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One of the most important parts of life at SJS is giving our children opportunities to take on roles of responsibility and make a positive difference to our school community. From our Mini Police and Peer

Mediators to our many pupil leadership roles, we are incredibly proud of the way our children step up, support others and give back to their school.

Today, it was the turn of our new Year 6 pupils! With application forms galore, they have certainly shown just how eager they are to take on responsibility and make their mark at SJS. In assembly, we proudly announced our Prefects, Sports Leaders and House Captains for 2026.

It was such a pleasure to see the huge smiles on their faces as they received their badges, wearing them with such pride. However, now the hard work really begins! We expect our new leaders to live out our SJS REACH values – Respect, Endurance, Aspiration, Courage and Honesty – and show us every day that they can be positive role models and do a fantastic job in their new roles.

We can't wait to see them grow in confidence, support others and make a real difference across school. Well done, Year 6 – your leadership journey starts now!

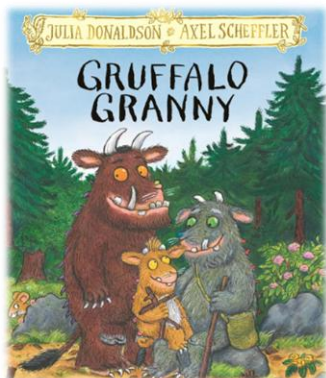
SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3MC: Darcie
- Y4EN: Ava
- Y5CS: Savannah
- Y6CH/CG: Lillia
- Y3RP: Reggie
- Y4LC: Erin
- Y5GG: Pippa
- Y6RD: Summer
- Y5HK/CG: Charlotte

PE Star: Katherine
Attendance & Punctuality: Keegan

Y3/4 Yard: Chloe
Y5/6 Yard: Jack
Dining Hall: Reuben

BOOK OF THE WEEK



This week, Miss Gillespie has chosen *Gruffalo Granny* by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler for our Book of the Week. In this exciting new adventure, Gruffalo Granny comes to visit with a very big appetite, leaving the little brown mouse in a rather tricky situation! Miss Gillespie chose this book as *The Gruffalo* was one of her favourite childhood books, and the story brings back those lovely cosy feelings of childhood reading, especially as the colder weather arrives.

NEXT WEEK'S PE TIMETABLE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5GG + Y5CS ¹	Y3RP Y6RD	Y3MC Y5HK/CG + Y5CS ²	Y4LC	Y4EN Y6CH/CG

Y6 PUPIL LEADERSHIP ROLES

We have been bowled over by the number of Year 6 children who have put themselves forward for various pupil leadership roles and responsibilities this year. It has been heartwarming to read their applications and especially the comments from family members and peers who have written supporting references.

We are proud to announce the following Y6 leadership roles:

Sports Leaders

Jack
Chloe
Maddie
Katherine
Reggie
Dollie
Clayton
Lillia

William
Elliott
Lily
Annie
Nathaniel
Oliver
Daisy

Prefects

Theo
Flora
Lily
Bronte
Lillie
Theo
Zac
Mair

Kit
Oliver
Summer
Harry
Evii
Molly
Charlie
Holly-Mae

House Captains

Ewden



Zachary
Natalia

Hunshelf



Harriet
Hollie

Wharncliffe



Katie
Molly

Broomhead



Reginald
Emily



'NEW TO Y3' PARENTS MEETING

Our 'New to Y3' Parents Meeting will take place on Wednesday 23rd September, from 5pm. We have a plentiful list of information we hope to share with parents about our curriculum, reading systems and behaviour routines, for example. To ensure we can make the session as informative as possible, we would welcome any questions in advance. Y3 parents will have received an email this week. Please take a moment to submit any questions, however small, to aid our preparation.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We are hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September from 8:30am until 9:15am. You are most welcome to call in for coffee and cake or buy cakes to take away. We would also appreciate any contributions of goodies to sell to be brought to school either on Thursday 26th September or on the morning. Please join us to support this very worthy charity.



CROSS-COUNTRY

This Saturday, the first race of the Sheffield School's Cross-Country season will take place at Ecclesall Woods (Whirlow Playing Fields). Mr Bundrick will be available at the venue - look out for the Stocksbridge Junior School flag - to co-ordinate our runners. Please note that parents must stay at the event and be responsible for their own children.

Races start at 10:00am, so a 9:30am meet will give the children enough time to check in, see the course and warm up. Suitable running clothing and appropriate footwear such as trainers/spikes (or even football boots if the ground is particularly soggy) are advisable, along with a warm change of clothes for afterwards.

We look forward to seeing a great SJS turnout this season!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Tempest Photography have asked us to apologise for the delay in providing the photo ordering proofs. As soon as we receive them, we will distribute them to parents.

Individual photo proofs will have a QR code for parents to simply scan to place their order online. Orders placed within 10 days of receiving the proofs will be delivered back to school free of charge. After the 10-day period, the school's ordering window will close automatically and any further orders will be sent directly to parents' home addresses. Postage charges will apply in this case.

Proofs for class group photographs will be sent to parents via an email link. There is a separate link for each class. Again, orders placed within 10 days of receiving the proofs will be delivered back to school free of charge.

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Term-Time Leave: If you need to request term-time leave for your child, please complete and return a Term-Time Leave Request Form before your child is absent from school. Forms are available from the school office and can be downloaded from the website.

Please note that term-time leave can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Further information about the school's Attendance Policy can be found on the school website.

[Attendance and Punctuality at Stocksbridge Junior School](#)

Illness Absences: We would like to remind parents of the NHS guidelines about when children should be kept off school and when they should not:

[Is my child too ill for school?](#)

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

MENU Week 3

Served W/C 31 Aug, 21 Sept, 12 Oct

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal 	1 Veggie chilli with rice 	Vegetable sausages and mashed potatoes with gravy 	Cottage pie with gravy 	Baked creamy mac 'n' cheese 	Vegan Sausage Roll, chips and tomato ketchup 
Veggies 	2 Beef chilli con carne with rice 	Pork sausages with mashed potatoes and gravy 	Roast chicken breast with roast potatoes and gravy 	BBQ chicken loaded mac 'n' cheese 	Fish fingers, chips and tomato ketchup 
Sandwiches 	3 Sweetcorn and Peas 	Carrots and Peas 	Broccoli and Carrots 	Selection from the salad bar 	Baked Beans and Peas 
Sweet Treats 	4 Cheese 	Cheese 	Cheese 	Cheese 	Cheese 
	Ham 	Ham 	Tuna mayo 	Ham 	Ham 
	Chocolate shortbread 	Apple and berry crumble with custard 	Lemon Sponge and custard 	Brownie 	Ice Cream 

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

KEY Wholegrain  Vegetarian 
Nutritionist's Choice  Vegan 

EVENTS COMING UP...

Sept 21	22	23 'New to Y3' Parents Meeting, 5pm	24 Y4 Swimming	25 Macmillan coffee morning
Sept 28	29	30 Y5 Horrible Histories Theatre Trip	Oct 1 Read Around the World: Earliest arrival at your 1st destination Y4 Swimming	2
Oct 5 Y6 Bikeability	6 Y6 Bikeability	7 Y6 Bikeability Parents' Evening bookings go live on Arbor	8 Y4 Swimming	9

NEURODIVERSITY SHEFFIELD

Neurodiversity Sheffield are offering the following events to parents and carers this term. They are open to all.

Drop-in sessions: A drop-in session is a chance for parents and carers to talk to their team, to their professional partners and to each other to get support, information and advice. No diagnosis or booking is required.

- Emmanuel Academy, Waterthorpe, S20 7JU: Wednesday 30th Sept 2026, 9.30am-12.00pm
- Foxhill Forum, S6 1BT: Friday 30th Sept 2026, 9.30am-12.00pm
- Lowedges Community Centre, S8 7HL: Tuesday 17th November 2026, 9.30am-12.00pm
- Scotia Works, S1 4SE: Thursday 10th December 2026, 9.30am-12.00pm

ADHD information session: An information session is a 90-minute ADHD training session led by a project worker. Parents/carers do not need to book to attend and no diagnosis is needed.

Scotia Works, Sheffield, S1 4SE

Thursday 5th November 2026, 10.00am-11.30am

For more information and to see details of other events, please visit their website:

[Neurodiversity Sheffield - Family Action](#)

STOCKSBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Open Evening 2026

Belive. Achieve. Succeed

THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2026
4PM – 7PM

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO INVITE YOU AND YOUR CHILD TO OUR OPEN EVENING. THIS EVENT IS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE OUR SCHOOL, MEET OUR STAFF AND STUDENTS, AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AS YOUR CHILD BEGINS THE TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL.

DURING THE EVENING, YOU WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO:

- TOUR OUR SCHOOL FACILITIES
- MEET TEACHING AND PASTORAL STAFF
- LEARN ABOUT OUR CURRICULUM AND ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- ASK ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT JOINING OUR SCHOOL



WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND SHARING WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL SUCH A SPECIAL PLACE TO LEARN AND GROW.

LEARN MORE

www.stocksbridgehigh.co.uk

SHEFFIELD MUSIC HUB

LEARN TO PLAY 2026

The Sheffield Music Hub are offering young musicians from across all of Sheffield and South Yorkshire the chance to attend FREE music taster lessons and "Give it a Go Instrument Stalls" on a variety of instruments. For more information, visit the Music Hub website: [Learn To Play 2026](#)

PIANO AND KEYBOARD LESSONS

There are a few spaces left for piano lessons in school. The lessons are taught by Felicity Atkinson from Sheffield Music Hub. Please visit [Music Lessons/Music Groups | Sheffield Music Hub](#) to find out more and apply for lessons.



SHEFFIELD MINI AND JUNIOR RUN 2026

12pm, Sunday 27th September, Arundel Gate

Open to runners of all ages, backgrounds and abilities, this popular local Mini and Junior run is a fantastic day out for all the family.

Every child who crosses the finish line will be rewarded with a medal and a goody bag.

New for 2026, all Junior events have official timing. This allows young runners to track their race and celebrate their achievement, whilst keeping the friendly and fun atmosphere alive. Our junior events are all about fun, confidence and participation, having the timing aspect adds an extra layer of excitement to those who do want to see how they got on on the day.

The Mini Event is for runners aged between 3 and 8. To participate, an adult must run alongside the child. The adult must then also register another adults emergency contact details- please do not enter your own. The Mini Event starts at 12:30pm and is a 1.5km run around the streets of Sheffield, starting and finishing on Arundel Gate.

The Junior event is for runners aged between 9 and 14. Adults don't have to run alongside their children for this event, but adults must register children on their accounts. The Junior Event starts at 12:00pm and is a 2.5km run around the streets of Sheffield, which again starts and finishes on Arundel Gate.

This event is race number collection only. The race office can be found in Tudor Square from 12pm to 4pm on Saturday 26th September, and from 10am on Sunday 27th September. We'd recommend collecting on the Saturday, as the Sunday is likely to be very busy.

For any other details you may need, and to sign up, visit: [Sheffield Mini and Junior Run - 27th September 2026 | Run For All | Run For All](#)