Watercliffe Meadow

The Thursday Green'un

Autumn 2 November 2026

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school after the October half term. The weather was very mixed but there was some sunshine to enjoy! We hope you had a lovely break together with your family and that you are now rested ready for the mad rush up to Christmas. As the weather turns cooler, please remind your child about wearing their coats, although they run around so much outside, they do not feel the cold like us adults! Please write names in coats, this should make them easier to reunite if they get lost. We will be making more indoor space available for children who prefer to be inside in the warm at lunchtime once the temperature drops.

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 We would rather talk things through with you and work together to find a solution.

Christmas @ WCM

Step into Christmas – Start Christmas with a sprinkle of glitter making decorations in your child's class. This will be happening on **Tuesday 1st December**, times to follow.

Nativity – This will take place in the week beginning **7th December**. Tickets will go on sale in late November.

Christmas Fayre – Our Christmas Fayre will take place on **Wednesday 2nd December 2.00 – 4.00pm** in the Hall. Look out for a letter coming home with ways you can contribute and join in the fun!

Christmas Jumper Week – Children can wear any Christmas Clothes across the last week of term, **14th December** onwards.

Christmas Parties – These will all be on Wednesday **16th December** to coincide with the school Christmas Lunch. The day will start with a whole school sing song in the hall and end with singing outside for families.

Christmas Dinner – This will be on **Wednesday 16th December.** There will be no pick and mix or jacket potatoes on this day but children can bring packed lunch from home if they do not want the Christmas dinner.

Halloween at WCM

Thank you for all the effort put into dressing up for Halloween Friday before half term, the children looked amazing. They also enjoyed a Spooky Cosy Read and lots of spooky fun in school.

Anti-Bullying Week

ABA are official organisers of Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Anti-Bullying Week 2026 will take place from **Monday 16th - Friday 20th November**, with the theme: Break the silence. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

The theme of Break the Silence was chosen to encourage children, young people, and adults to start open conversations, speak up safely against bullying both face-to-face and online, and take action together.

Children In Need

Children in Need is **Friday 13th November**. Children will be able to come dressed in something yellow and/or spotty or Children in Need merchandise, we will ask for a 50p contribution for this. We have a limited amount of merchandise from previous years that will be available to buy, please ask the office about this.

Menu

Our new menu started this week. Please remember if you want to check the menu it can also be found on our website under Parents / School Meals.
https://www.watercliffemeadow.com/page/?title=School+Meals&pid=37

Punctuality

Please make every effort to arrive at school on time. Doors close at 8.55 every morning and if you arrive after this time you will have to go through the main office. Late marks are put in the register after 9.00am. If your child is late regularly, they will miss important learning. Read Write Inc and guided reading happen first thing every morning and missing this will seriously impact on your child's ability to make progress in their reading. We need to be closing gaps not growing them by having more missed learning.

Applying for a Reception Place 2027

Reception is the first year of primary school. It's your responsibility to apply for a school place for your child to enter reception.
Children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 are entitled to apply for a place in reception for the 2027/2028 academic year.
You can apply from Autumn 2026. It's preferable you do this through the council's online application form, but there is a form you can download and print.
https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/admissions/how-apply-school-sheffield/apply-reception

The closing date for applications each year is 15th January.
Please remember all families need to apply for a place for their child and just because a child attends our Nursery, they will not be guaranteed a place in Reception. The Reception Admissions Team can be contacted on 01142735766 or by email at ed-admissions@sheffield.gov.uk

Parking Around School

Inconsiderate and illegal parking continues to be an issue around school grounds and the surrounding roads. We do share the frustration of our neighbours and families. Please think of others before you park. Thank you to those who have reported concerns to Parking Services at Sheffield City Council; we had visits from Enforcement Officers last term to support us.

Residentials

Our first residential of the new school year took place before the half term break at Whiteley Woods with the Y2 children. It was a great 3 days and we spent a lot of the time playing outside getting very muddy. 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 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 we have put the residentials on the School Gateway App so you can start saving towards them now. 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 Bakewell (July)
Y4 2 nights/3 days at Thornbridge (March)
Y5 1 night/2 days in London (awaiting dates)
Y6 4 nights/5 days in Castleton (May)

Inset Days

Our remaining 4 Inset Days are:
Wednesday 25th November - Training Day 2
Wednesday 10th March 2026 Training Day 3
Thursday 25th March Training Day 4
Wednesday 23rd June - Training Day 5

Contact Us…

- email 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.
- Check out our website for up-to-date information, dates, letters and lots more! https://www.watercliffemeadow.com