



# The Thursday Green 'Un

Spring 1 January 2026

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays. We hope you had a lovely time together with your families. This term sees the beginning of a new year at Watercliffe Meadow and an important term for learning. Now the excitement of Christmas has passed we can use this term to focus in on learning and help all our children make the best progress they possibly can. Together we can help your child reach for the stars and achieve to the best of their ability!

On the Blogs you will find your child's newsletter sharing with you what is happening in their class and ways you can support learning at home. If you need any guidance on ways to support your child, please see their teacher.

Don't forget if you have anything on your mind that you want to discuss, call in to the office and make an appointment to see us or email [office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk). We would rather talk things through with you and work together to find a solution, than let issues grow.

## Attendance

Our school target is 96%. Every week we have class competitions to see who gets the highest % and half termly prizes for classes who have the best attendance. There are also individual prizes and Attendance Bronze, Silver and Gold badges are given out in July if attendance is above 96%.

This NHS website will help if your child is not well and you need guidance to decide if they can attend school:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Or you can give us a call and we can help you decide.

There is clear evidence that children with good attendance, above 96%, achieve more

in their school life. This year we have linked attendance at the Y6 Prom to attendance in school. Children below 90% will not be able to attend and letters were sent out to families of Y6 children letting them know if their child is on track to attend.

Let's try together to hit 96%

## 100% Attendance

On the last Friday of the Autumn Term there was a special draw for 4 £10 Book Vouchers. To be in the draw you needed to have had 100% attendance for the Autumn term.

Across school there were 67 children that achieved this, well done to you all. We will repeat the draw at the end of the Spring term. Our Reindeer winner was in Y2. To be in this draw children needed to be in school every day in the final 4 weeks of school.

## Parent's Evening

This discussion will be based around your child's progress, next steps in learning and any gaps there may be in learning. Meetings are in your child's classroom and you will be able to look at learning in books as well as in their WCM University folder.

The sessions are:

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 3:30 - 5.00pm**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 3.30pm - 7.00pm**

A letter will be sent out with further detail about how to book.

## Contact Numbers

If you have a new telephone number or email address over Christmas, please let the office know so we can update our records for when we need to contact you. This will also ensure that you get any texts, letters or information sent out from school.

## Bronze Badges

On the last day of the Autumn Term Mr Read and Mrs Bradley visited Y2-Y6 classrooms to give out



Bronze Golden Time Badges. To earn a bronze badge, children need to have not lost any Golden Time from September until Christmas, a whole term. Altogether, 192 children earned these badges. This is fantastic and shows how great the children are at making the right choices and following our Golden Rules. If your child did not manage to get a badge, they can try again this term and aim for the badge at Easter, there were quite a number of children who only lost 5 minutes in the whole term! All those children who did get a badge are aiming for silver! A big well done to you all!

### **WCM Got Talent**

Yes, another year, another **Watercliffe's Got Talent** contest! Auditions for the 2026 show are on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January**! Semifinal date is **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January**. Entry details will be shared with children in the coming week. We are looking forward to seeing how previous acts have improved and we are hoping to see some new and fresh talent. The show is looking for talented individuals and groups from Y2 to Y6!! The final will take place on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**.

### **Snow**

As the winter is now well and truly here there will be every possibility of it snowing. If we do get snow like last weekend, we will make every effort to open as usual, we have only ever closed twice in all the years we have been open because of snow. Please do not ring school to find out if we are open, we will announce it on Radio Sheffield and Hallam and text you all. We will also keep you up to date on Facebook. Let's hope we are lucky enough to only have snow at the weekends!

### **Considerate Parking**

To safeguard everyone in our community, please can we remind drivers to take extra care when driving and parking around school.

We encourage drivers to park a little further away from school to avoid particularly busy areas such as Boynton Road West and the area surrounding the top entrance on Longley Avenue West.

Thank you.

### **Residentials**

Residentials are a big part of the additionality we add to our curriculum at WCM. We heavily subsidise all the residential visits but we also Watercliffe Thursday Green 'Un

realise that paying for them can be difficult. We will not be able to let any child go who has not paid by the 'cut off' date for the residential. To help with this you can pay towards your child's residential on SchoolComms. If you need help with this please call and see a member of the office team. Please note we will not be allowing any children to sign up for residentials if there is a debt owed to school. Our other planned residentials are:  
Y3 1 night/2 days camping at Thornbridge (Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July)  
Y4 2 nights/3 days at Thornbridge (Wk Beg 23<sup>rd</sup> March)  
Y5 1 night/2 days in London (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June)  
Y6 4 nights/5 days in Castleton (Wk Beg 18<sup>th</sup> May)

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January** – Spring term begins  
**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** - Parents' Evening  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** – Young Voices (Sheffield Arena)  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – WCMGT Final  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Finish for half term  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February** - Half Term Holiday  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** - Spring 2 starts  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day @ WCM (Cosy Read & dressing-up)  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – INSET Day school closed for children  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** - D&T Exhibition in the hall  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day  
**Week Beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Easter Events (Egg Challenge Competition)  
Y4 Thornbridge Residential (Mon – Wed or Wed – Fri)  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Finish for Easter Holidays  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Holidays  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** - Summer 1 starts  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April** – Eid Celebration (3:20-4:00pm)

### **Contact Us...**

- email [office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk)
- phone 01142326603
- in person via a member of the office team
- a pre arranged meeting with your child's class teacher
- for a quick question/chat see a member of staff from your child's class every morning or evening on the door.