Stocksbridge Junior School

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This week has been all about doing what we do best at SJS – thinking about others and making a difference! On Wednesday, we came together for a meaningful moment of silence as we marked Remembrance Day. Children sensitively explored the themes of remembrance, showing great respect and understanding, and wore their poppies with pride. Today, we swapped our red for yellow as we joined in with Children in Need, raising money to support children and families who need it most. Inspired by this year's message, 'By the side of every child', we have been reminded of the importance of standing alongside others and making a difference wherever it is needed. Whether through small acts of kindness, showing compassion or supporting a worthwhile cause, our SJS children continue to demonstrate that they understand what it means to care for others. A week full of kindness, thoughtfulness and our REACH values in action!

SJS Stars of the Week

- Y3MC: Olivia
- Y3RP: Teddy
- Y4EN: Sophie
- Y4LC: Scarlett
- Y5CS: Princess
- Y5GG: Lucy
- Y5HK/CG: Jax
- Y6CH/CG: Annie
- Y6RD: Katie

PE Star: Molly
Attendance & Punctuality: Isabella

Y3/4 Yard: Emily
Y5/6 Yard: Bronte
Dining Hall: Harry

Book of the Week



This week's Book of the Week is *One Small Thing* by Marsha Diane Arnold, a beautiful and thought-provoking story about how even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference.

Through gentle storytelling and charming illustrations, the book reminds us that we don't have to do something huge to change the world around us. A small action, a thoughtful gesture or a little bit of kindness can create a positive ripple effect.

It is a lovely story to encourage our children to think about how their words and actions affect others and how we can all make a difference in our school community.

Never underestimate the power of one small thing!

NEXT WEEK'S PE TIMETABLE

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

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - LONDON	Y4 - CAIRO	Y5 - BEIJING	Y6 - BUENOS AIRES
Lyssie Harrison Billie Ben	Poppy	Aubree	Katherine

GONE GREEN

We have had a little flurry of children who have turned their TTRS heat maps green!
Congratulations to Max, Lucas, Scarlett, Evie and Eira!





SUPPORTING THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

A big thank you to our Y6 children who have been busy selling poppies this week. We have raised £184.69 for the Royal British Legion. Thank you to everyone for your support!

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Anti-Bullying Week is an annual event that aims to raise awareness of bullying of young people, with an emphasis on prevention and effective responses to bullying. This year's theme is the 'Break the Silence.

To launch this year's anti-bullying week, we would like to encourage children to join us on Monday wearing odd socks. Odd Socks Day is a positive way to celebrate that we are all the same but also very much unique!



SNOWFLAKE FUNDRAISING

We have, so far, raised an incredible £472 towards our snowflake through last half term's non-uniform day. We are so grateful for everyone's generosity.



With just £128 to go, we will be holding a bake sale at break time on **Thursday 19th November** to (hopefully) raise the remaining money to sponsor one of Sheffield Children's Hospital's snowflakes.

Children are invited to get baking at home or purchase some treats from the shop to donate for the sale. All donations will be sold at break time (and possibly after school if we still have cakes left), with every penny raised going towards this fantastic cause.

If your child would like to buy a cake, please ensure they bring some change on the day. Items will be 50p. Thank you for your support in helping us raise money for Sheffield Children's Hospital.



CROSS-COUNTRY

This Saturday, Race 4 of the Sheffield School's Cross-Country season will take place at Bradfield Secondary School. Races begin at 10am.

Organisers have asked schools to communicate with parents to request that parents remain on the tarmac paths and not on the grassed area, wherever possible. Bradfield School's sports grounds needs to be protected as much as possible in order for it to be fit for purpose after the event.

Y6 LEAVERS' HOODIES

Before half term, Y6 parents were sent an email regarding this year's leavers' hoodies. The email contains a link to the online shop for ordering your child's hoodie. The online shop will close on Friday 4th December and hoodies will be delivered to school in January 2027.



NEXT WEEK'S MENU

MENU Week 2 — **Served W/C** 16 Nov, 7 Dec, 18 Jan, 8 Feb, 1 Mar, 22 Mar — Hutchison

THE FOOD EXPLORERS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal 1	Cheeze and Tomato pizza and oven-baked wedges	Veggie Smokey BBQ Pieces and rice	Veggie all day breakfast	Cheesy cauliflower pasta bake	Quorn dippers, chips and tomato ketchup
2	Sweet chilli salmon melt with oven baked wedges	Chicken katsu with rice	All day breakfast with prok sausages	Chicken and tomato pasta bake	Fish and chips with tomato ketchup
Veggies	Peas	Rainbow vegetables	Baked Beans	Crudites and salad bar selection	Baked Beans
Sandwiches 3	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
4	Ham	Ham	Tuna mayo	Ham	Ham
Sweet Treats	Rice pudding with peaches	Apple pie and custard	Chocolate sponge and custard	Watermelon wedge	Fruity flapjack

Available Every Day 5 — Hot Vegetables and Crunchy colourful Salad Bar | A choice of Fruit, Jelly or Yoghurt | Jacket Potatoes with Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise, and Cheese & Beans

KEY: Added Chickpeas, Added Lentils, Vegan, Vegetarian, Wholegrain, Nutritionist's Choice, Made with Pea Protein

ROAD SAFETY

In advance of road safety week, the police are having a crackdown on drivers with no insurance:
Uninsured drivers beware- South Yorkshire crackdown begins | South Yorkshire Police

Sheffield's Road Safety team have asked schools to share this information with the school community so drivers can easily check that their car is insured, and can order a new policy if theirs has lapsed.

A NOTE FOR DRIVERS

Check your insurance



Police checks for uninsured drivers happen all the time —
but there are extra checks taking place now during a week of action.

Don't get caught out - take just two minutes to confirm your cover is still active. A lapsed policy can mean a fine and penalty points.

1 **Check online**
Use ASK MID to confirm your vehicle is insured

2 **Check your policy**
This will tell you who is covered to drive your car and when you need to renew your policy. Remember if your details change you need to update your policy.

Thank you for checking

If your insurance is in place, like most people you're already doing the right thing. Please share this with anyone in your home who drives.

To find out more about the week of action visit the South Yorkshire Police Website

www.askMID.com
Check your insurance status in minutes

EVENTS COMING UP...

Nov 16 Odd Socks Day Anti-Bullying Week Road Safety Week	17 Y5 Trip: A Beautiful Planet IMAX Sports Hall Athletics Competition	18	19 Y4 Swimming Snowflake Fundraiser Bake Sale (50p) Flu Vaccinations Bowls	20 Sheffield Book Awards No Crossing Patrol on Cedar Road Tag Rugby Final **Sunday:** SJS Choir Performing at SLC Christmas Fayre
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 ---				

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

SNAP STREAK 97

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🔥 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

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