



Stocksbridge Junior School

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It's hard to believe we have reached the end of another busy half term! The past five weeks since our last holiday have been packed with learning, progress and fun across the school, and while the children have shown fantastic enthusiasm and resilience, they are certainly ready for a well-earned rest. Alongside their classroom efforts, we have enjoyed a wide range of memorable experiences, including cinema and concert trips, residential visits, parent sessions, sports competitions and lots, lots more. We have rounded off the term in true SJS style with some egg-citing Easter events, from our Easter disco to our ever-popular Easter Egg competition. As a forward-facing school, we are always looking ahead to modern ideas in education; however, this much-loved seasonal competition, which has been running for decades, remains a special tradition enjoyed by

generations of children. We would like to wish all our SJS families a happy and restful break, hopefully with more seasonal weather than this week's frost and snow! We look forward to welcoming the children back for the start of our summer term on Monday 13th April.

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

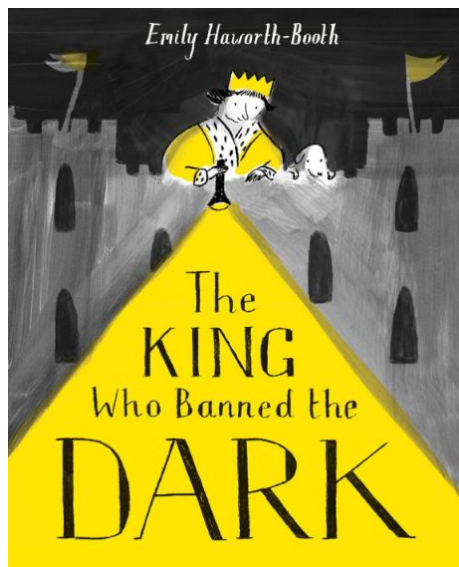
- Y3CB: Ellis
- Y4GG: Amelia
- Y5CS: Sunny
- Y6CH/LR: Marcie
- Y3JG: Ava
- Y4MC: Taliana
- Y5HK/CG: Jack
- Y6RD: Laila

PE Star: Athena
The Hub: George

Y3/4 Yard: Sam
Y5/6 Yard: Reggie

Attendance & Punctuality: Skyla
Dining Hall: Jake

BOOK OF THE WEEK



Mrs Gaymond has chosen this week's book of the week - a truly delightful picture book, in charming, retro black-and-yellow drawings, about a little boy who was afraid of the dark. There's nothing unusual about that. Most children are afraid of the dark at one time or another. But this little boy was a Prince, and he decided that when he became King, he would do something about the dark. He would ban it. When a King bans the dark completely, installing an artificial sun, and enforcing "anti-dark" laws, it seems like a good idea. The citizens don't need to worry about monsters, crime, or any of the other scary things that might live in the dark. But what happens when nobody can sleep, and the citizens revolt? Will the King face his fears and turn the lights off? The King Who Banned the Dark is a beautiful story about how we need the dark in order to enjoy the light.

EASTER EGG COMPETITION

This year's Easter competition has truly exceeded our egg-spectations, with an impressive array of egg-themed entries. We were fortunate to have Jo and Lucy from Enzygo join us as independent judges - we are grateful for their time and effort. Judging the entries was no easy task, egg-specially given the egg-ceptionally high standard of this year's egg-tries!

We would like to thank Enzygo, Live & Learn, Martyn Kemp Opticians and GW Finance for supporting our Easter Competition this year! Their generosity helps us bring fun, creativity, and community spirit to our events, and we are incredibly grateful for their involvement. Thanks to their support, every child who participated in the competition received a Cadbury's Creme Egg and larger Easter eggs were awarded to the winners in each year group.

This year's winners are:

Year 3:

- 1st: What Came First? – Ava
- 2nd: Eggsacution – Viktor
- 3rd: Eggingley – Seb
- 4th: Paddington – Lucas

Year 5:

- 1st: Easter Bonnet – Lillia
- 2nd: Star-wars – Corey
- 3rd: Celebrity Egg Phrase – Louie and Ada (Y3)
- 4th: Egg-spectro Patronum – Mair

Year 4:

- 1st: Mount egg Olympus – Heber
- 2nd: Wickegg – Fern
- 3rd: Eggsperiment – Jack
- 4th: Up up egg away – Lylah

Year 6:

- 1st: Eggside Out - Tilly
- 2nd: Hoppers Beavers – Jake
- 3rd: Eggdale – Elodie
- 4th: Jelly Cat – Martha

The Hub:

- 1st Prize: Pheobe – The Gladiator



READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - ROME

Milo
Phoebe
Lottie
Lucas
Oliver

Y4 - NAIROBI

Elissa

Y4 - PRETORIA

Elysia
Isabella

Y4 - RIYADH

Luca
Sam

Y5 - BEIJING

Charlie
Lily
Dollie
Lillia

Y5 - TOKYO

Charlie
Daisy
Harry
Lily
Lillia

Y5 - KUALA LUMPUR

Cruz
Harry
Lily

Y5 - CANBERRA

Nathaniel
Annie
Flora
Jack
Molly
Lillia
Harry

Y6 - LIMA

Noah
Tilly
Martha
Marcie

Y6 - MEXICO CITY

Georgia
Marcie
Tilly
Martha

NEW WORD MILLIONAIRE

Congratulations to Jake (Y6) who has read his way onto our roll of Word Millionaires!

PE TIMETABLE FOR WEEK 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y4GG Y5HK/CG	Y3CB Y6RD	Y5CS	Y4MC Y6CH/LR	Y3JG

PARENTMAIL / ARBOR PAY

Today is our final day using ParentMail before we move over to Arbor.

If you have any dinner, trip or wraparound care debts on your ParentMail accounts, we would appreciate if these could be now cleared.

Thank you to everyone who has already logged into Arbor Pay. We have re-sent welcome invitation emails to those who have not yet accessed Arbor, please check your junk or spam folders in case emails have ended up in there. A helpful instruction guide is also attached to these emails.

Once logged into Arbor, you will be able to top up your child's dinner account. Breakfast and After-School Club bookings will become available during the Easter holidays.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch.

Y4 WHITBY

This week, letters have gone home to our current Y3s about our Y4 trip to Whitby. The initial instalment will appear on **Arbor Pay on Wednesday 15th April at 6pm. Please note the bookings will be on a first come, first served basis for the 35 places available.** If the demand for places exceeds the number of places currently available, a waiting list will become available. We will then contact the tour company to enquire about additional places.

RED NOSE DAY

Thank you to everyone who came to school wearing red last week in support of Red Nose Day.
We raised £108.90!

SITE SAFETY POSTER COMPETITION

You may remember back in November that the construction company, David Wilson Homes invited SJS children to enter a poster competition. Children were asked to design a site safety poster that highlights the danger of building sites and how to stay safe around them. We are proud to share that one of our wonderful Y6 pupils has won the competition and has her design proudly displayed around Hollins Park View!



MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

In light of the recent cases of invasive meningococcal disease reported in Kent, Sheffield public health services are reminding parents and carers about the importance of ensuring children and young people are up to date with routine vaccinations.

In particular, we would like to highlight the importance of the 6-in-1 (DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB) vaccine and the MenB (meningococcal B) vaccine, which are offered across several doses in the first 18 months of life. These vaccines provide vital protection against serious illnesses, including meningitis and sepsis. While these are usually given in infancy, children who have missed one or more doses can still catch up.

It also crucial to ensure children are fully vaccinated against measles, as we know the disease continues to circulate in Yorkshire.

If any doses have been missed, they can be caught up by contacting your child's GP practice or by attending a local School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) drop-in clinic.

Further information on clinic locations and times is available here:

<https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/school-nursing/school-age-immunisation-service>

OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

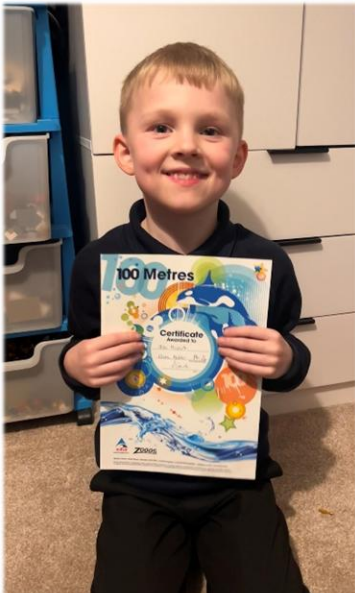
A heartfelt thank you to parents for sharing their child's out-of-school achievements. It is inspiring to see so many SJS children enjoying themselves in such a variety of activities including a new-found love of running, improving our community with much-needed litter picking, collecting Blue Peter badges, plus drama, swimming, ice-skating, musical and football achievements. Well done to all the children included in today's celebration.



RA Young Artists' Summer Show



Gratitude Of My World.
Wrenn Bowden-Roebuck



EVENTS COMING UP...

April 13 Read Around the World: Set off on your journey towards your 5 th destination	14 Y4GG Swimming (Final Lesson)	15	16	17
April 20	21 Y5/6 Dodgeball Competition	22	23	24
April 27	28 Y3/4 Dodgeball Competition	29	30	May 1
May 4 Bank Hol	5 Cash Academy Workshops for Y3 & Y4	6	7	8
May 11 SATs Week	12 SATs Week Read Around the World: Earliest arrival at your 5 th destination	13 SATs Week	14 SATs Week	15 SATs Week
May 18 Mayor's Walk and Wheel Challenge Y5/6 Cricket Event	19 Outdoor Athletics Swimming Gala	20	21	22 Team Treat Non-Uniform Day (£1)

--- Half Term ---

NEW DINNER MENU

Hutchison's will be launching their new Spring/Summer menu from Monday 13th April. They are yet to provide school with the finalised version of this menu and have assured us that we will be able to upload it to the school website over the Easter holidays.

Please keep an eye on our [school meals](#) webpage for further information.

HELLO!

from your school's caterer

THE FOOD EXPLORERS

Hutchison



At Hutchison, part of the IFG family, we believe that great food fuels great learning. Our menus are specially designed for primary school children - offering tasty, nutritious meals that support healthy growth, curious minds, and happy lunchtimes.

DESIGNED FOR YOUNG APPETITES: We use simple, child-friendly language and offer familiar, comforting meals that help children feel confident trying new flavours.

HEALTH & NUTRITION FIRST: We're passionate about creating meals that taste good and do good. Our menus are packed with the nutrients growing children need and meet all School Food Standards.



SCHOOL MEALS ARE

FREE

**IN RECEPTION
YEAR 1**

& YEAR 2!

SAVE £500 A YEAR WITH FREE SCHOOL MEALS:

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 get a free hot lunch every day. If your child is in Year 3 or above, you may be entitled if you receive certain benefits. It's worth checking – families can save over £500 a year per child, and applying helps your school too.

Apply at: www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

FOR EVERY CHILD: We want every pupil to enjoy lunch with confidence. Our Allergen Aware Menu - coming in October when we launch our new menus - offers meals free from gluten, dairy, eggs, and soya – without compromising on taste or nutrition.

SUSTAINABLE & SMART: We're committed to reducing food waste. By using every part of the ingredient – from cauliflower leaves to stalks – we create meals that are planet-friendly and still full of flavour.



GET IN TOUCH! If you have any questions or suggestions we'd love to hear from you. Send us a message at hello@impactfood.co.uk to share your views.

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The Triple P - Positive Parenting Programme

Group Triple P

Does your child struggle with anxiety?

We would like to invite you to a session that supports parents and carers (or other adult family members) to help children with anxiety, recognise and cope effectively with their anxieties.

Session

The session is called '**Fear-Less Triple P**', a one-off seminar that is just 2 hours.

Fear-Less Triple P helps:

- To give parents a better understanding of what anxiety is.
- How to encourage and promote emotional resilience.
- To help parents become the best role models they can be for children learning to manage their anxiety and promote realistic thinking.
- Using exposure to help to overcome anxiety.
- Learn about effective and less effective ways of responding to your children's anxiety.
- Constructive problem solving and how to maintain progress.

Where will the seminar be?

Stocksbridge High School

Shay House Lane
Stocksbridge
Sheffield, S36 1FD

Date: 20/04/2026

Time: 4-6pm

What next? - For more information or to book your place, contact the school office by phone or by email or contact Jane Lea-Jones on JLea-Jones@chorustrust.org

You will need to secure your place by 03/04/26

