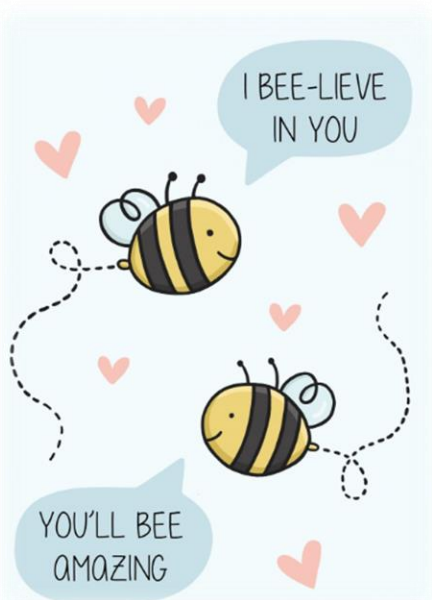




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This week has marked the start of our Annual Stocksbridge Junior School Spelling Bee, a time of year when we enjoy celebrating the importance of spelling and how important this skill is to the education of our children.

Learning how to spell correctly helps to develop literacy skills in children by allowing them to use words correctly and express themselves in writing. By being able to spell words correctly, children are able to understand the meanings of words better and can also write more accurately.

Our SJS children love nothing more than a challenge. We appreciate all the support you have given your children in learning their 60 words – some children have won medals but everyone has benefited with an extended vocabulary and increased bank of words they can spell correctly. In our eyes, they are all winners – they should definitely ‘bee’ proud of their efforts!

SPELLING BEE 2025



There has been an enthusiastic buzz in school this week for round 1 of our Spelling Bee! Every member of staff has been hugely impressed with the determination and commendable effort that children have put into learning their words. Well done to each and every pupil and thank you so much to our wonderful parents for your support in learning the word lists! Specific congratulations go to children who have achieved the highest scores in each class:

Y3MR

Bill
Charlotte

Y3CB

Lola
Luca

Y4AW

Lily
Evii

Y4CH

Ciara
Thea

Y4GG

Elliott
Georgia

Y5CS

Georgia
Amelia

Y5HK/CG

Martha
Marcie

Y6RD

Harlow
Kitty

Y6LR

James
Alfie

The following children achieved the highest scores in their year groups (and quite possibly had to battle through a tie-break!) and, therefore, progress to the semi-finals:

YEAR 3

Bill
Emily
Charlotte
Maxwell
Olek

Lola
Annie
Luca
Ada
Seb

YEAR 4

Thea
Ciara
Theo
Elliott
Regi

Lily
Evii
Holly-Mae
Molly
Theo

YEAR 5

Georgia
Marcie
Martha
Emily
Matilda

Sophia
Amelia
Jake
Henry
Sophie

YEAR 6

Harlow
Harriet
Kitty
Charlie
Ben

Maggie
Alfie
James
Esther
Ryan

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

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|---|-----------------|---|----------------|
| • Y3MR: Jack | • Y4AW: Annie | • Y5CS: Ellis | • Y6RD: Kitty |
| • Y3CB: Oliver | • Y4CH: Charlie | • Y5HK/CG: Jake | • Y6LR: Morgan |
| | • Y4GG: Lillie | | |
| Cedarwood Yard: Samanta
Ball Games Yard: Albie | | Attendance & Punctuality: Lilly
Dining Hall: Pippa | |

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - LONDON	Y3 - PARIS	Y4 - NAIROBI	Y5 - TOKYO	Y6 - BRASILIA
Harry	Harry	Nathan	Evie Mia	Noah Max

NEW WORD MILLIONAIRE

Congratulations to Esther in Year 6, who has read her way onto our roll of Word Millionaires!

NEXT WEEK'S PE TIMETABLE

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

ROAD SAFETY

This week, Sheffield's Road Safety Officer visited each of our Y6 classes to discuss road safety. The children were given some worrying statistics about young pedestrians involved in collisions and, importantly, learned some very important messages about how to keep themselves safe when they are crossing roads.





CROSS COUNTRY

This Saturday sees the last league race of the cross-country season: Saturday 1st February at Norfolk Park. Runners are invited to walk the course before 9:30am and the first race will start with the Y3/4 girls at 10am.

Info for parents/carers: Norfolk Park has many entrances and parking is on the surrounding roads. The race starts next to the cafe and playground.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

WEEK 2	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Hot Dog with Wedges	Menu Change Chicken or Quorn curry with rice	Roast Gammon, Mash Potato, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy	Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Quorn Hot Dog with Wedges		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...

Feb 3 Children's Mental Health Week	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 Coffee Morning 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.

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT?

The challenge: In school, we are very aware that family life can be tricky. We are aware that children may need some support at times. As we live in Stocksbridge, support can sometimes be tricky to find. Everything may seem to be happening closer to the city centre and just a bit too far away.

So what can we do? We are looking to work with our Sheffield colleagues to develop a programme of support, short or longer term, for families to consider in support of their children and the family generally.

How can I get my child to sleep at a healthy time?

How do I best talk to my child about tricky topics?

How can I support my child with anxiety?

How do I support my child with bereavement?

How do I help my child with tricky outbursts?

There may be so many other questions. So many ways that we could offer support that you may want to tell us about.

Our plan: Parents let us know what support would help and we will chat to our Sheffield colleagues and see what we can arrange. Why not talk to your children also? They may give a great insight into what they feel they need support with. We may not be able to provide support in every area but we will certainly try. Please email Mrs Lea-Jones at JLea-Jones@chorustrust.org before Friday 7th February. We will get back to you and let you know what we can make available.

It's great to work together to provide the very best support we can for our children!

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Expression of Interest Form for our Forest School Club. We really appreciate your feedback and are happy to confirm we will run the club again next half term! Please see the poster below for the clubs on offer next half term. Club bookings go live on Parentmail at 6pm on Monday 3rd Feb.

SPRING TERM 2: AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



1 Monday - Choir 3.15pm -4.00pm

Choir will continue with Mrs Shaw in the mobile classrooms, we do love to hear those beautiful harmonies!

2 Monday - Cycling Club 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Cycling Club will be introduced by Mr Tee. This club is for children who are still learning to ride a bike and would like to build up confidence whilst having fun! Bikes and helmets can be provided or you can bring your own if you prefer.



3 Wednesday - Pottery Painting 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Exciting new club alert!!! Local company The Kiln will be joining us every Wednesday to get creative with some pottery painting!

4 Thursday - Y5 & Y6 Football 3.15pm - 4.15pm

We will once again be joined by On The Move for our Y5 & Y6 football club. This is always lots of fun, and a great chance to work on those skills with our fully trained coach Lee!



5 Thursday - Forest School 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Back by popular demand is Forest School Club, brought to us by local company Foresteers. Explore nature, get creative outdoors, and develop new skills in a hands on environment!

6 Information

After School Club Pricing:

Choir - Free

Cycling Club - Free (Please note this club is aimed at children who are **not** confident riding a bike)

Pottery Painting - £6.58 per session / £32.91 for 5 week block

Y5 & Y6 Football - £2.53 per session / £12.66 for 5 week block

Forest School - £8.10 per session / £40.51 for 5 week block

- Clubs will be live to book on ParentMail from 6pm on Monday 3rd February on a first come first served basis.
- Choir - Please note Choir is almost full, please email office@stocksbridgejunior.chorustrust.org to enquire about a place as this club will not be listed on ParentMail.



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