



Newsletter

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EYFS Commitment to Quality Award 2026-2028

The school was delighted to receive confirmation last week that our F2 provision has been awarded Sheffield City Council's EYFS Commitment to Quality Award 2026-2028 in recognition of excellent practice in Early Years education, with a specific focus upon the school's flagship practice within Reading and EAL/Multilingualism. Huge congratulations to the F2 team, pupils and school community in achieving this prestigious award!

Summer Reading Updates

Please find our Summer Reading Newsletter attached, packed full of information, ideas, recommendations and lots of fun! We hope you will enjoy it and find it really useful – let us know what you think when you've read it by emailing us at read@lydgate-inf.sheffield.sch.uk.

A reminder also that this year's Summer Reading Challenge, taking place in Sheffield's libraries (including Broomhill Library), is entitled 'Read to the Beat!' – see www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk for further information and to get involved!

As mentioned last week, we also have our very own Reading Rivers Summer Reading Challenge for pupils who will be in Y1 and Y2 next year to enjoy – please look at the attachment to find out more. We can't wait to see your Summer Holiday Reading Rivers when we return in September!

Community Message – CU Summer Activities

We're SUPER excited to announce our Summer 2026 Holiday Activity Newsletter is HERE (<https://bit.ly/SYCUHolidayActivityNewsletterSummer2026>)! As usual, Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Children's University centres have come together to publish the Summer 2026 edition, full of activities happening in the Summer holidays right across South Yorkshire! It's packed with fun activities – including trails, dance, drama, arts & crafts, science, technology, coding, engineering, music, sports, climbing, woodland activities, gaming, English and maths support, circus skills, history, and more, so there really is something for everyone!

Lunchboxes and Drinking Bottles

A reminder to parents and carers to please ensure that all children's lunchboxes and drinking bottles have been collected from the Dining Hall or classrooms before the end of the day tomorrow (Friday 17 July). Due to health and hygiene concerns, the school is unable to store used lunchboxes and drinking bottles over the holidays, and these items will therefore be disposed of if left on school premises beyond this date.

LASC Message

Lydgate After School Club (LASC) have a few places available from this September (2026). Please contact us via email, or call in to LASC between 3-6pm on weekdays to apply for a place/obtain an application form. Our email is: lydgateafterschoolclub@gmail.com

'Big Future' Children's Commissioner Survey

As mentioned previously, In order to inform future government policy, the Children's Commissioner for England is currently undertaking 'The Big Future' Survey to gather perspectives from children and young people. Please follow the link below if you would like to participate:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Year End!

On a personal note, I would like to thank all parents and carers for the support and help they have given to myself and the school over this academic year. It has also been a very enjoyable period for me professionally, working with such a dedicated staff team, and such lovely pupils! Have a relaxing and sunny summer holiday, good luck to all our departing Year 2 pupils (I promise I'll come and visit you down at the Junior School!) and to those leaving us for pastures new, and I look forward to seeing everyone else when school re-opens to pupils on Wednesday 2 September, 2026.

**September
2026**

**Tuesday 1
September
INSET DAY**

**Wednesday
2 September
School
Re-Opens to
pupils**