



Stocksbridge Junior School

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This year, Monday 20th January was the day to be declared “Blue Monday” – a day suggested to be the most depressing day of the whole year.

Whilst we have certainly had our share of dark, damp dismal days, we always try to look on the bright side of life and find positives, even in what has felt like the longest month on record! We are always pleased to celebrate our sports teams and we were so impressed with our basketball team, who competed in a competition this week, representing our

school with pride. We are also happy to look forward to exciting events in the school calendar, like our annual Spelling Bee next week, where school will be a-buzz with our super SJS spellers.

In the words of Martin Luther King Jr (whose ‘day’ was also commemorated this Monday) we all need to “have a dream”. Whether that’s about the big ideas we discuss in PSHE, like equality for all or just for brighter, sunnier days again, these are the things in life that keep us going. And at least now Blue Monday is behind us for another year ...

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3MR: Emily
 - Y4AW: William
 - Y5CS: Alex
 - Y6RD: Ebony
 - Y3CB: Fern
 - Y4CH: Max
 - Y5HK/CG: Toprak
 - Y6LR: Nylah
 - Y4GG: Lily
- Cedarwood Yard: James
Ball Games Yard: Declan
Attendance & Punctuality: Olek
Dining Hall: Emily

NEXT WEEK'S PE TIMETABLE

Please note the slight changes to PE from next week.

Y3s will have PE during their usual Maths slot. Therefore, children in Miss Rodas’ maths group will need to wear their PE kits on Mondays and children in Mr Bundrick’s maths group will need to wear their PE kits on Tuesdays.


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y3MR (Maths) Y6RD	Y3CB (Maths) Y5CS	Y4CH Y6LR	Y4AW Y5HK/CG	Y4GG Swimming

SPELLING BEE

Round 1 of our Spelling Bee will take place next week! Children will be tested on their words throughout the week with medals for the two highest scorers in each class. Children will be learning their spellings in class but parents’ help with this at home is invaluable. If your child has mislaid their spelling list, please log on to Seesaw or contact your child’s class teacher for the appropriate word list. Good luck to all children!



NEXT WEEK'S MENU

WEEK 1	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Beef Burger with Wedges	Meat and Potato Pie with Creamy Mash	Roast Chicken, Mash Potato, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy	Tomato Meatball Pasta with Pitta Bread	Hand Battered Fish and Chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Quorn Burger with Wedges	Cheese Pie with Creamy Mash	Quorn Roast, Mash Potato, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy	Maccaroni Cheese with Pitta Bread	Cheese & Bean Bake
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Sweetcorn Beans Salad Bar	Cauliflower Cabbage Salad Bar	Carrots Broccoli Salad Bar	Sweetcorn Carrots Salad Bar	Mushy Peas Curry Sauce Salad Bar
DESSERTS	Chocolate Cookie	Iced Sponge	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Ice cream	Fruit in Jelly
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit <i>or</i> Yoghurt	Fresh fruit <i>or</i> Yoghurt	Fresh fruit <i>or</i> Yoghurt	Fresh fruit <i>or</i> Yoghurt	Fresh fruit <i>or</i> Yoghurt
JACKET POTATO AND STREET FOOD	Jacket Potato or Chicken Goujon Wrap	Jacket Potato or Cheese Sandwich	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato, Ham or Cheese Roll	Jacket Potato

NO NUTS IN SCHOOL

We must highlight the importance of our school being nut-free. We have children with severe nut allergies who are at risk of significant reactions even being in the close proximity of a food containing nut products like hazelnut filling. Please ensure the contents of your child's lunchbox and their snack do not contain nuts for the safety of all our pupils.



We kindly ask for your continued support in encouraging our children to bring healthy snacks to school. Thank you for helping us promote healthy habits!"

EVENTS COMING UP...

Jan 27 Spelling Bee: Round 1 All Week	28	29	30	31 London 2025: Final Instalment Due Y6 Photographer Y4GG Swimming
Feb 3	4 Read Around the World: Earliest arrival at your 3rd destination	5	6	7 Y4GG Swimming

For events further ahead, please check our [school calendar](#) on our website.

Y5 LONDON TRIP

Next week, we will be sending forms home to children attending the London trip. Please ensure these are completed and returned to school before half term.

As our final payment will shortly be due to the tour company, we would like to remind parents that the final balance must be paid on ParentMail by the end of next week.

Y6 PHOTOGRAPHER

Next Friday, the school photographer will be in school to shoot some fun photos of the Year 6 children as mementos of their time at SJS.

MAKE UP AND NAILS

We would appreciate parents' support in ensuring that children do not wear make-up, false lashes or nail extensions to school. Thank you in anticipation of your understanding and support.

Stocky Coffee & Chat



Parents, Carers and Grandparents you are invited to our Coffee Mornings taking place at 8.30am – 9.15am on:

- Friday 14th February
- Friday 14th March
- Friday 25th April

Come along for a relaxed coffee (or tea), and have a chat with parents and staff.

We will also have pre-loved uniform available for £2 per item too!

It's a great chance to...

- Meet other parents and families
- Stay informed with school events & news
- Get involved
- Have any questions...this is the perfect time to ask.



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YEAR 6 BASKETBALL TEAMS - A GREAT DISPLAY OF TEAMWORK AND EFFORT

We are thrilled to share the fantastic performance of our Year 6 basketball teams in their recent event down at the High School. Both teams demonstrated outstanding teamwork, skill, and effort on the court, showcasing their hard work and dedication.

Congratulations

to Stocksbridge B team, who emerged victorious and claimed the win! A well-deserved result after a fantastic display of determination and collaboration.

A big round of applause also goes to our A team, who played with heart and resilience throughout the event. Well done to both teams for their exceptional sportsmanship and effort. Keep up the great work, and we look forward to more exciting basketball games ahead!

Go team Stocky!



SATURDAY RACE 6 CROSS COUNTRY FIXTURE AT BRUNSWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

This Saturday, hundreds of children gathered at Brunswick Primary School for an exciting and challenging cross country event. It was fantastic to see so many young athletes taking part in physical activity over the weekend, showcasing their dedication and determination.

The course was tough, with hilly terrain and a particularly challenging uphill run to the finish line. Despite the difficulty, our team displayed great effort and resilience throughout the event.

A special congratulations goes to Nathaniel, who finished in an impressive 4th place! Max, Luca, and Odin also put in fantastic performances in their respective races, showing great determination and pushing through even when the going got tough. Well done to all the athletes who participated and represented Team Stocky so well. You should all be proud of your efforts—keep up the great work!

The next race is on Saturday 1st February at Norfolk Park, 10am start.





SEND PARENT GROUP MEETING



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Does your child attend Stocksbridge Nursery Infants School or
Stocksbridge Junior School?

Join our parent group meeting
on
Tuesday 11th February at 10am
at Stocksbridge Nursery Infants School

Parents are welcome to stay after drop-off for crafts/play with the children before the
meeting.



All parents welcome
Come and find out more
Chat to other parents
Share experiences
Find out about SEND services

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