

Newsletter January 2026

On behalf of the staff at both schools, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. I hope you all had a wonderful relaxing time with your family and friends.

At the end of last year, we really enjoyed welcoming so many parents and families into school for all the concerts and events during the last few weeks.

Thank you also for your very kind donations to the raffles and fundraising events.

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.

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 many sweaters and coats in lost property without names.

Royd Nursery Infant have several items of used uniform for sale. Please contact Lynn Lawton in the office to organise purchase of items. This uniform has all been donated to school and are in excellent condition at a very reduced price.

PE Kit

We are seeing an increasing number of children not bringing in their PE kits, especially at the Junior school. We have spare kit, but we do not have enough to go around the large numbers of children that are forgetting to bring them to school. Please remember to bring them in at the start of the half term and then take them home for washing regularly. Moving forward, we will be contacting parents/carers by phone asking them to bring PE kit in on the days when children do not have one.

PE Kit consists of- White T shirt- Navy shorts, Navy jogging bottoms, a jacket and trainers/ indoor pumps. Please label all items.

2-Year-old Provision

We have limited places available in our two-year-old provision and more spaces are becoming available after Easter. If you know of anyone looking for a setting, please pass on the school details so we can organise a visit.

Payments/ Consent

We are increasingly experiencing a high number of parents/carers who do not provide consent or payment for trips, events, or residentials by the deadlines set. These cut-off reminders are sent out regularly; we continue to receive enquiries from parents/carers on the day of the event or after the deadline has passed.

Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee a place will still be available at this stage, and late requests create unnecessary additional work for the admin team, including amending registers and updating lists already submitted to providers. Can parents./carers please ensure that deadlines are adhered to moving forward.

Fundraising

Both schools have successfully sponsored a lion cub that is part of the **Pride of Yorkshire** – Children's Hospital Charity trail. This will take place in South Yorkshire during the summer to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Sheffield Children's Hospital. The Lion cubs will be on a sculpture trail around Sheffield during the Summer holiday. We will be holding funding activities to sponsor these cubs. Please look out for further details.

Fundraising update

Wear it Pink

Deepcar St John's - £204

Royd – £233

Royal British Legion-Poppy appeal

Deepcar St John's -£205.08

Royd- £146.23

Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day

Deepcar St John's - £88.38

Royd- £134

Request for items

The Foundation Stage are looking for items detailed below. If you have any at home that you are willing to donate, please take them to the appropriate classroom. Thank you

Nursery/FS1

- plastic bottles preferably 5 of the same size (Oasis/Fanta small bottles not 2l size)
- Junk modelling
- Old/unwanted CD's/DVD's to use as hanging decorations in our outside music area.
- Spray bottles that have been cleaned from use

Reception/FS2

- Plastic milk bottles (the 4-pint ones) that are clean and have lids on. Old kitchen utensils (metal ones are better) mashers, spatulas, wooden spoons
- Measuring jugs – plastic, no glass – thank you.

Paracetamol- Deepcar St John's

This is a reminder that children should not be bringing any medication into school that is not prescribed. We have a procedure for medication and the safe storage of this. We have had two incidents where we have found Paracetamol on the floor in cloakrooms. This is extremely dangerous. Please do not give your children medication to bring to school and contact the office if your child is unwell.

Dates for Diary

Royd Nursery Infant

January

19- Nursery Safety fortnight
23- Class 2 visit to library
26- Safety Week reception, Y1 and Y2

February

16- half term

March

5 - World Book Day
19 -Rocksteady concerts
18- Parents evening
23- Parents evening
27- Curriculum Day

Deepcar St John's

February

10- Safer Internet Day
11- Young Voices
16- half term

March

5- World Book Day
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19 -Rocksteady concerts
26- Parents evening
27- Curriculum day