Stocksbridge Junior School

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Although the weather may be getting colder and the days a little darker, there has certainly been no shortage of sunshine and smiles as everyone returned ready to kick-start our new half term! We have been straight back into the swing of things - from the return of choir and bowling clubs to exciting new learning in our classrooms, there has been plenty happening already.

Our Year 4 children have also wasted no time in heading off on an adventure, travelling north to the seaside town of Whitby for a few days of exploration, discovery and memory-making. From searching the beach for prehistoric treasures to getting creative with sand sculptures, there has been plenty to keep everyone busy! The children have also discovered some fascinating facts about lobsters and put their engineering skills to the test by designing and building their very own lighthouses. Who knew there was so much to discover on the Yorkshire coast?

We love seeing our children embracing every opportunity to learn, explore, have a go at something new and, most importantly, make memories along the way. What a brilliant start to what promises to be a busy and exciting half term as we begin the countdown to Christmas!

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3MC: George
- Y3RP: Sewi
- Y4EN: McKenna
- Y4LC: Junior
- Y5CS: Ada
- Y5GG: Naoise
- Y5HK/CG: Samanta
- Y6CH/CG: Logan
- Y6RD: Logan

PE Star: Harrison

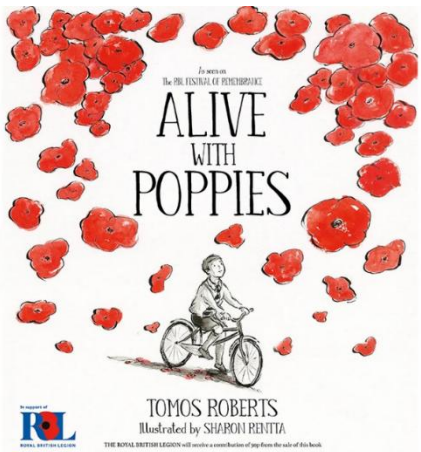
Attendance & Punctuality: Odin

Y3/4 Yard: Poppy

Y5/6 Yard: Sunny

Dining Hall: Lucas

BOOK OF THE WEEK



This week, Miss Davy has chosen Alive with Poppies as our Book of the Week.

As we approach Remembrance Day, this beautiful poem helps children understand the significance of poppies and why they have become such a powerful symbol of remembrance. Through thoughtful and engaging language, it encourages reflection on the sacrifices made by others and the importance of remembering those who served.

We hope this special story inspires meaningful conversations about respect, gratitude and remembrance.

NEXT WEEK'S PE TIMETABLE

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

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - LONDON	Y4 - CAIRO	Y5 - BEIJING
Alyza Freya	Milo	Elysia Heber

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION REMINDER

Stocksbridge Town Council would like to invite children to take part in a Christmas card competition. There will be two finalists chosen from each local school with one chosen as an overall winner. A Christmas Card with the winner's design will be produced with smaller pictures of the finalists' designs on the inside. All finalists will receive a pack of cards plus the card will be used as the official Town Council Christmas Card. Entries will be judged by the Mayor.

All entries will need to follow the criteria:

- Submitted on A4 paper
- Only drawn using felt tip pens or crayons
- No glitter, stickers, glue or anything attached
- Bright colours show better on finished article

If your child would like to take part, please ensure your child's name, age and school are written on the back. Please return to the school office no later than Monday 9th November.

TEAM TREAT

Last half term, Ewden successfully collected the most tokens! To celebrate their achievement, children in Ewden are off to the cinema on Wednesday 11th November 2026.

If you child is in Ewden, you will have received an email with further details, and for you to give consent.

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 13th November we will be showing our support for BBC's Children in Need with a non-uniform day. Children can come to school dressed in something yellow, spotty or just something they feel comfortable in for a contribution of £1 which is to be paid on Arbor.

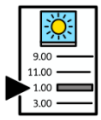


FLU VACCINE

Sheffield Children's NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

Dear Parents and Carers,

The School Age Immunisation Team will be visiting schools from September 2026 to give the **Seasonal Flu Vaccine** to children. **A single dose of the flu nasal spray will mean your child is less likely to become ill if they come into contact with the flu virus.**

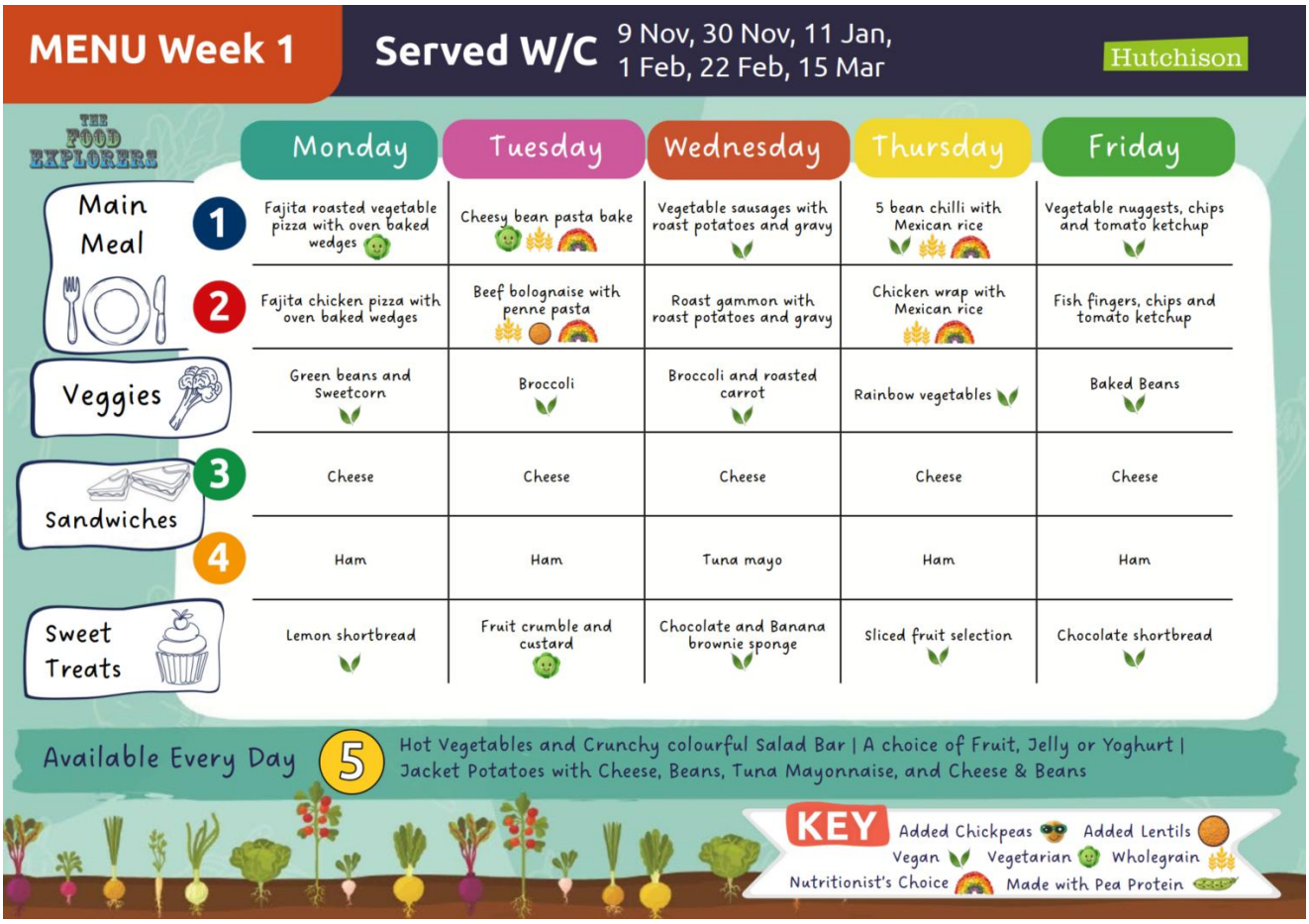
	Flu Vaccination at **Stocksbridge Junior School** **For:** • **all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2026** • **primary school and secondary school-aged children (from reception to year 11)** • **individuals 17 years and over attending a special education needs (SEN) school may also be vaccinated alongside their peers.**
	**19/11/2026**
	**We need your consent to give your child the vaccine.** When filling in the consent form, you will have **3 options:**
	1. **Nasal spray-** This is the most effective way to protect your child from flu. (Please note: it contains pork gelatine.)
	2. **Injectable flu vaccine -** This version **does not** contain pork gelatine.
	3. **To not give consent**
	**Please fill in the form.** Link: https://www.sheffieldchildrensvaccinations.co.uk//Forms/Flu?schoolcode=SF107055
	Please contact the School Age Immunisation Service for more information: **Admin**: 0114 305 3291 **Nurses:** 0114 305 3230 **Email**: scn-tr.sheffielddutysn.vacandimm@nhs.net

If your child has had the flu vaccination elsewhere before we come to your school, please inform the School Age Immunisation Team using the details above. For more information about the vaccination please visit website: www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine

EVENTS COMING UP...

Nov 9	10	11 Ewden Team Treat	12 Y4 Swimming Bowls	13 Children In Need
Nov 16 Odd Socks Day Anti-Bullying Week	17	18	19 Y4 Swimming Flu Vaccinations Bowls	20 Sheffield Book Awards
Nov 23	24 Y3 Western Park trip	25	26 Y4 Swimming Bowls Y6 Steel City - Kelham Island Trip	27
Nov 30	Dec 1 Read Around the World: Earliest arrival at your 2nd destination	2	3 Y4 Swimming Bowls	4 Deadline for placing Y6 Leavers' Hoodies orders
Dec 7	8 Y6 Christmas Concert	9 Y5 Christmas Concert Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day	10 Y4 Christmas Concert Y4 Swimming	11 Y3 Christmas Concert
Dec 14 Y3 Christmas Party	15 Y4 Christmas Party	16 Y5 Christmas Party Christmas Disco (TBC)	17 Y6 Christmas Party (No Y4 Swimming)	18 Non-Uniform Day (£1)
--- Christmas Holidays ---				

NEXT WEEK'S MENU



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES EVENTS

The Sheffield Directory website has recently been retired and replaced with a new website which brings together Best Start Family Hub activities, Sheffield Parent Hub events and programmes, Start Well Sheffield and more all on one events page.

Click here to search for events to find what's right for you and your family. You can also see which activities you can just turn up to and which you need to book.

CHILD BEREAVEMENT UK WEBINARS

Supporting a bereaved child - live webinar for parents, families and carers

This webinar provides information for parents, carers and family members to help them support children and young people when someone important to them has died. In this webinar we provide an opportunity to learn more about how children grieve and offer helpful suggestions for you and for your family. Please note this is only available to those in the UK.

Next workshop: Monday 23 November, 5.30pm

Supportive talks and webinars about grief | Child Bereavement UK

Self-care in grief - webinar for bereaved parents

Grief is all-consuming - it takes up all the space in our bodies and mind; it makes looking after ourselves feel difficult. Life responsibility doesn't just 'stop' with grief and caring for other children, work and homes continue. It's important to find ways and moments to pause and care for yourself. In this webinar for bereaved parents, we will discuss self-care in grief and what that might look like. This webinar will take place on Zoom.

Next webinar: Tuesday 17 November, 1.30pm

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