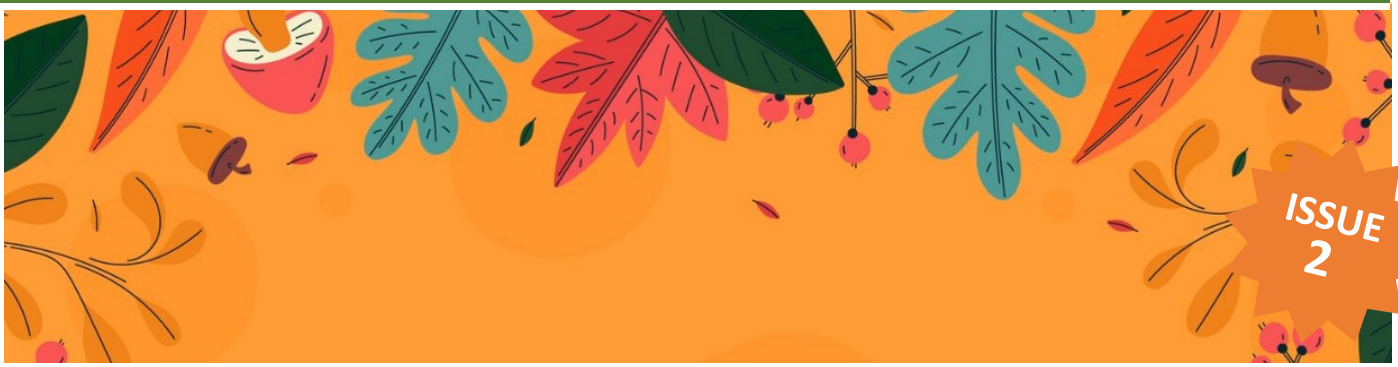
Nether Green Junior School Newsletter Date: 11th September



Message from the Headteacher

Every two weeks, we will send out this newsletter to give you a fuller glimpse into what has been happening across school. Alongside this, I will continue to send my shorter Headteacher updates, which will keep you informed about key messages and things happening in school.

There is always a lot going on, from events and activities to the many things happening in classrooms each day. We know this means you receive a fair number of messages from us, but we want to make sure you have the information you need and, importantly, a chance to see and celebrate some of the things your children have been involved in.

The newsletter will also provide a more central place for some of this information, with our calendar helping to keep you up to date with what is coming up over the next few weeks.

We would also encourage you to take a look at our **Parental Engagement Offer**, which has been sent out to families and is now available on our website. This gives you an overview of the events, activities and opportunities taking place throughout the year that you are invited to be part of. We would love to see as many of you as possible getting involved in school life and sharing some of these experiences with your children.

Sheffield 10K – Mr Allen & Mrs Bedford

On Sunday 27th September, Mrs Bedford and I will be taking part in the Sheffield 10K to raise money for Sheffield Young Carers. We would really appreciate your support in helping us **raise money** for this important local charity. We have shared a bit more information in the newsletter.

Saying Goodbye to Mrs Bedford

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Bedford, who has been our Senior Learning Mentor for the past two years. She has made a significant contribution to school and has had a positive impact on so many of our pupils through her work across school.

We are, however, delighted that she has secured an Assistant Educational Psychologist role with Sheffield City Council.

Mrs Bedford has shared a few words:

"It has been an absolute privilege to be the Senior Learning Mentor at Nether Green for the past two years, and I have loved every single minute. I have recently been fortunate enough to secure an Assistant Educational Psychologist role with Sheffield Council—a goal I have been working towards since retraining from the civil service five years ago. Whilst I am excited for this next chapter, I am deeply sad to leave such a wonderful school community. It has been a true joy getting to know your incredible children, and I will miss them, alongside our fantastic Nether Green staff, immensely."

We will certainly miss Mrs Bedford and everything she has brought to Nether Green. We wish her every success in her new role.

Key Dates	
14th September	SEND coffee morning, 9.10am
19th September	SFSS Cross Country 1 Ecclesall Woods
24th September	Y6 Endcliffe Park visit
25th September	Cross Country—Mylnhurst
29th September	Y5Jorvik visit
2nd October	Y6 Westbourne—poetry session (small group)
3rd October	SFSS Cross Country 2 Bolehills
7th October	Y3-5 Curriculum Workshop 5.30PM
8th and 9th October	Y3 SEND Reviews
10th October	SFSS Cross Country 3 Parkwood S
14th October	Y5 Viking Assembly, for Y5 parents (2.45-PM—3.45PM)
15th and 16th October	Y4 SEND Reviews
16th October	Y3 Cresswell Crags visit
16th October	Izzy Gizmo athe Crucible, Green Room children
20th October	Open Evening 3.50 - 6.00pm
21st October	Open Evening 3.50 - 7.00pm
22nd October	Y4 Greek Day

This Week's Awards

Focus Value - Respect

Our children will be encouraged to:

- Be polite and well-mannered
- Value themselves and other people
- Be positive, friendly and caring
- Have mutual respect and tolerance for all
- Respect our school and its environment

SPECIAL

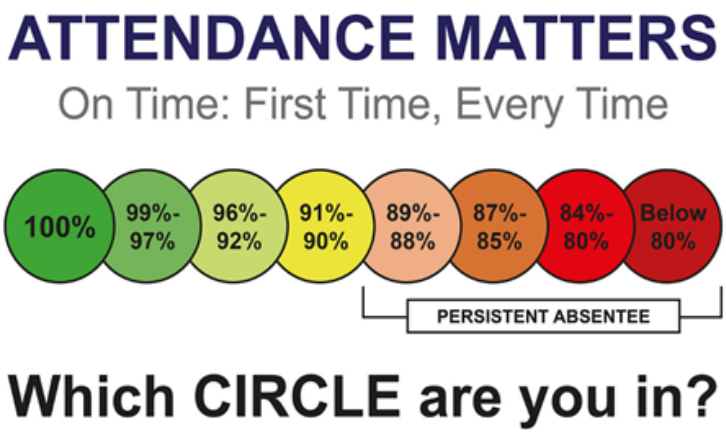
Congratulations to the following children:

Y3MC - Jenny	Y5KB - Nuha
Y3NH - Lucas	Y5ML - Barney
Y3WN - Freya	Y5BB - Ben
Y4TH - Leo	Y6OS - Josh and Alex
Y4JE - Maddy	Y6JC - Alyson
Y4HH - Lydia	Y6PH - Rory

Well done to Sienna, for her horse riding achievements and to Willa for winning her football trophy.

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.



Music of the half term - Symphonic Storytelling

Autumn 1

This half term, we are exploring **Symphonic Storytelling** - discovering how composers can use instruments, melodies and musical ideas to bring stories and characters to life.

We will be listening to a range of exciting pieces, each telling a different story. Our listening pieces will include Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf, The Sorcerer's Apprentice composed by Paul Dukas and Stravinsky's The Firebird.







Community

Safeguarding Top Tip

In last Friday's assembly, Mrs Thorlby explained to the children which members of staff make up the school's safeguarding team.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Thorlby.

We have three Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs): Mr Allen (Head teacher), Mrs Bedford (Senior Learning Mentor) and Mrs Garcia (Learning Mentor).

Our designated governor with responsibility for safeguarding is Mr Ian Owen.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We ensure that consistent effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support families, children and staff at this school. Children are encouraged to report anything they feel unsure or uncomfortable about. They know that they can report ANYTHING to ANY adult they feel comfortable with.

If you have concerns about the wellbeing or safety of a child, please contact the office to speak with one of us.

How to report something that's bothering you

- Speak to ANY adult in school
- You might have an adult in mind that you would feel more comfortable chatting to
- Write it down and give the note to an adult
- Use the What's on your mind? box

Lunch Menu

NETHER GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL

EAT SMART

Spring/Summer Menu Week 2 — 30th Mar, 20th Apr, 11th May, 1st Jun, 22nd Jun, 13th Jul, 14th Sept, 5th Oct, 26th Oct 2026

WEEK TWO	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PLANET PIZZA THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal	Sausage & Mash with Gravy	Beef Lasagne with Nachos	All Day Breakfast	Rainbow Vegetable Pizza with Tomato Pasta	Battered Pollock & Chips
Vegetarian Option	Veggie Sausage & Mash with Gravy VG	Plant-based Lasagne with Nachos	Vegetarian All Day Breakfast	Spaghetti with Plant-based Meatballs in an Arrabbiata Sauce VG with Garlic Bread	Cheese & Onion Roll with Chips
'Street' Food		Vegetable Jollof Rice		Cheese & Spring Onion Loaded Potato Skins	
Vegetables	Broccoli, Sweetcorn & Baked Beans	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	Garden Peas & Sliced Carrots	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Beans VG Tuna Mayo or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans VG Tuna Mayo or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans VG Tuna Mayo or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans VG Tuna Mayo or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans VG Tuna Mayo or Cheese
Dessert	Cornflake Tart & Fruit Slice	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Blueberry Cake & Custard	Fruit Slices & Pancakes	Chocolate Crispy Bun

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

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.

Spotlight on the Curriculum - Reading

Reading at Nether Green Junior School



Reading is part of our culture at NGJS and takes place across the curriculum. Throughout school, we want children to become increasingly fluent, thoughtful and independent readers. Our reading curriculum develops a genuine love of reading alongside strong word-reading and comprehension skills.



All classrooms have a class library with age-appropriate texts and children have a weekly opportunity to visit our whole-school library, where books are arranged by genre. We know that sometimes children are not sure what to read or what they enjoy, adults will help children to choose books that interest them and are appropriate for them. We encourage children to take books home and read with you, alongside you, or listen to a story read by you. Sharing books remains valuable, even as children become increasingly independent readers.



Across the school, children have a wide variety of opportunities to read. Each half term, children explore a different class reader: an engaging and ambitious text which reflect our school community, they are chosen to broaden children's reading experiences and develop their understanding of literature. Every year, children will also read a classic novel. Alongside the class reader, we explicitly teach comprehension skills through a range of texts which link to the children's project question. These skills are also applied during some class reader sessions. Reading lessons are taught daily from 9:00am–9:30am.

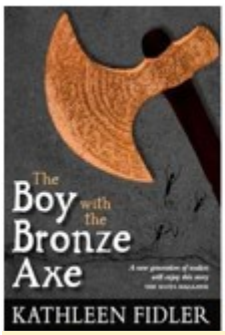
In addition to the daily reading lesson, children have a daily opportunity to read for pleasure. Throughout the week, children may read independently, read to an adult, read with a reading buddy in Y3 and 6, share a book with a partner, listen to a story or explore a newspaper, to name just a few activities. On some days, children may take part in a small-group 'book club' to develop their comprehension skills and discuss what they are reading.

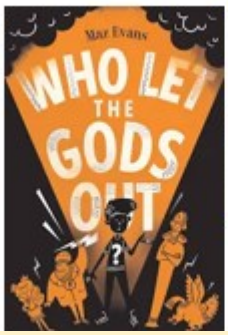
Our aim is for all children to develop brilliant word-recognition and fluency skills. We carefully monitor children's reading and provide additional support where needed. Some children may access phonics intervention or additional comprehension support at different points during their time at NGJS. Children accessing phonics will also have a phonics book to read at home.

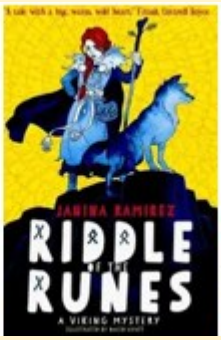
We want every child to be able to read fluently, understand what they read and, most importantly, enjoy reading.

This half term's class reader books

Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6

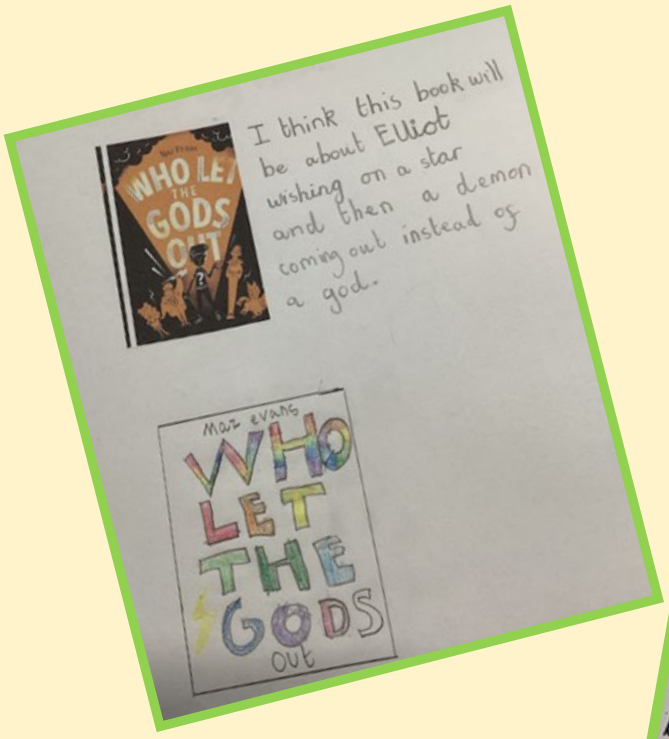


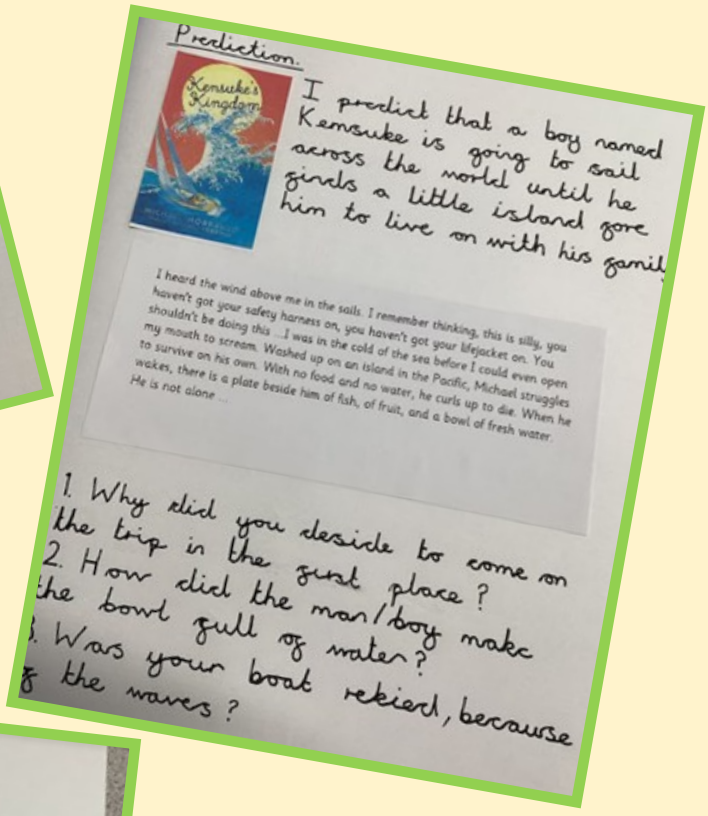


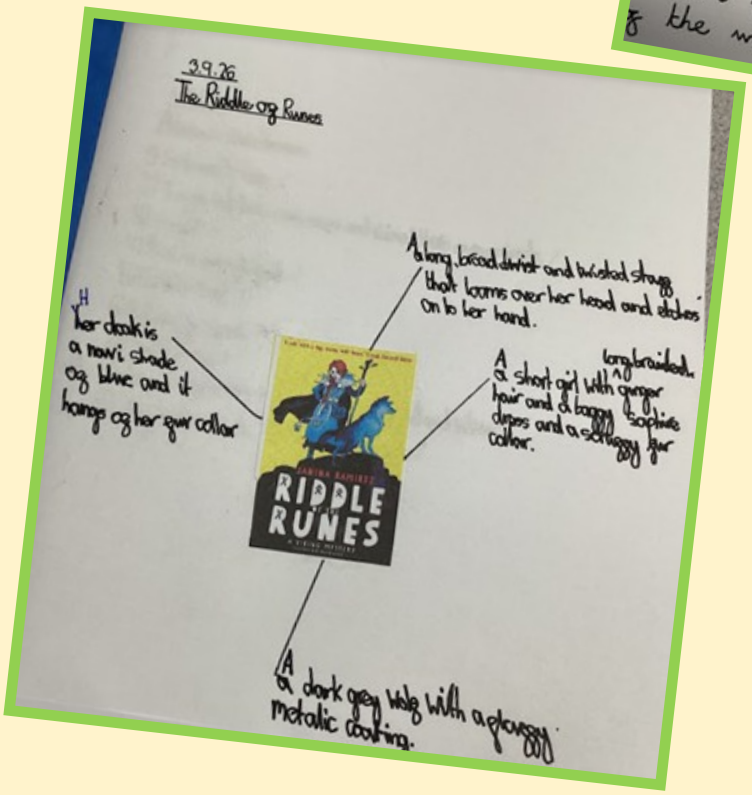


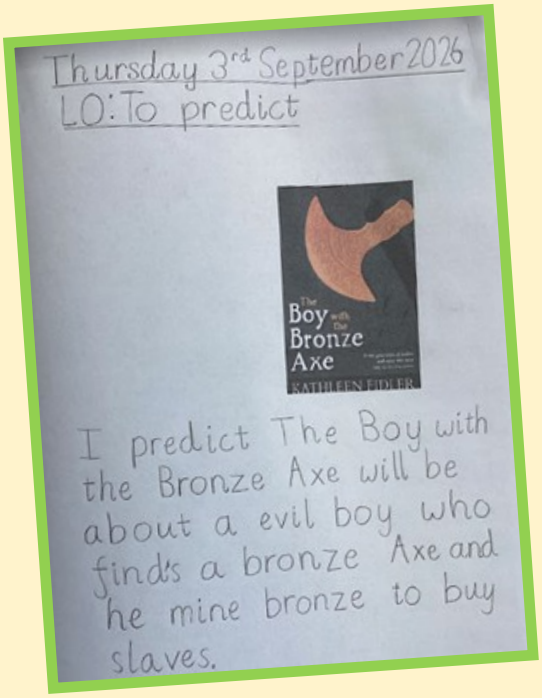


Every book begins with making predictions and considering the front cover.





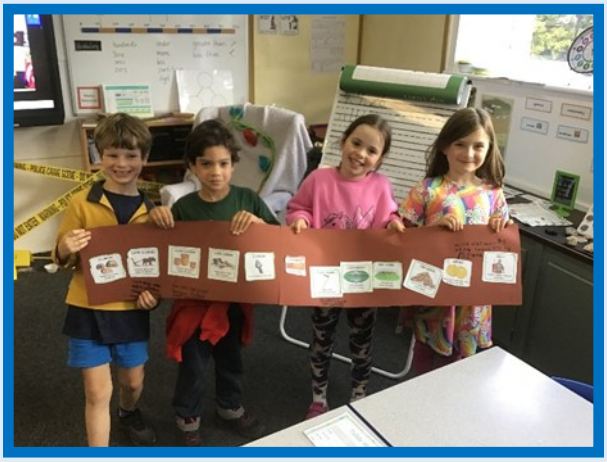


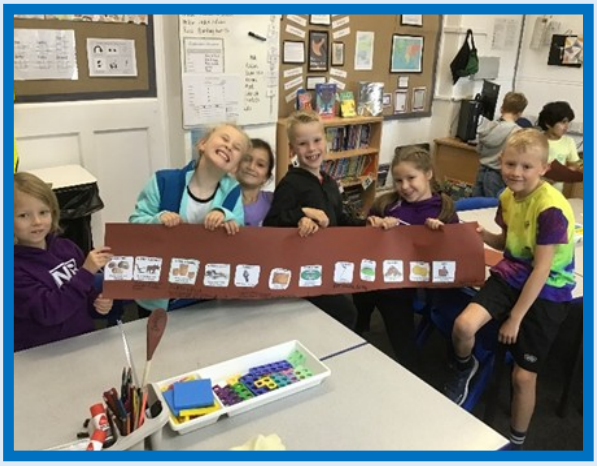


Learning in Action

Year 3







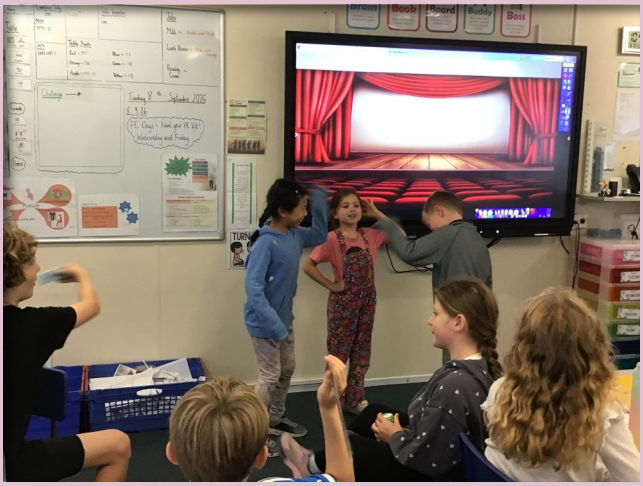


In Y3 we have been putting events from the Stone Age in chronological order. We had to look carefully at each date and then discussed which event was most significant.

Year 4

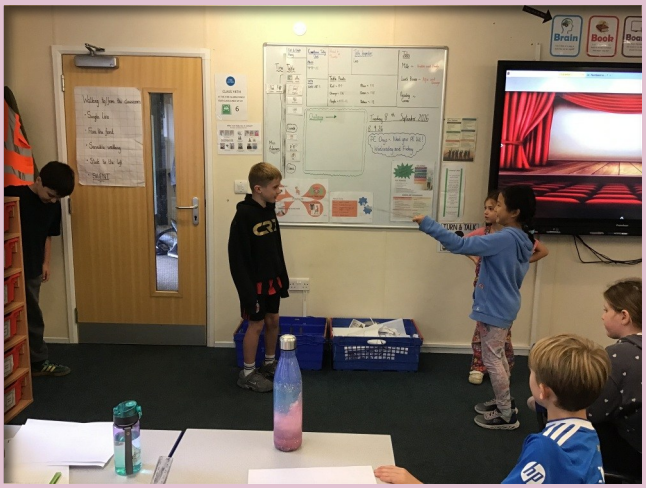
A huge well done to all the children in Y4 for how well they have started this new school year!

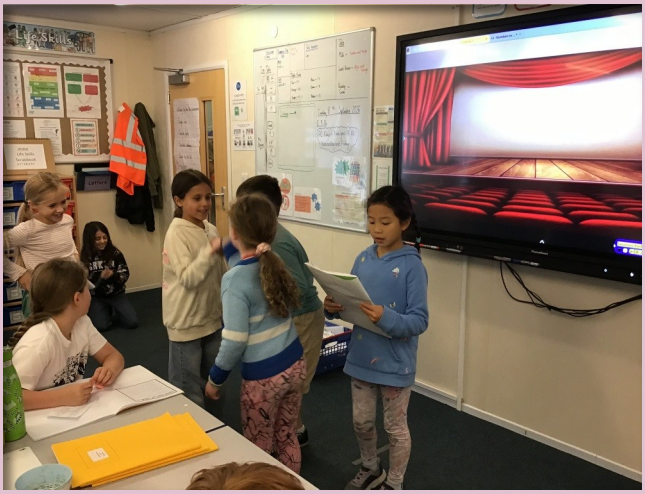
In English, we've been developing our understanding of the famous Greek Myth — Theseus and the Minotaur — in preparation for our first piece of independent writing. To help the children learn the key events, we did some drama to re-enact some of the stories most memorable moments. The children worked really well together as a team and showed a lot of enthusiasm when they performed for their class mates!

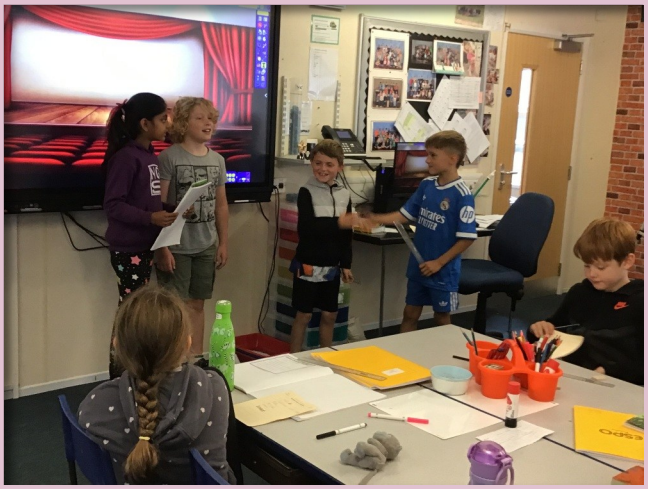










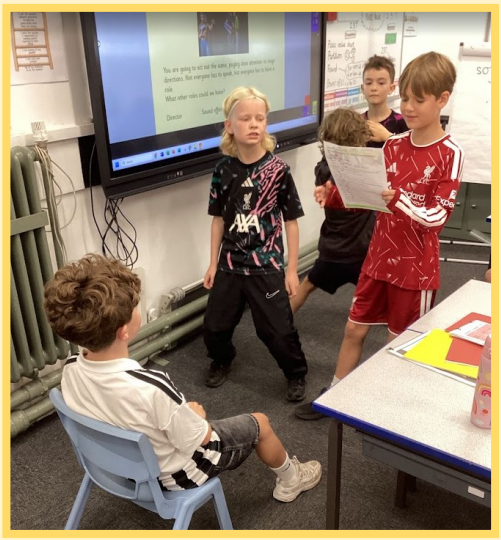


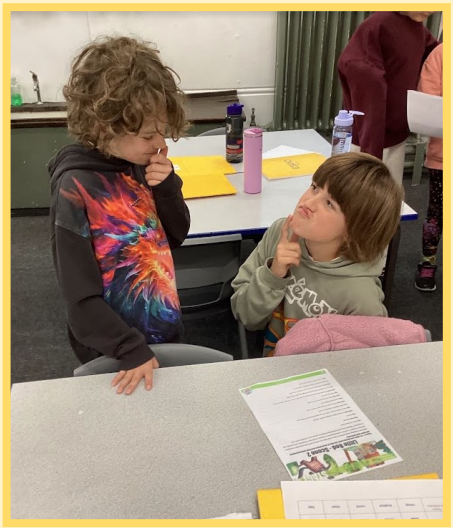
Year 5

We are really pleased with how well the new Year 5's have adapted to their new class groups and the expectations of being in Year 5 - well done everyone!

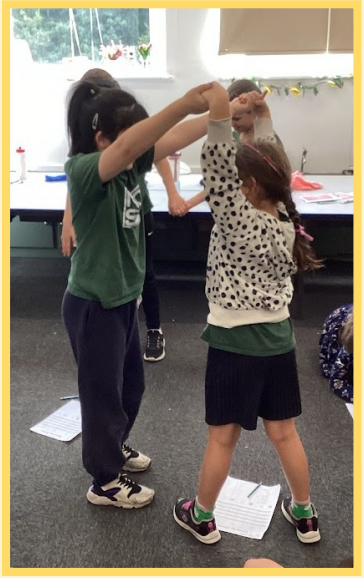








To start our English topic, we have been doing lots of speaking and drama work which is helping to prepare us for writing our own playscripts next week, some of which you might see in our Viking assembly!



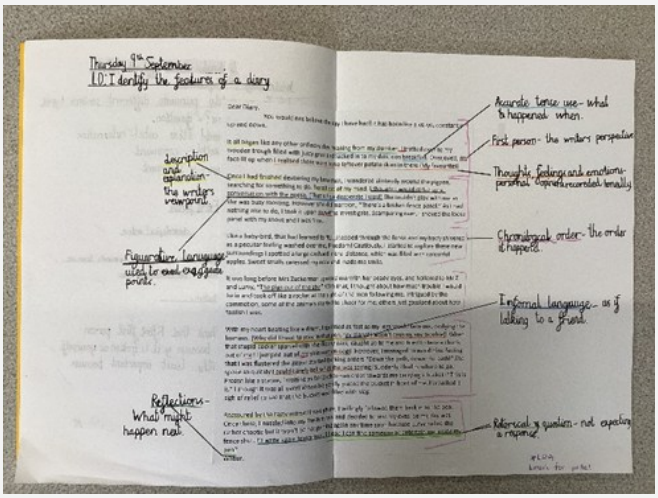
We've also started our dance topic in PE, where everyone has shown great teamwork and creativity already!

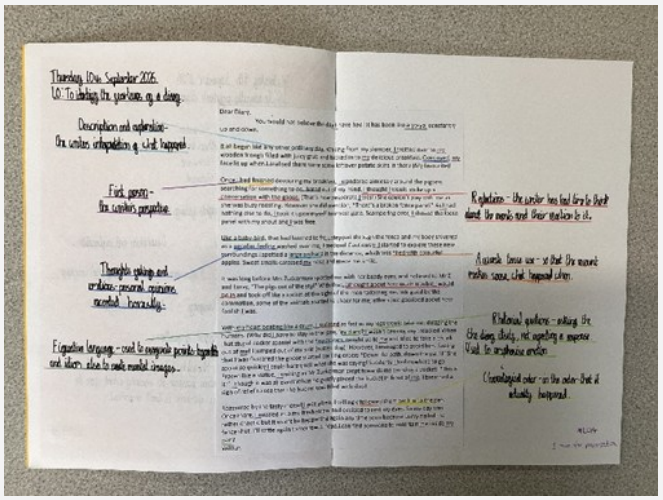




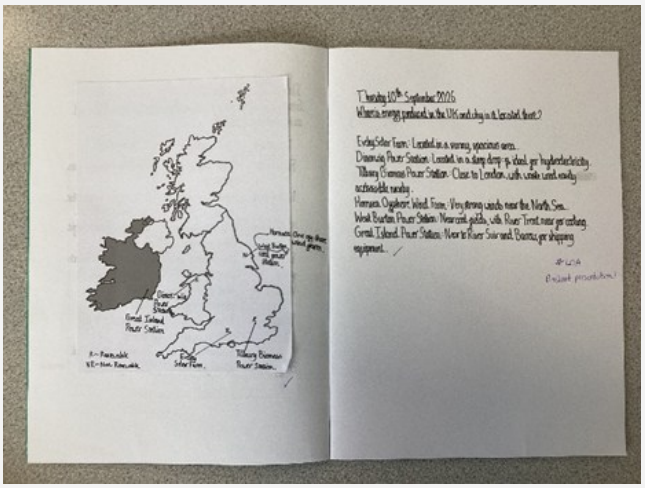
Year 6

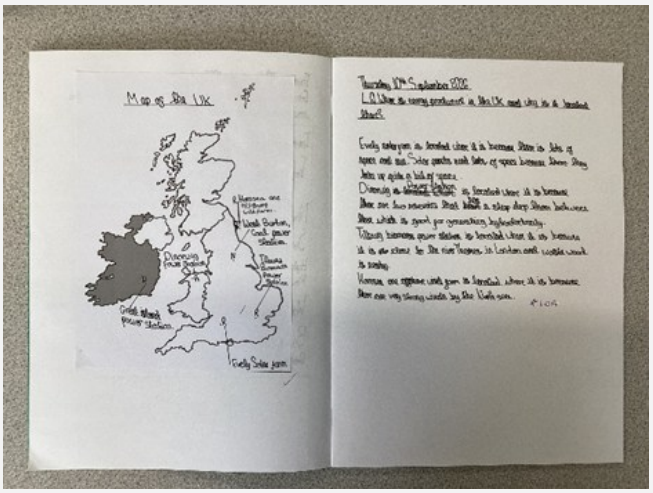
In Year 6 we have been exploring diary entries in our English lessons this week by identifying the features of them to prepare to write our own diary based on our class book 'Kensuke's Kingdom'.





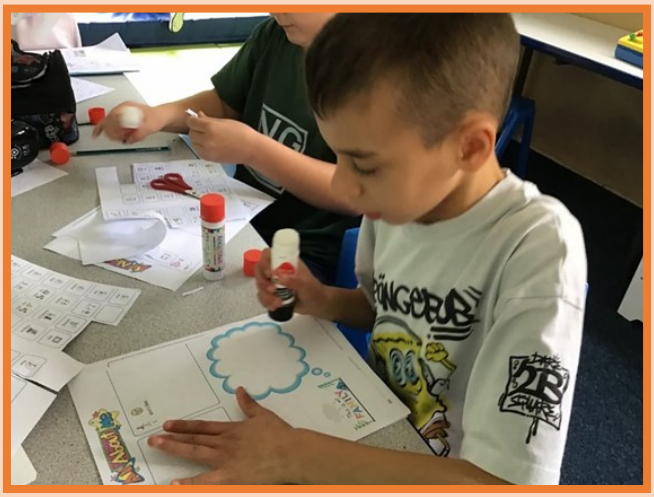
Our Project topic this half term Is 'How should be power our world?' In Geography lessons this week we used a map to identify different types of power stations around the UK that use renewable and non-renewable energy. We discussed why certain power stations were located in certain places.





Integrated Resource

In the IR we welcomed the new children joining this year. We did some getting to know you activities and the children met Norman, our new visiting Therapy dog. In PE we started learning some ball skills and in Lifeskills we practiced washing and cleaning.













Mr Allen and Mrs Bedford are running the SHEFFIELD 10K!



On **27th September**, Mr Allen and Mrs Bedford will be taking part in the **Sheffield 10K** to raise money for **Sheffield Young Carers**, and we would love your support!

Why Sheffield Young Carers matters to NGJS

As school staff, we see firsthand how hard our pupils work to build bright futures. For some children, life outside school can bring additional responsibilities, including helping to care for a family member who is disabled, physically or mentally ill, or struggling with addiction.

There are over 7,000 young carers in Sheffield – roughly 1 in every 12 children.

These young people take on caring responsibilities alongside their education, friendships and everyday lives.

Balancing caring responsibilities with school, friendships, family life and simply having time to be themselves can be incredibly challenging.

That is why Mr Allen and Mrs Bedford are swapping their Sunday morning for running shoes and taking on the Sheffield 10K!

The reality for young carers

Statistically, there could be up to **3 young carers** in **every school classroom** across Sheffield.

Young carers miss an average of **27 school days** each year due to their responsibilities.

39% hide their caring role from **teachers** and peers because they are worried about how others may respond.

Over a third experience significant challenges with their mental health.

The average young carer waits **three years** to be identified and receive appropriate support, with some waiting much longer.

Sheffield Young Carers

We are raising money for **Sheffield Young Carers**, an incredible local charity that provides support such as one-to-one counselling, peer support groups, holiday activities and opportunities for young carers to spend time with others who understand their experiences.

Every donation, however large or small, will help support a young carer here in Sheffield.

CLICK HERE TO SUPPORT US!

Support our Sheffield 10K fundraiser

Thank you very much for your support!

Welcome to your Eat Smart Sheffield Newsletter!

You may have heard of Eat Smart Sheffield - in fact, there's a good chance we work with your school... or you may have been to one of our parent/carer sessions... or you may follow us on social media...

In a nutshell, we are here to help and support pupils, their families and the wider community to adopt healthier eating behaviours, encouraging good food choices and healthier lifestyles for all.

We believe everyone should have the confidence, skills and knowledge they need to cook, grow and enjoy good quality affordable food, as well as an understanding of important food issues such as nutrition, food sources and sustainability.

We work with all primary, secondary and special schools across the city and encourage them to work towards a Food for Life Award which is a great way to demonstrate that they are doing fantastic work in providing healthy school meals, great lunchtimes and food education for all our children and young people.

If you'd like to know more or to find out if your school is involved, feel free to contact **Lisa Aldwin, Eat Smart Sheffield Programme Manager:** lisa.aldwin@learnsheffield.co.uk

Welcome to your Eat Smart Sheffield Newsletter!



Making healthy eating a normal part of life is the best way you can support your child and help them lead longer, healthier lives. Although schools play a big part in this, you as parents/ carers have a huge role in ensuring your children have a balanced diet, are getting the nutrients they need, and are developing good lifestyle habits so they can grow, thrive and live life to the full.

We know this isn't always easy and many factors affect what we eat, how and why, so Eat Smart Sheffield are here to help! We've pulled together some top tips for healthy eating throughout the day which we hope you will find useful...

Eat Smart Sheffield Newsletter - for Parents/Carers



BROOMHILL COMMUNITY LIBRARY



FRIDAY FUN

for Families

School Age Children

4:00 - 5:15PM



Games

Friday 4 Sept.



Try something new



Choose what you enjoy

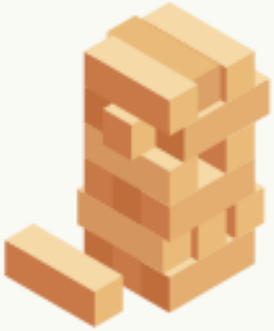
Dig & Discover Archaeology

Friday 11 Sept.



Detect & Discover More!

Friday 18 Sept.



Lego

Friday 25 Sept.



Games/Lego

Fridays 2, 9, 16, 23 October





Donation £3.00 per child requested to Broomhill Community Trust



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ORIENTEERING

THE MIND AND BODY WORKOUT

South Yorkshire Orienteers

2026 / 27 Saturday Series

incorporating the SFSS Schools' League

Orienteering is a challenging outdoor adventure sport. The aim is to navigate between control points marked on an orienteering map and decide the best route to complete the course in the quickest time. It does not matter how young, old or fit you are, as you can run, walk or jog the course at your own pace.





These events are specifically aimed to introduce people of all ages to the sport and also incorporate the SFSS schools' league. However all our events have courses suitable for all abilities - see the website for more details. No need to pre-enter: just turn up on the day. Start times from 12.30pm - 3pm.

Sat 3 Oct	Endcliffe Park
Sat 7 Nov	Ecclesall Woods
Sat 28 Nov	EIS & Olympic Legacy Park
Sat 23 Jan	Bolehills Park
Sat 6 Feb	Norfolk Park
Sat 20 Mar	Shirebrook Country Park
Sat 24 Apr	Parkwood Springs
Sat 15 May	Graves Park
Sat 19 Jun	Meersbrook Park

Prize-giving event Millhouses Park - 3 July

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SATURDAY SERIES SCHOOLS & ADULTS LEAGUE 2026 / 27

League Format

Nine events spread over the academic year for pupils from Y3/4 up, with a separate league for adults. The series culminates with a fun event and prize -giving. Dates and venues are listed overleaf. Overall positions for competitors and schools will be calculated from their best 5 results. The events are held on Saturday afternoons. They are run by South Yorkshire Orienteers and courses are open to the general public, so anybody can give it a go!

Registration & Start Procedure

Register on the day between 12.30-2.30pm. Entrants will receive a map with the course printed on and an electronic timing chip. Competitors on each course will start at 1 minute intervals. You are welcome to go individually or in a pair or group. Parents can talk through the course and can shadow (follow) competitors around the course but please let children navigate themselves.

Costs

Children £2. **Pupils Y3 & above, whose school is a member of the SFSS, are free.**
Adults £5, £4 for club members
Second runs £2 (£1 if paid for 1st run)

Courses

Orienteering courses are graded by colour; this table shows the course pupils should enter to be part of the league. Adults run whichever course they would like and will be allocated points for the adult league.

Course	Year
White	Y3/4, Y5
Yellow	Y6, Y7
Orange	Y8,Y9
Light Green	Y10, Y11
Green / Blue	Y12, Y13

About SYO

South Yorkshire Orienteering club is one of the most successful clubs in the country at both Junior and Senior level. We organise regular orienteering events and training throughout the year. We can also arrange introductory sessions for Running Clubs, Schools, Scouts, Guides, Youth Groups etc.

Neurodiversity Sheffield
Support Sessions
No diagnosis or booking required

Upcoming events - open to all



Drop-in sessions

A drop-in session is a chance for parents and carers to come and talk to us, to our professional partners and to each other to get support, information and advice. No diagnosis or booking is required.

Woodhouse Community Hub & Library, S13 7GD

Wednesday 16th September 2026, 9.30am-12.00pm

Emmanuel Academy, Waterthorpe, S20 7JU

Wednesday 30th September 2026, 9.30am-12.00pm

Foxhill Forum, S6 1BT

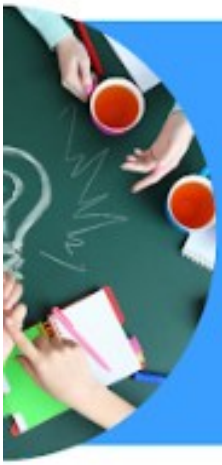
Friday 30th September 2026, 9.30am-12.00pm

Lowedges Community Centre, S8 7HL

Tuesday 17th November 2026, 9.30am-12.00pm

Scotia Works, S1 4SE

Thursday 10th December 2026, 9.30am-12.00pm



ADHD information sessions

An information session is a 90-minute ADHD training session led by our project worker. You do not need to book to attend and no diagnosis is needed.

Scotia Works, S1 4SE

Tuesday 15th September 2026, 10.00am-11.30am
Thursday 5th November 2026, 10.00am-11.30am

For more information please refer to our events page on our website or scan the QR code:

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