



The School Day

Just a few reminders about the start and end of the school day:

- Children begin to arrive from 8:40am – staff will be on the playground to meet and greet the children.
- At 8:45am, children should line up and will then begin to enter school – as a large school, we have to allow time to walk the children into their classes.
- Registration takes place at 8:50am in class.
- The school day ends at 3:15pm – staff bring the children out into the playgrounds for parents/carers to collect.

Please [click here](#) for further information about the school day.

Please remember...

Do not send your child to school if they, or someone in your household, has symptoms of Covid-19 or is getting a test.

You should not send your child if they have any Covid-19 symptoms as follows:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. If you or your child have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. **Get a PCR test (not a lateral flow test)** to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. **Stay at home** and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Letters Home (available on the [website](#))

- [Y6 British Cycling](#)
- [KS2 Ballet Taster Sessions](#)
- [Y1H Local Walk Sept 2021](#), [Y1M Local Walk Sept 2021](#), [Y1S Local Walk Sept 2021](#)

Contacting School Staff

Please can we remind you that if you need to contact your child's teacher or another member of staff to discuss anything with them, this should be done via email through: enquiries@westways.sheffield.sch.uk

Alternatively, you can contact them via the 'Contact Us' section of the website: <https://www.westwaysprimary.co.uk/contact-us>

Once we receive this, it will then be sent onto the appropriate member of staff who will respond to you in due course.

Children being Dropped off and Left Unsupervised in the Morning

It has come to our attention that some children in Key Stage 2 are being dropped off and left unsupervised before the start of the school day. Could we please remind you that staff will only be out on the playgrounds to meet and greet children from 8:40am. This means there will not be staff present on the playgrounds to supervise children before this time. If you do need to leave your children before this time, we have a breakfast club that they can attend. Children can start at Breakfast Club from 7:30am onwards; the cost of the session is £5.50. Please email enquiries@westways.sheffield.sch.uk if you wish to book a place. Thank you for your continued support.

London Mini Marathon for Schools

Westways are very excited to announce that children will take part in the Mini London Marathon for Schools this year.

In the week beginning 27th September, all children in years 1 to 6 children will aim to run 2.6 miles (or as close as possible). This will happen across 2 PE lessons next week and will be quite an achievement if they succeed. During that PE lesson – we will watch a short video, warm up together and then run/walk the mile route. Children can run/walk more if they feel possible.

The first 500,000 children who complete this challenge will receive a London Marathon pin badge to keep.

More information can be found here. <https://www.virginmoneylondonmarathon.com/the-event/mini-london-marathon-in-schools>
This should be a great week.

Cycling at Westways

Westways have formed an exciting partnership with British Cycling. We have secured 9 weeks of free cycling training for Year 6 to be delivered by a British Cycling Coach on site at Westways. These sessions will be for all abilities and it doesn't matter if your child owns a bike or not. Please sign up before 1st October using the Google Form link sent via email. Please click the link to view the letter- [Y6 British Cycling](#)

Ballet at Westways

This year Westways will be working with The Northern Ballet Company. We have secured a free ballet taster session for all of KS2 on site at Westways. These sessions will be for all abilities with no experience necessary. Though we hope your child will enjoy these sessions, they are not compulsory and should only be accessed by those with an interest in dance. Please sign up before 1st October using the Google Form link sent via email. Please click the link to view the letter - [KS2 Ballet Taster Sessions](#)

Sheffield Wednesday Girls Football

Sheffield Wednesday have made us aware they are running a new Girls Football Club at Forge Valley School. The club is for all abilities and is every Monday 5-6pm, £3 a session. To sign up contact millie.kenyon@swfc.co.uk



Morrisons Grow Tokens are available from now up until the 24th October 2021. For every £10 spent in store or online, you'll get one Grow Token that your local school can redeem for a wide range of gardening and growing equipment.

Please start collecting the tokens for Westways. Thank you.

Westways Extracurricular Sport

[Click to view](#) a plan for the academic year for what I hope to offer the children and when. This will be subject to change as our school builds relationships with local clubs and organisations. The current half term (Autumn 1) is highlighted in yellow below. All school clubs will start on week beginning 20th September.

Please look what is available for your child's year group for Autumn Half Term 1 and if you wish, complete the relevant Google Form by midday on Tuesday 14th September

You will be contacted on Thursday 16th September to confirm if your child has, or has not, been allocated a place. If your child does receive a place, please make sure they come to school dressed in appropriate sports kit for that day.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Autumn n1	PM - Y6 Football	AM - Y4 Wake Up Club PM - Y3 Basketball	Lunch - Y5 Netball PM - Y2 Active Archery PM - Y4 Dance	Lunch - Y3 Girls Club PM - Y4,5,6 Cross Country	Lunch - River Team Multi Sport PM - Y5 Gymnastics
Autumn n2	PM - Y5 Football	AM - Y3 Wake Up Club PM - Y6 Basketball	Lunch - Y5 Netball PM - Y2 Active Archery PM - Y3 Dance	Lunch - Y4 Girls Club PM - Y3,5,6 Cross Country	Lunch - River Team Multi Sport PM - Y4 Gymnastics
Spring n1	PM - Y4 Football	AM - Y6 Wake Up Club PM - Y5 Basketball	Lunch - Y5 Netball PM - Y2 Active Archery PM - Y6 Dance	Lunch - Y5 Girls Club PM - Y4,5,6 Cross Country	Lunch - River Team Multi Sport PM - Y3 Gymnastics
Spring n2	PM - Y3 Football	AM - Y5 Wake Up Club PM - Y4 Basketball	Lunch - Y5 Netball PM - Y1 Active Archery PM - Y5 Dance	Lunch - Y6 Girls Club PM - Y4,5,6 Cross Country	Lunch - River Team Multi Sport PM - Y6 Gymnastics
Summer n1	PM - Y6 Striking Games	AM - Y2 Wake Up Club PM - Y5 Striking Games	Lunch - Y4 Netball PM - Y1 Active Archery	Lunch - Y5 Girls Club PM - Y4 Striking Games	PM - Y3 Striking Games
Summer n2	PM - Y6 Athletics	AM - Y2 Wake Up Club PM - Y5 Athletics	Lunch - Y4 Netball PM - Y1 Active Archery	Lunch - Y6 Girls Club PM - Y4 Athletics	PM - Y3 Athletics
		AM Club - 8:10-8:35am	Lunch Club - 12:20-12:50pm		PM Club - 3:15-4:15pm

Sheffield Schools Orienteering

The South Yorkshire Schools Orienteering League aims to provide school pupils with the opportunity to learn and develop map-reading skills while improving their fitness in a fun, competitive and challenging sport. There will be 9 events spread over the year. All events will be on a Saturday afternoon. The first event is Saturday 11th September at Endcliffe Park Sheffield.

Pupils should enter as an individual. If they are inexperienced then they are welcome to run with a friend. They should register separately and the time for each runner will count, even if they stick together throughout the course.

Y4 and Y5 will compete on the White course, normally between 1 and 1.5 km. Y6 will compete on the Yellow Course normally between 1.5 and 2.5 km. Registration starts at 12:30pm. Pupils then start orienteering at 1-minute intervals with start times from 1pm to 3pm.

A table of all Orienteering dates is attached.

Sheffield Schools Orienteering Dates 2021-22	
Sat 11th Sep	Endcliffe Park
Sat 16 Oct	Shirebrook Valley
Sat 13 Nov	Botanical Gardens
Sat 8 Jan	Whirlowbrook Hall
Sat 5 Feb	Norfolk Park
Sat 19 Mar	EIS & Olympic Legacy Park
Sat 30 Apr	Parkwood Springs
Sat 21 May	Meersbrook Park
Sat 18 Jun	Millhouses Park

Start the day the right way - have a healthy breakfast!

Please follow the link [Smart Sheffield Newsletter](#) to view interesting articles like this one on healthy meals. Children who have a healthy, nutritious breakfast before school have been found to have improved reading, writing & maths results, and have better levels of concentration & behaviour. Eating breakfast has many health benefits for us all, including:

- Improving brain function
- Helping maintain a healthy weight
- Reducing the risk of diabetes, heart disease & high blood pressure

Healthy breakfast options include:

- Low sugar cereals such as muesli, porridge, Weetabix or Shredded Wheat
- Toast - brown, wholemeal or 50/50 bread instead of white is healthier as these contain more fibre
- Crumpet or Bagel - a nice alternative to bread!
- Low-fat natural yogurt or Greek yogurt - you could add muesli, fruit, nuts or seeds for added taste & texture.
- Eggs - try them poached, boiled or scrambled, or why not make an omelette?
- Pancakes - add fruit such as strawberries or blueberries or make them savoury by adding mushrooms or tomatoes - that way you'll be getting one of your 5-a-day too!



Spare Clothes for KS1 Children

Please could we have some spare clothes donations for the children in Key Stage 1 (Nursery - Year 2). We desperately need trousers/leggings, underwear and socks? Also could people return any clothes that their child has borrowed from school? We are running very low! Thank you.

Year 1 - What makes me, me? Photo

As part of our theme 'What makes me, me?', we are exploring different types of families. If children would like to, they can bring a photograph of their family to share with their class. If not easily identifiable, please make sure the photograph is labelled with your child's name and class.