



# The Thursday Green 'Un

Spring 2 February 2025

## Welcome Back

After a little sunshine over the half term, we are all looking forward to spring coming again.

There has been a real buzz around school the first few days back, it has been lovely watching the children play outside together and learning in class.

There seem to be a lot of children without indoor shoes. We appreciate that you may not always know this as they never come home. Please check with your child that they still have them in class.

As ever please come to us with any worries or concerns you may have about school life, we are here to listen and try and find a solution.

The best ways to contact us are:

- Call in to the office and ask to see us.
- Talk to your child's teacher to arrange an appointment.
- Email [office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk)

## WCM's Got Talent

The final of WCMGT took place on the last Friday before half term. Over 150 children entered this year's competition and 11 acts made it through to the final. Judges, Simon Cowell, Adele and new judge Amanda Holden said that all acts performed magnificently in the final, it was the best one Simon and Adele had seen. New judge Amanda was speechless with the talent we have in our school. They were full of praise for all the acts all of which had obviously put a lot of time into perfecting their performances. The winners on the day were Boss Ladies from Y6 who worked excellently as a team to impress all the voters. We also had the pleasure of hearing the Young Voices Choir in the interval while the votes were being counted.

## New! Maths Puzzles on our website.

We have a new page within the 'News' section of our website. Every month we will post a maths puzzle for children and their families to have a go at. These puzzles are fun activities to get your minds thinking and looking for solutions. If you can solve the puzzle send in your solutions to

your child's class teacher so that we can share different ways of approaching the puzzles. We hope you enjoy!

## Red Nose Day

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March is Red Nose Day. Noses are on sale from the office at £2 each. Children can come to school that day in something red or comic relief merchandise and we are asking for a donation on 50p.

## Car Park Gates (Longley Ave West)

Just to let you know that the trial of keeping the car park gates closed has improved the safety for families entering and leaving school so we will continue this moving forward.

## Supervision Outside

We have noticed a number of children are coming to school early unaccompanied by an adult. We just wanted to remind parents that there isn't any supervision outside until 8.40 and that children should not be arriving before then unless they are attending Breakfast Club.

## Design & Technology Exhibition

We would like to invite you to our D & T Exhibition, where there will be a selection of learning from your child's class to represent the work they have been doing in their design and technology lessons. Each class created a design criteria based on product analysis, and they worked hard to design and create a finalised product.

Children will be given the opportunity to present and explain their learning to you at the exhibition.

The exhibition times are as follows:

Monday 17th March 9am - 9.30am Y4GH, Y5JB, Y6MS

Monday 17th March 2.30am - 3.00pm Y4MB, Y1JS, Y6KH

Tuesday 18th March 9am - 9.30am Y5DT, Y2HR, Y3SB

Tuesday 18th March 2.30am - 3.00pm Y1SM, Y2MM, Y3KB

## Reading at home

At Watercliffe Meadow we aim for 40 reads each term in order to get a Bronze, Silver or Gold

badge. Well done to those who got the Bronze badge in autumn term, don't worry if you didn't because you can try again this term. The more reading practice children can do the better, we want to build that reading fluency for all of our children.

In Foundation Stage and KS1 all children take part in daily Read Write Inc sessions and children are assessed and move groups every 6 weeks. The new groups are starting this week so ask your child what 'speed sounds' and 'special friends' they have been learning.

Children will bring home a paper copy of the book they have been learning in lessons, this is a familiar book and reading it again at home really helps to build fluency. In order to have a good reading fluency, which will lead to better understanding of the text, we are aiming for 90 words per minute. Fluency and speedy reading are vital for understanding what we have read, below is a link for how you can help your child at home. Keep reading! Any questions please come in and ask us.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

### **Easter Bonnet Parade**

Here are the dates for the Easter Bonnet Parade. They will all take place in the hall. Come along and see all the creations that have been made at home.

F2 children - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2:30

Y1 children - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2:45

F1 Morning and Monday to Wednesday children  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 9.00

F1 Afternoon - Wednesday to Friday children  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2.30

### **Easter Egg Challenge**

We will be holding our annual Easter Egg Challenge. Completed egg creations need to be brought to the hall on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March in the morning. This is for children in Y2-Y6 instead of the Easter Bonnet Parade. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

Every entry will win a crême egg with additional prizes in each year group.

### **Residentials**

Our Y4 children will be going off to **Thornbridge** in the final week of this term. Mr Bebbington's class are going Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Mrs Heaver's class Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. This is a great residential for all as we ride bikes, use a climbing wall, complete challenges and have lots of fun together.

The deadline to book and pay for a place for the **Y5 London** residential is Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Places need to be booked early as they fill up fast in the Science Museum. The date for this Watercliffe Thursday Green 'Un

residential is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June and the information meeting is Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 4.15pm.

Our annual **Y6 Castleton** residential takes place Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May. There will be an information meeting for families on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 4.15pm in the hall. Come along to find out what we get up to for the 5 days. The closing date to book a place on this residential is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Our Y3 camping residential is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. There will be an information meeting for families on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 4.15pm in the hall. Come along to find out what we get up to for the 2 days. The closing date to book a place on this residential is Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Visiting the Dentist**

Please remember to take your child to the dentist regularly. NHS dental care is free for children. All children aged 3-16 can have fluoride varnish painted on their teeth by the dentist at least twice a year, to help strengthen their teeth and prevent tooth decay. If you do not have a family dentist, you can find your nearest NHS dentists at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/Dentists/LocationSearch/3>

### **Dates for your Diary**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day @ WCM

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March - D&T exhibition in the Hall

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March - INSET 3/5 school closed for children

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Red Nose Day

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Activities, more information to follow

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Finish for Easter Holidays

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Summer term starts

### **School Terms 2025/26**

Here are the term dates for 2025/26. Please check them before you book any holidays away:

- Monday 1 September 2025 until Friday 24 October 2025
- Monday 3 November 2025 until Friday 19 December 2025
- Monday 5 January 2026 until Friday 13 February 2026
- Monday 23 February 2026 until Friday 27 March 2026
- Monday 13 April 2026 until Friday 22 May 2026
- Monday 1 June 2026 until Monday 20 July 2026