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Artsmark
Silver Award
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January 2026 – Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new year and a new term! We are looking forward to working with you over the coming months and it has been lovely seeing your children back in school, looking fully refreshed! We welcome Miss Allen (Y5 teacher) and Miss Tor (HLTA) and are excited about them joining the school team.

Please can you support staff and remind your children to wear their coats when they go out at play time? Staff remind children everyday but some children continue to go outside without their coats on and then try to come back into school to put them on or they say they don't have a coat! During this cold spell, children should be wearing their coats when they are outside.

Mrs Bell

Cheer Club:

Mrs Copeman will be running a Cheer Club after school on Thursdays. This is for children in KS2. Places are filled but if you would like to know more, please email Mrs Copeman using the following email address: jcopeman@nortonfree.sheffield.sch.uk

SNOW:

Just to remind you, in the event of snow, we will always try to keep the school **open**. Some staff live a considerable distance from school, but we have staff who live locally who will come into school to care for the children until we can all get in safely. It may be that we open slightly later than normal to give staff time to reach the school. We will always try to keep the school open and we will keep you informed either by text or through the school website. We will only close the school if driving conditions are so bad that we do not have enough staff available to look after the children.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is available from 7:45am, Monday to Friday. You will need to fill a registration form before your child attends and this is available on the school website - <https://www.nortonfree.org.uk/breakfast-club/> Please contact Mrs Hall khall@nortonfree.sheffield.sch.uk or Mrs Rasdale krasdale@nortonfree.sheffield.sch.uk if you wish to attend breakfast club/ renew documents etc. Please remember the price for Breakfast Club is due to increase on the 1st April 2026 to £4.25 per session.

Uniform:

Please ensure that your children are wearing the correct school uniform for school. We ask all parents who send their children to our school, to support the school uniform policy. There is information on the website about uniform in school - <https://www.nortonfree.org.uk/uniform-information/> Here you will find a list of items that are appropriate for school. Staff have noticed that there are some items being worn that are not part of our uniform policy.

Jewellery, Tattoos, Nail Varnish

As part of the school uniform policy, children are **not permitted** to wear Nail varnish, jewellery or tattoos, or false nails. Children are required to remove their own earrings for PE. Where children have pierced ears they **must** be gold/silver studs or small earrings. Please be aware that if your child has their ears pierced, it is better for this to happen at the beginning of the six week holidays so that it does not interfere with school life.



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Arts Mark Award:

The school has received the Silver Arts Mark Award Awarded by Arts Council England. Across the country Artsmark is awarded to schools for championing arts and culture. Artsmark schools gain access to exceptional resources as well as networks of the country's most treasured cultural

organisations, helping them develop and strengthen their arts provision. Well done to Ms Perez Smith for applying and securing this award for school!

Dates 2026	Event
Fri 9th Jan 2026	There will no Pupil of the week assembly for parents this week.
Sat 10th Jan 2026	Cross Country at Handsworth Grange Secondary School. Race 6. This is a new venue. We will let you know as soon as we know, if this is going ahead. Please check the website.
Mon 12th – Fri 16th Jan 2026	Y5 Bikeability for the year 5 class throughout the week (3 groups)
Tues 13th Jan 2026	Netball Fixture at Meadowhead – 4pm start. Ms Sewell will send further information.
Tues 27th Jan 2026	Y4 class Assembly
Tues 27th Jan 2026	Netball Fixture at EIS 1pm to 3pm. Ms Sewell will send further information.
Tues 3rd Feb 2026	Y3 Class assembly
Weds 4th Feb 2026	SEND Coffee Morning 9am – more information to follow (Mrs Wakes).
Sat 7th Feb 2026	Cross Country Race 7 – Norfolk Park.
Mon 9th Feb 2026	Y3 start swimming lessons at Graves until July. Y4 swimming ends before this.
Tues 24th Feb 2026	Netball Fixture at Mylnhurst 3:15 - 4:40pm. Ms Sewell will send further information.
Weds 25th Feb 2026	Deadline for the Art Competition – Chinese New Year – Year of the Horse. More Information to follow.
Sat 28th Feb 2026	Cross Country Championships & Presentations at Graves Park
February Half term – 16th Feb to 20th Feb 2026	
Mon 2nd March 2026	Y2 Skipping Festival in school
Thurs 26th March 2026	FS, KS1 and KS2 Easter Service at St James' Church – 9:15am
Fri 27th March 2026	Last Day of Term Easter Bonnet Parade 2:30pm
School Closed for Easter Holidays – Mon 30th March – Fri 10th April	
Monday 13th April 2026	School re-opens for children – Monday 13th April 2026
Sat 25th April 2026	Cross Country Relays at Longley Park.