



**St Thomas More Catholic Primary,
A Voluntary Academy**

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Welcome Back

We hope you all had a lovely and peaceful Christmas and New Year!

We have loved seeing so many smiley faces back for the start of our new term.

Dolce Winter Olympics Dinner day

One lucky child will win an £5 Amazon gift voucher if they order a hot dinner on Thursday the 20th January



Whole school virtual Parents evening
WK com 24 January 2022

Y3 Magna

Wednesday 2 February 2022

**Y1 National Emergency Service
Museum**

Thursday 10 February

Y5 Millennium Galleries

Wednesday 23 February 2022

Y2 EIS Invasion Games

Thursday 17 March 2022

F2 Eureka Museum

Thursday 31 March 2022

Y4 Kingswood Residential

Monday 16 May 2022

Wednesday 18 May 2022

Y3/Y4 Fire safety talk in school

Wednesday 8 June 2022

Y6 York Residential

Monday 27 June 2022

Wednesday 29 June 2022

This is not an exhaustive list of planned events for the year, more items will be added each week, watch this space ☺

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Sheffield
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St Thomas More Term Dates 2022 to 2023



September (22 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

October (16 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

November (22 Days)						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

December (16 Days)						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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January (17 days)						
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

February (15 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

March (23 days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April (10 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May (19 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

June (20 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

July (15 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

August						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Bank Holiday
School Holiday
Staff Training Day

Autumn 1	Thursday 1 st September 2022	Friday 21 st October 2022	37 days
Autumn 2	Monday 31 st October 2022	Thursday 22 nd December 2022	39 days
Spring 1	Monday 9 th January 2023	Friday 10 th February 2023	25 days
Spring 2	Monday 20 th February 2023	Thursday 6 th April 2023	34 days
Summer 1	Friday 21 st April 2023	Friday 26 th May 2023	25 days
Summer 2	Monday 5 th June 2023	Friday 21 st July 2023	35 days

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National Storytelling Week

Our wonderful F2 class will be taking part in National Storytelling Week from 29th January to 5th February this year. During this week, we will be reading lots of different stories together as a class, the children will be making up their own stories and characters and lots more. Keep an eye out on the class dojo page for some wonderful pictures/videos during this week, and please let us know if your child is doing anything at home to mark this storytelling week.

"Virtues to Live by"



Dear parents/carers,

STM will be continuing with our year-long activity with the children celebrating "Virtues to Live By". If you recall, this is a diocesan initiative in which several area Catholic schools are participating.

We will have four virtues to focus on for every term. Every week, in our Key Stage Assemblies, the children will be participating in a collective worship based around the theme. Every class will have posters displayed in class around that theme, including how to "live out" the theme in real life.

Then every Friday, during Celebration Assembly, one child from each class will receive a certificate if they have displayed this virtue consistently or in a special way during the week. This will also be displayed weekly in our newsletter.

Here is some reminder information about the programme:

Guiding Principles

To ensure children and young people are given opportunities to:

1. Experience a positive and purposeful ethos providing a sense of belonging to their school community.
2. Grow in their knowledge and understanding of the virtues.
3. Practise the virtues to further the call to live life to the full.
4. Appreciate the connection between biblical and practical wisdom and living.
5. Hear the Christian story and encounter it in practice.
6. Understand their uniqueness and dignity as made in the image and likeness of God.
7. Know that our limitations are also opportunities for growth.
8. To notice, to reflect, to pray and to play
9. To exercise the cognitive, affective and behavioural components of character: know it in your head, feel it in your heart and show it with your hands.

Spring Term

Classes will explore one virtue for approximately 3-4 weeks:

Spring 1:

Faith and Simplicity

Spring 2:

Love / Charity and Forgiveness

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Celebration Winners

w/e 14 January 2022

F2	Clark	For	Facing challenges head on this week and showing more independence when getting changed! We are so proud of your determination - great job ☺
	Jaxon		Being so kind to all your friends this week, and being a great role model to others when tidying an area before you leave it for another! Well done! ☺
Y1	Erin	For	Having an amazing week! You have tried so hard in all your learning! Fantastic Erin ☺
	Filip		Having an amazing week! You have tried so hard in all your learning! Fantastic Filip!
Y2	Stasiu	For	Being a fantastic role model to the other children in class this week. You are always ready to learn and your listening is fantastic. Well done!
	Mathaus		Working hard to make big improvements in maths. You have really impressed me with our work on learning to tell the time this week. Well done!
Y3	Leylan	For	A fantastic first week of term! You have tried so hard and you have been a model member of our class ☺ Fantastic Leylan!
	Romaine		Imaginative writing in our poetry lessons! Your ideas have been a joy to read and I can't wait to read your finished piece. Well done Romaine! ☺
Y4	Joshua	For	Producing some wonderful cause and effect sentences linked to our story! Fantastic work! Keep it up!
	Vanessa		Putting amazing effort into your maths learning this week to help secure your times tables! Fantastic work! Keep it up!
Y5	Charlie B	For	For having such a great start to the new term. You have worked really hard in all areas of your learning this week and you have been focussed and engaged during lessons. Well done Charlie.
	Fredi		Having such a positive attitude towards learning. You have tried really hard this week to work independently during lessons and you have shown great resilience in the face of challenge. Well done Fredi.
Y6	Jennifer	For	Your fantastic efforts this week in our RE lesson! You thought carefully about your favourite book and designed a wonderful book cover for this. Well done, Jennifer!
	Oscar		Showing amazing respect and kindness to your friends and teachers in the classroom. You are a wonderful role model to have in our classroom, well done Oscar!

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"Virtues to Live by"



w/e 14 January 2022 - Winners

F2

Dylan

Y1

Zack W

Y2

Hadley

Y3

Jon

Y4

Ethan

Y5

Susanna

Y6

Rian

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER

W/E 14 January 2022



This week's winner is Cole in Y6 for: Your positive attitude to every part of your learning makes you an outstanding role model in our classroom. You give everything a go and you are determined to do your very best! You're a wonderful talk partner and friend. Well done Cole, you thoroughly deserve this award!

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Attendance & Punctuality W/e 14 January 2022

Class	Percentage	Lates
F2	97.6	0
Y1	95.5	1
Y2	97.7	2
Y3	93.7	1
Y4	96	4
Y5	94	1
Y6	99.7	1
School Total	96.3	10

Wow! Well Done Y6! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance and punctuality.

Outstanding Homework W/e 14 January 2022



F2	No Homework winners this week due to the Christmas Holidays
Y1	
Y2	
Y3	
Y4	
Y5	
Y6	

100% Attendance & Punctuality W/e 14 January 2022



F2	Violet
Y1	Lucy
Y2	Poppy
Y3	Milly
Y4	Myles
Y5	Kian
Y6	Ava

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100% Attendance Reward for Autumn term

For children who attain 100% attendance during a term, we organise a small celebration reward for them. Currently, we need to ensure this is COVID safe and bubbles don't mix. The award for 100% for the Autumn term will be extra playtime outside along with a little treat of something to eat and drink. Activity station will be set up outside- F2/KS1 will be outside together (classes will be kept separate), then KS2 will be outside together (classes will be kept separate).

The provisional date for this is the afternoon of 24th January (weather permitting). Children do not need to bring anything.

Virtual Parents evening

Our Virtual Parents Evening will be taking place as follows

Monday 24th January - Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5

Tuesday 25th January -F2 and Year 6

Wednesday 26th January - Year 3

Tuesday 1st February - Year 1

Booking slots for parents Evening will be available from w/c 17th January 2022

Appointments are now available to book through school cloud!



100% Attendance
Key Stage 1 - Roll of Honour
Autumn Term - 2021

Foundation 2

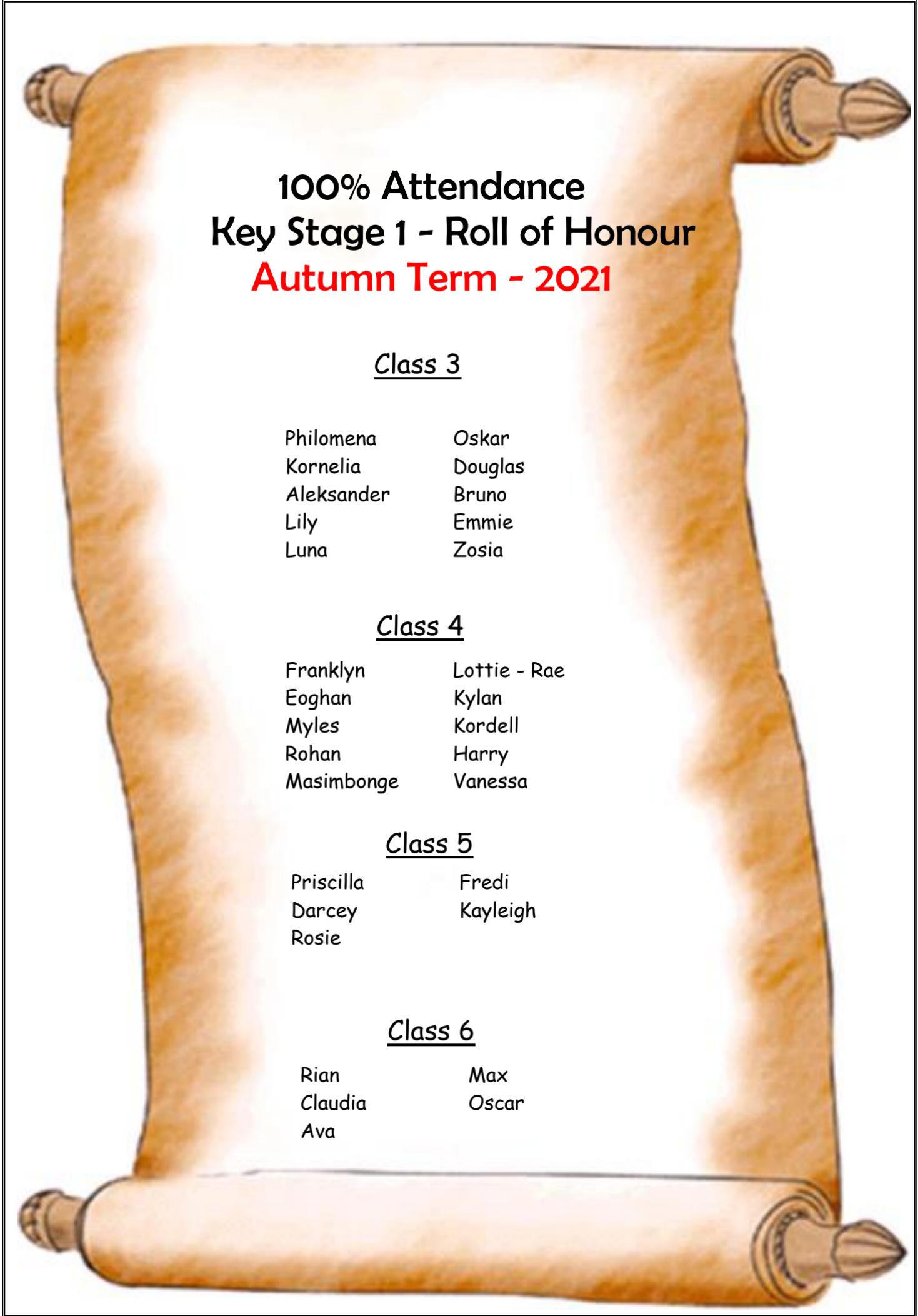
Freddy	Emilia
Callen	Arthur
Maksymilian	

Class 1

Nathan	Casey
Zach	Jacob
Emlyn	Piper

Class 2

Nelli	Jake
Carlos	Sienna
Mollie	Heath
Grayson	Stasiu
Hadley	Finlay
Jensen	



100% Attendance
Key Stage 1 - Roll of Honour
Autumn Term - 2021

Class 3

Philomena	Oskar
Kornelia	Douglas
Aleksander	Bruno
Lily	Emmie
Luna	Zosia

Class 4

Franklyn	Lottie - Rae
Eoghan	Kylan
Myles	Kordell
Rohan	Harry
Masimbonge	Vanessa

Class 5

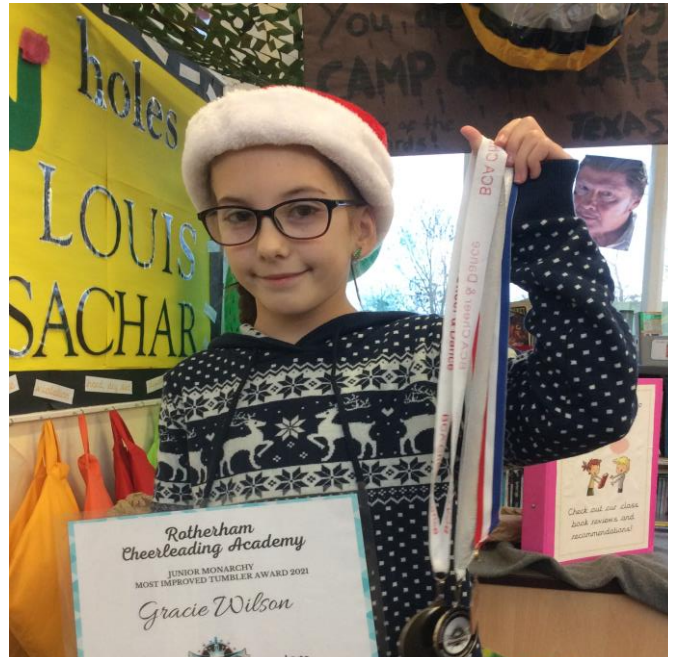
Priscilla	Fredi
Darcey	Kayleigh
Rosie	

Class 6

Rian	Max
Claudia	Oscar
Ava	

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Out of school activities



Congratulations to
Gracie Y5 on her Cheerleading award, to Faye in F2 for performing in her first dance show over Christmas and won Dancer of the Week too! Here is a picture of her with the teddy bear she won as a prize and Woody started a new football group after not playing since last summer and he won messy of the week!

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Grenoside Pantomime Proudly Presents...

JACK *and the* BEANSTALK

Friday 28th January 7:30pm
Saturday 29th January 2pm & 7:30pm
Sunday 30th January 2pm
Thursday 3rd February 7:30pm
Friday 4th February 7:30 pm
Saturday 5th February 2pm & 7:30pm

Grenoside Community Centre,
Main Street, Grenoside, S35 8PR

Licenced Bar

Tickets from csy.333@sky.com
0114-246-8937, or 07754-500874

Adults £8
Concessions £6
Family (2 adults & 2 Kids) £25

TRIPS AND EVENTS



Qualitas Sporting Events and Competitions 2021-22

Event	Year	Venue	Date/Time
Dance festival	1 & 5	Winding Wheel	28.03.22 / 09:00 - 12:00
Invasion games	2	EIS	17.03.22 / 09:00 - 12:30
Tag Rugby	4	Hallam sports park	22.04.22 / 09:00 - 12:00
Mini-tennis	1	Places 4 People	19.05.22 / 09:00 - 12:30
Derby county football festival	2	Derby County football club	17.06.22 / 09:00 - 12:00
Crown green bowling	SEND children	Places 4 People	21.06.22 / 09:00 - 12:00
Sports day	2&6	EIS	23.05.22 / 09:00 - 15:00
Quick cricket	TBC	Mount St Marys	18.07.22 / 09:00 - 13:00
Rugby union	TBC	Mount St Marys	19.07.22 / 09:00 - 13:00
Elite mini Olympics	TBC	Mount St Marys	19.07.22 - 09:00 - 13:00

F2 will have an event arranged during the summer term

There will be no cost to parents/corers for any of the above events.

These events including transport will be fully funded from the school's sports premium grant.

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Y3 trip to Magna Wednesday 2nd February 2022

On Wednesday 2nd February 2022 Y3 will be visiting Magna to take part in and learn more about Magnets as part of our spring science learning! The coach will be collecting us from school at 9.15am so please ensure that your child arrives to school on time so that we can set off on time. The coach will be dropping us off at school again at 3pm. As the trip will be taking place over lunchtime, your child will need a packed lunch and a water bottle. Please send your child to school in their normal school uniform with a coat over the top.

The contribution is £12, which includes the Entry Fee and coach travel. Payments should be made and consent given on Parentmail.

If we do not receive enough contributions, the trip may have to be cancelled.

Y1 Trip to Emergency Services Museum Thursday 10th February 2022

On Thursday 10th February 2022, Year 1 children will visit the National Emergency Services Museum in Sheffield to learn all about the history of The Great Fire of London. Children will travel back in time to 1666 when King Charles II was on the throne and a huge fire ravaged London, to learn how the Great Fire was extinguished and the legacy it holds. Children will get the opportunity to handle real and replica objects, dress up as a soldier fighting the fire and try some of the methods they used. This workshop is in collaboration with South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue bringing history and vital life safety together.

The coach will be leaving school around 9.15am so please arrive to school promptly as normal. We will be returning to school before the end of the school day (approx. 2.30pm).

The contribution is £13, which includes the workshop and coach travel. Payments should be made and consent given on Parentmail.

If we do not receive enough contributions, the trip may have to be cancelled.

TRIPS AND EVENTS

F2 Trip to Eureka Museum

Thursday 31st March 2022

F2 will be visiting EUREKA! Children's Museum on Thursday the 31st of March 2022. On our trip we will be exploring the amazing galleries (including All About Me and SoundSpace) as well as enjoying an EYFS story time in the new EYFS gallery! We will be leaving school on the coach at 8.30am, so all children will need to be in school at 8.15am at latest. We will be departing EUREKA at 2.30pm so we expect to be back at school by 4.00pm (approx). We will update parents on the day if we will be any earlier or later than this time.

Children should be in school uniform for this trip, wearing sensible footwear and a coat for the journey there and back. Children will also need a packed lunch and a filled water bottle for the day. We will be providing snack and milk. Please indicate on Parentmail if you would like your child to have packed lunch provided through school or if they will be bringing one from home.

The total contribution for each child is £20 - this includes the full day at EUREKA!, coach travel there and back and the EYFS Story time workshop. Please note if we do not receive enough contributions the trip may have to be cancelled.

Y6 York Residential

Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th June 2022

We now have a confirmed cost for the Y6 Residential. The cost per child is £155, which includes accommodation, transport, food and activities throughout the trip.

Payments should be made on Parentmail, with the balance needing to be paid in full by Friday 22 April 2022.