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Welcome back for Autumn Term 2! We are also pleased to inform you that we have appointed Martyn Foster as buildings supervisor of Norton Free school. He has been in and shadowed Mr Beeley during the last week of Autumn term 1 and started in post this week! Some of you may already know Mr Foster – as dad of Evelyn in Year 4. We welcome Mr Foster and you will see him around school in the morning and at the end of the day. Miss Staves has now taken over the role that Ms Perez Smith had in school – she will be working in Y2 on Tuesdays and covering PPA in FS, Y1 and Y4 on Wednesday. Welcome to Miss Staves!
We are also selling poppies this term in support of Remembrance Day, children should bring a contribution of at least 50p if they would like to buy a poppy. Thank you for your support with this as we remember the fallen.

Collection for the Food Bank

Many thanks to everyone who donated food and toiletries for our local foodbank. This will be collected this term, so there is still time if you would like to donate. Thank you!

Birthdays in School

From this term, we are going to be trialing something new in school. If your child has a birthday when it is a school day, they may come to school in non-uniform if they would like to. There is no pressure so if they want to wear their uniform that is fine, but if they want to feel a bit more special on their special day, they are welcome to wear their own clothes to celebrate their birthday. They will be easy to spot too, so we can make them feel even more special!

Sports News

At the last race of Cross Country, our A team of Y3/4 Boys finished in **1st place**! Well done to Rowan, Jacob, Milo and William for a fabulous performance! They are currently 4th in the league overall.
Our Y2 class had a great day at the Network Games on Friday 16th October – everyone came back smiling and even though they didn't win overall, they were fantastic representatives of the school!
Our Y6 boys played football after school against some other schools, they won against St Mary's (2-1), drew with Totley (0-0) and drew with St Thomas of Canterbury, finishing 3rd overall. Well done boys!
Congratulations to our Y5/6 girls football team who successfully qualified from their group to progress to the city finals. The girls were fantastic throughout and despite losing their first match, they went on to win the next three which meant they finished top of the group.

Junior Road Safety Officers - By Sophia Stubley - Y5.

Our school has some JRSOs from Y5 and Y6 and in October the deputy mayor came into school and had a chat with the JRSOs about safety near roads. The children and the deputy mayor thought of ways to make it safe for children coming to school. The children were videoed and spoke about being safe near the roads and this will be shared with other children in other schools in Sheffield. We are doing a road safety assembly in a few weeks.

Snacks in school.

Creating the Conditions for Learning - Research shows that a child needs to be in the best physical state for learning in order for the brain to take in and process information. One of the most important ways to ensure that children learn well is to ensure that they eat well and are hydrated.

Nutrition - Good nutrition enables children to maintain good levels of energy and concentration throughout the day, keeping the momentum of learning high. Whilst the children are in Foundation Stage (FS) and Yrs 1 & 2, they are provided with a healthy snack by a government funded scheme. When they move into KS2, pupils may bring a snack to eat during the school day during run-a-mile.

Please note crisps, chocolate bars, biscuits and sweets are **NOT** healthy snacks. These are some of the suggested healthy snack items: Apples / Pears / Bananas/ Carrots / Cucumber / Tomatoes/ Grapes / Blueberries / Pineapple etc
Raisins/ Dried fruit/ Bread sticks/Rice cakes (Plain)/ Plain bread e.g. pitta or bagel/ Cereal bars but **NOT CONTAINING NUTS OR CHOCOLATE/** Malt loaf/ Fruit bars i.e. YoYo bears or Fruit Winders/· Yogurt tubes e.g.Frubes
We will be talking to children about healthy snacks in their classrooms. Please support us in our mission to get the children eating healthily.

Dates 2026	Events
Tues 3rd November	Y6 Girls Football Competition at St Thomas of Canterbury school. After school.
Thursday 5th November	Bonfire night lunch Y3/4 Boys Football competition at Graves.
Friday 6th November	FONF Cake Sale
Monday 9th November	Y6 Weighing and Measuring (am).
Monday 9th November	Tempest Photographs - 8am for younger siblings not at school for photographs with older siblings. Individual photographs for children in school and with siblings.
Tuesday 10th November	Y4 Class Assembly, parents invited at 9am
Wednesday 11th November	Coffee afternoon for parents of children with SEND in school. From 2:30pm
Friday 13th November	Utility Kids Cup Y6 Boys (9 Children) with Mr Neilson
Saturday 14th November	Cross Country at Bradfield Secondary School
Monday 16th Nov - Friday 20th November	Anti Bullying week – we will be observing this in school in lessons and assemblies.
Monday 23rd November	Phonics Workshop in school for parents of children in FS and Y1
Tuesday 24th November	Sports Hall Athletics Y6 - further information to follow.
Thursday 26th November	Flu Vaccines – 1st visit
Saturday 28th Nov	Cross Country at Concord Park
Monday 30th November	Y3 and Y4 One Voice at Victoria Hall - Christmas Singing Festival.
Tuesday 1st December	Whole school PANTOMIME - Aladdin. Kindly funded by FONF. 9:30am Y6 also have a dance performance on this day – more information to follow.

Weds 2nd December	Rock Steady Concert
Friday 4th December	Christmas Dinner day
Tuesday 8th Dec	FS and KS1 Nativity 9:30 start. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.
Wednesday 9th Dec	FS and KS1 Nativity 2pm start. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.
Wednesday 9th Dec	2nd visit for Flu Vaccines
Thursday 10th Dec	FS and KS1 Nativity 9:30 start. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.
Monday 14th Dec	FS, Y1 and Y2 will be visiting Graves Park for the Live Nativity - 10:30am
Thursday 17th Dec	KS2 Christmas Service at St James' 9:15 start.
Thursday 17th Dec	Christmas DISCO - further details to follow.
Friday 18th Dec 2026	Last day of term and Dress Down Day.
Christmas Break - Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2027	
Monday 4th Jan 2027	Training Day - School closed to children.
Future Events	2027
Tuesday 11th Jan 2027	Y5 Class assembly: Parents invited at 9am
Tuesday 9th Feb 2027	Y6 Class assembly: Parents invited at 9am
Tuesday 23rd Feb	Weighing and measuring plus hearing Test for FS (am).
Wednesday 26th May to Thursday 27th May 2027	Y6 Residential to Pine Lake. Further details to follow. Dress Down Day
Friday 28th May 2027	Training Day - school closed to children
Fri 25th June 2027	FS&KS1/KS2 Sports days with Family picnic in between.
Weds 21st July 2027	Training Day - school closed to children