



Stocksbridge Junior School



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Our vibrant and busy calendar of events has continued right through this final week of half term. Although the unseasonably wet weather meant that some sporting fixtures have had to be cancelled, there has still been plenty to celebrate. We were delighted to welcome our new Year 3 pupils from SNIS for a visit, and Wharncliffe thoroughly enjoyed this half term's Team Treat swimming session.

When we return after the holiday, we begin one of the most exciting half terms of the academic year. For many children, these final weeks with their current teacher, alongside opportunities to meet new staff during transition days, bring a mixture of excitement and reflection. We are also looking forward to more sunny weather so that we can make the most of our beautiful outdoor learning spaces and school grounds.

We hope the break provides everyone with a chance to rest, recharge and enjoy quality time together before the busy weeks ahead. Enjoy the sunshine, fresh air and simple pleasures of the season — time in the garden, playing with friends, days out, beach visits, long walks and barbecues. Most of all, enjoy whatever makes you happiest.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 1st June, refreshed, ready and full of the wonderful SJS spirit that always makes us so proud.

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

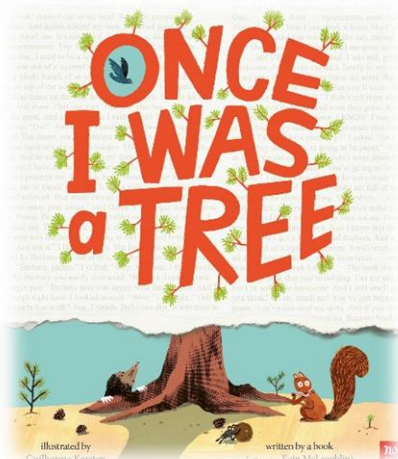
- Y3CB: Scarlett
 - Y4GG: Elissa
 - Y5CS: Mair
 - Y6CH/LR: JJ
 - Y3JG: Max
 - Y4MC: Alice
 - Y5HK/CG: Harry
 - Y6RD: George
- The Hub: Charlotte
PE Star: Violet
Attendance & Punctuality: Oscar
- Y3/4 Yard: Ella
Y5/6 Yard: Cruz
Dining Hall: Jaya

BOOK OF THE WEEK

This week's Book of the Week has been chosen by Mr Bundrick: *Once I Was a Tree*.

Mr Bundrick selected this book because it links perfectly with the Y3's current Science unit on plants. The story explores the life cycle of a plant in a fun and engaging way, helping children to better understand how plants grow and change over time.

Blending both fiction and non-fiction, the book uses humour and imaginative storytelling to explain scientific ideas clearly and memorably. The children especially enjoyed the comedic style and creative illustrations, which made learning about plants even more exciting.



READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - MADRID

Eira

Y3 - ROME

Eira
Ava

Y3 - BERLIN

Milo
Lottie
Eira
Max

Y4 - MOSCOW

Eva

Y5 - TOKYO

Tommie
Louie

Y5 - KUALA LUMPUR

Alicia
Louie

Y5 - CANBERRA

Rockley
Bronte
Daisy
Mia

Alicia
William
Charlie
Louie

Y5 - WELLINGTON

Rockley
Lillia
Nathaniel
Harriet
Annie

Flora
Molly
Jack
Louie

Y6 - OTTAWA

Georgia
Tilly

NEXT WEEK'S PE TIMETABLE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y4GG	Y3CB Y6RD		Y4MC	Y3JG Y6CH/LR

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

MENU WEEK 2

SERVED W/C: 20th Apr, 11th May, 1st June,
22nd June, 13th July

Hutchison

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal OPTION 1 OPTION 2	Margherita pizza & oven baked wedges	Vegetable pie & new potatoes	Cheesy cauliflower pasta bake	Veggie all day breakfast	Quorn dippers, chips & tomato ketchup
	Tomato, spinach & salmon pasta	Chicken & vegetable pie with new potatoes	Roast turkey breast, roast potatoes & gravy	All day breakfast, with pork sausages	Fish & chips with tomato ketchup
Veggies 	Broccoli & Beans	Peas & Carrots	Carrots & cauliflower	Baked beans & Peas	Peas & Beans
Sandwiches 3 4	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
	Ham	Ham	Tuna mayo	Ham	Ham
Sweet Treats 	Traditional Flapjack	Apple crumble & custard	Ice cream	Carrot cake	Chocolate crispie cake

Available Every Day - **5** Crunchy colourful Salad Bar & Jacket Potatoes with Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise & Cheese & Beans

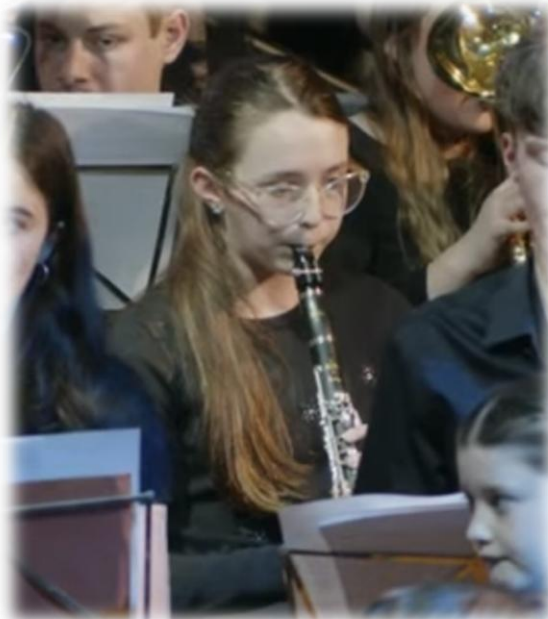


OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Wow – we have received a truly inspiring collection of photos to share in today’s out-of-school achievements slideshow; the broad range of experiences our children have beyond the school day is incredible. Today, we celebrate:

- a yellow belt in Tang Soo Do,
- medals in gymnastics,
- a grade 1 clarinet exam passed with distinction plus a performance with a full orchestra,
- rosettes in a pupil’s very first horse riding show,
- a pupil who played football for Sheffield Wednesday’s community project against Sheffield United,
- a pupil who hiked up a mountain to raise money for charity,
- a pupil’s performance in a production of Annie Jr,
- a pupil who featured in a magazine article about taking part in a bat survey through the National Bat Monitoring Programme,
- a pupil who donated a phenomenal 10 inches of his hair to the Little Princess Trust and raised money for it to be made into a wig for a child who has lost their hair!

Well done to all the children included in today’s celebration - thank you for sharing news of your achievements with us.





YOUR news

An exciting day for two young bat enthusiasts

On February 2026, Seren and Eira, (both aged 8), joined South Yorkshire Bat Group on one of their National Bat Monitoring Programme (NBMP) Hibernation Surveys. It took place in an old rail tunnel and around a neighbouring viaduct.

During the survey they recorded a total of 35 bats from many species, including Daubenton's bat, brown long-eared bat, Natterer's bat, whiskered or Brandt's bat, and common or soprano pipistrelle.

They both got very wet and muddy during the survey, but the experience of seeing so many bats more than made up for it, and they thoroughly enjoyed being involved.



▲ Seren and Eira at the entrance to the tunnel



Y4 TIMES TABLES

It's not long now before our Y4 children complete their Multiplication Tables Check. The purpose of the check is to determine whether a child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

For further information, please see the DfE's information for parents: [Information for parents: multiplication tables check](#)

The children have been working hard in school to learn their times tables, however, the real difference can be made when they are also supported to practise their tables at home. Over the half term break, parents are asked to encourage their child to recall their tables. This could be a quick-fire question and answer session with a parent/carer, a short session on an online resource or something as simple as counting in multiples of 7 as they take each step up the stairs.

Some useful online resources include:

[Interactive Resources](#)



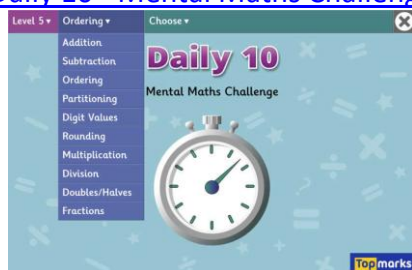
Username: pupil@sjs.maths
Password: Lovemath5

[Times Tables Rock Stars](#)



Login details can be found in your child's diary.

[Daily 10 - Mental Maths Challenge](#)



[Hit the Button](#)



Over the half term break, we have also set up Battle of the Bands between the two Year 4 classes. The highest scoring class for each day will earn marbles for their class jar!

PS Our Y3s, Y5s and Y6s are also very much encouraged to practise their times tables too!

PSHE - SEX EDUCATION

During Summer 2, teachers will be delivering the **Changing Me** PSHE unit.

Changing Me deals with change of many types, from growing from young to old, becoming a teenager, assertiveness, puberty, self-respect and safeguarding. Each year group thinks about looking ahead, moving year groups or the transition to secondary school and how to cope positively with such changes.

This week, you have been sent via email an in-depth overview of what your child will be taught during Summer 2. We always endeavour to keep parents informed with what your child is learning as part of their PSHE lessons; however, as Sex Education will be covered with classes next half term, it is important that parents are fully aware of what is being taught, as well as understanding that parents do have the right to withdraw their child from Sex Education lessons if they do not feel this is appropriate. Please read the information in the email and, if you have any queries at all, please contact your child's class teacher or our PSHE lead, Mrs Carnegie.

EVENTS COMING UP...

June 1 Read Around the World: Set off on your journey towards your 6 th destination	2	3 Y5 London	4 Y5 London	5
June 8 Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Week	9	10 Y6 Transition Workshop Tennis Festival	11 Y6 Crucial Crew Trip Y2 Parents Welcome Meeting	12
June 15 Sheffield Hawks Rugby Sessions	16	17	18 Y5/6 Basketball Comp	19
June 22	23 Sports day	24	25 Y3-Y5 Annual Reports Athletics City Final	26
June 29 Transition Week	30 Transition Week Read Around the World: Earliest arrival at your 6 th destination	July 1 Transition Week	2 Transition Week	3 Transition Week
July 6	7	8	9 Prize Night	10 Y6 Reports Non-Uniform Day (£1)
July 13 Y3-Y5 Disco	14 Y3 Achievement Assembly Y6 Leavers' Party	15 Y4 Achievement Assembly	16 Y5 Achievement Assembly	17 Y6 Leavers' Assembly
July 20 Curriculum Day	21 Summer holidays begin	22	23	24

SLEEP SURVEY

Sheffield Children's

NHS Foundation Trust

Sheffield Children's NHS Trust is asking parents and carers to complete [a short survey](#) so they can better understand children's sleep and how it affects family life.

The impact of sleep disturbance on children's health is wide-ranging with sleep deprivation leading to difficulties with mood, social integration and problems with cognitive ability and learning. The prevalence of sleep problems in childhood is thought to be rising, but although surveys have been carried out in Australia and Germany that indicate that 30-40% children have sleep problems, no data is available from school children in the UK.



Please scan or click on the QR code to complete the survey.

A MESSAGE FROM STOCKSBRIDGE FRIENDSHIP BOWLING CLUB

(behind the Friendship Pub Manchester Road, Gibson Lane)

OPEN BOWLS DAY FOR STOCKSBRIDGE JUNIOR SCHOOLS PUPILS

Monday 25TH May 2026, 2pm – 4pm



An open invitation to students, parents, family and friends to come along and sample a number of challenges on a crown bowling green.

Refreshments provided, equipment provided, help provided; all we need is for you to come along and have a go and enjoy yourselves. Flat shoes only, no heels allowed on the green.

All pupils invited, whether they have bowled indoors with us or not. If this date is not possible for you but you are interested, please get in touch as we are planning after school and summer holiday sessions.

Contact Graham Elliott : grahamelliott127@icloud.com, Tel 07583608062
