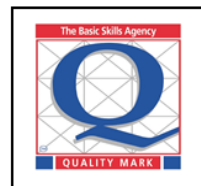


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Pupil of the Week -

We have had some problems with texts regarding Pupil of the Week. Sometimes the text registers as having been sent but has not been received by parents. If you receive a text, please reply with a simple acknowledgement of having received the text - we don't want parents to miss the occasion and, if we do not receive a reply, we will email or call you to let you know that your child is Pupil of the Week.



Sensory Garden

Our Sensory Garden is coming to life after the hard work put in by the pond club, Mr French, Mr and Mrs Scholey and Mrs Spooner! Thank you to all of you who have helped to complete the 'vision'. We will be officially opening the sensory garden, sometime in the future.

Sports for champions -

The annual Sports for Champions Elite Athlete Workshop is coming up on **June 17th**. This year we will be visited by **Danoush Jowker - Team GBR wrestler**. His greatest achievement was 5th place at the U17 World & European Championships, he is also 6x English Champion and 7x British Champion in age category. He is hopeful that he will be able to compete at the 2028 Olympics. We will be raising money to support dedicated athletes and to raise money for school. Please donate what you can even if it is just a few pounds. Last year the children really enjoyed a visit from Mackenzie Clayton and they were inspired, we raised £532 altogether. We are looking forward to welcoming Danoush. This is the link to the fundraiser and you can also see Danoush.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/the-norton-free-cofe-primary-school-fundraiser-1>

Thank you to Sheffield Steelers Community for their generous donation to the school of £600. The money will be put towards the purchase of games and activities for the children to use at break time in the KS1 and KS2 Yard.

Training Days and Term Dates for 2026 - 2027

Dates for next school year have been added to the school website along with a calendar for next year - www.nortonfree.org.uk/training-days-term-dates/

Athletics 2026 -

Norton Free School has taken part in this city wide event for many, many years and we were really **disappointed** to hear that Woodbourn Road is not available for this event due to issues with the track. The organisers have tried to find an alternative venue and whilst they have been able to provide this (the event will be held at Springs Academy for children in our heat), there will be an impact on the way the event is run. The athletics will be held on grass this year (no track) and there will be no long jump. The **City Finals will not take place this year**. Parents will be unable to attend the main event until the end of the school day (at Springs Academy) due to safeguarding. Although this is not ideal, we are really supportive of the organisers as they have tried really hard to accommodate the athletics by finding a venue that isn't already booked on the planned dates. We will be taking the children from

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Year 6 and may take some children from Y5. The children will bring a letter home in the near future if they are going to be taking part.

<u>Dates 2026</u>	<u>Events</u>
Mon 18th May – Thurs 21st May 2026	Mayors Walk and Wheel challenge – walk or cycle to school this week. How many of you can take on the challenge?
Tues 19th May 2026	History Day with a focus on the 1960s – everyone is invited to dress up and travel back in time to the 60s. Each class will be learning something about the 1960s from toys to politics!
	Swimming Gala after School at Ponds Forge (from 6:15pm)
	Y2 Girls Football at Graves - letter to follow
Weds 20th May 2026	African Dance and Drumming day for the whole school with Zamble African Dance Company.
Thurs 21st May 2026	Geography day – we are looking at Africa – if any parents have anything to share in classes about Africa, you are most welcome.
Fri 22nd May 2026	School Closed to Children –Training Day
Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026	Half Term Break
Mon 1st June 2026	School re-opens for Summer Term 2
Mon 1st June -12th June 2026	Y4 Multiplication Test takes place over these two weeks. See Mr Holland for further information.
Thurs 4th June 2026	Y6 Children - Athletics Competition at Springs Academy from 2pm until 5pm. Letter to follow
Fri 5th June 2026	Environment Day in school - further details to follow
	Choir Rehearsal for the Choir Evening at Meadowhead (the following week)
Mon 8th June - Fri 12th June 2026	Y1 Phonics Screening Test begins – Please speak to Ms Sewell for further information.
Mon 8th June 2026	Foundation Stage visit to the Butterfly House
	School photos - class photos starting with Foundation Stage
Tues 9th June 2026	Y2 Class Assembly at 9am – Parents invited to watch.
	Meadowhead Choir Concert evening performance 6:30pm -9pm.
Sat 6th June 2026	Race for Life Pretty Muddy Kids obstacle course for children aged 6 - 12 at Graves Park.
Weds 17th June 2026	Sports for Champions - fundraiser for aspiring athletes and school. We welcome Danoush Jowker
Thurs 18th June 2026	Sheffield Colour Smash - for children who have not yet represented the school
Fri 19th June 2026	Y2 Skipping festival this week at Canon Medical Arena
Mon 22nd June 2026	Windrush Day – this will be marked in school.
Tues 23rd June 2026	Y1 Class assembly – parents welcome to watch from 9am.
	2:50pm Music Assembly, for those children who play an instrument in school- parents invited - more details to follow.

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Tues 30th June 2026	Sports Day – KS1 in the morning (10:15 start) and KS2 in the afternoon (1:15pm start). Family picnic 12 – 1pm. FONF will be providing refreshments on the day.
Mon 6th July 2026	Y10 Work Experience children in school.
Tues 7th July 2026	FS Class Assembly – Parents welcome from 9am
	Y6 Trip to the theatre to see the Karate Kid – evening performance – children will travel to the theatre by coach and will return to school via coach at the end of the performance.
	Y5 and Y6 One Voice Summer 2026 at The Octagon centre -they will be back by the end of the school day.
Weds 8th July 2026	Y5 trip to the Theatre to see the Karate Kid – afternoon performance
	Y4 visit to Yorvik in York
	Y3 out at Cresswell Crag!
Weds 8th/ Thurs 9th July 2026	Y6 Transition days for the children who are going to attend Meadowhead school.
Thurs 9th July 2026	<u>Whole school Transition Day</u> – all classes will spend the day in the class they will be in next year.
	Home visits to families of children who are starting school in September 2026.
Fri 10th July 2026	Leavers Assembly -9am – no Pupil of the Week, Y6 will lead assembly. Parents are welcome to attend, this is separate to the Leavers Service in Church.
	<i>Look out for your child's <u>school report</u> - they will be coming home today - if you wish to speak to the class teacher after you have received the report, please make an appointment to see them.</i>
Tues 14th July	Y6 Leavers Meal – Y6 choose the menu for the day
	Y6 Leavers Service at the Church – parents welcome from 2:30pm
Weds 15th July 2026	Y2 Trip to Matlock
Friday 17th July	LAST DAY of term
Monday 20th July	Training Day – School closed to children.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2026/27 ACADEMIC YEAR

For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

September (22 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		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 (17 days)

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November (21 days)

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December (14 days)

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January (20 days)

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February (15 days)

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March (19 days)

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April (15 days)

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May (19 days)

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June (18 days)

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July (15 days)

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August

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 Denotes School Holiday

195 days – including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff

 Denotes Bank Holiday

 Training Days at School