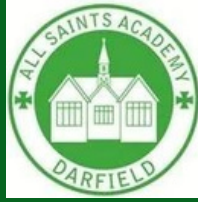# SCHOOL NEWS

YOUR WEEKLY SCHOOL UPDATE

A loving place where we all care, learn and grow together.

Our school vision

At All Saints Academy, it is our vision to provide the 'good soil' for every member of our community to develop deep roots and flourish as a unique individual and achieve their full potential. With the highest of expectations, we nurture and develop each individual so that they can explore who they are and make a positive contribution to our local community and the wider world.

Our school Values

Respect   Kindness   Honesty   Perseverance   Courage   Empathy

Open door policy:

We would like to remind parents that we have an open-door policy and are always happy to answer questions or discuss any concerns you may have. Please don't worry about asking—speaking directly to staff helps prevent misinformation and ensures everyone has clear, accurate information to best support your child.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP:

The focus of our collective worship this week has been acceptance and resilience . We read a story called 'Gary' about a racing pigeon who could not fly. The children have been thinking about differences and how we can celebrate our individuality.

Young Voices

A letter has been sent out to parents/carers of children attending the Young Voices Performance at Sheffield Arena. This include details about what the children will need of the day and the cost of the coach. Please also be aware that tickets are ow available for parents/carers/family members on Ticketmaster.
Tickets: Young Voices, Sheffield | Mon, 9 Feb 2026, 19:00 | Ticketmaster UK

Our school attendance target: 96%

Current whole school attendance: 94.4%
Persistent absence (less than 90%): 17.4%

Important Statutory Assessment days.

- Year 6 SAT's, Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026

- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (PSC) W/C Monday 8th June 2026

- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Weeks commencing Monday 1st June and Monday 8th June 2026.

Uniform.

We love our children to look smart and take pride in their appearance. Please ensure your child is in the correct uniform for school. We have noticed a number of children in trainers which are not in line with the policy. Full black trainers are acceptable. Also, earrings must be studs only. Hoops and dangly earrings are a health and safety risk.

Remember, we have a bank of uniform in school if you are struggling. Please speak to Mrs Wilkinson in confidence.

Head lice:

Please remember to regularly check your child's hair for head lice and nits.

Early detection helps prevent spread. Thank you for your support.

Going for Gold

Huge Congratulations to our pupils who were chosen last week for the Going for Gold awards.

Congratulations!

A Magical Nature Adventure with Katie Taylor

17 February 2026
2:00pm until 3:30pm
Darfield Library

Calling all explorers! Come and join us for an outdoor nature adventure inspired by 'The Nature Adventure Book' by Katie Taylor. You'll wave your very own stick wand, bring pinecones to life as fun forest friends, and cook up delicious (and muddy!) recipes in the Darfield library mud kitchen. Encourage your child's creativity, imagination, and love of the outdoors with our hands on activity session. Suitable for ages 3 – 5. Please book a space exclusively for child attendees.

Food waste

Please could we ask parents and carers to ensure that any meal orders placed on The Pantry website are cancelled if your child will not be taking a school meal on that day. We are currently finding that a significant number of meals are being ordered and prepared but then not taken, particularly for KS1 pupils receiving Universal Free School Meals and KS2 pupils on Free School Meals. Preparing additional meals that are ultimately wasted has a negative impact on the environment, as well as on our school resources. Thank you for your support in helping us reduce food waste and ensure meals are prepared accurately.
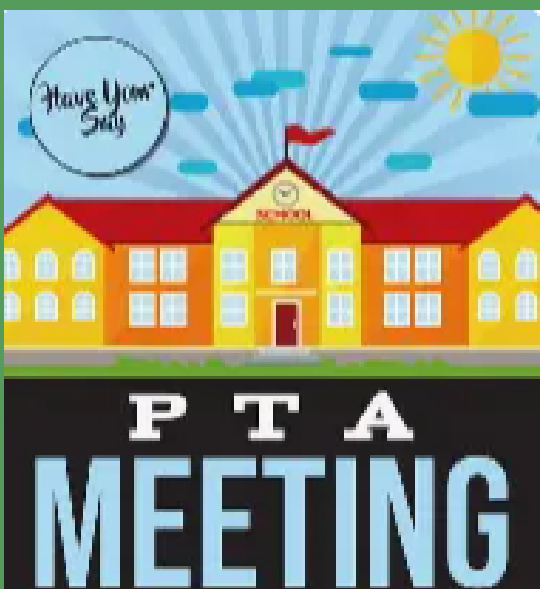
WENTWORTH WOODHOUSE
ROTHERHAM

Have you got a touch of the January blues? Join us on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th January as we blow off the cobwebs, put a spring in your step and throw open the gates to our beloved gardens for all to enjoy - FOR FREE!

For 2 days only, families and garden-lovers alike can enjoy a day in the Wentworth Woodhouse Gardens on us and discover many hidden delights, from the sweeping views of the South Terrace to the first signs of spring - so much awaits! Got a little explorer? The Forest of Bewilderment is the perfect place for the curious and adventurous!

Don't delay, get your free ticket today.
https://wentworthwoodhouse.org.uk/whats-on/wentworth-woodhouse-open-gardens/

PTA Meetings
We have updated the dates for the PTFA meetings for the year. Current and new members welcome.

- 30th January @ 9am
- 12th March @ 9am
- 30th April @ 9am
- 2nd July @ 9am

Diary dates for the academic year.

We try our best to stick with the dates selected, however sometimes changes may need to be made. We will give you as much notice as possible.

Young Voices	Monday 9th February 2026
Online safety week	Monday 9th February-Friday 13th February 2026 Inc. Safer Internet Day Tuesday 10th February 2026
World book day	Thursday 5th March 2026
Science week	Monday 9th March – Friday 13th March 2026
Comic Relief	Friday 20th March 2026
Easter service	Wednesday 25th March 2026
Class photographs	Thursday 18th June 2026
Year 6 Bikeability	Monday 15th June- Friday 19th June 2026
Sports 'days' *Weather dependant*	*Specific times will be sent out nearer the time.* **EYFS:** Tuesday 23rd June 2026 PM **Year 1 & Year 2** Tuesday 23rd June 2026 AM **Year 3 & Year 4** Wednesday 24th June 2026 AM **Year 5 & Year 6:** Wednesday 24th June 2026 PM
Annual written reports to parents	Friday 10th July 2026
Year 6 Leavers Service	Tuesday 14th July 2026 *Provisional until transition dates from secondary schools are confirmed*
Internal transition day	Wednesday 15th July 2026 *Year 6 pupils will be informed of their secondary transition days once their placem confirmed.*
Reception graduation	Monday 13th July 2026
End of year prize giving	Friday 17th July 2026

BARNSLEY FC COMMUNITY TRUST

FEBRUARY
FOOTBALL CAMPS

Indoor Training Centre, Grove Street, Barnsley, S71 1ET

Monday 16th February - 20th February 2026

9am - 3pm **Ages 5-14**

Our holiday courses are delivered by qualified coaches and open to boys and girls of all abilities. Giving them the opportunity to:

- **Learn new skills**
- **Improve their techniques through a variety of activities**
- **Have loads of fun!**

£65 Per Week

£15 Per Day

£17 Tournament Friday

MINI KICKERS

FRIDAY | 10:30AM - 11AM

This session is designed to help budding young football stars!

£4 AGES 2-5

GOAL KEEPER TRAINING

TUESDAY 17TH

Join our goalkeeper sessions and develop key skills in a fun environment!

Includes McDonalds Happy Meal

For more information please contact Aidan.Wearmouth@barnsleyfc.co.uk

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BOOK NOW

AUTISM FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE
YOU ARE NOT ALONE

You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers**.

First Tuesday of every month
7pm - 8.30pm
Platform: Zoom

Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

What parents say:
'*Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful
I feel, and I really do feel less alone and more validated.* **My hope is back**'

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social.w orker trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism. Sometimes my wife Sally will join in as well.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

All Saints Academy

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR

For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

September (22 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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October (18 Days)

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November (20 Days)

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December (15 Days)

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February (15 days)

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April (14 Days)

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May (15 Days)

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June (22 Days)

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July (14 Days)

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August

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Monday 1st September 2025
Tuesday 2nd September 2025