



Stocksbridge Junior School

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Happy New Year and welcome to 2025! It has certainly been an interesting week for our first few days of the new year – the snowy climate of Stocksbridge has done its best to make things difficult for our return to school. However, we would like to say a massive thank you to our Stocksbridge family for all their understanding and co-operation. Considering the snowy pavements and icy roads, drop-off and pick-up times have run smoothly and safely; not a small achievement considering the sub-zero temperatures we have been experiencing.

The positive side of being situated up here, on the very edge of Sheffield, is that we are blessed with our generous school grounds. This space and the conditions under foot have allowed our children to be outside at breaktimes and lunchtimes, enjoying the snow with their friends. The

children have very quickly adapted to polar life, experiencing very different playtime activities to the usual ones! The forecast suggests that over the weekend, temperatures will start to rise. However, we are sure that the memories of the winter wonderland that started 2025 will last a lifetime!

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3MR: Aubree
 - Y3CB: Nathan
 - Y4AW: Harry
 - Y4CH: Theo
 - Y4GG: Charlotte
 - Y5CS: Praise
 - Y5HK/CG: Emily
 - Y6RD: Connor
 - Y6LR: Casey
- Yard Star: Harley
Yard Star: Nathaniel
- Attendance & Punctuality: Kamal
Dining Hall: Sunny

Y6 CRUCIAL CREW TRIP

Our Y6 trip to Crucial Crew has been rearranged for Lifewise's earliest possible availability – Wednesday 9th July! We will remind parents of the date and arrangements nearer the time.

SPELLING BEE 2025

Stocksbridge Junior School's

Spelling bee



This week, we have launched our annual Spelling Bee competition. Children have been given their word list in preparation for the first round during the week beginning Monday 29th January. Children will compete within their class and the highest scoring spellers across the year group progress to the semi-finals. Children will be learning their spellings in class but parents' help with this at home is invaluable. Good luck to all children!

NEXT WEEK'S PE TIMETABLE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y3MR Y6RD	Y3CB Y6LR	Y4CH Y5CS	Y4AW Y5HK/CG	Y4GG Swimming

WRAP AROUND CARE

We are delighted to confirm that our Wrap Around Care services, including breakfast club and after-school provision, are now available for booking and will be starting from Monday, 13th January 2025. We are thrilled to offer this opportunity and hope it will provide a safe and enjoyable environment for your child. Bookings for the next eight weeks can be made via ParentMail, and we've sent a booking instruction guide via email to assist you through the process. Please note that payment for all booked sessions is required at the time of booking.

Wrap Around Care

We are thrilled to announce that we will be offering daily Wrap Around Care provision from the **13th January 2025!**

Breakfast Club

7:30AM - 8:40AM.....£7
Breakfast provided

After School Club

3:10PM - 4:30PM.....£7
3:10PM - 5:45PM.....£12
Light meal provided for those staying after 4:30PM



Fun-filled activities

Board games

Movie time

Chill out zone

Stress-free play

Creative crafting

HOW TO BOOK

- ✗ Places are available now and must be booked
- ✗ through the ParentMail app (under 'Accounts'
- ✗ - booking instructions have been sent via
- ✗ email). Terms & Conditions apply.



Our Wrap Around Care Terms and Conditions document can be requested from the office - please read, sign and return this to school before your child's first session.

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

WEEK 2	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Hot Dog with Wedges	Chicken Pie with Creamy Mash	Roast Gammon, Mash Potato, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy	Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Quorn Hot Dog with Wedges	Tomato Pasta Bake with Crusty Bread	Quorn Roast, Mash Potato, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy	Quorn Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Cheese Pinwheel
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Peas Carrots Salad Bar	Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Cauliflower Cabbage Salad Bar	Broccoli Salad Bar	Mushy Peas Curry Sauce Salad Bar
DESSERTS	Lemon Shortbread	Flapjack	Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Fruit in Jelly	Ice Cream
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit <i>or</i> Yoghurt	Fresh fruit <i>or</i> Yoghurt	Fresh fruit <i>or</i> Yoghurt	Fresh fruit <i>or</i> Yoghurt	Fresh fruit <i>or</i> Yoghurt
JACKET POTATO AND STREET FOOD	Jacket Potato or Cheese and Ham Panini	Jacket Potato or Cheese Roll	Jacket Potato	Jacket, Cheese or Ham Wrap	Jacket Potato

EVENTS COMING UP...

Jan 13	14	15	16	17 Coffee Morning Y4GG Swimming
Jan 20	21	22	23	24 Y4GG Swimming
Jan 27 Spelling Bee: Round 1 All Week	28	29	30	31 London 2025: Final Instalment Due Y4GG Swimming
Feb 3	4 Read Around the World: Earliest arrival at your 3rd destination	5	6	7 Y4GG Swimming
Feb 10	11	12	13 Spelling Bee: Semi-Finals	14 Non-Uniform Day (£1) Y4GG Swimming

--- Week Beginning Monday 17th Feb: Half Term ---

For events further ahead, please check our [school calendar](#) on our website.

COFFEE MORNING

Parents are invited to our next coffee morning which is taking place on Friday 17th January, 8.30am - 9.15am in the hall. Preloved uniform will also be available for parents wishing to purchase anything for £1. Volunteers from the Food Hub will be joining us too to promote their work within our community.

Stocky Coffee & Chat



Parents, Carers and Grandparents you are invited to our Coffee Mornings taking place at 8.30am – 9.15am on:

- Friday 15th November
- Friday 13th December
- Friday 17th January

Come along for a relaxed coffee (or tea), and have a chat with parents and staff.

It's a great chance to...

- Meet other parents and families
- Stay informed with school events & news
- Get involved
- Have any questions...this is the perfect time to ask.



TEAM TREAT FOR WINNING HOUSES: A REWARD FOR HARD WORK AND SPORTSMANSHIP!

We're thrilled to announce that our winning houses for Term 1 was Hunshelf and Broomhead. Each team earned an exciting treat: fencing, led by Bradley from the Links School Sports Partnership! This treat is the perfect reward for all the hard work and positive behaviours shown throughout the term, and we can't think of a better way to celebrate the spirit of teamwork and achievement.

Fencing is not only an exciting and dynamic sport, but it also offers a wide range of benefits for our students. It's an activity that helps develop physical fitness, coordination, and balance, while also promoting important life skills like focus, strategy, and discipline. A huge thank you to Bradley from the Links School Sports Partnership for coming in to lead these fantastic sessions.



As we celebrate our winning houses, it's important to remember how these rewards are earned. Every green token represents the positive learning behaviours and effort our children put into their schoolwork, teamwork, and overall

attitude. To everyone who worked so hard and contributed to their house's success, we say well done!

Congratulations again to the winning houses—let's keep working together, learning together, and achieving together!



SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS SUCCESS!

A huge congratulations to our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who represented Stocksbridge Junior School so brilliantly in the Links final of the Sportshall Athletics competition! Competing against six other schools in a range of challenging track and field events, the team showcased incredible effort and sportsmanship, finishing an impressive 4th overall. Well done to everyone involved – we are so proud of you!



YOUNG VOICES

Last night, 32 pupils from Stocksbridge Junior School took part in Young Voices at Sheffield Arena along with 5000 other children from different schools. The choir have all been practising so hard to learn all the songs and have been waiting for months for the big event!

Mrs Shaw is so very proud of each and every one of you for your amazing effort yesterday, your excellent behaviour and your wonderful singing. Well done! A big thank you to the staff who helped out too.



Stocksbridge
Junior School

SEND Parent Group Meeting

JOIN OUR PARENT GROUP MEETING

ON

TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY AT 10AM

AT STOCKSBRIDGE NURSERY INFANTS SCHOOL

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO STAY AFTER DROP-OFF FOR CRAFTS/PLAY WITH THE CHILDREN BEFORE THE MEETING.

The meeting is for parents/carers of children attending both Nursery/Infants and Junior schools.

No diagnosis necessary.

All parents welcome
Come and find out more
Chat to other parents
Share experiences

Find out about SEND services



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE, EMAIL
ANNAMARIE.EMMETT@SHEFFIELDPARENTCARERFORUM.ORG.UK

FOODBANK COMPETITION



FOOD BANK OUTLET

open to everyone!
at the Christian Centre



Just before Christmas we invited Helen, to lead one of our school assemblies, and tell us more about the work that Food Matters Stocksbridge undertakes for the benefit of our community. We learned that Food Matters, based in Stocksbridge, is a volunteer led Community Hub that currently offers two main services to residents in Stocksbridge and the S36 areas: the Food Bank and The Outlet. They operate from The Christian Centre (opposite the Spar) every Tuesday and Thursday morning between 10:00-12:00.

The Food Bank receives donations from the public, to give to people and families who urgently need food within the S36 area. There is no need for a referral, however, the volunteers will ask people who visit for some basic information so that they can understand their circumstances better and sign-post to other services, if needed.

The Outlet is open to everyone who lives in S36 and offers surplus food from supermarkets through a partnership with FareShare. It is estimated between 15 and 19 tonnes of food have been saved from landfill each year - the Outlet helps reduce the grocery shopping bill for customers for an annual membership of just £5 per year and a £3 donation per visit (for up to 20 items). There is also a recipe of the week, created by volunteer "Chef Sam", who provides families with ideas for healthy and filling meals using Outlet ingredients.

To find out more, please contact: 07912 609 791 or e-mail coordinator.foodmatters@gmail.com or go to the "Food Matters Stocksbridge" Facebook page or website: www.stocksbridgefoodbank.org.

Many thanks to Georgia (Y5) for creating an excellent poster to help promote the work Food Matters undertakes. All the volunteers thought this was brilliant!

PENISTONE THEATRE GROUP

Tickets for Penistone Theatre Group's upcoming pantomime, Jack & The Beanstalk, can be booked here:

<https://penistone.admit-one.eu/details/?eventCode=85635>

They are also offering a relaxed performance on Saturday 25th January at 10:30 AM, designed to create a more comfortable environment for children and adults who may benefit from a more relaxed setting.

Tickets for this show can be booked here: <https://www.penistoneparamount.co.uk/event/93099>



Stocksbridge Girls Football

Open to girls of any abilities and ages 6-12

When?

Every Wednesday
5:00-6:00pm

Where?

Indoor Sports Hall
Stocksbridge
High school
S36 1FD



**COMMUNITY
PROGRAMME**

Only £3
per session

For more information,
email: millie.kenyon@swfc.co.uk

EPEC - Being a Parent

Starting Wednesday 22nd January 2025

9.30am - 11.30am

**Venue: Stocksbridge Christian Centre, Cedar
Road, S36 1AS**

Duration: 9 weeks



This course aims to improve child development outcomes, parenting, family resilience and family relationships. The programme creates a trusting group ethos where parents are encouraged and supported. It is run by parent volunteers who have completed the Empowering Parents Empowering Children training and their experiences, backgrounds, skills and qualities make each session inviting and engaging.



**For more information or to book, please contact Sheffield
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