

Newsletter November 2025

I am writing to you with some reminders and dates about events coming up in the next half term.

Can I thank you all for your continued support this year.

Punctuality

School officially starts at 8.50am.

The doors at **both schools will open at 8.40am**. Registration will take place at Deepcar St John's at 8:40am – 8:50am, Registration at Royd will take place at 8.50am. Should parents/carers at Royd opt to bring their child to school between 8.40am and 8.50am then parents/carers must stay with them until the bell sounds.

Both schools finish at 3.20pm.

2-Year-old Provision and Nursery (3-4 yr old)

We still have limited places available in these provisions. If you know of anyone looking for a setting, please pass on the school details so we can organise a visit. We are now starting to look at allocating places for January 2026.

Inset Days

The remaining INSET days this academic year are as follows:

Friday 27 March 2026

Monday 20 July 2026

Breaking up on Thursday 26th March 2026 and 17th July 2026 means that there will be cheaper holidays for parents/carers to access.

Leave of Absence

Both schools are following the new guidance for absence fining as described by the Government. A copy of the flyer regarding penalty notice fines can be found on the school's website.

Uniform

Please ensure your child's name is on all items of clothing and refer to the appropriate School website for uniform expectations. There are already a large number of sweaters and coats in lost property without names.

PE Kit - Extra Curricular Clubs

If your child is attending an extra-curricular club(s) please ensure that they have a PE Kit in school. Please note that children that attend Royd both their indoor and outdoor PE kit should be left on your child's peg for the duration of the school week.

Christmas Pantomime

(Parents of Deepcar School) PODS have kindly donated funds, so that all children from Reception to Y6 will have the opportunity to see a professional pantomime performed in the school hall at Deepcar St John's C.E. Junior School. This will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 4 December 2025 during school time.

Healthy Snacks

Children at Royd have a healthy snack provided for them to eat each day by Sheffield city Council.

At Deepcar St John's the **healthy** snacks must be brought in from home. Can you please ensure this is a piece of fruit or something else suitably healthy such as yoghurt.

Fundraising

Both school have expressed an interest in having a sculpture of a lion cub that is part of the **Pride of Yorkshire** charity trail, which will take place in South Yorkshire in the summer of 2026 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Sheffield Children's Hospital. Each school will need to fundraise £950 for a lion-cub sculpture which they will then decorate. The lion cubs will then be on a sculpture trail available around Sheffield. We will write to you with further details when we know we have been successful in applying.

Goldfish

We have many goldfish in the pond at Deepcar St John's. Would anyone like to come and collect some for an outdoor pond before the weather turns colder? Please contact the school office to organise collection.

Harvest

Thank you to all families who donated items towards the Harvest service. All donations were gratefully received by The Foodbank Project on Cedar Road, Stocksbridge run by The Hub Church.

Wear It Pink

Both schools raised a fantastic amount for Breast Cancer Now by taking part in the wear it pink day. Thank you for your generosity.

Royd: £233.00

Deepcar St John's: £204

Dates for Diary

Royd Nursery Infant

November

- 14 - Children In Need
- 17 - Flu vaccination FS2-Y2
- 20 – Parents Evening
- 26 – Miss Aldam's class Victorian Classroom

December

- 3 – Miss Howe's class Victorian Classroom
- 4 - 2yr provision stay and play
9-9.45 am and 2.15-3 pm
- 4 - Pantomime Reception to Y6 PM
- 10 - KS1 concert 10am and 2pm
- 11 - Rocksteady concert 2.30pm
- 16 – Nursery and Reception concert 10am
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- 18 - Christmas lunch Pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 payment is not required
- 19 - Christmas Jumper Day

Deepcar St John's

November

- 13 – Parents Evening
- 14 - Children In Need
- 18 – Parents Evening

December

- 4 - Rocksteady concert 10am
- 4 - Pantomime Reception to Y6 PM
- 10 -12 - Y5 residential – Willersley Castle
- 16- Christmas concert in school
- 17- Christmas lunch
- 18 – Christmas service/ Christingle
Deepcar St Johns- 2pm at St John's church
- 19 - Christmas Jumper Day