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Autumn Term in Pathway 3

We've had a busy and rewarding term! Over the past 14 weeks, our students have worked hard and truly earned a festive break with their families.

Highlights include community outings where students put their maths skills into practice—handling money, reading menus, and keeping track of time—all while enjoying real-world experiences. Collaborative projects also brought classes together, creating new friendships and shared learning opportunities.

Thank you for an amazing term! Wishing all our students and families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in January!



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Festive market

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us for this year's festive market!

Our students and classes put in incredible effort to craft beautiful, festive gifts, and their creativity truly shone through. The atmosphere around the school was magical, and we hope you left feeling full of festive cheer.

A special thank you to everyone who made a purchase—together, we raised an amazing £827!



Festive Off-site visits

Several classes have been off-site for festive visits. They have been to Meadowhall, Ferndale Garden Centre, Sheffield Christmas markets and the Steel Cauldron.



Communication

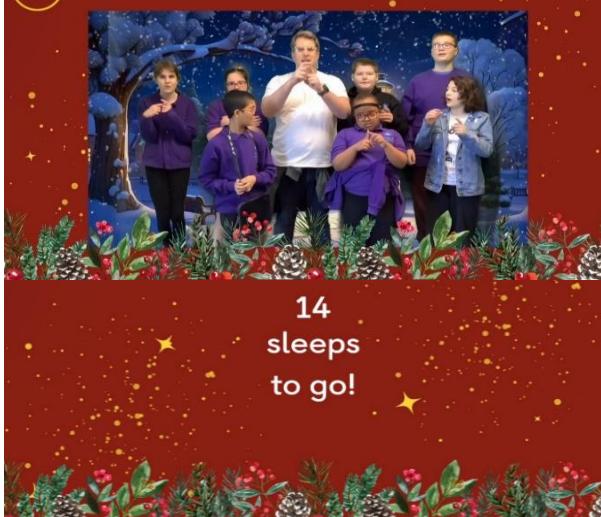
We're proud to announce that Talbot Makaton Signers are now featured on the official Makaton website and other major platforms!

This incredible achievement reflects the hard work, dedication, and passion of our amazing team. Every sign and every smile has brought us here—and we couldn't be prouder!

Thank you to everyone who supported us. Here's to breaking barriers and spreading positivity—one sign at a time! If you would like to see the full video, please use the link below;

[https://www.makaton.org/TMC/News_Stories/Countdown to Christmas/CTC_11DEC25.aspx](https://www.makaton.org/TMC/News_Stories/Countdown_to_Christmas/CTC_11DEC25.aspx)

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We have had lots of fun so far this year.....

Class 9

Class 9 have been working so hard this term. We've come on so much in reading, writing and maths skills. We've been out in the community lots and you have been fantastic. We're super proud of you all!



Class 10 have made decorations for a Christmas tree that is currently displayed at St Peter's Church at Greenhill. We made the decorations using natural resources during our Outdoor Learning lessons. We have researched pantomimes and wrote our own Aladdin script. We have designed scenery, props and costumes. We plan to film our pantomime during week 6 and send it out to classes across school.

Class 13

Class 13 have been practising their road safety skills and understanding 'stop' and 'go' in Community Engagement. As part of our collaborative learning lessons, we have been playing Padel and games with a Pathway 1 class and making new friendships.



Class 14

This term, our students have been busy practicing money skills out in the community at local shops, garden centres and cafes—functional maths in action! In maths, we've been exploring measurements and comparing amounts. For enterprise, our creative students have designed some delicious smoothies which will be on sale on **18th December**. Menus and order forms have been sent to every classroom and the SLT office—don't miss out on the tasty treats!!

Class 15 have successfully participated in lots of community engagement experiences throughout this half term. They've enjoyed visiting parks, garden centres and the Sheffield Christmas markets and cafe visits. As part of the Field to Fork project, the class have been walking to the allotment and developing the land, working hard whilst gaining important skills.



Class 16

Class 16 have been having an amazing time working with class 2 building relationships and sharing sensory sessions. This has been part of our collaborative learning lessons. We have also started to visit local community places off-site including the local shops and local parks both walking and on the minibus. We have enjoyed our time out and about.



Class 17

The class have been working hard learning about bonfire night safety. They have helped make the classroom look festive. We have most recently been on our first outing to the Steel Cauldron and everyone had an amazing time. This was a really fun and interactive experience for all of our students. A great half term, well done.

Class 18

We have been enjoying getting out in the community, visiting lots of community based places across Sheffield. We have visited the Winter Gardens in town, Weston Park Museum, Millhouses Park and lots of others. We have also been working hard in Maths and English lessons and working towards AQA awards.



Class 19

This term class 19 have been out in the community working on their life skills such as money handling and engaging with members of the public. Class 19 have also been working hard in English with the focus being on Narnia and poetry. The class also had a really fun and enjoyable experience when they visited Sheffield Hallam University for a sports afternoon, they enjoyed meeting new people and dancing to the music.

PE lessons

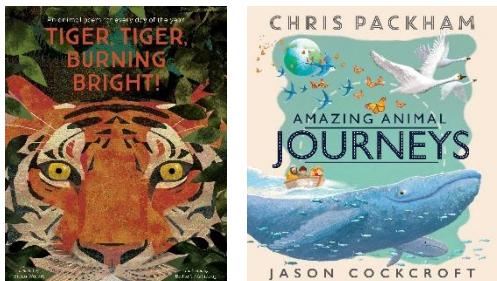
The students have been learning about Paralympic sports this half term. We have learnt how to play Boccia, Goalball and Sitting Volleyball. The students have enjoyed working as a team together and learning new sports. Some classes have enjoyed taking part in Tag Rugby. They have enjoyed using the tackle pads, learning how to score a 'try' and being a team.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

This term our Bronze D of E group have been busy volunteering at Meersbrook Park Bowls Club. They have enjoyed doing garden and ground maintenance, playing bowls and making the refreshments. The group have worked very hard, well done.

The silver group have been learning about different knots and how to build shelters. They have also learnt some basic First Aid and what signs to look for.



Spring Topic: Animal Kingdom

Next term we will be moving on to our new topic of Animal Kingdom. Within Pathway 3 we will be using some of the following books: When the Mountains Roared, Amazing Animal Journeys and Tiger Tiger Burning Bright.

Reminder

- The last day of term is Friday 19th December.
- Waterproofs and wellies for outdoor learning.
- Please send back rebound therapy/trampoline letters. Without permission your child will not be able to access the trampoline.



January

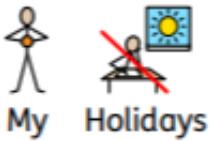
- Monday 5th January 2026 – Spring 1 half term starts.
- Monday 26th – Friday 30th January Parent/Carer lesson visits. Come and see your children learning in their class and join in the fun.
- Veganuary – throughout the month of January.
- Friday 23rd January – School photos

Communication feedback

We need your help in gathering feedback about home-school communication. Keep your eyes out in the new year for our feedback survey.

February

- Monday 9th – Friday 13th February – Parent/Carer progress meetings (virtual online).
- Friday 13th February – Last day of Spring 1 half term.
- Monday 23rd February – Spring 2 half term starts.



On Friday, 19th December school will finish for the holidays

I will have a two-week holiday.

The holiday is for resting and having fun.

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I will see my teachers and friends again.