



Thorpe Hesley Primary School Newsletter

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The menu for next week is
Week 3



It's been another busy and exciting week in school!

Musical Assembly for KS2

On Tuesday, Mr Grayson from Rotherham Music Service delivered a fantastic musical assembly for our Key Stage 2 pupils. The children were thoroughly engaged and inspired by the live performances. If your child is interested in learning an instrument in school, please contact music@rotherham.gov.uk for more information. We currently offer piano and a range of brass instruments.

Visit from Sarah Champion MP

We were delighted to welcome Sarah Champion MP into school on Monday. She visited The Nest and was blown away by the new provision. She also had lovely things to say about the rest of the school. It was a pleasure to have her with us and to showcase the brilliant work happening across our community.

Year 6 at Crucial Crew

Year 6 took part in their annual trip to Crucial Crew on Tuesday. This important event helps children learn about staying safe in a variety of real-life situations, including road safety, fire awareness, online safety and making responsible choices. The children represented the school brilliantly and gained lots of valuable knowledge.

Reading Stay and Learn

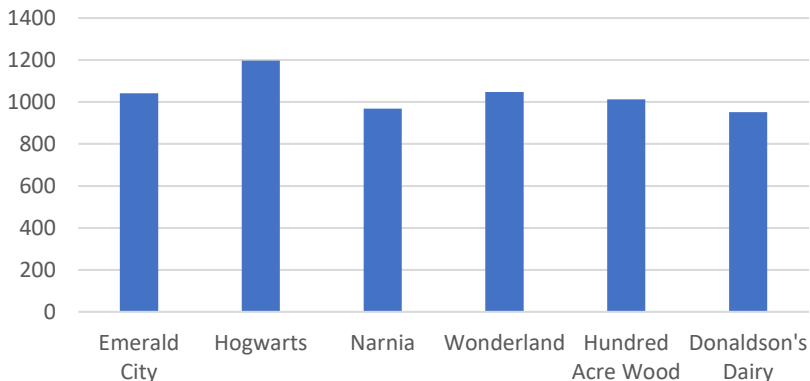
Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Reading Stay and Learn sessions in Class 2 and Class 4. It was wonderful to see so many families engaging with their children's learning.

Thank you for your continued support — we look forward to another great week ahead!

Mrs Hewitt x



House Points



Well done to Hogwarts who are currently in the lead!

Dinner Balances

A polite reminder to please pay any outstanding school dinner balances. Unfortunately, if balances remain unpaid, parents will be contacted and children will have to bring a school lunch. Thank you.



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This week you should have received on your personal email...

Space Dome – Year 5

School Photos

Well done to the following children who have earned the most coins this week:

1. Lucy W, Year 4
2. George C, Year 4
3. Henry CS, Year 4
4. Harriet E, Year 4
5. Poppy W, Year 4



100% Reading

A huge well done to Class 15 for being the first class to achieve their reward for 3 weeks of 100% reading in a row!

The following classes have achieved 100% Reading this week.

Class 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16 & Class 18!

This means that Classes 7 & 12 have now also achieved their first reading reward! Yay!

Attendance
Congratulations to Class 9 and 16 who had the highest attendance this week. Adam the Attendance Ant is looking forward to a busy week visiting Class 9 and Class 16 can't wait to enjoy having the football pitch, climbing wall and basketball hoops to themselves at breaktimes on Friday.

Stars of the week
w/c 1st September 2025

		Class 10	Josh C
		Class 11	Louie P
		Class 12	Ronnie K
Class 2	Theodore B	Class 13	Freya P
Class 3	Luca G	Class 14	Hallie R
Class 4	Rowan S	Class 15	Willow W
Class 5	Elsie W	Class 16	Samuel I
Class 6	Eliza M	Class 17	Bella D
Class 7	Hawa S	Class 18	Louie P
Class 8	James W		
Class 9	Parker P		

Dates going forward

Monday 6 th October	Nursery Oak and Class 16 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 8 th October	Parent Consultations for all other classes
Monday 13 th October	Lockdown drills in school (more information to follow)
Tuesday 14 th October	Harvest Festival at Church (9:00 Y1/2, 10:15 Y3/4, 11:00 Y5/6) Reception Skeleton Day
Friday 17 th October	TT Rockstars Dress-Up Day – get your rockstar outfits ready for a day of times tables fun!
Monday 20 th October	Individual and family photographs
Tuesday 21 st October	Intrahealth in school delivering flu vaccines to children from Reception to Year 6
Wednesday 22 nd October	15:30 Halloween film in the Infants and Halloween disco in the Juniors – more info to follow
Thursday 23 rd October	Parent consultations for The Nest children
Friday 24 th October	Children's last day in school for this half term
Monday 3 rd November	Children's first day back in school
Monday 3 rd to Wednesday 5 th November	Year 6 Residential to Newby Wiske Hall
Wednesday 5 th November	Year 5 Space Dome in school

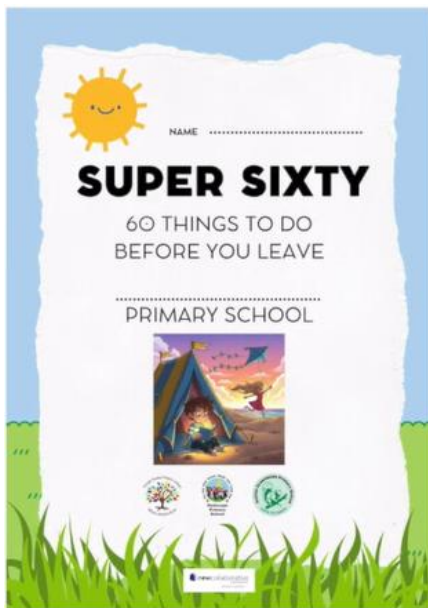


Wildlife drawing and painting competition

This week we are launching a new drawing and painting competition for children focussing on British Wildlife. The winners will be chosen to be made into wall laminates for our wonder new Community Courtyard.

We are encouraging budding artists to draw a picture of British Wildlife (for example, a fox, oak tree, Barn Owl, Early Purple Orchid, a stickleback or a common frog). We are looking for work that children have spent time on and feel proud of, coloured with paint, pastels, coloured pencils or neat felt tip pens, celebrating our British wildlife. We would like each piece to have the name of the animal written clearly by the children underneath the picture together with the first name of the child who has drawn it and their age. On the back, please write the child's full name and their class.

Please could all drawings be submitted to your child's teacher, one of our offices or to Mrs Stenton in the Junior Building by Monday 20th October.
Enjoy creating!



Super Sixty

Over the next couple of weeks, all of our children from Reception to Year 6 will be bringing home their own NCLT Primaries Super Sixty book.

We all know that school is a busy time, filled with learning, exciting lessons, and plenty of challenges. But there's more to school life than just the classroom — and that's where your Super Sixty Book comes in!

Inside, you'll find a list of fun, exciting, and meaningful activities that we think everyone should try before leaving primary school. These experiences will take you both indoors and outdoors, encouraging you to explore new ideas, step out of your comfort zone, and maybe even discover a new hobby you'll love.

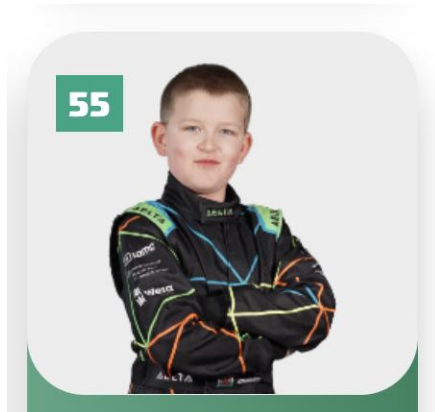
When you carry out any of the list, please record it in your book. You could include a photo, a paragraph of writing, a drawing, a ticket — anything that will help you to keep that memory forever.

When you move on from our primary school, this book will be yours to keep. It will be a special reminder of all the amazing things you've done, and a wonderful way to share those memories with your friends and family.

Once a term, your child's class teacher will ask their class to bring in their Super Sixty booklets so that they can look through them together and share and celebrate the activities that have been completed. They will also be able to support them to fill in some of the activities which have been completed within school. The aim is for all children to have completed as many of these activities as possible by the time they leave us in Year 6.

Please click on this link to watch our launch video which has been shared with all children in assemblies today.

<https://vimeo.com/1121858031/d1998915a2?share=copy>



Sporting Success

We're thrilled to celebrate the achievements of Frank, one of our talented Year 5 pupils, who recently completed his first season in the 2025 Wera British Karting Championships, finishing 12th overall—a fantastic result in a highly competitive field. Next, Frank will represent the UK at the prestigious IAME EuroCup in France this October, racing at the iconic Le Mans Kart Circuit against drivers from across Europe. We wish him the very best as he continues to grow in skill, confidence, and determination!



Friday 17th October 2025 - we invite all of our children across school to ROCK OUT for one day only

In light of our KS1 and KS2 children recently receiving passwords for TT Rockstars and Numbots, we are intending on having a day dressed as rockstars as we compete against the other Primary Schools in our Trust in a 'Battle of the Bands' online times table competition. Every time your child logs on to TTRS or Numbots, we collect points in order to win the week-long competition. We urge all of our pupils to dress up (no charge) and get involved in the battle, both at school and at home, to improve our maths... but also to be declared the NCLT winners and Rock Legends.

Please find attached the parent guides for how you can support your child at home with practising their mental maths through the Numbots and TTRS app. Although only our KS1 and KS2 pupils have access to the apps, we'd love ALL of our children to join in with dressing up and celebrating the day!



Our infant team have been hard at work setting up lots of new play equipment to ensure that playtimes are fun and engaging for our children. This has been supplemented by a kind donation from a group of our parents. A big thank you to our staff who have put lots of time and effort into making playtimes fabulous and to all of the parents who have contributed to the extra equipment. We are very grateful for your generosity. We are just waiting on some new storage boxes before putting out the final pieces of equipment.

If any of our parents are keen to get involved in helping school with fundraising or other initiatives, our PTA are always on the look out for new members. If you are interested in joining, please contact the school office.

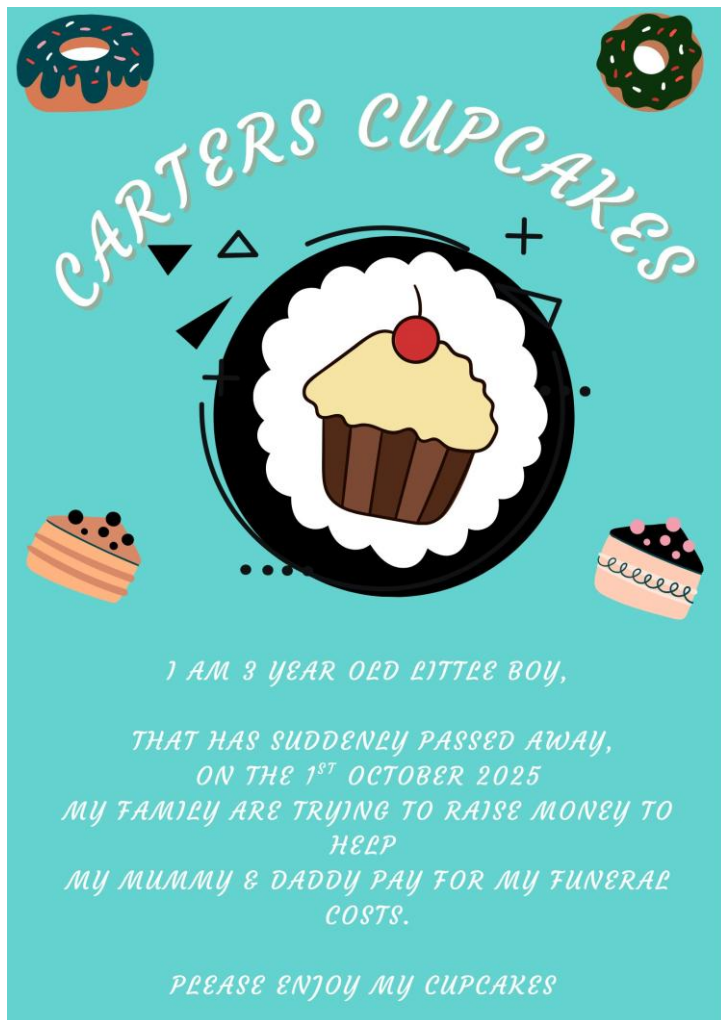




We received some very sad news this week that a young relative of one of our families has sadly passed away. The family would like to raise some money to support with funeral costs. They will be selling buns on Monday in the Junior building for £1.50 each. If you would like to support them, please send your child to school with the cash to purchase a bun. I'm sure you will join me in sending the family lots of love at this difficult time.

Pre-Loved Uniform

We have lots of pre-loved uniform available in all sizes which we would love to find new homes for. Our Year 6 uniform helpers ensure that this is all sorted into drawers of each size so it's nice and easy to find what you need. Our pre-loved uniform lives in the Year 3 and 4 cloakroom and is accessible after school every day. There is no charge for items but we would be grateful for any donations which will go back into our curriculum budget so our children will directly benefit. The benefits are three-fold – saving you pennies, contributing to our sustainability work and helping raise money!



NCLT Sports Report

Please have a read about the great sporting achievements across our Trust in the new Sport Report!

<https://issuu.com/ncpontefract/docs/nclt-sports-report-2022-web?fr=sYzRjYzg2Mjk2Nzg>

