



Halfway Nursery Infant News

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This week's updates...



We may only have been back at school for a few weeks but some of our families will now need to start considering a change in setting for their child. Below is some key information about this:

Applying for a reception place for September 2025

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

The closing date is **Wednesday 15th January 2025**. Parents who do not make an on-time application are far less likely to obtain a place at one of their preferred schools.

Important Dates:

- Applications invited from: Friday 6th September 2024
- Online site closes: Friday 6th December 2024 (noon)
- Closing date: Wednesday 15th January 2025
- Offer date: Wednesday 16th April 2025



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 Nursery place for January 2025

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 year 3 place for September 2025

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>

Important Dates:

- Applications invited from: Friday 6th September 2024
- Online site closes: Friday 6th December 2024 (noon)
- Closing date: Wednesday 15th January 2025
- Offer date: Wednesday 16th April 2025

A letter containing all this information was sent home with your child last week.

Each year the majority of year 2s move up to Halfway Junior School. Please see below for information about the upcoming open evening:



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

Halfway Junior School
I am respectful
I am collaborative
I am confident
I am curious
I am resilient
I am kind
I am brave
I am happy
I am healthy
I am honest
I am helpful
I am hardworking
I am honest
I am happy
I am healthy
I am honest
I am helpful
I am hardworking

Belong Believe Achieve

- 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

Nut-free school

Please do not send into school any nuts or foods containing nuts as we have a number of children with severe allergies. Please also see the message below from our caterers, Taylor Shaw:

Taylor Shaw is aware of the recent allergy alert from the Food Standards Agency regarding mustard products being contaminated with peanuts. We want to reassure parents and guardians of children on peanut avoidance medical diets that we immediately notified our kitchens to stop serving any mustard-containing dishes to children with peanut or peanut-combination medical diets. Instead, our kitchens have been instructed to offer alternative dishes from the child's safe medical diet menu.

Ensuring the safety of meals for all children is our top priority. We will continue to closely monitor updates from the Food Standards Agency and respond as needed. Our internal teams are also investigating whether the affected products are in our supply chain.

Goodbye to Mr Beazer and Mrs Tatham

This week we are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Tatham (who leaves on Wednesday) and Mr Beazer (who leaves on Friday), both of whom have worked at our school for many years. We would like to thank them both for all of their hard work and dedication to our school – determined always to make it the best it can be.

Mr Beazer – thank you for all your work in the background; often unseen but without which we wouldn't have governor information or bills paid - to name just a few!

Mrs Tatham – thank you for caring for our pupils, writing endless bump notes and answering the phone (plus too many more things to write down!).

The very biggest thank you to both of you – you will be missed by us all.

Goodbye!
& THANK YOU

Diary Dates

Please check the diary dates on the last page as we will update these each week as necessary. This week we have added a few new dates for your diary, including our parent wellbeing afternoon for children in year 1 and year 2. You will have received a separate letter about this and a form to complete. We hope to see you there!

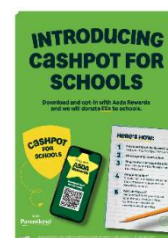
Autumn/ Christmas dates

We are working hard to set our Autumn and Christmas dates so that you can get these in your diaries as soon as possible. We are hoping to be able to share these 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.



Job vacancies

Halfway Infants is currently advertising for a new full-time caretaker. The job description and personal specification are available on the Council and DFE school vacancies websites.

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.

Extra opportunities

Competition time

The Lord Mayor of Sheffield has officially launched the Family Hubs Artwork Competition and they are calling for all young artists from across Sheffield to enter.

They are asking for children and young people to show them in pictures what Sheffield means to them, or why they like living in Sheffield.

Competition entry forms and further information can be found at <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/sheffield-family-hubs/artwork-competition/> and has been sent out along with this newsletter.

Winners will be invited to a special afternoon tea with the Lord Mayor in the Lord Mayor's Parlour.

Don't miss out - the deadline for entries is Friday 4th October.

Music for all

Music for All - Learn to Play 24 - Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th October 2024

Sheffield Music Hub is thrilled to announce that it will be hosting a UK charity Music for All - Learn to Play 24 event on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th October between 10am and 4pm. It is offering young musicians from across all of Sheffield and South Yorkshire the chance to join it for free music lessons and "Give it a Go" sessions on a variety of instruments.

Children interested in a free music lesson? Simply go to

https://sheffield.eepos.fi/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=#/forms to sign up for a free lesson

Any children who would just like to try a variety of instruments rather than booking a taster lesson can just turn up on the day and Sheffield Music Hub will take care of the rest!

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



Lola
Reuben

CLASS 1

94.8%

The Crafty Chameleons



Jake
Lucas

CLASS 2

96.2%

The Rainbow Fish



Maisie
Rosa

CLASS 3

84.5%

THE HUNGRY CATERpillARS



Reggie
Mila

CLASS 4

95.8%

The Gruffalos



Edward
D
Amelia

CLASS 5

92.1%

The Elmers



Loui
Sofia P

CLASS 6

98.9%



Overall school attendance = 94%



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).

