEND Reviews
6th February	PTA Ceilidh ( details TBC)
7th February	Orienteering Norfolk Park
7th February	U11 Netball Tournament
7th February	SFSS Cross country 7 Norfolk Park
w/b 9th February	Children's Mental Health Week
11th/12th February	Parent's Evening
12th February	Gymnastics Competition 1-3pm
13th February	Y4 Ancient Roman Day/ History Van
16th—20th February	School closed for Half Term Break
23rd February	IR Swimming begins for 5 weeks
24th February	Y4 Aqua Festival, Ponds Forge
24th February— 3rd March	Scholastic Book Fair

## This Week's Awards



No TT Rock Stars  
this week

### SPECIAL MENTIONS

Congratulations to the following children:

Y3NH ~ Arthur S

Y3M/C ~ Zain P

Y4TH ~ Otilie J

Y4HH ~ Max H

Y5KL ~ Freya M

Y5KB ~ Haadi H

Y6PK ~ Lola P

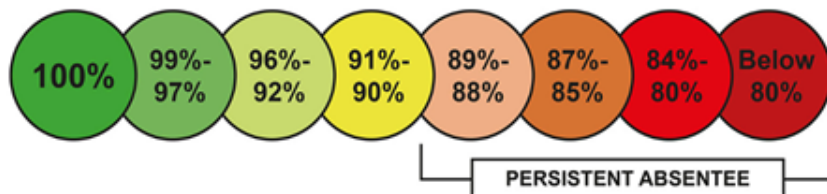


### Attendance

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?

### House Points

Steel	240
Cutlers	216
Originals	225
Peaks	220

### GOLDEN BROOM AWARD

Y3NH



### Focus Value - Effort & Resilience

Our pupils will be encouraged to:

- Have a growth mindset
- Learn from their mistakes
- Embrace challenges
- Strive to better themselves
- Take risks
- Try their best
- Never give up

### Attendance Winners

Congratulations to:

**Y4TH and Y6P/K**

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

# Community

## Arts Council

During the previous half term our Arts Council organised a winter decoration competition. All classes were invited to get creative and make a decoration to hang on the school Christmas tree. There were lots of fantastic entries which the Arts Council judged using a range of criteria they generated. Thank you to everyone who took part and well done to the winners.

This half term, our Arts Council will focus on two main tasks. Firstly, they will be responsible for collating pieces of artwork from all year groups to be proudly displayed in some of our school offices. This will be a wonderful way to showcase the children's artistic talent to many visitors coming into school.

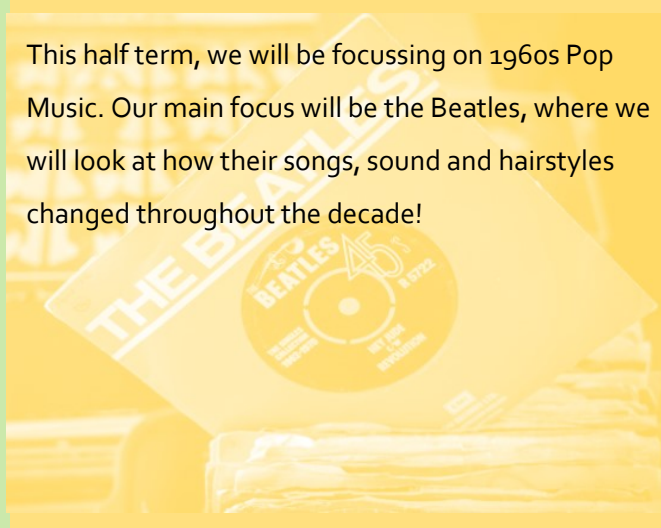
Secondly, they will begin assisting in the early planning stages of our immersive project that runs in the summer term. They will be helping to design the immersive space and decide what it could be filled with in order to best inspire their classmates. We will look forward to seeing what amazing ideas they come up with!



## Music of the half term - Pop Music

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 1960s Pop Music. Our main focus will be the Beatles, where we will look at how their songs, sound and hairstyles changed throughout the decade!



## Language of the Half Term - Arabic

### Language of the Term

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 Arabic and the focus country this time is Libya.

Arabic is one of the world's most widely spoken and culturally influential languages, with more than 400 million speakers across over 20 countries in the Middle East and North Africa. It has also left a lasting mark on English, contributing everyday words that many people don't realize come from Arabic. Terms like algebra (from al-jabr), coffee (from qahwa), sugar (from sukkar), and cotton (from qutn) are just a few examples of how the language has shaped global vocabulary.



# Community

## Safeguarding Top Tip

This week's safeguarding tip is taken from the NSPCC.

We all want children to grow up in a safe, loving environment and become happy, confident adults.

It's important that every child has someone they trust that they can ask for help. You might need to start a difficult conversation because you have to:

- break some bad news
- ask about something you're worried about
- ask about topics you find uncomfortable
- ask your child if they're worried or scared by something
- ask your child about a new behaviour

# NSPCC

You might not know how to talk to children about difficult topics. But whatever the subject, and however old the child you're talking to, you can make it easier for you both.

The NSPCC has advice to help you decide how to talk to your child in an age-appropriate and supportive way. But you know your child best, so trust your judgement about what's going to work for them. The link below gives some practical suggestions that we hope you find useful.

[https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/talking-about-difficult-topics/?utm\\_old=difficulttopic](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/talking-about-difficult-topics/?utm_old=difficulttopic)

Family Adult Community Education Service

## Families Staying Safe Online



Family Learning would like to invite you to join us for an information workshop about keeping your family safe online.



In the session, the tutor will share:

- information about different aspects of online safety.
- suggest things you can do to support your children to keep them safe online.
- show you where you can go to for help.

**Where:** Online - please follow the link below to register:

[Family Learning: Families Staying Safe Online Workshop.13701.Sheffield](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/talking-about-difficult-topics/?utm_old=difficulttopic)

**When:** 1.00pm to 2.00pm

**Date:** Monday 9th February 2026

**This session is funded by SYMCA so there is no cost to you. This course can lead to other learning opportunities. Please ask your tutor for more information.**

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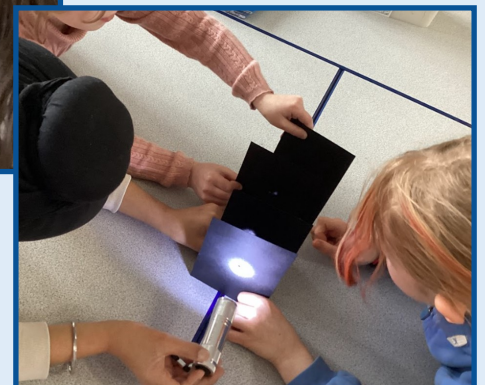
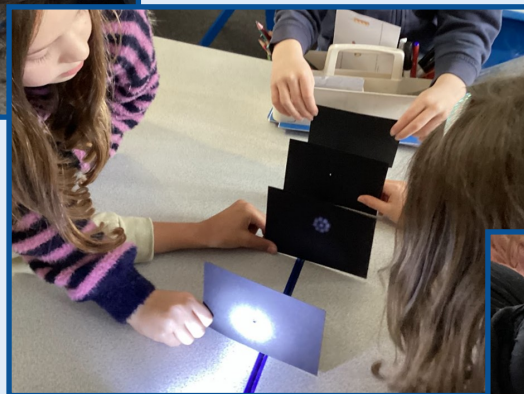
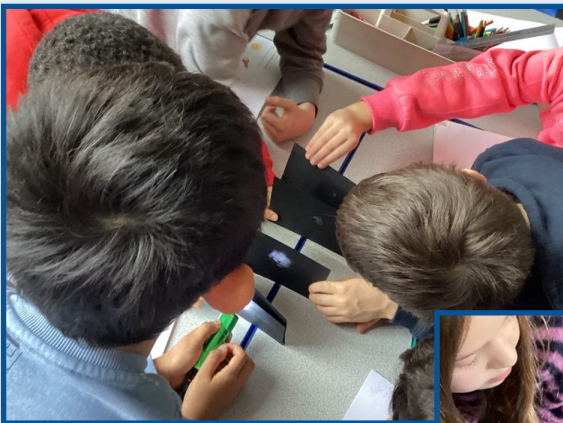
## Learning in Action

### Year 3

Although the snow last week made getting to school tricky, the children had a fantastic time playing with their friends, making snowmen and throwing snowballs at the teachers!



In science this half term, we are learning about light. Children undertook an experiment to check their prediction that light travels in a straight line by shining a torch through holes in pieces of card. They found that light could only pass through the hole in a straight line.



## Year 4

In English, we have been discussing the different parts of the adventure story titled 'Roman Rescue' and created a story mountain of the key events. We had a class discussion about the importance of dialogue in narratives and thought of some examples that the characters in this story could say. Then, we worked in groups to act out the different parts of the story and performed them to the class. We ended our scenes with a freeze frame.



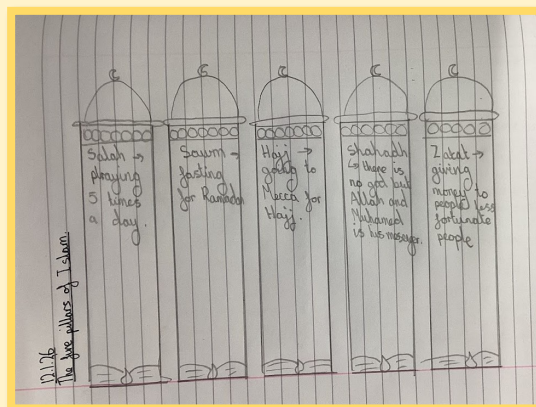
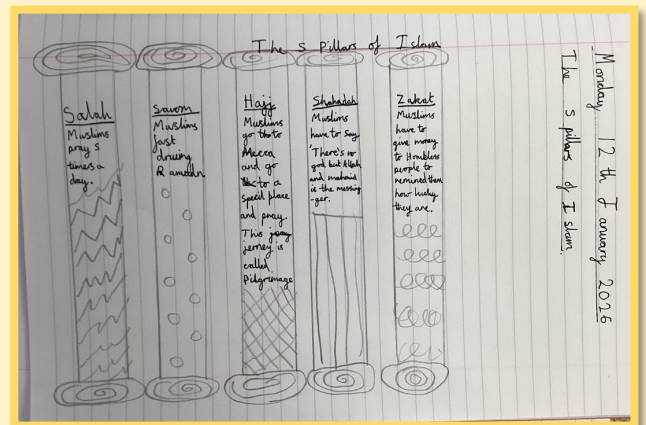
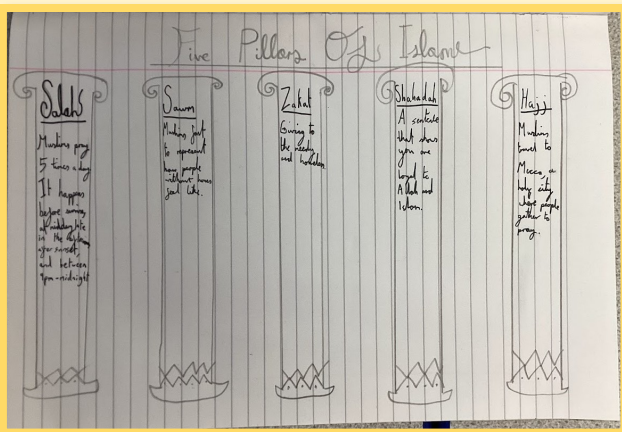
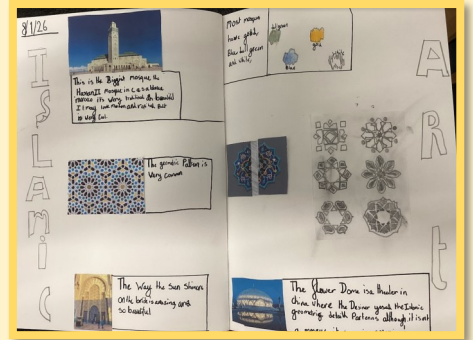
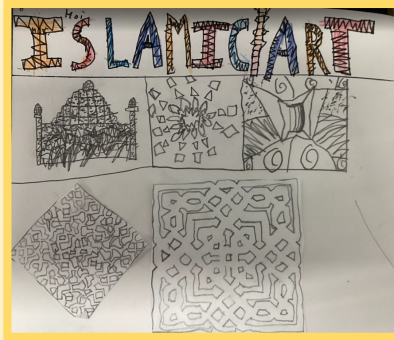
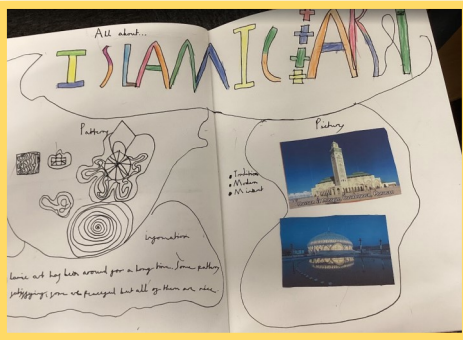
## Year 5

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see everyone's smiley faces again after the holidays, hear about the stories of what they got up to and to see them approach their work with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

It has been a slightly different first week back, with an icy morning and then a snowy day. On Friday, we LOVED heading out to the playground as a year group and having snowball fights, building snowmen and igloos, and generally making the most of the snow!

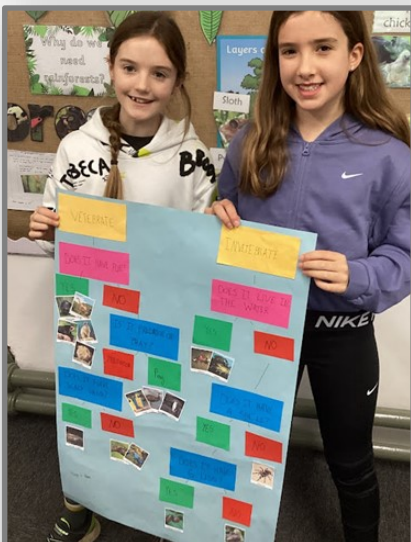
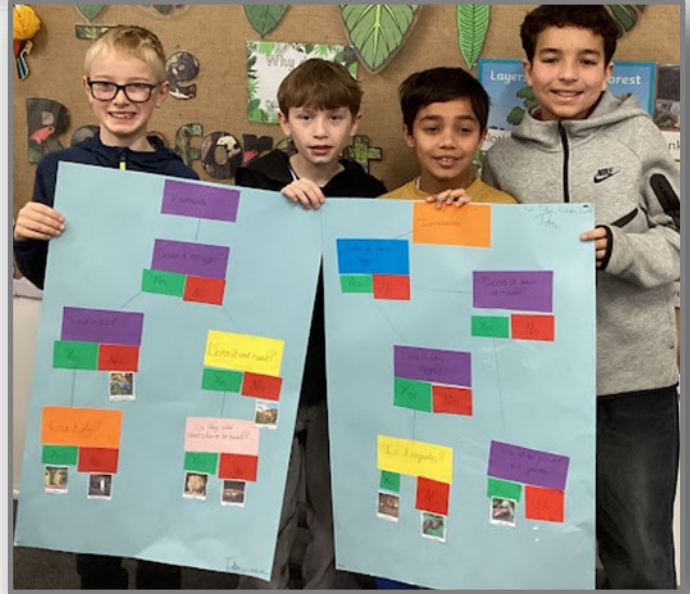
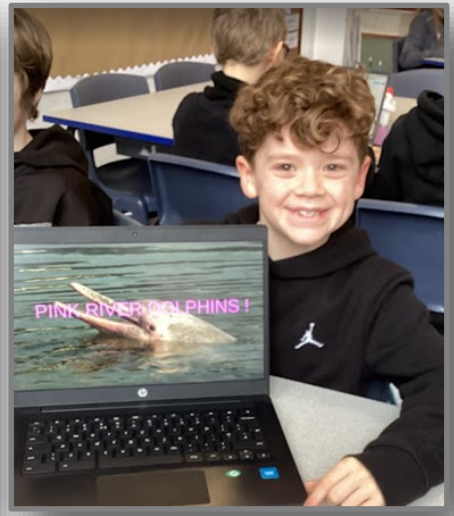
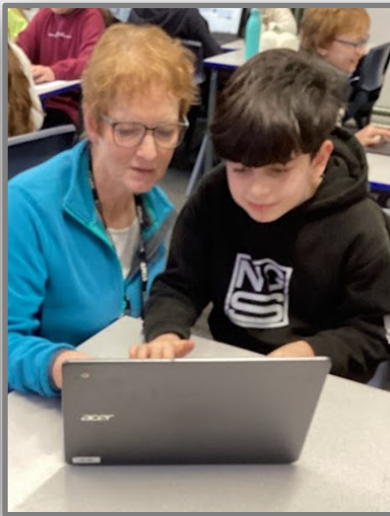
We have also welcomed 2 new students into Y5 after the holidays and it has been lovely to see how welcoming everyone has been so their transition could be as smooth as possible.

This half term's topic is the Golden Age of Islam, linking both our project work and also our RE and Art lessons. Here are some photos of the work we have been doing related to this topic so far.



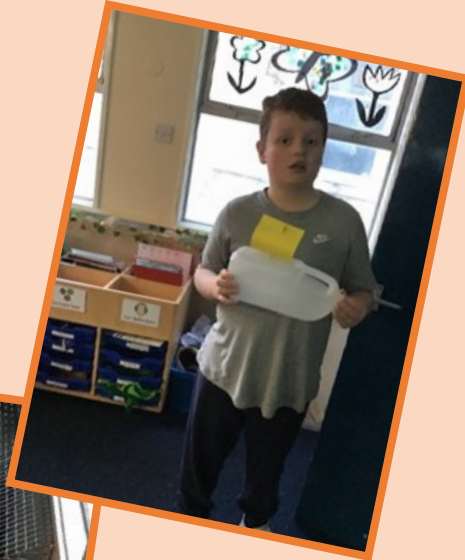
## Year 6

Year 6 are fully immersed in this half term's project: Why do we need rainforests? In science, they have enjoyed making classification keys to sort animals. In English, children are working towards producing a non-chronological report about a rainforest animal. Children are working collaboratively to research an animal ahead of writing their report.



## Integrated Resource

The IR children have started the new year with a lot of new projects and exciting topics. These included making ships, studying the human skeleton and making a human model of the skeleton using masking tape. We have been working on sentences, punctuation and in Maths learning about currency and practicing using coins. Last Friday the children also enjoyed playing in the snow.



# Lunch Menu—w/b 19th January

Nether Green Juniors School

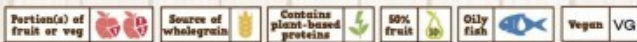


## Autumn/Winter Menu Week 1

10<sup>th</sup> Nov, 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 19<sup>th</sup> Jan, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> March

WEEK ONE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
<b>Main Meal</b>	Red Tractor Pork Sausage Roll & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Beef Taco with Corn Tortilla, Tomato Sauce & Sunny Rice	Roast Chicken, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes with Yorkshire Pudding	Wholemeal Tomato & Cheese Pizza & Home-baked Potato Wedges	MSC Fish Fingers & Chips
<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	Cheese & Onion Pastry Roll & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Italian Quorn Meatballs served with Pasta <sup>VG</sup>	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Sausage in a Bun with Home-baked Potato Wedges <sup>VG</sup>	Vegetable Fingers & Chips with Ketchup <sup>VG</sup>
<b>'Street' Food</b>		Vegetable Biryani <sup>VG</sup>		Beany Quesadilla	
<b>Vegetables</b>	Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Mixed Salad or Broccoli	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, 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, Cheese, Salmon Mayo, or Beans
<b>Dessert</b>	Vanilla Shortbread <sup>VG</sup> & Chocolate Sauce	Chocolate & Pear Crumble <sup>VG</sup> & Custard	Strawberry Jelly <sup>VG</sup>	Oaty Cookie with fruit	Oaty Biscuit

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.

## Office Reminders

Please can parents/carers check ParentPay to ensure payments have been made and/or permissions/consent have been given for the following events:

22nd January — Hollywood Bowl Trip

28th January — Y6 Zoolab

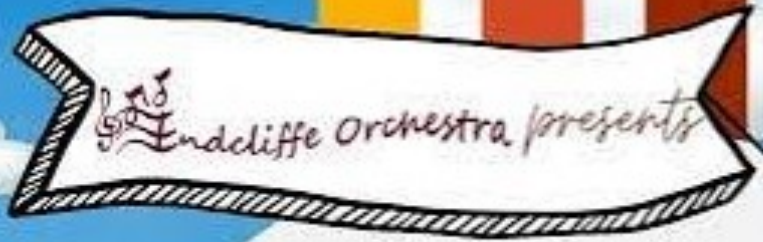
4th February—Y3 Production

5th February — Sports Athletics Finals @EIS

12th February — Gymnastics Competition

13th February — Y4 History Van

Thank you.



The UK Premiere of

# THE BEATLES GUIDE TO THE ORCHESTRA

Join us for a family orchestral adventure for all, with special guest narrator Polly Ives!



Saturday 31st January 2026



3pm\* & 7:30pm

St. Mark's Sheffield, S10 2SE

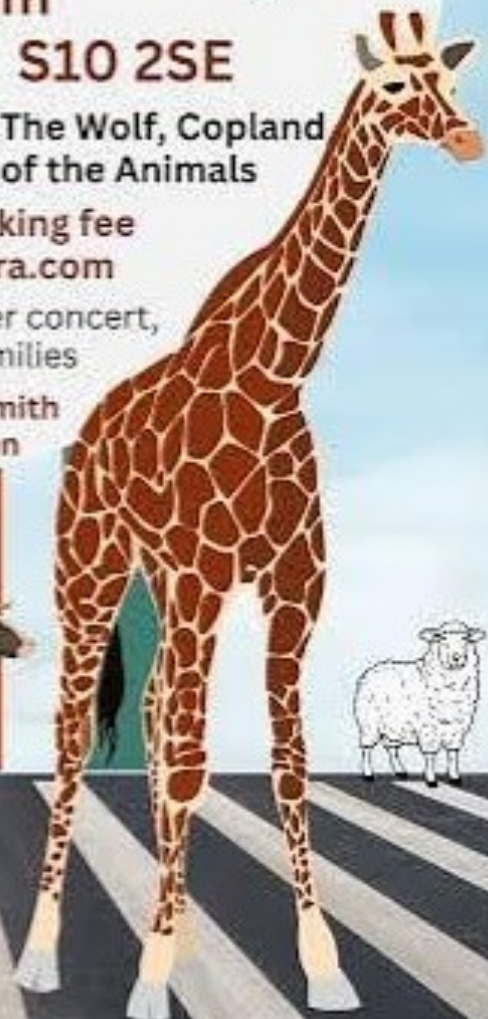
Also featuring Prokofiev Peter and The Wolf, Copland Billy the Kid & Arnold Carnival of the Animals



Tickets £6-£12 plus booking fee  
[www.endcliffeorchestra.com](http://www.endcliffeorchestra.com)

\*3pm is a free abridged taster concert, perfect for younger families

Conductor River Edis-Smith  
Leader Ralph Dawson





# FRIDAY FUN

for Families School Age Children

4:00 - 5:15PM

Games

Friday 16 Jan.

Crazy Crafts/Games

Friday 23 Jan.

Try something new

Lego

Friday 30 Jan.

Games/Lego

Friday 6 Feb.

Crazy Crafts - Lunar New Year

Friday 13 Feb.

Donation £3.00 per child requested to Broomhill Community Trust

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# KIDS BOOK CLUB

**BOOKS**

Plus:

**DRAMA!**

**GAMES!**

**STORIES**

**NEW!**

Mondays after School  
16.00-17.00  
Term time only

Starts  
19<sup>th</sup> January

MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

For kids aged 7-10 who enjoy reading for fun



Venue: 10 Tiptonville Road, Sheffield, S10 5BR  
Contact: [enquiries@broomhill-library.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@broomhill-library.org.uk)  
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### **Complimentary Ticket Offer for Students to a Sheffield Hatters Game!**

Please offer your students & parents, an exclusive opportunity to witness professional basketball at an unbeatable price!


Please feel free to SHARE this offer to students / parents thru Email, ClassDojo, or any other internal communications.

**Date:** Saturday 17th January 2026

**Time:** 7PM

**Venue:** Canon Medical Arena, Sheffield

**Matchup:** Sheffield Hatters v Newcastle Eagles

 **Special Offer:**

<https://app.fanbaseclub.com/Fan/Tickets/SelectType?fixtureId=13532>


**Code:** SCHOOLS

#### **How to Claim:**


1. **Visit:** [Sheffield Hatters Tickets](#)
2. **Enter the promo codes at checkout.**


Ponds Forge International Sports Centre is set to host the **2026 Aquatics GB Diving International!** The three-day competition will take place from 30th January to 1st February 2026, featuring Britain's leading divers competing against top international talent. Athletes will showcase their skills in the 3 metre springboard and 10 metre platform individual and synchro medal events.


The Everyone Active Diving Programme at Ponds Forge is the proud home to TEN divers who will take to the boards to represent Great Britain at this exciting event and in partnership with Aquatics GB, we are delighted to deliver our Team GB inspired Try Diving Taster Programme between January and March 2026. This exciting opportunity provides the opportunity for pupils to take to the boards and experience the exhilarating Olympic sport of springboard and platform diving for themselves.

 **FREE 30 minute Try Diving Taster Sessions** with our experienced coaches for participants age 6-15 years of age

 Ponds Forge International Sports Centre

 Weekly sessions on Tuesdays 17:00pm, Wednesdays 17.30pm and Fridays throughout January - March

 Participants must be able to swim 25 metres confidently swim in deep water without goggles

 **BOOK NOW** via the Everyone Active App, calling 0114 2233800 or emailing Mike Gill at [michaelgill@everyoneactive.com](mailto:michaelgill@everyoneactive.com)

#### **WATCH THE ACTION LIVE!**

Tickets for Aquatics GB Diving International 2026 are available [HERE](#) from £7.00. We are pleased to offer a 15% discount for school staff, pupils, and their families to use for other competition days. **Please share and use the code SCHOOL15 at checkout.**