



# The Thursday Green 'Un

Spring 2 February 2026

## 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 130 children entered this year's competition and 11 acts made it through to the final. Judges, Simon Cowell, Adele and Amanda Holden said that all acts performed magnificently in the final, it was the best one Simon and Adele had seen.

Amanda returned for her second year on the panel and said she could not believe that the acts got better than last year. All judges 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 was Archie Woodhouse from Y5 who blew everyone away with his vocal talents to impress all the voters. All the finalists got a Believe Badge in assembly on Friday to recognise their achievement.

## Red Nose Day

Friday 20<sup>th</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.

## 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 on their own unless they are attending Breakfast Club.

## Design & Technology Exhibition

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, we will be having our presentation days to showcase the learning all the children have been doing in Design and Technology (Y1 - Y6), as a spring fabulous finish.

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

The timings for each class are as follows:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 9-9.30am Y2HR, Y5JB, Y6MS

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2.30-3.00pm Y4MB, Y1JS, Y2SM

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 9-9.30am Y5DT, Y3SB, Y4GH

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2.30-3.00pm Y1MM, Y6KH, Y3KB

More information has been sent home for you.

## 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. We are also waiting on delivery of some more Bronze badges, once they come we will get them out to the children who did not get one. 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 started last 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 - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2:30

F1 Morning and Monday to Wednesday children  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 9.15

F1 Afternoon - Wednesday to Friday children  
Wednesday 25<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 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March in the morning. This is for children in Y1-Y6 instead of the Easter Bonnet Parade. Further information has been sent out. Every entry will win a crème 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. Mrs Heaver's class are going Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Mr Bebbington's class Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 27<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 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Places need to be booked early as they fill up fast in the Science Museum. The date for this residential is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Our annual **Y6 Castleton** residential takes place Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May. There will be an information meeting for families on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 2.45pm in the Studio. 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 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Our Y3 camping residential is Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. There will be an information meeting for families on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 2.45pm in the Studio. 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 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

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### **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>

### **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. Please be aware of our neighbours in surrounding streets and do not block driveways or double park making passing difficult.

Thank you.

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day @ WCM (Cosy Read & dressing-up)

**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)

### **School Terms 2026/27**

Here are the term dates for 2026/27. Please check them before you book any holidays away:  
Term Time

• Tuesday 1 September 2026 until Friday 23 October 2026

• Monday 2 November 2026 until Friday 18 December 2026

• Monday 4 January 2027 until Friday 12 February 2027

• Monday 22 February 2027 until Thursday 25 March 2027

• Monday 12 April 2027 until Friday 28 May 2027

• Monday 7 June 2027 until Wednesday 21 July 2027