

Autumn 2 Newsletter

Monday 11th November 2024

Dear parents, carers and families,

Welcome back to school after the half term break; I hope you all had a good rest, along with some Halloween and bonfire night fun. The children have certainly come back refreshed, showing the take care behaviours that we expect of them. Please see our 'Take Care Newsletter' for last week's winners. Thank you also to those who supported their child with the 'Half Term Challenges', we look forward to our screening of the wild and wonderful chain reaction machine entries submitted, as well as viewing the interesting places or positions that the children managed to read in. Prizes will be presented for these and the children who rose to the TTRS and reading challenges in an assembly this week.

TTRS England Rocks Competition



EVENT DETAILS

START DATE: November 12th 2024

END DATE: November 14th 2024

TIME: Daily 7:30am to 7:30pm

LOCATION: Pupilnet

DAILY CAP: 1 hour per player

How does it work?

Learners will try to answer as many multiplication and division questions correctly as they can. The winning school and class will be based on the highest average number of correct answers per pupil.

Rules:

1. Every correct answer that a student gives, in any game type, between the hours of 7:30am GMT to 7:30pm GMT each day will contribute to their class and school score.
2. There is a 60-minute limit playtime per player, per day.
3. Each class has a minimum player count of 10. If fewer than 10 in the class play in the competition, their total will be divided by 10 regardless.

How amazing would this be to put SJS on the map, competing against schools across the country! We don't usually encourage lots of screen time, but this is a great opportunity to get children to work on their times tables skills in a really fun way. It is limited to an hour per day per child, so it is a sensible balance.

TTRS Login details will be given to the children again to ensure they can access their account and we will have laptops and ipads available for children to join in with this during breaktimes if they are unable to access this at home.

Let's show everyone what SJS are made of!

UK Parliament Week – 18th-24th November - <https://www.ukparliamentweek.org/en/>



Children will be learning more about how the UK government operates and how they can get themselves involved and have their say. The Pupil Parliament will be holding meetings to discuss their plans for SJS, so watch this space. Already the Pupil Parliament have had an impact on how our school is run by asking to do more for the community and suggesting our

recent food bank collection as well as raising money for World Mental Health Day with our cake sale and asking for more playtime equipment for the school, which has now been purchased and is being enjoyed by the children. Keep up the good work everyone to make SJS such as great 'Take Care' place to be where we care for ourselves, each other and the world around us.

Y5/6 Coalmining Museum, Wakefield trips – Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th November 2024

The children and staff are all really looking forward to their trips to bring alive their local history studies into the coalmining industry in the local area. If you have not yet paid for this, please do so via your sQuid account. <https://www.ncm.org.uk/>



SJS family Christmas crafts open afternoon – Friday 29th November 2024



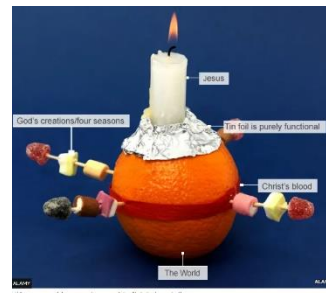
After the success of our open afternoon at the end of September, we are opening our doors again to our SJS families to enjoy an afternoon of festive Christmas activities with music, Christmas crafts, decorating the school and of course a mince pie or two! We were blown away by the number of parents and family members who joined us last time, and really hope to see you all this time – the more the merrier!

Bookfair – Friday 29th November to Thursday 5th December

Our travelling bookfair will be open during the Christmas crafts afternoon on Friday 29th November; a great opportunity for some Christmas present purchases! You will also have the opportunity to purchase the books each morning and afternoon the following week, between the following times: 08:15-08:45 & 15:30-16:00.

Christingle Service at St Wilfrid's Church – Monday 9th December

The Year 3/4 children really enjoyed this last year, so we look forward to taking all classes to St Wilfrid's Church for this year's Christingle service with Reverend Sam.



Pupil Parliament visit to the Houses of Parliament, London – Thursday 12th December

We are so excited to be sending our Pupil Parliament to visit the Houses of Parliament in London! The children will take part in a special workshop in the Houses of Parliament, have a tour around the building and may even get the opportunity to watch a debate and meet the people who work in the building. There should be time for a spot of sight-seeing with a short walk to Trafalgar Square and Downing Street to see the Prime Minister's residence. The Pupil Parliament children will be bringing their invitation home for parents to sign, giving permission for them to go.



Christmas performance – Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December



The Year 3/4 children are already preparing for their Christmas performance, which will be supported by the Year 5/6 children. Parents of all year groups will be invited to watch the show on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December. There will be an afternoon matinee on both days as well as an evening performance on Tuesday to ensure everyone has the opportunity to see it. More details to follow, closer to the time.

Christmas dinner and jumper day – Thursday 19th December



Please ensure you order and pay for your children's Christmas dinner by

Wednesday 27th November



Young Voices, Sheffield Arena - parent ticket sale



Although Young Voices is a spring term event happening on Thursday 13th February 2025, parent tickets must be purchased by 28th November, so please ensure that you sign and return your children's permission to perform slip, no later than **Friday 15th November**. We will then be able to send out the link for parents to purchase their tickets in good time.

Final, end of term celebration assembly – 2pm on Friday 20th December

Families are welcome to join us! Monday 6th January is an INSET day for staff training, so **children will return on Tuesday 7th January 2025**.

I hope to see you all at our various events throughout this very busy half term.

Take Care,

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Acting Head Teacher