



NEWSLETTER

1ST MAY 2026

It has been another very busy and successful fortnight across the school. The sunshine has finally arrived and we are delighted to be able to use the school field again at playtimes and lunchtimes. Please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school each day, and that all jumpers, cardigans and other clothing are clearly labelled to help us return lost items to their owners.

Our Year 6 pupils are continuing their preparations for SATs, which take place in just a couple of weeks (week beginning 11th May 2026). They have been working incredibly hard, particularly on developing their test techniques and we are very proud of their commitment and determination. We wish them all the very best of luck and sure they will all try their best.

Last week, the school thoroughly enjoyed watching the Year 3/4 Viking production, and this week the children performed beautifully for parents and carers. A huge well done to all involved for learning their lines, singing so confidently and bringing the production to life. Thank you also to staff for all their hard work in supporting the children.

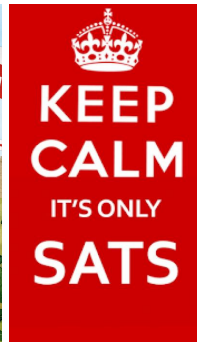
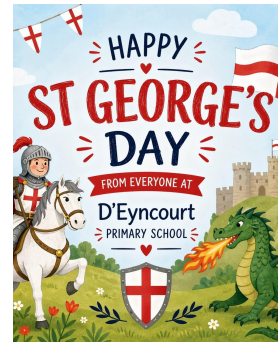
We also enjoyed a special St George's Day menu in school- our thanks go to the kitchen team for preparing and cooking a delicious celebration meal.

You may have seen on Class Dojo, we still have a couple of spaces available in Reception for September 2026, so if you know any families who are looking for the perfect school, please encourage them to come and visit us.

Thank you so much for the generous donations of plants, seeds, pots and compost for our class garden competition. We are always incredibly grateful for your continued support. Over the next few weeks, the children and staff will be working hard on their gardens, and we are very much looking forward to seeing them develop and flourish. Looking ahead, please note that school will be closed on Monday (4th May) for the Bank Holiday and on Thursday (7th May) for Polling Day. Staff will upload remote learning activities for children to complete at home.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend.

Mrs Darby, Headteacher




Class Dojo



Last week, the winners were 1/2PM and 5/6B

This week, the winners were 1/2NC and 5/6H

Attendance



Last week, the winner was Reception with 100%

The winning classes this week were 3/4M with 100%

Tidy classroom

Last week, the winning class was Reception

This week, the winning class was 1/2C

Well done to both!





SCHOOL UPDATES

Important reminder – Smart watches

We would like to remind parents and carers that Apple Watches and other smart watches which are able to send or receive messages are not permitted in school. These devices can cause distraction during the school day and may present safeguarding concerns. Please ensure that your child does not wear or bring a smart watch into school. If a child requires a watch to support learning to tell the time, this should be a simple analogue or digital watch without messaging, camera or internet capability. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe and focused learning environment for all pupils.

Year 3/4 Viking Performance – Well Done!

A huge well done to our Year 3/4 pupils for their fantastic Viking performance! The children were brilliant — confident, expressive and full of enthusiasm — and they should be very proud of themselves. We would also like to say a big thank you to parents and carers for your continued support with learning lines, practising at home and helping with costumes. Your support made a real difference and helped bring the performance to life. Well done, Year 3/4 — you entertained us all and taught us a great deal about Viking life!

Warm Weather Reminder

With the warmer weather arriving, we're looking forward to spending even more time learning and playing outdoors. To help keep all children safe, comfortable, and ready for the day, please ensure your child brings the following items to school each day:

- A named water bottle
- A sun hat (clearly labelled with their name)
- Sun cream applied before school

If you would like your child to reapply sun cream during the school day, please send in a clearly labelled bottle. Children should be able to apply this independently. We also recommend that children come to school wearing weather-appropriate clothing, including their school cardigan/jumper and/or a light jacket/coat for cooler mornings. Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone happy, healthy, and ready to learn in the sunshine!

Reception Places for September 2026 — Limited Availability

We are pleased to share that a small number of Reception places are still available for September 2026. If you know a family looking for a nurturing, ambitious and welcoming school community, we would love to hear from them. Please share this message with family and friends who may be interested. Early inquiries are encouraged as places are limited.



Dates for your diary

May 2026

- 4th - May day - school closed
- 6th - Bikeability - Year 4 - details to follow
- 7th - Polling Day - Remote learning provided for children
- 8th - Houses of Parliament visit - selected pupils
- 11th - 14th - KS2 SATs week - all Year 6 children need to be in school
- 19th - Commonwealth Baton ceremony in school
- 19th - Singing in the Halls visit - more details to follow
- 21st - 22nd - Year 2 Chasewater visit
- 22nd - Break up for Half term (finish at 3.10pm) Care club is open on this day

June 2026

- 1st - Children return to school
- 2nd - School photographer in for class photographs
- 8th - 12th - Year 1 Phonic Check to be completed this week

Celebrating Success

Edie, Lylah, Kian D, Amyra, Zaira - Swimming

Roman K, Oliver S, Finley S - Kickboxing

Finley S - Kickboxer of the week

Georgia - Performing Arts Award

Hazel - Brownie Awards

Saint - Karate

Ariah, Orla - Gymnastics

Mia - Run/walk race

Saint - Karate



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HEALTH & WELLBEING

Summer Wellbeing Tips for Families

As we move into the summer term and the days become lighter and warmer, it's a great opportunity to focus on both physical and mental wellbeing for our children. A few simple routines and conversations at home can make a big difference.

Looking After Wellbeing During the Summer

Keep routines where possible: While summer brings trips, events and changes to the school day, children benefit from predictable routines. Regular bedtimes, mealtimes and quiet wind-down time help children feel secure and well-regulated.

Encourage outdoor time: Fresh air, sunshine and physical activity all support positive mental health. Whether it's playing in the garden, visiting the park, or going for a family walk, outdoor play can boost mood and reduce stress.

Talk little and often: Make time for simple check-ins with your child. Open-ended questions like "What was the best part of your day?" or "Is there anything you're worried about at the moment?" can help children share their thoughts naturally.

Balance busy days with calm moments: Summer can be exciting but also overwhelming. Quiet activities such as reading, drawing, puzzles or mindfulness colouring can help children relax and reset.

Model positive coping strategies: Children learn from what they see. Talking calmly about feelings, using relaxation techniques, and showing how you manage stress helps children build their own emotional skills.

Looking After Physical Health Supports Mental Health Too

- Ensure children drink plenty of water during warm weather
- Encourage healthy snacks and regular meals
- Make sure children get enough sleep
- Protect children from the sun with hats, sunscreen and shade

Feeling physically well plays a significant role in emotional wellbeing.

Support for Parents and Families

If you ever need additional guidance or support, the following trusted websites offer excellent resources:

- NHS – Children's Mental Health - <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/>

Advice on emotional wellbeing, anxiety, sleep and behaviour.

- YoungMinds (for parents and carers) - <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

Practical tips, guides and a parent helpline.

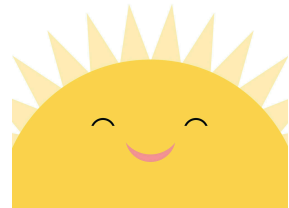
- Place2Be – Supporting Children's Mental Health - <https://www.place2be.org.uk>

Resources on emotions, resilience and wellbeing.

If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, please remember that school staff are always happy to listen and support.



Hello
Sunshine!



5 Ways to wellbeing

...here are 5 things that you can do in your everyday life to help YOU feel good



For more information visit www.sheffield.gov.uk/wellbeing



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ECO TEAM UPDATE

Our Eco- team's next step is to try and make changes to transport around school. The children have focussed on 'engine idling' and top tips on how to stay safe on and off the road.

Top 5 Tips for Staying Safe with Transport Around School Grounds

1. Respect Drop-Off and Pick-Up Zones

Please use designated drop-off and pick-up areas only. Avoid stopping on double yellow lines, bends, or crossings, as this reduces visibility and puts children at risk.

2. Drive Slowly and Stay Alert

School grounds and surrounding roads are busy and unpredictable. Stick to low speeds, watch carefully for children crossing, and be especially cautious at peak times.

3. Park Considerately

When parking, make sure footpaths, entrances, and driveways are kept clear. This helps children, pushchairs, wheelchair users, and emergency vehicles move safely around the site.

4. Encourage Safe Walking and Scooting Habits

If your child walks, rides a scooter, or cycles to school, remind them to:

- Use crossings where available
- Walk bikes and scooters within school grounds
- Stay visible and alert, especially near roads

5. Be a Positive Role Model

Children learn safe behaviour by watching adults. Following road rules, using crossings, wearing seatbelts, and showing patience helps reinforce important safety habits.

Let's Clear The Air for Our Kids!



Please Turn Off Your Engine While Waiting!

Turning off a vehicle's engine when stationary—avoiding idling—significantly reduces harmful air pollution, saves fuel, and protects public health.

Key Facts

1. Engine idling creates air pollution.
2. It harms children's health and our environment.

Safer Parking around our school

As a driver you have a responsibility to park in a safe and considerate manner. Park with care and help make the area near and around our school a safer place for everyone.



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Friday 15th
May 2026



Break the Rules Day

RULES TO BREAK

1. No silly hair
2. No unhealthy snacks
3. No football/rugby kits
4. No tattoos
5. No nail varnish
6. No makeup or face paints
7. No juice in water bottles
8. No trainers

Break as many
rules as you like!
50p for each rule
or £2 for 4 or more!
Donations
accepted in cash or
via Arbor!