



# Stocksbridge Junior School

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Wow! Although this has only been a six-week half-term, we have certainly started 2025 with a bang! Even this week has been packed to bursting with a wide range of varied experiences to add that little bit extra to our children's educations. We started the week with an assembly about Internet Safety Day where we were raising awareness and providing the tools so our children can be responsible and safe online citizens. We have then ended the week with two amazing Spelling Bee competitions, where our semi-finalists have impressed with both their spelling skills and good-natured competitive spirits. That's without mentioning the usual clarinet playing, goal-shooting, forest schooling and cartwheeling that go in to our usual extra-curricular activities! It's not surprising that after such a busy week that everyone is ready for a rest. We hope you all enjoy half-term and look forwards to seeing you, raring to go, on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February!

## SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3MR: Roxy-Mae
- Y4AW: Florence
- Y5CS: Violet
- Y6RD: Oscar
- Y3CB: Erin
- Y4CH: Harriet
- Y5HK/CG: Holly
- Y6LR: Theo
- Y4GG: Evie

The Hub: Pheobe

Cedarwood Yard: Oliver  
Ball Games Yard: David

Attendance & Punctuality: Theo  
Dining Hall: Aroussia

## READING AROUND THE WORLD

### Y3 - PARIS

Annie

### Y3 - MADRID

Olek  
Nathan  
Isabella  
Eva

Emily  
Charlotte  
Wrenn  
Holly

### Y4 - CAIRO

Flora

### Y4 - NAIROBI

Flora  
Lacey-Mae  
Theo

### Y4 - PRETORIA

Nathaniel  
Molly  
Rockley  
Zak

Ciara  
Thea  
Lacey-Mae

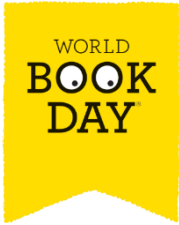
### Y6 - LIMA

Olivia

## WORD MILLIONAIRE

We are proud to announce that one of our Year 4 pupils has become the first word MULTI-millionaire of the academic year. Congratulations to Elliott for this phenomenal achievement!

## WORLD BOOK DAY



On World Book Day we will be celebrating reading for pleasure in school! On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, children are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite character. The children will be given the opportunity to celebrate reading as a class taking part in reading activities, challenges and games.

Today, all children have been given their World Book Day book token so that children have the opportunity to purchase their books as they come out in shops this week.

## SPELLING BEE

Yesterday, our semi-finalists competed head-to-head in a knockout in front of the rest of lower/upper school. Children were tested on words that they had not previously been given and dazzled audience members with their ability to spell some incredibly tricky words. Both the Y3/4 and Y5/6 contests were extremely tough but children rose to the challenge with such enthusiasm and positivity. Congratulations to the following children who have progressed to the final and equally to the other semi-finalists who were so graceful in defeat. We are so proud of each and every contestant!

Ciara  
Theo  
Lily  
Holly-Mae  
Molly



Marcie  
Georgia  
James  
Alfie  
Esther

## PARENTS' SESSIONS

Parents/guardians are warmly invited to our next 'Bring your parent to school' sessions which will take place after half term. The allocated dates and time slots are as follows:

- Year 3 – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 9:00am - 10:15am
- Year 4 – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 9:00am - 10:15am
- Year 5 – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 9:00am - 10:15am
- Year 6 – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 9:00am - 10:15am

Refreshments will be available for parents in the hall from 8:40am. We are also hoping to provide a short curriculum presentation whilst the children are being registered.

## PARENTS' MEETINGS

This term's Parents' Meetings will take place during the week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Our booking facility on ParentMail is set to go live at midday on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

## NO IDLING ENGINES

We have received complaints from the local residents of stationary cars running their engines whilst waiting to drop off or collect children from school. We politely ask that parents switch off their engines not only to reduce any disturbance to local residents but also to minimise the environmental impact of your car's omissions.



No idling your engine outside the school gates

## COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our coffee morning this morning. A special thank you to Sarah Levick and Anna Kerfoot for hosting, and to the Food Hub for joining us too! The next coffee morning will be taking place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March, and we shall have an Easter theme!

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We have one or two places remaining in the following clubs:

- Mondays: Cycling Club
- Thursdays: Forest School
- Thursdays: Y5/Y6 Football



# INTERNET SAFETY DAY

The theme of this year's Safer Internet Day has been 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'.

At Stocksbridge Junior School, we deliver online safety messages and teach responsible online behaviours throughout the year through our computing and PSHE curricula and not solely on a themed day once a year. Just as we use World Book Day to celebrate a love of literature, Internet Safety Day is used to celebrate the exciting opportunities the internet can provide when it is used safely and responsibly.

We ask for parents' support in teaching children safe and responsible online behaviours by regularly review their children's online activity. One topic of conversation which crops up regularly when we are supporting our pupils to resolve fallouts with peers in their use of WhatsApp.

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](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

...MSG ME...

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

With more than two billion active users, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. The UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging, but for the time being, this controversial feature remains.

**AGE RESTRICTION**  
13+

**EVOLVING SCAMS**

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency' – plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

**CONTACT FROM STRANGERS**

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. Therefore, if a child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that the child might be added to a group chat or community (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

**CHAT LOCK**

In 2023, WhatsApp introduced a feature that lets users keep their chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind their phone's passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. They subsequently developed an additional feature – 'Secret Code' – where users set a unique password for their locked chats. Unfortunately, this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

**COMMUNITIES AND GROUPS**

A community is a collection of related groups on WhatsApp. They can consist of thousands of users. Communities can often be used by scammers to target large groups, hoping someone clicks on their link or responds to their requests. In communities and groups, there are multiple ongoing conversations, which results in pressure to respond. Members – even if they are not each other's contacts – will be able to see any messages sent into the group.

**'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT**

The ability to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate material or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this disappearing content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing protection of privacy.

**FAKE NEWS**

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

**VISIBLE LOCATION**

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child is safe while out, for example. However, anyone in a user's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

**EMPHASISE CAUTION**

Encourage children to treat unexpected messages with caution; get them to consider whether it sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

**ADJUST THE SETTINGS**

It's wise to change a child's WhatsApp settings to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval. You can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if a child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

**DISCUSS GROUP CHATS**

Make children aware that there could be members of a group that they don't know well and that words can be misinterpreted. Encourage them to leave a good impression, to avoid joining in if conversations turn towards bullying, and to respond to such situations in an appropriate way. Make sure they know that it's OK to leave a group chat if it makes them uncomfortable – or for any reason, in fact.

**THINK BEFORE SHARING**

Help children understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content that a user posts to be shared more widely, even publicly on social media. Encourage children to consider how an impulsive message or forwarding might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

**CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY**

Check in with the child about how they're using WhatsApp, making sure they know you only have their safety at heart. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of content they've stored in there, who they're talking to, and why they want to keep these chats hidden. Also, if children send any 'view once' content, it could be helpful to ask them why.

**Meet Our Expert**

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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# SJS 2025/26 SCHOOL CALENDAR

## September

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## December

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## April

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## June

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## July

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## August

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- Denotes School Holiday Dates
- Denotes Bank Holidays
- Denotes School Curriculum Days
- KS2 SATs Week



**PE FOR W/B 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

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

**MENU FOR W/B 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

WEEK 1	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN DISH</b>	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
<b>VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH</b>	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
<b>ACCOMPANIMENTS</b> 	Sweetcorn Beans Salad Bar	Cauliflower Cabbage Salad Bar	Carrots Broccoli Salad Bar	Sweetcorn Carrots Salad Bar	Mushy Peas Curry Sauce Salad Bar
<b>DESSERTS</b>	Chocolate Cookie	Iced Sponge	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Ice cream	Fruit in Jelly
<b>FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT</b>	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
<b>JACKET POTATO AND STREET FOOD</b>	Jacket Potato or Chicken Goujon Wrap	Jacket Potato or Cheese Sandwich	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato, Ham or Cheese Roll	Jacket Potato



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## SEND Parent Group Meeting

JOIN OUR PARENT GROUP MEETING  
ON  
TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY AT 10AM  
AT STOCKSBRIDGE NURSERY INFANTS SCHOOL  
PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO STAY AFTER DROP-OFF FOR CRAFTS/PLAY WITH THE CHILDREN BEFORE THE MEETING.

The meeting is for parents/carers of children attending both Nursery/Infants and Junior schools.

No diagnosis necessary.

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



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE, EMAIL  
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## EVENTS COMING UP...

Feb 24 Read Around the World: Set off on your journey towards your 4th destination	25 Parents' Evening Bookings Open	26	27 Spelling Bee: The Final!	28 Y4GG Swimming
March 3 Y3 Parent Session  Book Fair	4 Y4 Parent Session  Book Fair	5 Y5 Parent Session  Book Fair	6 World Book Day  Y6 Parent Session  Book Fair	7 Y4GG Swimming
March 10	11 Parents' Evening	12 Parents' Evening	13	14 Easter Egg Competition Open for Entries  Y4GG Swimming
March 17	18	19	20	21 Red Nose Day  Y4GG Swimming
March 24	25 Read Around the World: Earliest arrival at your 4th destination	26 Easter Egg Competition Deadline  Disco	27	28 Non-Uniform Day (£1)  Y4GG Swimming

--- Weeks Beginning Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March & Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Holidays ---

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


## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Inman Pavilion's World  
Book Day Craft Club

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
10.00-11.45 am

£2 per child  
No need to book

Moorland DriveStocksbridge S36 1EG



## A MESSAGE FROM FOX VALLEY SPECSAVERS

We are very fortunate to have been testing eyes and ears at Fox Valley Specsavers now for 5 years!

To help us celebrate, we would like to invite local children from surrounding areas to complete our free cake designing competition and, if families wish to, they can join us in our celebrations at Fox Valley on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February between 11am & 3pm where we will have some special "Frozen" guests joining us for meet and greets and handing out some goodies!



### It's our birthday

We've been proudly looking after Fox Valley's eyes and ears for five years.

Come help us celebrate on Saturday 15th February!

FOX VALLEY SHOPPING PARK  
STOCKSBRIDGE, SHEFFIELD  
S36 2AE

Specsavers

We look forward to celebrating with all our local community on Saturday!

## SUFC TICKETS

Sheffield United FC would like to offer our pupils, staff and their families some free tickets and to be a part of a match at Bramall Lane! Sheffield United Women are set to take on Portsmouth on Sunday 2nd March, 10am - 1pm, and we want you to help us read the attendance record for this season, as part of our Back the Blades campaign.

Visit [https://bit.ly/SUFC\\_Women\\_Complimentary\\_Tickets](https://bit.ly/SUFC_Women_Complimentary_Tickets) and use the code "BACKTHEBLADES" to redeem up to 4 tickets per code used.

Hurry though as there is only a limited number of tickets available!