

NEWSLETTER

A message from Mr Metcalfe

We hope you have enjoyed your first half-term, back in school. Pupils have settled quickly into their routines and I have been really pleased with their exemplary conduct and focus when I have been visiting classes, and during breaks and lunchtimes.

I hope you all managed to attend our Parents Evenings this week and found this useful. We welcome any feedback you have. If you were unable to attend any of the allocated times, please do email your child's class teacher to request a telephone call should you have any queries you would like to discuss.

Polite reminder that children's clothing should be clearly named so that we can return any lost uniform. We are only 7 weeks into the school year and already have lots of uniform lost.

All parents should now have access to our new platform 'Learning with Parents' – if you have any problems accessing this site to log your child's reading, please speak with your child's class teacher.

We have lots of things coming up in the next half-term and we can't wait to share them with you.

Happy half-term!

A BIG thank you!

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated food towards the Trussell Trust as part of our Harvest Celebration at St Aidens this week. This will go a long way to helping all of those in need in our local area.



P.E. Days

Reception Dolphins: Wednesdays

Reception Whales: Tuesdays

Please note that Reception do not currently require P.E. kit.

Year 1: Tuesdays & Fridays

Year 2: Mondays & Thursdays

Year 3: Mondays & Tuesdays

Year 4: Mondays (swimming) & Thursdays

Year 5: Tuesdays & Fridays

Year 6: Mondays & Thursdays

Class reminders

EYFS & KS1

Please remember that all pupils should bring their book bag to school every day for phonics.

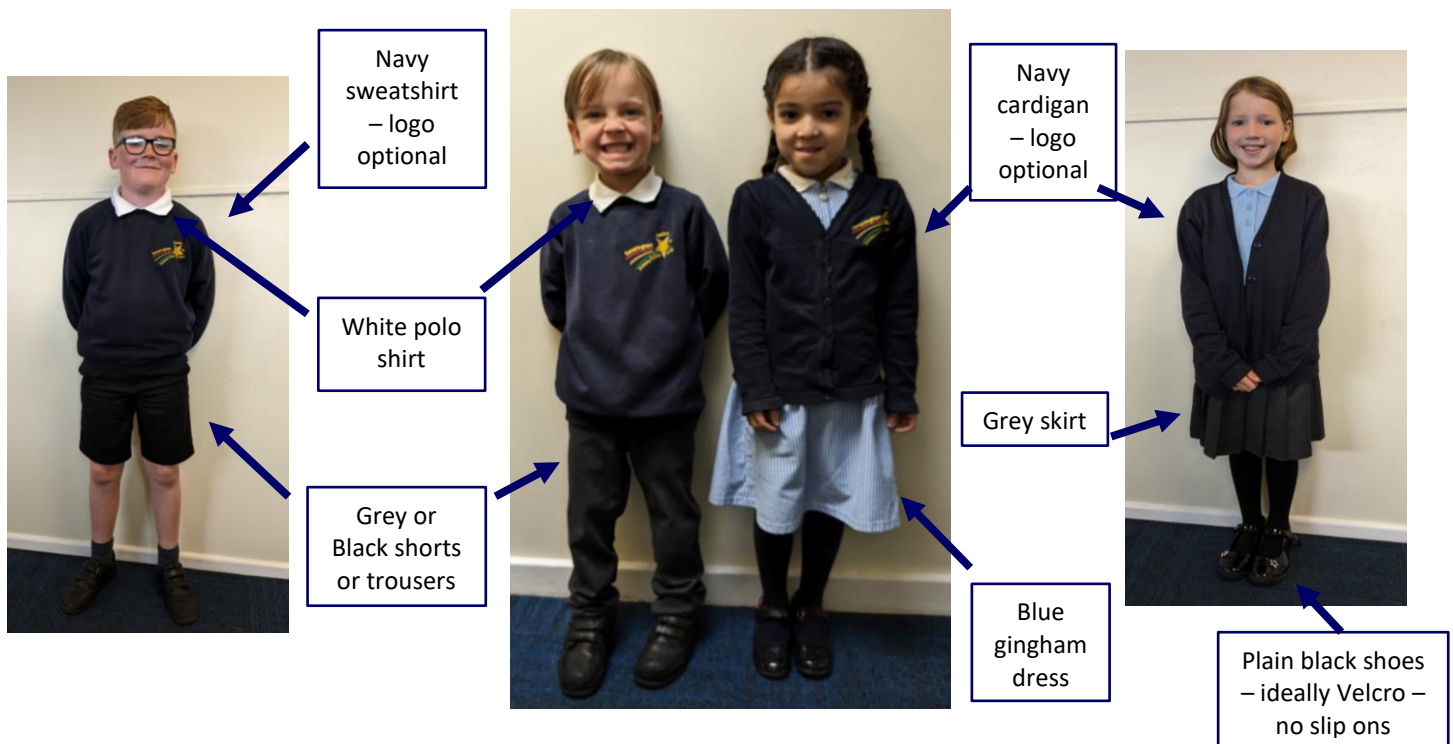
Year 4 will be starting their swimming lessons from Monday 30th October.

Uniform Reminder

We allow pupils to wear a range of options linked to our school colours and traditional uniform:

- navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (school logo optional)
- white polo shirt (school logo optional) or white blouse/shirt with navy tie (optional)
- navy/grey/black skirt or trousers
- grey/black school shorts
- grey pinafore or blue gingham dress
- black sensible school shoes/school trainers (no high heels, slip-ons or sandals, preferably Velcro-fastening for younger pupils)
- navy, white or black hair accessories.
- cold weather: warm coat, hat and gloves
- warmer weather: waterproof jacket and navy, black or white sunhat without logos.

We do not require pupils to wear any items with logos, although these are an option for families who would like this. We encourage families to adapt uniform to take into account their cultural backgrounds or religion. The school also specific rules regarding hair styles and the wearing of make-up, nail varnish and nail extensions. This is because we want pupils to focus on their learning. We do not want to encourage an environment where children are competing in terms of their appearance or how “fashionable” they look.

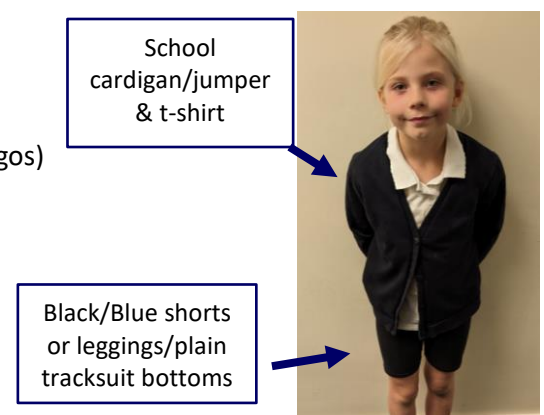


PE Kit

Pupils should wear their usual school jumper on PE days (not tracksuit tops). Pupils in Years 1 to 6 should arrive at school dressed in their PE bottoms and will wear these all day.

Our school PE kit includes:

- usual navy-blue sweatshirt (for outdoor PE, school logo optional)
- usual white polo shirt (school logo optional)
- navy blue/black sports shorts (no logos)
- navy blue/black leggings or tracksuit bottoms (for outdoor PE, no logos)
- plain trainers



Nursery

Nursery's topic has been 'Marvellous Me'. They have been getting to know each other and settling into their new classroom and routines. They had a great visit from the dentist this half term too, to learn all about how to look after their teeth.

Reception

Reception's topic has been 'All About Me'. They have settled into school very quickly and learnt lots about all their new friends. They have learnt about different families and our school environment. They also had a very exciting visit from the dentist. They learnt all about how many teeth we have as an adult and a child, and how to keep our mouth as healthy as possible.

Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about seasons in Science and have been using their observation skills to spot the signs of autumn on their nature walk. They have been learning how to use the line guides in their new books for English. They have learnt about what is in our local community in History and enjoyed a walk down Sandringham Road to find all the different types of shops. In Maths they have been learning about place value and practising their fluency skills.

Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed building their place value skills in Maths, learning how to recognise, compare and partition numbers in a variety of ways. Thank you to those who are already accessing times table rock stars. They have explored a variety of texts and produced fantastic stories and persuasive writing inspired by *The Dark* by Lemony Snicket and *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt. The children loved exploring our nature area to search for and discuss living things and their habitats in science.

Year 3

Children have begun to explore the Stone Age and have learnt about how the Stone Age people lived during this time. They have begun reading *Stig of the Dump* and are writing a descriptive piece of writing and coming up with some interesting adjectives to describe where Stig lives and what he looks like.

Year 4

Children have settled well into Year 4 and have started to explore Anglo-Saxon Britain through our class novel '*Anglo-Saxon Boy*' by Tony Bradman and through our history lessons. They will be learning about what it was like to live in Anglo-Saxon Britain and the build up to the famous 'Battle of Hastings'.

Year 5

As part of Greeks topic Y5 have been reading the book "*Who Let the Gods Out*" by Maz Evans alongside a range of non-fiction texts on the topic of Ancient Greece. The children have been exploring the different beliefs of the Ancient Greek Gods, and comparing the difference between Athens and Sparta.

Year 6

Year 6's class novel *Holes* has been so entertaining. It's inspired them to learn all about yellow-spotted lizards and their lives in the Texan deserts. They've written some terrific non-chronological reports to support their learning.



Our learning next half-term

Nursery

Nursery's next topic is 'Special Times'. They will be looking at different celebrations such as Diwali, Bonfire and Christmas. They will also be working really hard to prepare their nativity performance for all their grown-ups!

Reception

Reception's topic is 'Special Times'. They will be learning about different cultures and their celebrations. They will also be practicing for their nativity, which they are very excited to show you all. Dates to be confirmed.

Year 1

Next half-term in Science they are learning about plants and will be identifying the different parts of a flower and tree and it's function. In Geography they will be learning about maps and in Maths they are learning about addition and subtraction and shape. They will also be sharing some wonderful stories including 'Journey Home', 'Night Pirates' and 'Splash Day'.

Year 2

Our local area continues to be a focus as they begin their local history unit exploring Doncaster's rich rail history, they look forward to a visit to the museum as part of this interesting topic. They're writing will be inspired by Jill Tomlinson's novel *The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark* which is a fantastic book for this time of year as the nights draw in. They will be developing skills in addition and subtraction in maths, and lots more. They can't wait to get started!

Year 3

They will continue with Stone Age and will be using some Stone Age tools to make some cave art. They are also going to begin their dance journey alongside the Royal Opera House and try and become creative dancers.

Year 4

Children are extremely excited to start their swimming sessions which will be taking place over the next half term up to Christmas. They will be continuing their learning around Anglo-Saxon Britain and also exploring different states of matter in science.

Year 5

Next half term they are looking forward to finding out how the book ends, as well as moving onto their Geography topic where they will study World countries, including their biomes and regions. As part of their DT food and nutrient topic, Swans had a wonderful visit to pizza express, and Toucans are looking forward to theirs in the new year. They have also made plans for Art John to come in to support them with their print making unit in Art.

Year 6

After half-term, Year 6 be reading *Pig-Heart Boy* and discussing the ethics of xenotransplantation. They'll start by learning to pronounce it properly! The work that they've done as part of their social justice project will culminate in a shared performance at Hall Cross as well. They've worked so hard this term at writing a rap about all of issues that inspire and motivate us in our lives.

P.E. Competitions

Some of our Year 6 pupils took part in a trust-wide Tag Rugby competition, with Year 5 taking part in a Dodgeball competition and both teams did Sandringham very proud, as they took **1st place** in both competitions!

Well done teams!!



Dates for your diary!

Date	Event
Mon 30 th Oct	School REOPENS to all pupils EYFS Disco – during school hours
Tue 31 st Oct	Year 1/2/3 School disco – 3:30-4:15pm Year 4 Storytelling artist – in school visit
Wed 1 st Nov	Year 4/5/6 School disco – 3:30-4:15pm Year 5 & 6 – Internet safety talk from South Yorkshire Police
Thurs 2 nd Nov	Individual photographs – whole school Parent drop-in session with Adam from With Me in Mind
Tue 7 th Nov	Flu Vaccinations – note, these will only be given if consent has been provided prior to 5 th November. Consent here - https://rb.gy/7vdx
Mon 13 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week: Make A Noise About Bullying
Thu 16 th Nov	Social Justice Event (selected Y6 pupils) 1-7pm
20 th -24 th Nov	Road Safety Week
Thu 23 rd Nov	Flu Vaccination Catch Up Session
Fri 24 th Nov	Get Bright Day
Tue 5 th Dec	EYFS Craft Sessions St George's Carol Service (evening)
Tue 12 th Dec	EYFS Nativity 9.15am & 2.15pm
Wed 13 th Dec	Rock Steady Concert 2.15pm
Thu 14 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Play 9.15am & 2.15pm
Fri 15 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Play 9.15am
Tue 19 th Dec	Y1-6 Christmas Services at St Aidan's - Morning Y1/2/3/4 Christmas Parties - Afternoon
Wed 20 th Dec	EYFS & Y5/6 Christmas Parties - Afternoon
Thu 21 st Dec	Christmas Lunch (PROVISIONAL DATE)