



Halfway Nursery Infant News

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This week's updates...

Individual Photos

Individual photos will take place during the day tomorrow (Tuesday 1st October). Children will bring home a card with them on this day which will tell you how you can view and order the photos.

If you would like to have any sibling pictures, these will be done before school, from 8am. Come to the main entrance. Depending on the number of families, you may have to wait a while for your picture to be taken. Halfway Junior School is aware of this taking place should your child be late, so don't worry! Any siblings that attend the Infant school will have their pictures taken together during the day as well.

If your child is absent on this day then they will be able to have an individual photograph taken on the day that we do class photographs later in the year.

Census day

Thursday is census day. On this day we send information about our school to the DfE, including how many children have a school lunch, and part of this information informs our school budget for next year. The more children that choose a school lunch the more funding we get. To encourage as many children as possible to try a school lunch we have a special census day menu for Thursday which is attached. Jacket potatoes and sandwiches will still be available to choose.

Reading book change day

Due to the photographs on Tuesday and a Year 2 trip on Wednesday, just for this week children will be changing their reading books on Thursday instead of Wednesday.

HIP Group

Our HIP group (Halfway Infant Parent Group) are looking for new volunteers to join them to help to make a difference to our school. If this is something you are interested in, please see the attached poster inviting you to a welcome meeting on 11th October to find out more.

Volunteer needed!

Are you handy with a power tool?! After many years of use, Foundation Stage 2 need a new mud kitchen and we were hoping someone would be able to make us one, if we provided the materials. If you think you could help out, please let us know by speaking to any of the Foundation Stage 2 teachers or giving the school office a ring.

Foundation Stage 2 Celebration afternoon

Don't forget we have the Gruffalo and Elmer Class Celebrations this week!

Wednesday 2nd October – Elmer Class and their families at 2pm

Thursday 3rd October – Gruffalo Class and their families at 2pm

Please arrive at 2pm and come straight to the school hall, the teachers will bring the children from their classroom.

There will be some light refreshments to enjoy (free of charge) and table top games and activities to play with your child/ren. If the weather is dry we hope to enjoy some outdoor games too. Please do pop along if you are able, it is a great way to celebrate your child's super start to school and meet the other families. We do, however, understand that not everyone will be able to come along this time, please do not worry, there will be plenty more events throughout the year for you to join in with. This time your child/ren will join in with their teacher.

Thursday 10th October - World Mental Health Day

Hello Yellow!

We are joining many schools and communities across the UK this year and brightening up World Mental Health Day by wearing yellow! The world can be a really tough place to grow up in, and the children (and adults!) at Halfway Nursery and Infants are invited to wear something yellow to show young people that they are not alone with their mental health.

A voluntary donation can be made to Young Minds via the link below, however this is not compulsory. We can't wait to turn the school yellow for the day!

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/donate/>

Parent's Evenings

Our first set of parent's evenings will take place on the 15th and 16th October. More information about how to book a slot will be shared this week.

School Council

Congratulations to our new school councillors!

Rainbow Fish	Hungry Caterpillars
Milly Maisie	Reggie-Wray Effe
Enormous Crocodiles	Crafty Chameleons
Sofia Reuben	Jake Poppy

Diary Dates

Please check the diary dates on the last page as we will update these each week as necessary.

Autumn/ Christmas dates

We will be sharing our Autumn and Christmas dates with you very soon.

ASDA Rewards

If you shop at ASDA, then please choose our school!

Any money raised will be incredibly useful in helping to improve our school.



Names in coats and lunchboxes - reminder

It is really important that children's names are in their coats and uniform, as well as lunch boxes.

We will always return named items to their owner and anything unnamed will be placed in the lost property box in the main entrance.

School/ Nursery applications reminder

Applying for a Nursery place for January 2025 - reminder

The deadline to apply for a nursery place for January 2025 at our nursery is Friday 18th October. If you would like to come to look around our nursery, please contact the school office to book in for a tour on one of the following days:

- Tuesday 8th October at 3:45pm
- Thursday 7th November at 3:45pm
- Thursday 14th November at 3:45pm

Applying for a reception place for September 2025 - reminder

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 you can now apply for their school place. You can do this online at: www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare

If you would like to come to look around our school, please contact the school office to book in for a tour on one of the following days:

- Monday 7th October at 3:45pm
- Thursday 10th October at 3:45pm
- Tuesday 12th November at 3:45pm

Applying for a year 3 place for September 2025 - reminder

Children in year 2 will need to apply for a year 3 place for September 2025. If you live in Sheffield, you can do this online at: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/apply-school-place>

Please see below for information about the upcoming open evening:



Halfway Junior School
Year 3 Open Evening
19th November 2024
4:45pm -5:45pm

- Take a tour around our school
- Find out about our curriculum and school approaches
- Meet the Leadership Team
- Find out about transition arrangements
- Ask your questions and find out more

The banner also includes a circular logo for Halfway Junior School with the motto 'Belong Believe Achieve' and several photographs showing students in a classroom and a student holding a trophy.

Diary dates



- **Tuesday 1st October** ~ Individual photographs.
- **Wednesday 2nd October** ~ Y2 trip to Sheffield city centre
- **Wednesday 2nd October 2pm** ~ Elmer Class family afternoon tea
- **Thursday 3rd October 2pm** ~ Gruffalo Class family afternoon tea
- **Tuesday 8th October** ~ Year 2 parents wellbeing afternoon 1:20pm – 3:10pm
- **Wednesday 9th October** ~ Year 1 parents wellbeing afternoon 1:20pm – 3:10pm
- **Thursday 10th October** ~ World Mental Health Day – wear something yellow
- **Tuesday 15th October and Wednesday 16th October** ~ Nursery, F2 and KS1 parent's evenings.
- **Friday 18th October** ~ Show racism the red card – wear something red
- **Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November** ~ Half term
- **Monday 4th November** ~ INSET day (Nursery and school closed)

Parking

We are trying to ease congestion outside the school by placing cones in locations that can cause difficulties for the flow of traffic when blocked. Where possible, please consider parking a little further away and walking into school.

Free parking is available in the Supertram car park.

PE DAYS reminder

Please see below for the days when each class will have their PE lessons this half term:

- **Gruffalos and Elmers** ~ Monday (*children come to school in their PE kit*)
- **Rainbow Fish** ~ Wednesday and Friday
- **Hungry Caterpillars** ~ Tuesday and Friday
- **Enormous Crocodiles** ~ Tuesday and Thursday
- **Crafty Chameleons** ~ Wednesday and Thursday

Contact us

The main school office is open each day from 8am - 4pm, and the phone will be answered within these hours. Outside of these hours you will have the opportunity to leave an answer phone message, which will be replied to, if necessary, when the office is next open.

Absences

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please ring as early as possible on 0114 248 2360. Choose Option 2.



Halfway Heroes!



Well done to our learners of the week and our attendance winning class!

THE ENORMOUS CROCODILES



Kaiden
Orfhlaithe

CLASS 1

93.5%

The Crafty Chameleons



Bluebell
Ida

CLASS 2

95.5%

The Rainbow Fish



Theo
Joey

CLASS 3

94.6%

THE HUNGRY CATERpillARS



Jessica
Jacob

CLASS 4

96.4%

The Gruffalos



Ruby
Freddie

CLASS 5

94%

The Elmers



Kayden
Eden

CLASS 6

98.1%



Overall school attendance = 95.3%



Time to start School?

If your child was born between
1st September 2020 and
31st August 2021, you need to apply
for their school place.

Save Time - Apply Online at
www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare

Closing date for applying 15th January 2025

Pupil Admissions can be contacted on
0114 273 5766

It is your responsibility to apply for a school place. Missing the closing date will mean less chance of obtaining a place at your preferred school(s).

