



# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a super start to the new academic year we have had! Thank you for the warm welcome extended to me by everyone at Ecclesfield Primary School. I have been very impressed by the way in which the children conduct themselves in school and how they adhere to the dress and behaviour codes. I look forward to meeting more of you over the coming weeks.

Mrs Chadwick

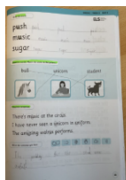


## NEWSLETTER FREQUENCY

Our newsletter will be sent out every two weeks and a weekly update will be emailed out every Friday.

## Subject Spotlight: ENGLISH

### Phonics



Our children in Foundation Stage, Year One and Year Two have made a fantastic start with Phonics. They have been practising using their 'robot arms' and 'blending hands' to sound-talk words. They have also been using their 'pointing fingers' to support their decoding and reading of words.



All children across school have been sent home a book that they can read (for children in FS, this may be a wordless book for you to discuss with your child). We encourage our children to **read at least 4 times** a week at home. If you can write this in your child's reading diary, they will get **2 dojos** for each time that they read.

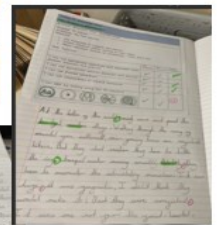
Mrs Oldham will be running a Phonics Workshop for any parents who would like to find out more about how we teach phonics and how you can support at home on **Thursday 2nd October at 8:40am in the large hall**.

ELS GUIDE FOR PARENTS	
Letter	Sound
S	s
a	a
t	t
p	p
i	i

### Writing

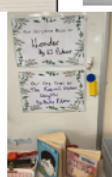
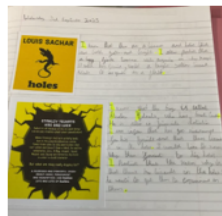
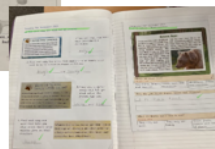
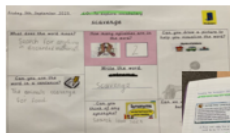
All children have made a fantastic start with their handwriting in writing books! We have been practising using our tall letters ('ascenders') and our long letters ('descenders') to ensure that our writing is neat and legible. Across school, we have also been focussing on spelling using our phonics learning in addition to our discrete spelling lessons (from Y2-Y6).

Children have been writing for different purposes and audiences across school. We are all on the 'build' part of our writing sequence and children are excited to publish their first completed pieces of work in their new 'publishing book' next week.



### Reading

Children in Year 1 to Year 6 have a 30-minute reading lesson each day in addition to daily 'Reading for Pleasure' time and 'Storytime'. In these lessons, children have been reading a range of different text types, making predictions and inferences, learning new vocabulary and answering questions. We have loved seeing the children's learning and enthusiasm for reading since the start of the year! Here is some of our learning in reading!



Each year group also have been given a box containing ten, 'must-reads' for that year. Classes have started to read these books as part of their story time.



Friday 12th September 2025 [www.ecclesfieldprimary.co.uk](http://www.ecclesfieldprimary.co.uk) 0114 2467396

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# Diary Dates



Wednesday 17th September	All	ASCETS (Autism) Parent's Coffee Afternoon, 1.00pm, Large Hall
Wednesday 24th September	Y6	Reading Plus Parents Meeting (more details to follow)
Wednesday 29th September - Friday 3rd October	Y6	Bikeability Training
Thursday 2nd October	FS	Phonics Parent Workshop (more details to follow)
Wednesday 8th October	All	Individual Pupil Photographs
Friday 10th October	Y4	Visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Tuesday 14th October	All	Parents' Evening (more details to follow)
Thursday 23rd October	All	Parents' Evening (more details to follow)
Friday 24th October	All	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Monday 3rd November	All	Return to School

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

We love to celebrate the achievement of everyone in school, whether that be in school or outside of school.



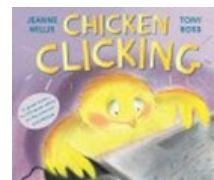
If you would like to share any successes, please email the school office:

[enquiries@ecclesfield-pri.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@ecclesfield-pri.sheffield.sch.uk)

## BOOKS OF THE WEEK

Week 3: 15.09.2025

**Title:** Chicken Clicking



**Author:** Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross

Week 4: 22.09.2025

**Title:** The Tale of a Toothbrush



**Author:** M. G. Leonard

## SCOOTERS

Just a reminder that children should **NOT** be riding scooters on school grounds. Our playgrounds and paths can get quite busy!

Please take care when scooting on the pavements near school and ensure that your scooters are placed in the scooter park before school.



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## DONATIONS

If you are having a clear out at home, we would welcome any **toys and/or resources** to use in our school provision. We would especially love any role play and dress up resources! Please drop off any donations at the school office.

## FRIENDS OF ECCLESFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL MEETING

The Friends of Ecclesfield Primary School is a group of parents, carers and staff who volunteer their time to raise funds for our school, as well as planning and providing events for the pupils to enjoy.

We are meeting this coming Monday 15th September at 6.00pm in the main hall at school. We will be discussing plans for forthcoming fundraising events and would love the input of any parents and carers who wish to join us.

Fresh ideas and new faces are always welcome.

## PUPIL PREMIUM / FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Can you help the school to access additional funds to support your child's education?

You may know that the government award 'Pupil Premium' funding to schools based on the numbers of students on roll who are eligible for free school meals

For us as a school, it is crucial that we access any additional funding to supplement our budget for the benefit of our pupils who are entitled to pupil premium funding. This funding supports additional staffing, interventions, educational resources and educational visits.

For this reason, we would ask that you look at the criteria below and see whether you are **currently eligible for free school meals**.

Even if your child is currently receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals, you are still entitled to apply for pupil premium if you fulfil any of the criteria below.

### Who is Eligible For Free School Meals?

**Free school meals are a statutory benefit. This means that if you qualify you have a legal right to free school meals for your child or children.**

If you have a child attending a Sheffield school or maintained nursery, you may be entitled to free school meals if you receive any of these benefits:

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Income Support

Income based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income related Employment Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit

Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

If you are over 18 and still attend school, your free school meals will continue. If you are unsure about your eligibility, please contact us.

If you would like further information or would like to apply, please click on this link: [Free school meals | Sheffield City Council](#)